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CRICKET CLUB 175 years young

2019 marks a significant landmark for the Club in that we are celebrating 175 years of cricket on the Common.

We think it is safe to say that we have no one who was there for the first game, but it is an enormous recognition of the time and effort made over those years by the former and current custodians that we are still here today, going strong and looking forward to another 175 years. To mark the anniversary there are three events taking place this year.

Firstly, we are having a **Mini Cricket Week** starting with a **Junior Tournament** on **Sunday 14 July** and culminating in a match against the Football Club on Friday 19 July. Further matches and events for the week will be announced shortly.

Secondly, on **Sunday 11 August** our First Team host **Cross Arrows CC** who usually play at Lords. This will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase the Club and our surroundings.

Thirdly, on **Saturday 14 September** we will be holding a **Black-Tie Dinner** in a marquee at the Club. Tickets are priced at £50 for members and £65 for non-members. Demand is already high; if you want to secure your seat and further information please contact Laura Anderson at: info@tinyacorns.co.uk

CHORAL SOCIETY SUMMER CONCERT

This summer's concert will be the **Petite Messe Solennelle** by Rossini. While it has 'solennelle' in the title, it is in fact a very happy piece full of some of Rossini's best tunes. We have four excellent soloists including Rosemary Clifford. Please come along to what will be a real musical treat for midsummer. The concert is in **St Paul's Church, Saturday 15 June, 7.45 pm**. Tickets are available from choir members or the Box Office, 01932 400520.

FAMILY RUNS FILM FESTIVAL

Sarah Stanley, **S**together with husband Neill, father Noel and young son Archie, has been running the Renown Film Club devoted to the history of British cinema and TV for some years. Recently they launched the Talking Pictures TV Channel which is



fast becoming one of the most popular choices on television today. All this is organised from their home here in Chipperfield.

For the last four years the family has created a Festival of Film at the Watersmeet Theatre in Rickmansworth and this year the fifth Renown Talking Pictures Festival of Film moved to the much larger Alban Arena in St Albans. The family, pictured, appeared on stage to talk about film and answer questions.

On stage during the programme Robert Powell talked about his part in Franco Zeffirelli's 'Jesus of Nazareth' in which he played the title role. Powell then went on to speak about playing Richard Hannay in 'The 39 Steps' and the TV series which followed it. Marty Wilde, Anne Aubrey and Craig Douglas also talked on stage about the films in which they appeared. The festival was a great success and the family are already working on the next Festival of Film.

Terry Simmonds

SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Wow - what a finish to our 2018/19 season! The Pairs Competition ended on a high and went right up to the wire caused by losing a couple of evenings due to slippery conditions and illness of bowlers with winter and other ailments.

Two very close semi-finals, like a Liverpool/Spurs repeat of their Championship League semi-finals (well, almost) with each of the eventual winners coming from behind to win their games. The final was played on the last evening of the season hence a result was essential. After a close game the finalists were dead level so that an extra end had to be played. This produced a result with Paul Harris and Kemal Toz becoming the worthy winners beating Anne Atkinson and Alan Betts. Thankfully, Bill Taylor, managing the competition, had just enough time to get the Pairs Trophy and winners names to

our engraver before the presentation ceremony at our annual dinner.

This year the Club awarded the most improved player award to Chipperfield resident John Brown, who has adapted his skills of Crown Bowling to Short Mat, and we also awarded a juniors winner to Ollie Mercer-Smith who was always a demon at hard shots and now challenges us all whatever the shot.

This year, for our annual dinner, the Club returned to The Little Hay Golf Complex restaurant (Par 3) and, apart from the rain on arrival, we enjoyed an excellent evening of good food and service. Our new Chairman, Ray Phillips, gave an excellent inaugural bowls dinner speech which included reading a poem from Homer, except he later confessed it was one of Pam Ayres! A fine end to a fine season. *Alan Betts - Club Secretary*

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

Rock Challenge Final!

Having won the Hertfordshire heat before Easter, we made the journey down to Portsmouth to take our place in the Southern Junior Final. As part of the awards for this event the top four schools were ranked. We were thrilled to be placed third overall which is quite an achievement in a Rock Challenge final!

We also won 10 Awards of Excellence: Healthy Lifestyle, Community Support, Soundtrack, Costuming Character, Drama, Concept, Entertainment, Stage Crew, Visual Enhancement and Set Design and Function.

The judges commended the original way that the important message of children's mental health was delivered - and we have Mrs Smith to thank for that, supported well by Mrs Marchant's innovation and hard work. The children worked well as a team and we were very proud of their behaviour and performance on what was a very long day. Thanks to everybody who helped - from ex-pupils to staff and parents: chaperoning; making and washing costumes; working on hair, make-up and staging; making financial donations and transporting everything down to Portsmouth.

Eco-Schools - World Earth Day

We observed World Earth Day by wearing blue and green and writing pledges. Our school community made 156 pledges which is amazing. It was so lovely to see so many children pledging to reduce their waste, reduce their energy usage and walk/scoot/ride to school, amongst others. This demonstrates what an impact our Green Flag programme has had with our Waste, Energy and Transport topics. We are just going through the process to secure our Silver award now and then we will be on the final straight to reach our Green Flag. Thank you to one of our committed parents, Mrs Keen, for continuing to lead on this and for inspiring our children to work together for a better future.

Another initiative has been brought to our attention that we would like to run alongside the continued collection of crisp packets. Batteries are so often sent to landfill where they degrade and their toxins leak into the earth. Yet so many batteries can be recycled and their components reused. We are encouraging families to bring all spent batteries into school where we will collect them in a box in front of the office and make sure they are disposed of responsibly.

Sports News

We have had an amazing term! What achievement! In the girls football semi-final, having been 1-0 down, they ended up with a 2-2, meaning penalties! On penalties they won 3-0, making the final v St Albert the Great. In the final they worked incredibly hard and after extra time took penalties and won 2-1! Millie made some excellent saves. We are so proud of the team - they showed such great skills of perseverance, teamwork and sportsmanship.

The tag rugby A, B and C teams played in a tournament and each team played seven games. The A team won all their games and the B and C teams won five each! They had a lot of fun and worked hard!

As if that is not enough, the girls netball team went straight on in the same week to play their semi-final v Pixies Hill which was a very exciting game! After full-time it was a draw 10-10, but during extra time we scored two and they scored four. The girls showed such determination to the bitter end.

Our Year 6 leaders are also running an athletics club for children in the school. They are encouraging and supporting incredibly well - and making it fun!

*Caroline Moore, Headteacher
St Paul's C of E VA Primary School,*

CHIPPERFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Open Tuesday 4 and 18 June

3 - 4.30pm

Come and browse!

Books free, all welcome.

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SUPPORT**

GREENSLEEVES MORRIS MEN

The months slip by, don't they, and it's time again for the Greensleeves Morris Men and friends Chipperfield Annual Weekend of Dance. This year will run from 12 to 14 July. Visit their website, www.greensleevesmorris.org.uk for more information.

*David Hayes
Greensleeves Morris Men*

FRIENDS OF CHIPPERFIELD COMMON

Saturday 15 June

A joint activity clearing ragwort at Bunkers Park, Hemel Hempstead and afterwards a BBQ.

Meet at 9.15 am at the car park in Bedmond Lane, Leverstock Green.

An
**ILLUSTRATED
GARDEN TALK**
in aid of
Cancer Research UK
Come and listen to an illustrated Garden Talk by Janice Cross, the assistant County Organiser of the National Garden Scheme.
Enjoy a glass of Prosecco and a ploughman's lunch
Sarratt Village Hall
Wednesday 19 June, 11am
Tickets £15
All proceeds go to Cancer Research
Tickets from Mariet Bramall
Tel 01923-262521

CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Planning and Council meetings

Tuesday 4 June

7.15pm Planning

Tuesday 25 June

7.15pm Planning

7.45pm Council Meeting

Blackwell's

All residents welcome

Usha Kilich

Clerk to the Council

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The Parish Office is open:

Monday and Friday 3-4pm.

Tuesday and Thursday 10am-12:30pm.

The Village Hall, The Common,

Chipperfield, WD4 9BS.


Chipperfield
VILLAGE HALL

AGM

Wednesday 19 June,

7.30 pm

Please come along to meet the committee and hear what the hall has been up to this last year and plans for the future.

Nibbles and wine provided

CHIPPERFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Last year was an extremely strong season for the Club. On the field our Saturday 1st XI were promoted and are about to commence life in Division 3b of the Herts league pyramid, first game on Saturday 11 May.

Our Under 12 team reached the County Final only to be defeated by Berkhamstead. This was a brilliant achievement from the boys and their coaches. The Club recognises that the training and development of our young players is paramount so our eldest group is receiving additional coaching from the Herts County Under 15 coach to further develop their burgeoning talents.

We run training sessions on a Sunday morning for boys and girls, aged 7-11, from 10am.

If you are a parent, guardian or friend and want to get involved with helping the next batch of boys and girls to success by being a coach, manager or organiser, our Junior Director of Cricket Warren Gregory would be happy to hear from you. Warren's details are on the Club website, please do get in touch.

Some of you who walk around the Common may notice our training nets are on their last legs. We have decided to remove the existing structure and relocate them. This is not a cheap process, and it is subject to us receiving the appropriate planning permission and ultimately approval by the Secretary of State for the Environment. We are aiming to have a contractor appointed shortly and the Planning process started once our designs are agreed.

If you are asked to offer an opinion on the plans, I would be very grateful to receive your support for the Cricket Club's application; it is a vital undertaking for all our current and future cricketers.

We are always on the look out for new players, helpers and members. Our Associate membership costs just £30 per year; application forms are available in the clubhouse.

Lastly, if you want to hire the venue, please contact Clare Mcfadyen for any of your hire enquiries. We are free for hire to all Chipperfield groups and organisations.

Details of our matches, events and contact points can be found on our website:

www.chipperfieldclarendoncc.org.uk

Graham Gurney (Chairman)

CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Summer Show Village Hall 2.30pm Saturday 15 June

The weather this year has been difficult to say the least, sunny and dry, then constant rain, then too dry again. Our gardens and gardeners have had a challenging time so far, but our summer show will see, as it always does, wonderful plants, flowers and vegetables. In this show the annuals and perennials, the roses and sweet peas, all have their own classes as well as the soft fruit and vegetables. Floral art has its usual three classes as well as handicraft, anything from painting, drawing, hand knitting, crochet, embroidery, soft toys, canvas work, woodwork, a quilt or indeed any other craft article. The domestic section includes a jar of jam or conserve, a vegetarian quiche, a banana tea bread, pieces of rocky road, granary rolls or 'Oreo' stuffed cookies (recipe given in the schedule).

The photography section has three classes; 'Summer Sports', 'Shoreline', and 'On the bright side'. The maximum size print is 5" x 7" and may be mounted.

The Juniors are divided into two sections; 3-7 years and 8-15 years. Each section has two classes; 'A decorated stone' and 'A picture made from flower petals'. A4 maximum. Each exhibit must be the exhibitor's own unaided work but school work may be entered.

There will be a bring and buy plant stall at the show.

Prize giving is at approximately 3.30pm followed by an auction of produce and a raffle. We will be serving our famous homemade cream teas and cakes.

So come and be with us and enjoy a great afternoon. We look forward to seeing you.

Ann Soanes 01923 262756

ST PAUL'S CHURCHYARD

The St Paul's churchyard working party in April was again indefatigable. You may have noticed how many of the graves have been restored to an attractive state. There were volunteers inside as well as outdoors. Very many thanks to all who came and all who give other time to keeping it so tidy and welcoming.

BINGO
THURSDAYS
at
BLACKWELL'S
Eyes down at 8.30pm
Have a chat, a drink and
something to eat with friends

ST PAUL'S A GREEN SCHOOL

In our quest towards obtaining Green Flag certification at St Paul's school, I am very pleased to announce that we have moved another step closer. At the beginning of May we received our Silver award in recognition of all the work that we have done within the school and wider community. I have detailed some of our efforts below.

Over forty children regularly attended Green Club in the Spring term, enthusiastically learning about various environmental issues. The whole school took part in Keep Britain Tidy's Great Big School clean on 22 March and collected over 1500 pieces of litter (6kg) from the area surrounding the school. The PTA continues to facilitate the Happy Bag collections at the school which raise money by collecting unwanted items of clothing and shoes that are then reused or repurposed. Our crisp packet recycling collection continues in earnest and to date we have collected over 10kgs of crisp packets which has earned us £20 towards our £200 assessment cost for the Green Flag. Please consider bringing your crisp packets to the school even if you do not have a child at the school as we are enjoying turning 'trash into cash' and would love to hit our target of £50 towards the Green Flag assessor fund. In addition to collecting crisp packets, we are now collecting and recycling spent batteries as part of the Big Battery Hunt campaign. There is a substantial prize for the winning school so please keep your fingers crossed and if you have any spent batteries, please feel free to deposit them in front of the school office.

The children have also been focusing on reducing their vehicle use on the school run and we have discussed the importance of not allowing cars to idle outside of the school for the benefit of our health. Lastly, in recognition of Earth Day on 22 April, we received over 150 pledges supporting one action of their own choosing that they will take to help the environment. I personally was overwhelmed by their grasp of how important these issues are and by their enthusiasm for making a difference. I am looking forward to announcing our Green Flag achievement very soon. Please contact Jaime-Lee at greenqueenofherts@gmail.com if you have any questions.

The Churches in Chipperfield

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH
www.hcsp.net

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CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY
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ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

BENEFICE OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 10.30am - 2.45pm

Thursday 9.15am - 2.45pm

Friday 9.15am - 1.30pm

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ST PAUL'S

PARISH REGISTER

*We ask God's blessing on the
marriage of*

William Crone and

Alice Hobhouse

Wedding on 27 April

We commend into God's keeping

Peter Ingram

Funeral on 15 May

CHIPPERFIELD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcomes you to our

SUNSET COFFEE SHOP

First Monday of each month

1.30 - 4 pm

Coffee, tea, homemade cakes

and biscuits available

ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

Just in case you think Easter was over after the 21 April, Easter was not just one day, but rather a period of 50 days of celebration and discovery: of faith seeking understanding. It began on the eve of Easter Day and does not end until Pentecost, the day Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, Whit Sunday, which falls this year on the 9 June. In the early church, Lent, the 40-day period preceding Easter, was a time of anticipation in which new converts learnt about the faith and prepared for baptism on Easter Sunday. Eastertide was then a time for the newly baptised to continue to learn about their faith and deepen their commitment. Thus it is more than an extended period of celebrations of the Resurrection of Jesus. The same is true now. The Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, and the coming of the Holy Spirit, constitute a wake-up call to Christians to remember our baptism, reaffirm baptismal vows and rededicate ourselves to be faithful followers of Christ. The question, of course, is what does that mean?

It is a reminder that we must always live in gratitude and act in thankfulness for the untold blessings in our lives and the lives of others. In spite of much seeming evidence to the contrary, love, hope, joy and peace circumnavigate the globe in many unreported random acts of kindness which transform people's lives. Our world is in great need of such commitment and unity of purpose, where the needs and well-being of our neighbours, whoever they happen to be, is of primary importance. How many mornings do we wake up to news of violence and destruction in places of worship, uniquely violent and destructive weather patterns, deliberate destabilisation of sovereign states, extreme political and religious polarisation, the widening gap between rich and poor? It is time for all of us, whether or not we confess to a religious faith, to wake up to taking seriously our common responsibility to care for each other and our fragile planet.

Michele, Rector to the Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

Sharing in the Eucharistic meal is the bedrock of many Christian faiths. Of course it is, as Christ requested, a memorial of the Last Supper, though the joy of that meal is inevitably short lived as the following day, Good Friday, commemorates the story of the Passion and Death of Jesus.

In the mid 13th century a separate, more joyfully set, celebration of the Eucharist started in Liège in modern day Belgium, and within a few years, the feast spread across the whole Church. Corpus Christi, or the Body and Blood of Christ, was adopted in England around 1325. It remains a most important day in the Liturgical Calendar, traditionally set on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday though, in recent years, including in Britain, it is celebrated on the first Sunday after Trinity, 23 June.

As the feast became more established, another tradition arose, that of triumphant open-air processions, giving the public the opportunity to profess faith and show homage to the Eucharist. Many towns and villages, including here in the UK, held such processions. These were watched and enjoyed in peace by people of many other faiths, though the practice has waned in the last few decades. In fact, it is sad to think that such public showing of faith would now attract strident, perhaps even violent opposition in today's world.

Religious intolerance has marred many periods of history, but recent events such as in Christchurch, Sri Lanka, and California show that mankind still suffers from such issues in the 21st Century. Persecution simply on the grounds of one's beliefs now has the ability to bring with it methods of mass killing and maiming. We pray for those affected by such atrocities, and that those engaged in committing such acts will see the futility of their actions. The feast of Corpus Christi, the Eucharistic feast, will be a day for such reflective prayer.

DIARY OF SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

June		
Sun 2 (<i>1st Sunday of month</i>)	7th Sunday of Easter, Sunday after Ascension Day	
8am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
10am	Benefice Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 9 (<i>2nd Sunday of month</i>)	Pentecost, Whit Sunday	
8am	Morning Worship	St Paul's
10am	Morning Worship	Holy Cross
10am	All Age Service	St Paul's
Wed 12 (<i>2nd Wednesday of month</i>)		
10am	'2nd Wednesday' Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 16 (<i>3rd Sunday of month</i>)	Trinity Sunday	
8am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
10am	Benefice Communion	St Paul's
6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayer)	Holy Cross
Sun 23 (<i>4th Sunday of month</i>)	1st Sunday after Trinity	
8am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
10am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)	St Paul's
10am	Open House Family Service	Holy Cross
Sun 30 (<i>5th Sunday of month</i>)	2nd Sunday after Trinity, Sarratt Flower Festival	
10am	Flower Festival Family Service	Holy Cross
July (first part of month)		
Sun 7 (<i>1st Sunday of month</i>)	3rd Sunday after Trinity	
8am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
10am	Benefice Communion	Holy Cross
Wed 10 (<i>2nd Wednesday of month</i>)		
10am	'2nd Wednesday' Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 14 (<i>2nd Sunday of month</i>)	4th Sunday after Trinity	
8am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
10am	Morris Men Service	St Paul's
10am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
ALL WELCOME		

DIARY OF SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

June	
Sunday 2	Derek Bownds
Sunday 9	Brian Pratt
Sunday 16	Jon Neall from Carey
Sunday 23	TBA
Sunday 30	No service here (5th Sunday)
All services are at 10.30am with Communion on the 1st Sunday, unless otherwise stated.	

SERVICES AT OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR

Sunday	10am	Mass
Saturday	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Tuesday and Friday	10am	Mass
ALL ARE WELCOME		

GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC AT ST PAUL'S

A sequence of Easter music and readings was held at St Paul's in the evening of Good Friday, following a well-established tradition. The structure was drawn from a flexible format published by the RSCM called "Christ on the Cross." The readings were read by members of the church with considerable drama, and followed through the events of Good Friday. They were supported by musical interventions comprising a mixture of Chorales in the Bach tradition, alongside regular Passiontide favourites such as Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus," and Goss, "O Saviour of the World" along with popular hymns for the congregation. A contemporary setting of "There is a Green Hill Far Away" was greatly enhanced by the violin playing of Jane Faulkner as part of the accompaniment. David Clough conducted a combined choir with members from Holy Cross and St Paul's choirs, along with some regular visiting singers. Keith Beniston paid a return visit to play the organ. The music-making was of a high standard of which Chipperfield can be justly proud.

PINTS OF VIEW

Our next get-together will be at **The Plough, Belsize**, on **Monday 17 June**. Join us at 8pm for an informal discussion on a subject of topical or continuing concern. Everyone is welcome. Come and consider how our world can be put to rights. June Pints of View will be the last one before the Summer break. The POV Autumn series will begin on **Monday 16 September**, 8pm at The Plough.

Bob Shearer and John Guy

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU - QUIN

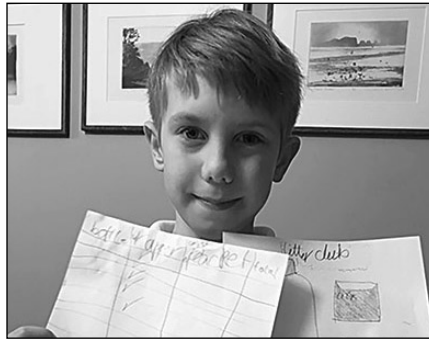
I cannot help feeling that it was my generation largely responsible for the state of our planet today, yet how wonderful to know that many of our younger generation are now prepared to stand up and be counted in their determination to confront and deal with the problem.

When, therefore, you have the opportunity to meet and talk to Quin, a true eco warrior, whose mission in life is to rid the world of litter, you know there is hope for the future.

He first became aware of the problem whilst watching an episode of Blue Planet on television and came home from school one day and set up the litter club with his friends designing, for example, a chart showing all the different things they pick up every week. On their first mission they collected three kilos on and around the common and Commonwood.

He regularly goes for walks around the area with his parents and younger sister, Lucia, collecting litter which not only makes Chipperfield a better place to be but also reduces the risk of wild animals harming themselves with this man-made pollution. A perfect example of this was when he saw a sparrow picking up an empty crisp packet assuming that there might be some crumbs inside to take to the nest. Fortunately, Quin threw down some berries and the bird dropped the bag and took those instead. A good lesson in that whatever we do, and however small, it is playing an important part for nature.

When his two friends Cameron and Jeannie, were away travelling with their parents they always, whatever the country, made a point of picking up some litter



every day and Quin himself always does the same, at home and abroad, setting a good example to all holidaymakers.

When he was in Disneyworld last year he was shocked by the huge use and waste of plastic straws. Every café, bar and restaurant automatically put plastic straws in every drink and Quin spoke to a waitress in one of the restaurants who was not interested and ignored him. As he said to me, when you see on television film of a straw in a turtle's nose that the poor animal cannot remove, it makes it all the more shocking to realise how many people are simply not bothered.

He has a genuine love of nature and this drives him all the more never to give up on his mission. He is very eco aware, for example, of the need to plant more trees and last month planted a wild flower area in his garden to help provide food for bees and butterflies.

As a young man growing up in an electronic age, he wants to set up his own You tube channel about litter to show the world that whatever your age you can play your part in saving this beautiful world.

Benny Michel

SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

This was one of the hotly debated topics when forty five residents met with our Parish and District Councillors at the Annual Meeting in the Parish Room. Although data from the Smiley Face signs suggest a slight decrease in speeds past them, Tower Hill, Chapel Croft and Langley Road are still seen as problem areas. Bardi, the PCSO whom we share with three other villages (contact bardhyl.agallili@herts.pnn.police.uk) encouraged us to contact him with detailed information (particularly if we can get times and registration numbers for regular offenders. Ed) and he will arrange some more police enforcement. Crime against property (burglaries and damage) has fallen slightly in Chipperfield, but occasional theft from cars (e.g. in the car park opposite the Two Brewers) continues.

Cllr Geoff Bryant spoke about Planning – Garden Scene, the refusal of permission for 17 flats is being appealed, and a new application for 15 flats has been made. (82% of appeals against DBC decisions

fail – the Borough Council has a strong legal and planning team). Landrover Garage – will be trading until at least September. Pending are applications for up to 6 houses at the rear of Spice Village, 4 to the rear of The Paddock, and up to 9 behind Longfield. Add in 39 requests to extend existing buildings and 14 requests to fell trees – this is why the Parish Council Planning Committee is meeting every three weeks!

Wendy Bathurst mentioned that Chipperfield's prized Green Flag has been taken from its flagpole – the editors (see back page) are offering a plate of delicious home baked rock cakes for information leading to its return – and luscious cream cakes for the flag itself. Information/flag/cakes can be sent anonymously, or via a third party! Undaunted by this loss the Friends of Chipperfield Common have cleared a lot of the Pill Pond (near the Windmill), and organised new seats around the cricket pitch. Thanks to Cllr Richard Roberts for funding the seats – and also the widening

PETER W INGRAM 1936-2019

Peter Ingram moved to the village in 1994. Born in Watford in a '2up-2down' in 1936. He rapidly became a keen Hornets fan. His early days were spent avidly collecting engine numbers and this grew into his passion for all things steam. Serving his time in the meat trade he moved on to driving for, and eventually owning, a taxi firm. Always driven, he moved away from this to form his own company and start the Gastech conferences which showcased oil and gas development worldwide. He maintained his sporting interest in supporting football but played rugby union for Barnet and joined Moor Park as a keen golfer.

After arriving in Chipperfield he threw himself into the local community with interests in the cricket and football clubs, joining the parish council, supporting the upkeep of the common, the British Legion, helping champion the village coordination of neighbourhood watch and helping to get the village defibrillator installed at the Two Brewers.

Always active in the local pub scene, Peter was also renowned for his interest in Jaguars and Bentleys, the Titanic and the history of Richard III. Over the years he created the definitive database of all XK Jaguars and with relentless investigations captured data on cars and tracked models and engine numbers leading to his immense contribution to the owners' magazines.

He was a great supporter of all things 'Chipperfield' and the Hornets and will be sadly missed by his many friends and all the clubs and organisations of which he was always an active member. Having beaten cancer and enjoying life again, Peter sadly passed away at Watford General after a short illness.

of the 'behind the hedge' tarmac path down Whippendell Hill. Amazing, try it! Wide enough for horses too and yes, you are welcome on its specially laid anti-slip surface.

Cllr Harry Laverack then handed out grant cheques totalling £9,100, at least half going to assist children and youth activities; CPC also pays for the insurance for the November fireworks event.

Other topics covered were the proposed developments of housing at Wayside Farm, the motorway service area at J20, and enforcement where private drives or house signs are occupying land on the Common; also successful prosecutions for flyposting, and prosecution of flytipping in Rucklers Lane.

Stephen Morrill

POND DIPPERS

I got the best birthday present I could have wished for this year; rain! Even the very wet field that I planted with trees to prevent flooding had dried out and the young trees were in need of a good drink; if it's another summer like the last, they will be in trouble. So my son and I enjoyed a good pub lunch and watched the rain lash down and then enjoyed a wet walk to see the bluebells, perfect.

My ponds are a lifeline to many creatures when it is dry. We put in a pebble beach at one end so that birds and everything else could get a nice drink without the risk of drowning, and they all make good use of it. Some of the small birds like to bathe on the little waterfall, but the Carrion Crows always prefer the steps to the swimming pond. The little birds fly into the dog woods at the side to preen afterwards, but the crows always perch on the hand rail for a spruce up.

I was very surprised to look up from my

lunch and see a Carrion Crow on the 'floating steps' on the formal pond just outside the patio windows. It's a big bird; my little pup's eyes nearly popped out of his head. He was glad to be sitting at my feet and nuzzled my leg for reassurance. The crow looked back at us, then started to poke about in one of the baskets of reed. Having selected some nice soggy bits and pieces and a big beak full of mud he, or she, flew off only to return twice more and repeat the performance. These birds use mud to compact their bulky nest made from quite large twigs, and then line them with softer materials like moss, hair or wool. I have seen them taking wool before the sheep has parted with it!

I do not know why he did not find mud from the other ponds, but Tom and I had a very good close up view, though I think Tom prefers the pigeons. He jumps at the window to frighten them off.

Wendy Bathurst

YOUR GARDEN IN JUNE

Colour should be bursting out all over the garden in June as the annuals and perennials come into flower. With only a few weeks until midsummer day, we all have a great deal to get on with.

The flower garden. Bedding plants such as begonias, ageratum, dahlias, cosmos, marigolds, nemesia, petunias and salvias can be planted in the garden. Alyssum and lobelia are good for edging and large flowered begonias, New Guinea busy lizzies, fuchsias and cineraria maritima make good 'dot' plants. Plant up hanging baskets, window boxes and containers with geraniums, fuchsias, begonias, surfinia petunias and calibrachoa using trailing plants such as verbena, nepeta, bidens, bacopa, lobelia and trailing begonias. Mix water retaining gel such as Miracle Gro or Phostrogen. Feed roses, shrubs and perennials with Toprose fertilizer or Vitax Q4, using an ericaceous feed for camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas. Container grown shrubs, climbers and perennials can still be planted. A good thick mulch around trees, shrubs and perennials will help water conservation and keep down weeds. Provide support for tall growing plants. Prune shrubs after flowering and clip topiary but do not cut hedges until birds have finished nesting. Spray roses regularly using something like Roseclear.

Fruit and vegetables. Plant out runner beans together with outdoor tomatoes, aubergines, peppers, marrows and courgettes. Sow peas, carrots and French beans and plant celery, leeks and sweet corn. Make regular sowings of salads, such as lettuce, radish and spring onions. Water regularly and feed with Growmore fertilizer or fish, blood and bone and hoe regularly. Earth up main crop potatoes and start to harvest new potatoes. Watch out for cabbage white caterpillars on brassicas and black fly on broad beans. Protect strawberries and soft fruit from birds using fine netting and start to pick strawberries and raspberries.

The greenhouse. Plant tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers in pots or growbags if not already done. Once growing, tomatoes should be tied in and side shoots should be removed. Always water regularly, especially at fruiting time and feed with something like Tomorite. Put up whitefly traps. Keep the glasshouse well ventilated and damp down to maintain humidity during hot spells.

Lawn and garden. Lawns should be cut regularly but never cut grass short in dry weather. Do not water established lawns but newly turfed or seeded areas should be watered while settling in. When planting in the garden, water well to get plants established and cut down on watering established plants. Vegetables and soft fruit should always be watered.

Shows and events. Chipperfield Summer Flower Show is on 15 June and Bovingdon Show is on 29 June. The RHS Chatsworth Flower Show is on 5-9 June and the Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival is on 2-7 July (tickets from rhs.org.uk/shows or call 0844 995 9664).

BBC Gardeners World Live is at the *NEC Birmingham* on 13-16 June (tickets from bbcgardenersworldlive.com or call 0844 581 1344). Gardens open to visit this month include **Serge Hill Gardens, Bedmond** on 9 June, **Ashridge House, Berkhamsted** on 16 June and **124 Highfield Way, Rickmansworth** on 29-30 June.

Terry Simmonds

Chipperfield Care

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If you can help in any way, please call Patricia Harrison on 01923 261595 or Mark Jarrad on 01923 268910.

VOLUNTEERS CORNER June

Are you able to assist with any of the following?

An indoor job at a desk: Although Chipperfield News back copies are partly available 'on-line' no one has ever compiled an index to the articles. Would you be willing to take, say, one year and index the major articles which people might want to look at in the future? Guidance will be supplied!

Wooden furniture and sheds in the school grounds: they need some help to apply preservative, please.

The Church Lychgate - Preservative: just one female volunteer so far. Give me a ring.

Stephen Morrill 263182

CHIPPERFIELD CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES

EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
After School Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	3pm	Small Hall
Art Class for Adults	Thursday	12-3pm and 6.30-9pm	Parish Room
Art Workshop	Saturday (monthly)	9.30am	Parish Room
Ballet	Monday	4pm	Blackwells
Ballet	Tuesday	4pm	Blackwells
Ballet	Saturday	9am	Blackwells
Bingo	Thursday	8.30pm	Blackwells
Bowls	Tuesday	7pm	Village Hall
Bowls	Friday	7pm	Village Hall
Brownies	Wednesday	6.30pm	Parish Room
Chipperfield Breakfast and After School Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	7:30 - 9am then 3 - 6.15pm	Small Hall
Chipperfield Pre-School and Lunch Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	9am - 3pm	Small Hall
Chipperfield Holiday Club	School Holidays and Inset Days	8am - 4.30pm	Small Hall
Choral Society	Thursday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Extend Exercise - for 60+	Thursday	10.30am	Village Hall
Film Night	Friday (2nd in the month)	7.15pm (October - March)	Sarratt Village Hall
Health Walks	Tuesday and Thursday	9.30am	Blackwells car park
Irish Dancing	Thursday	4pm	Blackwells
Jazzercise	Monday	9.30am	Village Hall
Karate	Tuesdays (Term time)	6pm	Small Hall
Keep Fit	Tuesday	10.30am	Parish Room
Keep Fit	Thursday	10.30am	Parish Room
Parents and Toddlers	Tuesday	9.30am	Village Hall
Pilates	Monday	9.10am, 10.10am and 11.10am	Blackwells
Pilates	Monday	9.30am	Parish Room
Pilates	Monday	6.45pm and 8pm	Parish Room
Pilates	Tuesday	7pm and 8pm	Blackwells
Pilates	Wednesday	9.10am, 10.10am and 11.10am	Blackwells
Pilates	Wednesday	9.15am	Village Hall
Pilates	Wednesday	6.30pm and 7.30pm	Blackwells
Pilates	Thursday	6.30pm, 7.30pm and 8.30pm	Blackwells
Pilates	Friday	9.10am, 10.10am, 11.20am and 12.20pm	Blackwells
Pilates	Friday	9.30am	Parish Room
Pilates	Friday	10.30am	Parish Room
T'ai Chi	Friday	1.45pm	Parish Room
Tap Dance	Monday (Term time)	9.30am	Baptist Church Hall
Theatre Group	Monday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Monday	1.30pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Wednesday	6.30pm	Village Hall
Zumba - Lucy	Monday	7.45pm - 8.30pm	St Paul's School
Zumba - Lucy	Tuesday	9.30am	Parish Room

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