Thirty years ago, a public meeting was called at The Village Hall to discuss the possibility of launching a Village Magazine. The Parish Council, Village Hall Committee, and St Paul’s Church agreed to sponsor this venture. The Vicar of the day, Rev. Arthur Ellery, suggested that the Parish Magazine, Unity, (distributed at that time, only to parishioners, and edited by Mrs Elizabeth Weeden), should be used as a basis for producing this publication for the whole community. At the meeting, the three organisations agreed to underwrite the finances to start this project. Fortunately, no actual cash was required as advertising income, paid in advance, provided sufficient funding to enable the monthly magazine to be printed and distributed free of charge throughout the whole village. Our first volunteer Editor, Mrs Sally Main, produced the first issue (using the cut and paste technique!) in September 1988. Our thanks to all those who have, throughout the 30 years of publication, contributed in every way possible to make this such a successful and well-read publication.

Richard Edwards
Chairman, Chipperfield News

COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR SEMINAR
You only have minutes to save a life
This was an excellent training session arranged by Chipperfield Parish Council with the Community Heartbeat Trust. Did you know, there are four defibrillators in the village – outside The Two Brewers but inside Blackwells, the Cricket Club and the Football Club. It was demonstrated that these are all easy to use. Remember always to have your mobile phone with you when out. Even if there is no signal (as we all know living in Chipperfield) there will be a response when dialling 999. Even if the phone is out of charge, there is always an emergency small charge on the phone for emergencies. When once 999 has been called, the location of your nearest defibrillator is passed to you. Send someone to get it and start CPR – chest compressions – immediately. Once the defibrillator is opened instructions are given. Remember, you generally have twelve minutes from the point of collapse to saving the casualty.
For more information, www.communityheartbeat.org.uk or 0845 8627739.
GREENSLEEVE S MORRIS MEN’S
CHIPPERFIELD WEEKEND OF DANCE
Friday 13 - Sunday 15 July
Come along and watch Greensleeves and guest sides Dolphin and East Surrey Morris Men perform at the following dance spots in and around Chipperfield.
Friday 9.00 – 9.30pm Chipperfield Common, opposite The Two Brewers
Saturday 4.30 – 4.50pm Chipperfield Common
5.15 – 5.45pm Belsize - Plough Public House
Sunday 9.55am Procession to open air church service, St Paul’s Church, Chipperfield
11.00am Dancing display by all morris sides in St Paul’s car park
11.55am Procession to the Windmill Public House
12.15pm Dancing display by all sides, the Windmill Public House
For the latest details of performance timings in Chipperfield, plus details of locations and timings for Greensleeves’ Saturday 14 July Day of Dance Tour of towns and villages in Herts and Bucks, please see: http://www.greensleevesmorris.org.uk/html/chipperfield.html

FINA L HALF TERM AT ST PAUL’S SCHOOL
I always start by saying it is another busy term (or half term) – life is always busy at school! Year 6 have just got back from their residential journey to PGL in Osmington Bay, Weymouth. They had a great time away and participated in a range of activities, including: climbing, aeroball (you have to shoot goals whilst bouncing on a trampoline), trapeze (climbing a very high pole and jumping off to try and catch a trapeze), fencing, abseiling, giant swing, kayaking and raft building. As well as learning new skills and having a lot of fun, this also marks a special time as these children prepare to leave us in a few weeks time.
There is still plenty more to fit in before the end of the school year, including online safety sessions for pupils and parents; sports days; various sporting activities; a visit from the Mayor of Dacorum; transition days, where children get to visit new classes, teachers and schools; Village Day; our Key Stage 2 production of ‘Wind in the Willows’; the Dacorum Schools Sports Network awards evening; open evening and our leavers’ service. Open evening is 5.30 – 7pm on Thursday 19 July, when the whole school is opened up and work from throughout the year is displayed in classrooms; pupils, parents and the school community are very welcome to come and have a look at what we do.
Fundraising
We are making progress with our fundraising for new whiteboards, ipads and other technology to support and engage the children. The staff and children are extremely pleased with the two new boards that we have been able to purchase; the quality of what we can offer has improved enormously. Thank you to those villagers and parents who have already generously contributed, and to the PTA for their continued hard work. More funds are still needed, so please pass this information on to anybody or any organisation who may be in the position to support or sponsor us. Many thanks.
Caroline Moore, Headteacher

PINTS OF VIEW
At our June get-together, the last one before our Summer break, we discussed the unholy tragedy of the Holy Land, the continuing Israel-Palestine problem. Our Autumn season will begin on Monday 17 September, 8pm at The Plough Belsize. Pints of View provides a forum in which we can consider topical matters, aspects of faith, moral issues and dilemmas in informal surroundings over a pint of beer, a coffee or soft drink (we have a ‘buy your own drinks’ policy). Everyone is welcome. Come and consider how our world can be put to rights. Bob Shearer and John Guy

Chipperfield Theatre Group
Chipperfield Theatre Group are pleased to announce that their Panto this year will be Beauty and the Beast from 29 November to 1 December.
Auditions for both children (age 7 and above) and adults are being held on Sunday 1 July. with rehearsals starting at the beginning of September. For further information, please contact:
Chipperfieldtheatregroup@gmail.com

THE GREAT WAR CENTENARY
This month we look ahead to 8 August when a service will take place at Amiens Cathedral in France to mark the centenary of the Battle of Amiens and the subsequent Hundred Days Offensive. This was The Big Push, or Push to Victory, by the Allied Forces.
Up until this point the battle on the Western Front had seen both sides entrenched. Despite the attempts by both sides to break the stalemate, with huge offensives and counter offensives, the trenches of the battlefront had barely moved since the early stages of the war. Each new offensive had seen the slaughter of thousands of men. For example, after the First Battle of the Somme in 1916 the British had advanced six miles with 419,654 British dead, missing or wounded. The German Spring Offensive in 1918 resulted in over 1,500,000 casualties on all sides.
By the end of the summer and into the autumn of 1918 the Battle of Amiens saw the Allied Forces push the Germans back across France and Belgium. The battle concluded with the signing of the Armistice on 11 November 1918. The battle was to see over 1,000,000 of the Allied Forces injured, killed or taken prisoner. Four more Chipperfield men were to give their lives before the end of hostilities.

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**JULY**

Do you want to add to the list or are you able to assist with any of the following? If so, give me a ring.

**Village Hall** – Next project is wood preserver on the Theatre Group sheds – a ‘thank you’ for their Aladdin five months ago. Still waiting for a volunteer, or someone to offer money. Wooden furniture in the school - Money received, waiting for work to start. March and April were too wet!

**The flint wall round the churchyard** - Still needs work removing the ivy. Two people are working at this but still need some more help with the far side. Have you some time to help with this?

**Projects for July and August** – repointing of the churchyard wall. Could you help with this on a working party for a half day? Now two volunteers, hoping to fix a morning soon.

**The red phone box** – We could use a couple more volunteers to work on the inside as well, paint provided by someone who can see the box from his house! Could you help? With money, if not with time?

Give me a ring.

*Stephen Morrill 01923 263182.*

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**PLAY THE ORGAN?**

On **Village Day, 14 July**, there are limited opportunities for people to ‘have a go’ on St Paul’s Church organ, assisted by one of our organists. If you can play the piano or the organ at whatever grade, our organists (two of whom are music board examiners) will assist you with the stops and you don’t have to use the pedals! It is a rare chance to try your hand at a very fine organ.

Contact me to discuss, or to book a ten minute slot during the afternoon. Or just drop in to hear the experts let rip on the organ – it won’t be hymns!

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*Terry Simmonds*

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**300th EDITION**

When Diane Macliver and I took over as joint editors from Sally Main, neither of us had much in the way of computer experience, and certainly not in desktop publishing. It was a steep learning curve, but it taught me so much. Contributions now come in by email rather than hard copies in the postbox as they used to, and the photographs in today’s issues look so much better than our scanned attempts – a reflection on how technology has developed over the past thirty years. However, the main focus of Chipperfield News is still much the same; information and news about the village, events, people - I look forward to much as to the 300th issue as I did the first!

*Charlotte Clifford*

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**When in doubt, play the organ!**

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June 2018

A few weeks ago I was part of a conversation in which a mother turned to her child and asked, “What would make church exciting”? The child beamed from ear to ear and answered spontaneously, “We must have chocolate”. If it were that simple, churches all over the land would be bursting at the seams. Perhaps it really is that simple! You do not have to look too closely to notice that Jesus spent a lot of time eating and drinking with family, friends, neighbours and, most interestingly, those who regarded him with suspicion. Finding any excuse for a celebration lay at the heart of his ministry, he was all about building communities that bridged those cultural divides that, in general, society is so keen to retain. In 1997, Mars Incorporated launched a chocolate collection ‘Celebrations’ comprising miniature versions of its chocolate bars. In every box of Celebrations there is something for everyone. Celebrations was the first mixture of chocolates to bring together confectionery that had been released already - the tagline ‘Share the Joy!’ and isn’t that just what all celebrations are about? The genius of marketing! We must have chocolate to make church exciting! How appropriate; I couldn’t agree more. This year, there will be a number of village celebrations with many local organisations, including St Paul’s, taking part, giving us opportunities to share the joys of our common life. Let’s make the most of them.

Michele
Rector to the Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

PS – I wonder what would make church exciting for you? I genuinely want to know; so, knock on my door, give me a call, send a postcard or email.

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

July is a most important month for the parish. It will be thirty years since the church opened, though for Christmas Midnight Mass and not in July, and the plans to celebrate, both spiritually and socially, will hopefully coincide with a warm summer’s day. On the spiritual agenda, the prime focus will be the Dedication of the church, which has not been arranged to date. We are honoured that Cardinal Vincent Nichols, in his dual role as Archbishop of Westminster, is leading the service. Not only will current parishioners be there, we have invited some who were parishioners at the time, and a number of clergy who have served the Catholic community in Chipperfield and the surrounding villages. Incidentally, it is perhaps surprising to learn that the parish is the largest in the Diocese of Westminster in terms of area. Archbishop Nichols will also unveil a plaque commemorating the near missionary zeal that Fr Des Cantwell brought to the district’s Catholics. Firstly, he celebrated Mass in a number of temporary locations – some through wonderful ecumenical cooperation of local churches – and then led the way in the quest for a permanent place of worship. There was great cooperation between the Salvatorian Order, of which Fr Des was a most active member, and the Diocese, not forgetting the generosity of Sir Charles Forte who granted permission for the church to be built on unused ThF land associated with the Two Brewers. Parishioners gave their expertise and time to ensure the project resulted in the handsome building that is always greatly admired. Following the dedication service, we will have a celebratory lunch in the village, enjoying the day but also remembering all those who made it possible. Dio GRATIAS - We give thanks to the Lord on this special day.

ST PAUL’S PARISH REGISTER
We ask God’s blessing on the marriage of
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9 June 2018
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JULY

Sun 1 (1st Sunday of month)  5th Sunday after Trinity
8am  Holy Communion  St Paul’s
10am  Benefice Communion  Holy Cross

Sun 8 (2nd Sunday of month)  6th Sunday after Trinity
8am  Holy Communion  St Paul’s
10am  All Age Worship  St Paul’s
10am  Holy Communion and Children’s Church Holy Cross

Wed 11  10am  ‘2nd Wednesday’ Holy Communion.  Holy Cross

Sun 15 (3rd Sunday of month)  7th Sunday after Trinity
8am  Holy Communion  Holy Cross
10am  Morris Men Open Air Service  St Paul’s
6.30pm  Compline (traditional night prayer)  Holy Cross

Sun 22 (4th Sunday of month)  Mary Magdalen
8am  Holy Communion  Holy Cross
10am  Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  St Paul’s
10am  Open House Family Service  Holy Cross

Sun 29 (5th Sunday of month)  9th Sunday after Trinity
10am  ‘5th Sunday’ Benefice Service  Sarratt Village Hall

AUGUST

Sun 5 (1st Sunday of month)  10th Sunday after Trinity
8am  Holy Communion  St Paul’s
10am  Benefice Communion  Holy Cross

Sun 12 (2nd Sunday of month)  11th Sunday after Trinity
8am  Holy Communion  St Paul’s
10am  All Age worship  St Paul’s
10am  Holy Communion and Children’s Church Holy Cross

Wed 15  10am  The Blessed Virgin Mary

Sun 19 (3rd Sunday of month)  12th Sunday after Trinity
8am  Holy Communion  Holy Cross
10am  Benefice Communion  St Paul’s
6.30pm  Compline (traditional night prayer)  Holy Cross

Sun 26 (4th Sunday of month)  13th Sunday after Trinity
8am  Holy Communion  Holy Cross
10am  Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  St Paul’s
10am  Morning Worship  Holy Cross

DIARY OF SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

JULY

Sun 1  Philip Waine
Sun 8  Maureen Finerty
Sun 15  Morris Men Service at St Paul’s at 10am
Sun 22  Colin Briant
Sun 29  Colin Briant

AUGUST

Sun 5  TBD
Sun 12  At Bovingdon Baptist Church
Sun 19  Brian Pratt
Sun 26  At Bovingdon Baptist Church

All services are at 10.30am with Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, unless otherwise noted

SERVICES AT OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR

Sunday  10am  Mass
Saturday  6.30pm  Vigil Mass
Tuesday and Friday  10am  Mass

CHIPPERFIELD CHORAL SOCIETY SUMMER CONCERT

‘ETERNAL LIGHT’

16 June in St Paul’s Church

The theme of the concert, ‘Eternal Light’, was chosen to reflect our commemoration of the end of the First World War. To illustrate the very strong links we have to those from Chipperfield who gave their lives in the First World War, the programme front cover showed the war memorial on the Common.

The concert opened with a deeply evocative performance of Arthur Robson’s setting of one of Rupert Brooke’s war poems. This was followed by John Rutter’s Requiem, which was first performed in 1985 at the United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, conducted by the composer. Since then it has become a firm favourite with choirs and audiences the world over. Though it necessarily has its dark moments, Rutter’s Requiem is unmistakably optimistic in its message of hope and comfort, expressed through the beauty of the chosen texts and Rutter’s uplifting music. After the tragic events of 9/11 it was this setting of the Requiem that was the preferred choice of music at the many memorial services which followed across the USA and Delia Mechan, our Musical Director, chose this as our commemoration of the ending of the First World War.

Rosemary Clifford sang the solo sections beautifully, well supported by choir and orchestra. Her rendering of the sublime Pie Jesu will remain in the audience’s hearts long after the concert. Our usual brilliant orchestra of Rosemary Venner and Jon Lee was enhanced by the beautiful, lyrical oboe playing by Penny Smith and the very moving cello contribution from Mary Hall. The choir expressed the darker moments with great conviction and contributed uplifting choruses in the more optimistic movements.

In the second half, the choir demonstrated its vocal versatility as things lightened up with an enthusiastic rendering of some of the best loved songs from the First World War with enthusiastic audience participation in some of the songs. The concert concluded with an uplifting performance of ‘Feel the Spirit’, an arrangement of spirituals by John Rutter. A very passionate performance of ‘When the Saints’ sent the audience home with a spring in their step.  

John Morrish
WEST HERTS AND BUCKS SANDS

“I found myself on the phone to a woman whose baby, like mine, had died. ‘Tell me about your baby’, she said and I poured my heart out to a perfect stranger with whom I felt an instant connection.’” Mum

As members of WHAB Sands, we have heard similar quotes or stories to the one above many times. Many parents come to Sands wanting to support other parents who have experienced the death of a baby because they can offer real understanding. All our local support groups, like WHAB Sands, are run by trained Befrienders who are bereaved parents. They offer regular meetings and can be contacted by telephone and/or email. All groups are run by a committee who also need additional help and support. WHAB has a Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer but would like to find someone to become Secretary, and others who could consider taking on roles such as Hospital Liaison, MSLC Rep (Maternity Services Liaison Committee Rep) and Fundraising Co-ordinator. Whilst many are bereaved parents, and some are long ago bereaved parents, not everyone has to be bereaved to be able to offer help to the Committee which needs additional Befrienders to facilitate Support Meetings. To be a Befriender you need to be at least two years from your loss and need to attend, or have attended, three or four Support Meetings.

WHAB Sands needs people like you to come forward to support the Committee. We provide emotional support, practical support, information, memory boxes, literature, training and funding for support meetings and for equipment such as cold cots. If you know anyone who has administrative, financial, or fundraising skills who would be interested in helping, please do ask them to consider becoming involved.

None of the roles is particularly onerous, meetings are held three to six times a year, and there is a huge amount of guidance, support and resources from UK-Sands, and your Network Coordinator, to make your role as easy as possible.

If you would like to discuss this, please call your Network Coordinator Rose Abrehart on 07707 480020 or rose.abrehart@sands.org.uk.

Sands supports anyone who has been affected by the death of a baby before, during or shortly after birth. We offer emotional support and information for parents, grandparents, siblings, children, families and friends, health professionals and others.

Chipperfield Care is a group of volunteers who have banded together to help those who are unable to find their own transport to essential appointments such as hospitals, doctors, dentists, medical clinics etc.

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CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Members’ Summer Garden Party
Saturday 18 August
2.30 – 5pm

Come and join us in the lovely garden, The Laurels, The Common, WD4 9BU for our annual ‘Bring and Share’ garden party, courtesy of Eunice.

Enjoy a glass of Pimms whilst being with old and new friends. Please bring a chair. It is always an afternoon to look forward to and much enjoyed by everyone.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield
St Paul’s Church
www.hcsp.net
seeks a gifted and inspirational musician, someone with a passion for God, music and worship, to serve as DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The successful candidate would enhance the worshipping life and outreach of a community accustomed to a high standard of traditional music. However, we have a wide spectrum of worship needs and the director would also be willing to explore informal/contemporary music styles.

The organ is a fine three–manual pipe organ in excellent order, by TH Lewis; so ability to play the organ to a high standard would be an advantage.

Responsibilities include choir rehearsal, playing at Sunday services (currently twice per month), on holy days and festivals, and at Occasional Services.

The ability to work collaboratively with the Rector, service leaders and choir is essential.

The position is available immediately with the offer of a one year renewable, part time contract. Remuneration is comparable to RSCM salary rates.

There would be the opportunity to arrange recitals and concerts plus fees from occasional weddings and funerals.

For details, contact the Rector: micheledusaire.hcstp@gmail.com or call 01923 265 848

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**THE CUCKOO RETURNS**

“The cuckoo comes in April, it sings its song in May, it tips its tune in the middle of June, and then it flies away.” So goes the old poem; ours did not stay quite as long as that but what a joy it was to hear him. He was calling for a mate in the early mornings for about three weeks. It can get a bit monotonous as he often goes nonstop for nearly an hour. A couple of years ago, I heard one sing as it was passing overhead, but it is at least eight years since one has stopped for more than a day.

Only the male sings “cuckoo”; all my books describe the female’s song as the sound of water going down a drain! I don’t think I heard one but being tone deaf I struggle with bird song. I like birds that say something, like the cuckoo and the chiff chaff.

I hope he did find a mate as cuckoo numbers have dropped alarmingly in recent years. If he did, she will have laid one egg in the nest of a dunnock having first removed an egg from the chosen nest. When this egg hatches, always before the others, the tiny blind bird will push the other eggs out of the nest with its back. The female can lay twenty to twenty-five eggs so has a lot of nests to find. I was interested to read that about 20% of her efforts get rum bled and the nest owner turfs the bigger egg out. The adoptive parents certainly have their work cut out feeding what grows into a big hungry giant!

Having fertilised and laid eggs, the adults return to the middle of Africa with the young birds returning, all by themselves, a month or six weeks later.

The first morning that I heard the cuckoo I was having an early breakfast before attending a green woodworking course. I could hardly believe my ears and rushed out to see the bird. When I got back the cat had drunk all the milk in my cereal bowl. Never leave your breakfast unattended with a cat in the house!

Wendy Bathurst

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**THIS MONTH IN YOUR GARDEN**

As we celebrate the 300th edition of Chipperfield News it is interesting to see how gardening has changed since it was first published. We now grow fewer roses and conifers but more hardy perennials and vegetables. We use plug plants and starter plants. Composts are peat reduced and we protect wildlife and look after the environment growing plants to encourage bees and butterflies. We can no longer use creosote, mortegg, armillatox and sodium chlorlate but we now have Roseclear, Provado and Glyphosate. In 1988 there were no flower shows at Hampton Court, Malvern, Tatton Park and Chatsworth, and the Chelsea Flower Show was held in a canvas marquee whereas today it has a state of the art pavilion with blanket coverage on television. We have said goodbye to Geoff Hamilton but hello to Alan Titchmarsh, Monty Don, Joe Swift, Adam Frost and Carol Klein. Plant breeders have given us an amazing selection of new plants and we now have such favourites as Sambucus Black Lace and Geranium Rozanne.

**The flower garden.** Carry on planting container grown shrubs and perennials but water thoroughly when planting. Feed established plants and put down mulches to conserve moisture. Plants growing in tubs and containers need to be watered regularly, especially in hot dry weather. Dead head flowering plants to encourage more flowers to come. Prune wisterias, pyracantha and philadelphus and trim lavenders. Liquid feed hanging baskets and containers. Spring flowering bulbs will soon be on sale but do not plant in the garden until the autumn. Hyacinths can be planted in bowls as soon as possible. Sow wallflower seeds so that plants will be ready to put out in the autumn.

**Fruit and vegetables.** After raspberries have fruited, cut down the old canes and tie in the new ones. Harvest potatoes and vegetables but root crops can be left in the ground. Sow spring cabbage, dwarf beans and late runner beans and make regular sowings of salad crops. Plant winter cabbage, Brussels Sprouts, savoys and leeks. Feed crops with Growmore fertilizer and keep watered. Watch out for blight on potatoes and tomatoes and burn infected leaves.

**The Greenhouse.** Always ventilate the ‘house in hot dry weather and dampen the floor to keep up humidity. Water tomatoes regularly and do not allow plants in growbags to dry out. Always keep a lookout for diseases and pests, such as white fly and red spider.

**Lawn and garden.** Keep the grass cut regularly but never cut too short, especially in dry weather. Never water established lawns. Apply a feed such as Aftercut occasionally. Do not lay turf at this time of the year. Start to cut hedges as soon as the birds stop nesting. Make compost with all the clippings and prunings and use Garotta to help the rotting process. Provide water for birds and wildlife in hot weather and keep the pond clean.

Terry Simmonds

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**MEDLIFE**

Spending time in Lima’s extremely poor communities on Development Projects and in Medical Clinics allowed me to speak to both members of the community and professionals to gain a good understanding of both the culture and the daily challenges that poverty inflicts on over 1.3 billion people worldwide. The sheer volume of patients who visited the Medical Clinics I worked on powerfully demonstrated the scarcity of healthcare provision. I won’t go into detail; however, within the Peruvian State System, patients from the communities would have to wake up at 2am to join a queue for the next day’s appointments which they aren’t guaranteed to obtain. This put some serious perspective on the complaints I often hear about the NHS.

In Lima, the Human Settlements are located on mountainous sand dunes that are treacherous to climb. MEDLIFE first decided to build staircases when a heavily pregnant patient fell and tragically lost her baby as a result. On the staircase I worked on, the heat and dust made the work extremely challenging and I gained a great respect for the men and women of all ages who walk up and down those slopes daily, often heavily laden with children or food.

For me, the impact of MEDLIFE’s work in the communities of Lima powerfully demonstrated how mutual respect and cooperation between charities and impoverished areas is fundamental to facilitate development and to break down the constraints of poverty and often has greater impact than spontaneous donations and one off projects that are often used for promotional purposes.

This article has only scratched the surface of my time in Lima. It was honestly the most challenging, eye-opening and remarkable experience I’ve ever had. If you are a university student or know any students who are interested in World Development or global health and social inequality, I will be running a trip to MEDLIFE’s base in Tanzania next summer through the University of Exeter, but students from all universities/disciplines are welcome. For more info email medlifeexeter@outlook.com or visit our Facebook page @medlifeexeter or the charity’s page @MEDLIFEmovement. Sophia Rees
CHIPPERFIELD CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES

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