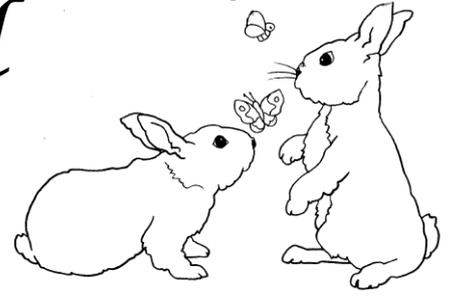


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CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Spring Show

Saturday 19 March Village Hall

The Spring Show is our first of the year and, at the moment of writing, the weather is wet and windy and any flowers that have appeared are lying on their sides. This winter has been so mild that everything was growing early and now they are paying the price for their enthusiasm! We have all our usual classes for flowers, vegetables, floral art, handicraft and domestic. The photography subjects are 'Man Made World', 'Young Ones', 'Raindrops' Maximum size 7" x 5" and may be mounted but not framed. The Juniors have their own classes; do encourage them to enter. It must be their own unaided work and school work can be submitted. After judging has taken place, the doors open at 2.30pm when we will be serving our delicious homemade cream teas. The prize giving takes place at about 3.30pm and is followed by an auction of produce and the raffle. There will be a plant stall, so any surplus plants or seedlings that you may have would be very welcome. Entries to be handed in at Garden Scene, in a sealed envelope, with the correct entry fee or can be emailed to: ann-tony@hotmail.co.uk by noon on Thursday 17 March. Regretfully, no late entries will be accepted.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

CPC would like to welcome Chris Luff on to the Council. Chris is a Sales Director and has lived in the village for twenty years and is married with two daughters. He is an allotment holder. In addition to other duties, Chris will be taking up the reins of the Drivesafe Scheme. The Scheme stalled due to police operational issues but these have now been resolved so progress will be made in the coming weeks.

The addition of Chris brings the Council to the full quota of eight councillors.

FILM FESTIVAL A SUCCESS



Sarah with actor Brian Murphy

Picture: Terry Simmonds

Sarah Stanley who, with husband Neill and father, Noel Cronin, run the Renown Film Club that specialises in searching for iconic British films, such as 'Scrooge' and 'Pickwick Papers', organised the second Renown Festival of Film on 24 January at Watersmeet Theatre in Rickmansworth. Attended by hundreds of film enthusiasts, the Festival was opened by Brian Murphy of 'George and Mildred' fame. Speakers at the event included film star Andrew Fowlds who starred on TV in the many episodes of 'Yes Minister'. During the day a number of rare films were screened and the event was a great success.

CHIPPERFIELD SPRING CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR

Saturday 2 April 11am - 3pm

The Cricket Pavilion

In aid of the Peace Hospice, Watford

*Craft stalls, Gifts, Cards, Jewellery,
Artwork, Plants,
Food, Charity Raffle*

*Refreshments * Licenced Bar*

FREE ENTRY

*If you are interested in taking space
for a stall, please tel: 01923 260587*

CHIPPERFIELD CARE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 23 March, 8pm
in the Village Hall

Maybe you would have some time to join our CARE team or maybe know someone who is having difficulties and would greatly value our help.

Please do come and join us at our short AGM to find out more and afterwards enjoy a chat and glass of wine. More volunteers are needed. If you would like further information, please contact:

Mark Jarrad 01923 268910

**CHIPPERFIELD
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY**

presents a talk and demonstration
by

Maria Coote

a former lecturer at
Capel Manor College

on
**Dividing Herbaceous
Perennials -
why, how and when**

Monday 4 April

The Small Hall 7.30pm

Followed by questions and coffee.

Free to members; £2 to non members.

Everyone is welcome;
no ticket required.

GARRY GOODMAN

Visiting Chipperfield recently Garry, who now lives in Norfolk, is the son of the late Joe and Sally Goodman who lived in Commonwood where he grew up. Garry and his wife are now vicars and between them look after three village churches. They also find time to do farming and foster parenting. Garry said that over the years they have fostered over one hundred children.

Your needs - our prayers

When you just can't see what to do! Or life seems to be overwhelming you? We are happy to pray for you!

On Friday mornings at 8am we pray in the Baptist church for the needs of the community of Chipperfield and beyond.

We want to do this because we believe God answers prayers and is always ready to do great things.

Be sure that even if you want to give names, everything shared will be in strictest confidence.

1/3 of prayers answered positively in 5 months!

Four people have got jobs as an answer to specific prayers

Two healings of serious and terminal disease.

Various illnesses healed

Witnessed around a third of all prayers answered positively!

Call: 01923 270664 – ask for Jason

Text: 07808 155470 (texts will be deleted once prayed for)

Email: prayers@chipperfieldbaptistchurch.co.uk

Or slip your request under the front door of the Baptist Church.

CLOCKS CHANGE

British Summertime begins at 2am on Sunday 27 March. Please remember to put your clocks forward one hour.

**EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO
ST ALBANS ABBEY**

Each year parishes across the Diocese meet in St Albans Abbey on Easter Monday, this year 28 March, to celebrate Easter together

Interested in walking? Meet at the footpath by 'Top Common' at 10am. Sarratt walkers meet at top of Red Lion Lane at 9.30am. Pilgrims are called to gather in the Abbey for 1.30pm to celebrate together. Please bring your own water and some snacks. We will use the pub in Potter's Crouch, either to eat early sandwiches or just have a drink. If you would like to join please contact Frances Onians to organise the return journeys.

frances.onians@btinternet.com

**CHESS VALLEY
BRIDLEWAYS ASSOCIATION**

Will be holding their

AGM

on

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2016

at

SARRATT VILLAGE HALL,

Doors open 7pm for Renewal of Membership AGM starts 7.30pm

Guest Speakers:

Colin Hill & Adrian Thorne

Both Members of the

British Association of Equine Dental Technicians

If you are not a member of the CVBA and you enjoy safe off-road riding why not come along join us? contact us on www.cvba.org.uk or call 07944 780395

**CHIPPERFIELD
CHORAL SOCIETY**

Come and discover some lesser known choral gems at the Chipperfield Choral Society's March Concert.

The music of Dvorak became known to millions several years ago when the lyrical music of his 'New World Symphony' was used to accompany an advert for a certain brand of brown bread. Dvorak's music contains many such beautiful Bohemian themes and you will be able to experience more of them in his moving 'Te Deum' at our forthcoming concert.

Haydn wrote fourteen beautiful masses of which only a few are regularly performed. At the time of writing the 'Mass in Time of War', the Napoleonic Wars were in full force and there was much concern as the sounds of war approached the Austrian border. It has long been thought to express an anti-war sentiment and certainly some of the music is unsettled and has a darker side reflecting Austrian fears at the time.

The third piece will be the 'Five Mystical Songs' by Vaughan Williams who chose five of the most affirmative and exultant texts written by George Herbert to celebrate the mystery of the Passion of Jesus Christ and his resurrection at Easter.

With a wonderful line-up of talented young soloists, this promises to be one of the highlights of the local choral year. The concert takes place at **St John's Church** in Boxmoor on **Saturday 19 March at 7.30pm**. Tickets are available from the Box Office on 01923 400520 or from choir members.

CHIPPERFIELD CORINTHIANS FOOTBALL CLUB PRESENTS

**An Evening with
Arsenal & England Legend**

Paul Merson

sky SPORTS

In aid of the clubhouse extension and refurbishment
Come and join us for a sure-fire fantastic evening with one of the most coveted after dinner speakers on the circuit.

For tickets contact Malcolm Leach
e: malcolMLEACH@hotmail.co.uk
t: 07808079357
or Steve Kettle
e: Steve@eventsinthecity.co.uk
t: 07585002386



At the Marquee: Chipperfield Common 29th May 2016

Picture: Terry Simmonds



John Clark, actor/producer/director, recently visited Chipperfield from Los Angeles. John was brought up in Chipperfield during the 1930s and 1940s and had come along to see how his boyhood village had changed. While still a lad, John appeared on the radio as the first ever 'Just William' and he went on to star in films and on the stage both in the UK and the USA. He was married for thirty years to the well-known actress, Lynn Redgrave. During his recent brief visit, John spent his time looking around the village and also spent a morning in conversation with me reminiscing on his life and friends while he lived here.

Terry Simmonds

**GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC
IN ST PAUL'S CHURCH**

St Paul's Church Choir will be giving a performance of John Rutter's beautiful 'Requiem' at 7.45pm on Good Friday, 25 March. Accompaniment will be by a small instrumental ensemble of six along with the organ. The piece is reflective; dark at the start but eventually heading towards a tuneful haven of rest and will last under an hour.

John Rutter's music never disappoints and this piece, new to the choir, is no exception. It was written in 1986 and enjoys many links with Faure's more famous Requiem that we performed last year.

There will be no charge for entry even though this will not be a service. A collection will be taken. Please come along and bring your friends. The perfect piece to close Good Friday.

SAVE THE DATE
VILLAGE COMMUNITY
CURRY NIGHT
Monday 9 May at Spice Village
in aid of DENS - action against homelessness
Details later.

**FRIENDS OF
CHIPPERFIELD COMMON**

The Friends of Chipperfield Common is an established group of residents which meets during the autumn and winter months to undertake various practical tasks on Chipperfield Common. The Friends group is closely involved with the management of the Common and receives updates on developments.

The March event is on **Friday 25 March** meeting at **9.15am**.

**CHIPPERFIELD PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING**

21 March

in the Small Hall

Planning meeting at 7.15pm

Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm

All residents welcome

Carole Butcher

Clerk to the Council

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APM CORRECTION

Please note that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting is on 10 May. This is a correction to the date given in the Village Diary which was distributed with February's Chipperfield News.

PINTS OF VIEW

There is no Pints of View in March as the scheduled Monday, **21 March**, falls in Holy Week. Instead, everyone is invited to attend a short service of **Reflection and Night Prayer at Holy Cross** starting at 7.30pm.

John Guy and Bob Shearer

BINGO
THURSDAYS

at

BLACKWELLS

Eyes down at **8.30pm**

Have a chat, a drink and something to eat with friends

CHIPPERFIELD CARE

Are we missing you?

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 or medical clinics. We run an answering service from Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 1.30pm to receive requests for transport. These volunteers, our Duty Officers, then contact our Drivers to arrange the safe transport of our clients to and from their requested destination. Could you volunteer as a Driver or Duty Officer for a few hours a month? IF YOU CAN HELP in anyway, please call Cindy Waite 01923 262284 or Mark Jarrad 01923 268910

Are you missing us?

Do you have problems getting to important appointments? Unable to use public transport or no access to other forms of transport? Whether this is short or long term please call our Help Line between 9.30am and 1.30pm on 01923 264700 and we will try to help.

Grapevine Movies

Friday 11 March

SARRATT VILLAGE HALL

Doors open 7.15pm Film 8pm

Good bar * Ice creams

* Free popcorn *

Entry by donation of £5. Supper £4

This will be the last film of the season and we will end with a cracker! The film tells the true story of the relationship between Alan Bennett and the singular Miss Shepherd, a woman of uncertain origins who 'temporarily' parked her van in Bennett's London driveway and proceeded to live there for 15 years. It has a wonderful cast which includes Maggie Smith, Alan Bennett, Jim Broadbent, James Corden and Frances De La Tour amongst many others. I am so pleased this has been released to village cinemas just in time for our last film!

Afternoon film

Doors open 4.15pm

Cartoons from 4.40pm. Main film 5pm

Hot dogs * Drinks * Good bar

Entry by donation £3 for children,

Adults £5 accompanying adults free.

Children must be accompanied by an adult
When Shaun the sheep decides to take the day off and have some fun, he gets a little more action than he bargained for. A mix up with the farmer, a caravan, and a very steep hill lead them all to the Big City and it's up to Shaun and the flock to return everyone safely to the green grass of home. Huge fun - entirely suitable for adults and children!

Maggie Goldthorpe 01923 262586

The Churches in Chipperfield

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

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 Vicarage phone: 01923 265848

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Ian Chantrell 01923 269394
 07807 031235
 Ann Waine 01923 268904

THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister Rev. Jason Gain
 The Manse, The Street,
 Chipperfield. WD4 9BH
 01923 270664

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY

01923 265327



REGULAR SERVICES AND MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Benefice Prayer Meeting, 6.30pm

1st Sunday

(See pew sheet for venues)

MONDAY

Early Prayers

St Paul's Parish Room, 8am

(upper room)

Weekday Mass

Our Lady's, 9.30am

TUESDAY

Church Youth Group

60, Tower Hill, 6.30-8pm

(Anne & John Stickland)

School years 6-13 (term time only)

Weekday Mass

Our Lady's, 9.30am

Home Group

The Manse, 7.30-9pm

(term time only)

WEDNESDAY

Little Angels Toddler Group

Baptist Church, 9.30-11am

(term time only)

FRIDAY

Prayer Group

Baptist Church, 7am

(term time only)

Weekday Mass

Our Lady's, 9.30am

Choir Practice

St Paul's, 7.45pm

ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

Benefice Administrator

Machaela Gravestock

Monday 2 - 4pm

Thursday 9.30am - 12.30pm

and 1.30 - 4.30pm

Friday 9.30 - 11.30am

at Sarratt Village Hall Office

01923 264377

www.hcsp.net

ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

Wilderness to Resurrection

Earlier this week I stood at my dining room window observing the unusual scene from the garden. Windswept grass, taller than usual for this time of year, two trees in different seasons, one with blossom beginning to appear, the other with amber autumn leaves still clinging to the branches. Life is a bit like this, full of wonderful unusual events that we only notice when we take the time to stop, stare and be captivated for a moment. Seasons in the Church are a bit like this. As Christians, we live in full knowledge of Jesus' life of service, suffering, death and resurrection which we try faithfully to understand and to be shaped by. Each year we are encouraged to prepare for the celebrations of Easter by travelling in real time the journey that Jesus took to the cross. I will come to that in a moment but first I want to remind you that a significant part of Jesus' journey to the cross was his preparation for work and ministry. He did this by withdrawing at times from worldly pursuits to grow closer to God the Father. His time alone in the desert steeled Jesus for the challenges and tasks that lay ahead, it shaped and gave meaning to his life and purpose. The season of Lent gives us, his disciples, an opportunity to do the same so I encourage you to continue to use it wisely. The feasting and joyous celebration of Easter will be all the more vibrant for it; particularly if we also travel with Jesus from Palm Sunday, through the horrors of his arrest, trial and death on the cross. There is no resurrection and therefore no Easter without this part of the story. Yes, it is hard. Yes we would rather turn away and avoid it. But, what might be gained if we make this journey together adding our Yes to the Yes of Jesus, who for our sake did not retreat from human suffering? Nor must we. Human suffering in all its guises is unpalatable but perhaps in facing the cross we also own up to our part and, like Jesus, with the help of God be the solution so that others may also be able to celebrate Easter and say, "Alleluia, Christ is Risen"!

Shalom Michele Rector to the Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

BAPTIST CHURCH

I misheard a saying the other day which, on initial hearing, really got me thinking. Even though I was corrected later that day, I still maintain that what I thought I heard made a lot of sense, as much as the actual saying. What I heard was "sins unseen cannot be erased" and could not help but get the feeling that there was a serious and life changing truth in it somewhere. Sin is not a customer friendly word; in fact, I do not remember hearing it much when I was younger and so we are not encouraged to use it much. We are told that we should engage in using words and phrases that enhance life and build up instead of using outdated, disparaging and discouraging words such as sin.

As we move into the time of Easter sin is a word that is more needed today than it ever was and, in all seriousness, should be revealed in our lives. If we do not expose sin we allow it to have an effect on us. If it is unseen, it is allowed to fester and shape the way we are and how we behave. Actions from our past will keep springing to mind and make us feel shame. Those words said out of turn will forever determine the way we interact with others. None of this is ever for the best.

The truth of it all is that the Gospel dispels the fear of exposure and tells us to uncover those things that hinder and misshape our lives. In doing so we are freed from them because God says they are gone. Hidden, they cannot be dealt with but will hurt us more so than the initial pain felt by revelation. The actual phrase is "things unseen can never be erased" but God used my bad hearing to reveal for me a truth that stands side by side with "for God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son". Both have a bearing on how we live life. Both say are you free or not? I guess it just depends whether you are listening or not.

Love, Jason, The Man in the Manse

DIARY OF SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

March

Sun 6	<i>Mothering Sunday - 4th Sunday of Lent</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Family Service for Mothering Sunday	St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday	Holy Cross
	6.30pm	Benefice Monthly Prayers	Holy Cross
Wed 9	10.00am	Midweek Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 13	<i>Passiontide begins - 5th Sunday of Lent</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	All Age Worship	St Paul's
	6.30pm	Healing Service with Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 20	<i>Palm Sunday</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	9.30am	Palm Sunday Liturgy and Walk of Witness	St Paul's
	10.00am	Benefice Family Communion	St Paul's
	6.30pm	Compline (traditional prayers)	Holy Cross
Mon 21	7.30pm	Reflection and Night Prayer	Holy Cross
Tues 22	7.30pm	Reflection and Night Prayer	St Paul's
Wed 23	10.00am	Midweek Communion	St Paul's
	7.30pm	Reflection and Night Prayer	Holy Cross
Thurs 24	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>		
	7.30pm	Supper and Service	St Paul's Parish Room
Fri 25	<i>Good Friday</i>		
	10.30am	Joint Service	Chipperfield Baptist Church
	2pm	An hour at the Cross	Holy Cross
	7.45pm	Music for Good Friday	St Paul's
Sun 27	<i>Easter Day</i>		
	6.30am	Easter Sunrise Service	Holy Cross Churchyard
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	All-Age Easter Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Easter Family Communion	Holy Cross
Mon 28	<i>Easter Monday</i>		
	<i>St Albans Cathedral Easter Monday Pilgrimage from Holy Cross and St Paul's</i>		

April

Sun 3	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Holy Cross
	6.30pm	Benefice Monthly Prayers	St Paul's
Sun 10	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	All Age Worship	St Paul's
Wed 13	10.00am	Midweek Communion	Holy Cross

DIARY OF SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

March

Sun 6	10.30am	Messy Mothering Sunday
Sun 6	7.00pm	3Vu @ Bovington
Sun 13	10.30am	LOFL episode 6
Sun 20	TBD	Palm Sunday
Fri 25	10.30am	Good Friday
Sun 27	10.30am	Easter Sunday

Dates for Diary

Regular Sunday services are at 10.30am with Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays
Sunday Groups for Children and Youth Sunday Mornings

SERVICES AT OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR

Sunday	9.00am	Mass
	11.00am	Mass
Friday	10.00am	Mass

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

The parish was pleased to receive news of the forthcoming appointment of Fr Paul Harris SDS as its new parish priest, replacing Fr Floribert. However, he will be sharing that duty with the nearby parish of St Saviour's, Abbots Langley, and as such will be resident there. It is only to be expected that there will be some significant impact on the established times of services at Chipperfield, as well as on some of the pastoral arrangements here. We will embrace change as it evolves, for the positive factor is that our lovely village church will remain an active centre of regular worship. For the last five years, Fr Paul has been resident in St Joseph's parish in Wealdstone, the largest of the three local parishes served by the Salvatorian community. Our parish is entering a new chapter in its life.

Several ecumenical events took place around the time of the traditional week of Christian Unity. Bishop John Sherrington, in his last official engagement as Auxiliary Bishop for Hertfordshire, took part in a service at the Coptic Church in Stevenage, inviting attendees to "incline our ears to the Lord, and listen with the heart to His Will" A newly consecrated bishop, Rt Rev Paul McAleenan, from Holy Rood parish, Watford, has taken up this local responsibility. A much higher profile event was the joint conversation between Cardinal Vincent Nichols, and the Bishop of London, Rt Hon Dr Richard Chartres, in the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace. Cardinal Nichols then celebrated Vespers, the first Catholic service in the Chapel for 450 years, and Dr Chartres gave the homily, the service being accompanied by traditional Tudor themed choral music.

Fr Terry Cantwell, now retired and resident in Dublin, visited us briefly and took the opportunity to update us on the various projects and activities that the Chipperfield parish has been supporting both financially, physically and spiritually for many years.

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Chipperfield
 VILLAGE HALL
RACE NIGHT

5 March
 7 for 7.30pm
 After the success of last year's
 event, we are holding another
 Race Night
 Hot supper * Bar
 Tickets: £8, including supper,
 from committee members or
 01442 832090

THE LIBRARY SERVICE IN BYGONE CHIPPERFIELD

The closure in October 2015 of the mobile library service, by Hertfordshire County Council, brought to an end a service that first came to Chipperfield around 1948. For sixty-seven years the library van made its regular stops at the end of Megg Lane, Nunfield and outside St Paul's Church. The news that a new community library has been launched in the village gives us a chance to look back to the days before the library van came to Chipperfield.

The earliest known record of a Reading Room in Chipperfield dates back to 1891 and was set up by the Vicar, George Sharpin. The Reading Room was situated in the village school. For two nights a week the Reading Room Committee made the room available for technical training classes in woodwork and drawing.

An Evening Continuation School was in operation in the village in 1897 to offer evening classes in history, arithmetic and agriculture to the lads of the village who left school at the leaving age of eleven. However, it is not known what became of the reading room. In 1901 a new working men's club and reading room was established in Chipperfield as an initiative launched by Arthur Aronson of The Mill House in an attempt to slow the loss of men from the village to work in the towns and cities. One of the rooms, at the premises secured in Queen Street, was a reading room and the club's affiliation to the Working Men's Club Union gave it access to a circulating library of 'over 4,000 and a reference library of over 2,000 volumes'. The club later moved to premises in Kings Lane.

Following the opening of the Church Institute (now the Village Hall) in 1909,

the club moved to the new hall and had use of it on the nights when it was not required for other purposes. The name was changed to the Chipperfield Village Club. Mr H. Randall was appointed librarian and books could be borrowed for pence per fortnight. The Club had copies of 'The Mirror' and 'Daily Chronicle' delivered each day. In 1922 the club was on the move again when the Blackwell family presented the Men's and Women's Club to the village (now Blackwell's), although by now it was primarily a social club.

For villagers able to travel to the towns of Watford and Hemel Hempstead, another source of books was through the lending libraries operated by high street shops. From around the start of the 20th century shops like Boots and WH Smith operated libraries within their stores. Customers could borrow books for about a penny per week. Closer to home in Chipperfield, Saunders newsagent's store in Chapel Croft had shelves of books in their backroom. Here, villagers could swap books or, for a small fee, borrow a book. Another option was available to members of the Woman's Institute at their monthly meetings, members could take books to swap. The introduction by Penguin of paperback books in 1935 meant that for the first time many people could afford to buy books of their own.

As a boy Patrick Milner recalls going, after the war, to a library run in the Women's Club. Mr Freak and Mr Wallington issued the books and as both gentlemen smoked pipes there was usually a haze of smoke.

Now a new chapter has opened to serve the reading needs of the people of Chipperfield. *Andrew Nobbs*

CICELY 'BABS' KNIGHT

31 March 1921–28 December 2015

Cicely Buchart was born soon after the first world war and she soon developed her singing voice. As she grew up, she took on the stage name of 'Babs' Nolan and often sang with her sister, Daphne. During the early 1940s, Babs met and married musician Peter Knight and they had two sons, Keith and Peter. The Peter Knight Singers were created with a number of songsters which included both Babs and Daphne and the group featured regularly on the BBC in the '40s and '50s. The Peter Knight Orchestra was created and became the backing for most of the BBC's iconic 'Morecombe and Wise Shows' and also recorded a number of albums. Arranging music for the Moody Blues, Peter went on to arrange music for the later Carpenters albums. Peter and Babs regularly travelled to California to work with Karen and Richard Carpenter on the arrangements. Karen enjoyed her last meal with the Knights at the Bedford Arms in Chenies.

Peter and Babs moved into their bungalow in Templepan Lane near Bucks Hill Bottom almost half a century ago and Babs remained there after Peter passed away. Babs loved her garden and loved her many cats. She was so friendly; a wonderfully kind and generous lady. A true treasure.

Terry Simmonds



Picture: Terry Simmonds

CONFUSED FLOWERS

Our mild and wet winter continues, despite the one morning of snow that was not the 'right sort' for my toboggan. It's playing havoc with my plants! Although my snowdrops are on time, my daffodils seem confused with some out at the end of January, at least a month early. My favourite little native ones in the sheep paddocks are just pushing up through the grass, as they should be, so it looks as if I will have daffs flowering in the garden for nearly three months.

Things are just as confused in my woodland. I always hope the primroses will be flowering at Easter but when it is early they don't always make it. I don't think I have ever seen them in bloom on the 1 February but this year over half of the plants had flowers fully opened. I don't think it's a good thing as they are pollinated by insects and I did not see anything on the wing. The bluebells are pushing their shiny green leaves up

through the leaf mould; they will be on the early side but not exceptionally so. Strangely, the dog's mercury plants, that are always the first plants to flower in the woods, were not in bloom at all! Their flowers are wind pollinated, so they don't have to bother to attract insects and their flowers are rather small and just plain green. Some of the plants are male and hold their pollen filled flowers at the top of the plants to catch the breeze, whilst the female plants have theirs tucked in among the leaves. Most of my plants are male and it was years before I noticed the difference. Apparently dog's mercury gives off an unpleasant smell if one treads on it and crushes the leaves, but with very little sense of smell I can't say I have noticed it. It's a shame when I can't smell the flowers in the garden but it's not always a bad thing!

Wendy Bathurst

MARCH IN YOUR GARDEN

Winter has been so mild this year that plants are already growing. Easter is early and clocks will be changing soon, so it is all systems go for us gardeners.

Flowers and shrubs. This month hedging plants such as quickthorn, beech and privet must be planted as soon as possible while they are still dormant. Established shrubs in the garden can still be dug up and moved but do this well before the end of the month. Although container grown plants can be planted at anytime, it is always a good idea to plant early so that they have a long growing season. When planting rhododendrons, azaleas and heathers, use an ericaceous fertilizer and for most other shrubs use bonemeal. Prune roses and late flowering clematis as soon as possible, plus buddleias, cornus and early flowering shrubs after they have flowered. Cut back, divide and plant herbaceous perennials and plant out pansies, forget-me-nots, Canterbury bells and sweet williams. Deadhead daffodils and add fertilizer. Sow nasturtium, eschscholzia, clarkia, godetia, nigella and larkspur direct into the beds and borders. Gladioli should be planted every week or so. Lilies can be planted now.

Vegetables and fruit. Start to sow broad beans, peas, cabbage and spinach on prepared seed beds, plus salads such as lettuce, radish and spring onions. Root crops such as parsnips and carrots should be sown on ground that has not been manured for over a year or the roots will 'fork'. Plant out onion sets, shallots and Jerusalem artichokes. Start to plant seed potatoes which have been chitted. Plant fruit trees and soft fruit. Raspberry canes are bare rooted and must be planted well before the end of the month. Rhubarb and strawberries can be planted. Blueberries and autumn fruiting raspberries are best pruned now. When planting vegetables and fruit add Growmore fertilizer.

The greenhouse. Sow busy lizzies, alyssum, lobelia, marigolds and petunias, plus tomatoes and cucumbers, aubergines, melons, French beans and peppers. Pot up plug plants and starter plants and also corms of gloxinias and begonias. If not already done, sow sweet peas but make sure mice do not get in and eat the seed. Take cuttings of dahlias, geraniums and pelargoniums as soon as possible. Check for pests and diseases and ventilate if the greenhouse gets too warm.

Lawn and garden. Start mowing the grass as soon as possible but keep the cut high. Spike and aerate unless the lawn is too wet and apply a mosskiller or fertilizer containing moss control or lawn sand and rake out the dead moss. Patch the lawn if there are bare areas using turf or a topsoil and grass seed mix. Clean out the pond. Consign leaves, prunings and weeds to the compost heap. Do not put roots of ground elder or bindweed on to the compost heap but destroy these. Clear slippery algae from paved areas.

Garden events. The Chipperfield Spring Flower Show is on 19 March. Sarratt have their show on 9 April and the Bovingdon show is on 2 April.

The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is from 24 – 28 May. Tickets are limited and must be obtained from rhs.org.uk/chelsea or ring 0844 3387502. At Vincent Square, Westminster, the RHS London Spring Plant Extravaganza and Orchid Show is on 1 and 2 April, preview evening 31 March. There is a special opening of Capel Manor Gardens on Saturday 5 March and the West Garden of Hatfield House on Saturday 19 March.

Terry Simmonds

CPRE HERTFORDSHIRE'S RURAL LIVING AWARDS

The CPRE Hertfordshire Living Awards are a vital chapter in the county's quest to maintain its heritage as one of the finest counties in England and reflect the work by groups and individuals to keep Hertfordshire a vibrant beacon in country affairs. They aim to highlight efforts made by groups or individuals to improve life and enhance the environment in Hertfordshire's villages and its countryside.

CPRE Hertfordshire is now launching the Rural Living Awards 2016. If you want to put your project forward for consideration, then get organised now and you could be making your own chapter in the county's rural history. Deadline for nominations is Friday 27 May. The Awards are judged in two categories – Community and Environment – with judges looking for innovative projects that unite rural communities, benefit the community and promote access to the countryside. There are also awards for Rural Living Champions: young people and adults who make outstanding contributions to rural life. New to 2016 is the Rural Business in the Community Award: for a rural business that has made an outstanding contribution to community life.

More information, details of previous recipients and nomination forms can be found on the website: www.cpreherts.org.uk

CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

presents a talk by

Helen Yemm

Gardener, lecturer, presenter, author and gardening columnist for the

Daily Telegraph

on

Downsizing

The benefits and challenges of creating a beautiful small garden after being used to a large garden.

Tuesday 26 April

St Paul's Parish Room 7.30pm

Followed by questions and coffee

Admission by ticket; £8 for members

and £10 for non members.

Tickets are available from committee members or from Garden Scene.

CHIPPERFIELD CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES

EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
After School Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	3pm	Small Hall
Art Group	Thursday	2pm	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	Thursday	1.30pm	Village Hall
Bowls	Friday	7pm	Village Hall
Brownies	Wednesday	6.30pm	Parish Room
Choral Society	Thursday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Church Choir	Friday	7.45pm	Parish Room
Extend Exercise, Men & Women 60+	Thursday	10.30am	Village Hall
Health Walks	Tuesday and Thursday	9.30am	Blackwells car park
Impact	Friday	6.30pm	Sarratt Village Hall
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
Prayer Group	Thursday (Term time)	2pm & 7pm	Baptist Church Hall
Pre-School Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	9am - 12.00	Small Hall
Pre-School Lunch Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	12.00 - 13.30	Small Hall
Pre-School Extended Lunch Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	12.00 - 15.00	Small Hall
Pre-School After School Club 'Splat'	Monday - Friday (Term time)	15.10 - 17.15	Small Hall
T'ai Chi	Friday	1.45pm	Small Hall
Tap Dance	Monday (Term time)		Baptist Church Hall
Theatre Group	Monday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Toddlers group (Little Angels)	Wednesday (Term time)	9.30am	Baptist Church Hall
Yoga	Monday	1.30pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Wednesday	6.30pm	Village Hall
Zumba - Lucy	Tuesday	9.30am	Parish Room

For information about an event, club or class contact the appropriate hall booking agent listed below or visit the village website, www.chipperfield.org.uk/organisations.

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