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FETE 2018
SATURDAY 14 JULY from 1pm
We now have a small band of organisers to put on this event. We ask every organisation, club and society to participate in this wonderful afternoon and evening.
Firstly, if you are a local business, you may wish to do a little sponsorship and promote your goods or services. (We need a little cash to promote and execute this event).
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Fun dog show * dancers * singers * gymnasts/fitness * demonstrations *
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tombola * raffle * coconut shy * children’s entertainers * musicians *
actors * food and beverage
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MONDAY PILGRIMAGE
The annual pilgrimage to St Albans has taken place for seven decades and people, young and old, walk from churches across the Diocese to meet and gather for the 3pm service, and this includes St Paul’s. I walked part of the way last year and it was hugely enjoyable. We stopped for a tasty lunch on the way at the Holly Bush in Potters Crouch, before arriving at St Albans and processing into the cathedral with hundreds of others for the service. Lots of people just sat outside, enjoying their ice creams in the sunshine. If you want to join us this year, please contact me, Ann Waine: ann2shoes@aol.com 01923 268904.

This year's pantomime by Chipperfield Theatre Group, 'Aladdin and the Pirates', played to a full house for four performances in the Village Hall in January. Aladdin, played by young Ellen Tricker, had his heart set on Princess Eugenie (Georgia Funnell) who was the daughter of the Emperor of Peking (John Dilks). Andrew Royle gave a superb performance as Widow Twankey, Dame and Aladdin's widowed mother and he was assisted by Wishee Washee well played by eleven year old Jasmine Simmonds whose pet penguin was Monty (Janet Kear). The villain of the show was Captain Abanazer, the pirate well played by Martin Brett who stole Aladdin's magic lamp and aimed to steal Eugenie's heart from Aladdin and marry her. Of course, this did not happen and all turned out happy ever after. Bonny Malone, Abanazer's side kick, was well played by Janey Bryson and Eugenie's best friend, Beth, was played by young Olivia Hildyard. During the show, Chief Inspector Plunk of the Peking Police (Wendy Marchant) and Police Constable Plonk (Daniel Regan-Foley) made regular appearances as did the Gene Genie (Jenny Heusen) and there was a 'sparkling' performance by young Daisy Ashton as the Genie of the Ring. With amazing choreography by Scarlett Royle, fifteen children danced and sang beautifully throughout the show, Alice, Aobha, Cordelia, Ciara, Elysia, Grace, Julian, Katie, Leah, Lily, Madeleine, Poppy, Saoirse, Sofiya and Yolanda. This magnificent pantomime was made possible through the hard work of Wendy East who directed the show with help from the assistant director, Lisa Turner. Excellent sets plus lighting, sound, costumes and make-up, plus all those who worked behind the scenes together made this enjoyable show such a fantastic success. Terry Simmonds
CHIPPERFIELD CARE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
(with a difference)
Tuesday 24 April at 7pm Parish Room, St Paul’s Church
We should like to invite anyone from the village who is involved in the care of the elderly or infirm to join us before our AGM when Age UK will be informing us of the help available, both financial and physical, to those people for whom they may be caring. Age UK staff will talk to us for about twenty minutes after which they will be happy to answer any questions. Anyone joining us to hear this presentation may then feel free to leave before we start our formal AGM. If you could spare three or four hours a month, and are considering becoming a volunteer for Chipperfield Care, either as a driver or a duty officer (or both), you would be welcome to stay for our AGM to hear what we do and how we do it.
If you would like further information, please contact: Mark Jarrad 01923 268910

CHIPPERFIELD FOOTBALL NEWS
Wow – what a fantastic exciting year 2017 was for CCFC and CCYFC!!
Purchase of Queen Street Freehold. Perhaps the most significant event occurred in October when CCFC and CCYFC acquired the freehold of the pitch at Queen St. The purchase was only possible due to the exceptional generosity of one local resident, other generous donations from local residents and finally donations from people with long term association with the football club.
Refurbishments of the Club House. During the early part of 2017, significant work was undertaken involving the moving and complete refit of a kitchen area to open the main social space. In addition to this, a compound area was built to provide some storage and the car park area fenced off. This work was only possible by many volunteers from both CCFC and CCYFC but special thanks to Clive Denham (Chairman of CCYFC) who oversaw the works.
CCYFC. Continued expansion is evident with a number of boys teams playing at Queen St, Flaunden and behind The Paddock. 2017 saw the exciting launch of the CCYFC girls teams. If anyone wants to know what happens, then go along to Queen Street on a Sunday morning to see the vibrant activity!!
Queen St Pitch. The pitch gets heavy use with CCFC playing Saturdays and CCYFC Sundays. A major drainage project was undertaken at a cost of £4,000 and special thanks go to the Trustees of Blackwell’s. The pitch is one of the best in the County with massive thanks to David Dyment, the groundsman. Thanks also to Malcolm Durrant who still does work on the pitch. David will be retiring at the end of the season and we would love to hear from anyone who might be able to help. Full training in every aspect can be provided!!
Sponsorship. Surrounding the pitch are many advertising boards and we are very appreciative of their support; Ruff Wood Pizzas, Metric Carpets, Chipperfield Accounting, Abbots Building, Independent Mortgage Advice Bureau, Clayton’s Estate Agents, Swift Digital Services, Chipperfield Post Office and Village Store, D. Felton Construction, David Lane Associates (Planning).
Martyn Dicker, President CCFC: 01923 262454, 07763 114097
Clive Denham, Chairman CCYFC: 07836 638769

Chipperfield Village Hall would like to thank Clr Richard Roberts (Herts C.C. Locality Fund) for the kind donation of £2,500 towards the revamping of the disabled toilets and the baby changing area of the hall. We would also like to thank John Birch in helping to facilitate this. This makeover will provide a more user friendly, hygienic, attractive and up-to-date area for all to use. This is part of an on-going programme at the hall to improve facilities and maintain the hall as an important and useful part of our local community and beyond.
Clr Roberts has asked me to remind people that the Locality Fund is available for any group or body that needs similar financial help to keep or make our local community special. He would welcome such applications.
Chipperfield Village Hall would like to thank Stephen Morrill for his sterling efforts in all that he has done for the community through his Volunteer column in Chipperfield News, especially in relation to the works at the hall. We would also like to thank Shelagh Nichols for the kind donation that has made these works possible. Much needed and much appreciated.
The hall is looking better than ever and, with more improvements scheduled over the next few months, we anticipate all will be impressed with the transformation.
Why not pop in and see if it could be the venue for your next event?
All enquiries welcome, large or small, it is a location for all.

SAVE THE DATE
RACE NIGHT 28 April 7.30pm
Janet Newman/James Bush
Co Chairs of Chipperfield Village Hall

PARKING IN THE VILLAGE
There are increasing incidences of cars parking on the grass verges throughout the village, including the verges of The Common. The damage caused detracts from the character of our village, which is something we all strive to preserve; this damage is expensive to repair. We ask residents with verges in front of their houses to remind their visitors and contractors to keep their vehicles off the grass.
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THE GREAT WAR
The Spring Offensive, March 1918
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Two local men were to die on the second day of the campaign. The first was Frederick Lewis Biggerstaff who was serving with the 9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. Before the war Fred, who was a gardener, lived with his parents George and Annie in the old cottages that stood in Chapel Croft on the corner of Alexandra Road. Also to die on 22 March was Charles Rickett who served with the Queen’s Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Both of Charlie’s parents died when he was young. An aunt who lived next door to The True Blue pub, opposite Quickmoor Lane in Bucks Hill, raised him.
Five days later the village lost a third man when Lance Corporal Alfred Bates, serving with the 4th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment, was killed in action. Alfred had volunteered at the start of the war and returned to the front after recovering from injuries the previous year. His father Fred was head gardener at the Manor House.
All three men have no known grave and so are commemorated on memorials close to where they fell.

CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Spring Show Saturday 24 March Village Hall

This show is one that we all look forward to when the hall is filled with the wonderful colour of all the spring flowers and bulbs signalling the end of the winter. There are all our usual classes for flowers, vegetables, floral art, handicraft and domestic. The three photography classes are, ‘Bridge or Bridges’, ‘Vegetable Garden’ and ‘Seashells’; look out your photographs to find that all important winning picture. The maximum size is 5” x 7” and may be mounted but not framed. The juniors have their own classes.

A lively debate took place, led by local resident Kerry and her team who had instigated the meeting. It was a good opportunity to have open discussion and there will be more opportunities for residents to meet the Neighbourhood Watch Team in the future.

One of the key things that came out of the meeting was to encourage people to sign up to the OWL Messaging System and you can do this by logging on to OWL.co.uk and then entering your postcode, which will lead you to a sign-up sheet. Our aim is to get many people from the village signed up to OWL and also using the Chipperfield Neighbourhood Watch Facebook Page and WhatsApp which has been set up by Kerry and team.

Let’s try and make our village as safe as we can for family, friends and neighbours.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
Recently, residents of Chipperfield met at Blackwell’s with the Neighbourhood Watch team for the village, including your local PCSO, Bardi, Julie Steer and the WLO, Philip Waine.

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THE ARTS SOCIETY RICKMANSWORTH

Tuesday 13 March
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The girls have an amazing opportunity to do so many exciting activities in Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and they get so much out of their time in the movement, as do the Leaders.

Here are some comments from ladies on why they enjoy volunteering:-

“What a wonderful organisation, so much fun for the girls and Leaders alike. Being part of Girlguiding means being part of a family, everyone enjoying all the fun that Girlguiding has to offer.”

“I looked back to when I was a Brownie and a Guide and I have warm memories which flood back. I want to give the girls that same experience.”

“It’s lovely to see the girls grow, to see a shy girl grow in confidence and become a leader of her group is really rewarding”.

“Being a Leader has led me to meet great people whom I hope to stay friends with for a long time”.

“Guiding is an enriching experience for all and it enables me to learn a whole range of skills and interact with all different kinds of people of a variety of ages”.

“It’s not just the girls who gain so much from Guiding, it’s the Leaders too. My personal highlight in my Guiding career, so far, is awarding one of my Brownies her Leadership Qualification in becoming my Assistant Leader, such a fulfilling and worthwhile experience for girls and adults alike.”

“I feel so proud - from the girls who are too shy to even speak on their first week and then grow into being super confident young ladies in charge of their group, to the girls who return to help as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award and then become Young Leaders.”

“Being part of Girlguiding gives you so much friendship and enjoyment – come and be part of it.”

We would love to welcome you into our District. Please register your details via www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested. Thank you for your support, Sian Roberts.

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BROWN OWL MEMORIES 3 – Sian Roberts

We had a ‘Keep Moving 100’ day where we were sponsored to keep moving for 100 minutes, we had a barn dance with Bovingdon Guides, mums and daughters pamper night and the girls dressed up in different costumes from around the world for Thinking Day. We have had Brownies and Leaders swapping over for an evening when the leaders pretend to be Brownies and the Brownies are the leaders. I have seen some amazing leadership from the older girls by doing this activity.

Another highlight would have to be our District Camp in 2015. Chipperfield Brownies joined Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Kings Langley District for a brilliant long weekend at Tolmers, Cuffley.

A really special moment was making our Promise by candlelight at 8.10 pm on 20 October 2010 (20:10:20 2010) along with every member of Girlguiding in the country – how wonderful to think that everyone was making their Promise at the same time.

We have ended our terms with some fabulous entertainments, the best one being the last Christmas Carol Concert which raised an amazing £378.85 for the Alzheimer’s charity.

Some memories from past Brownies:

- Donkey Derby game was such fun, brings back lots of good memories like when we did the smile at the end of every week
- I loved making the shredded wheat and chocolate Easter nests and the birthday song at the end of every week
- I absolutely loved Brownies, in particular the activities which included baking, pioneering and going out on to the common with my friends. I was very proud I carried the flag in church.
- I remember playing ladders, which was my favourite game at Brownies. We did lots of fun games but I didn’t enjoy the taste testing ones so much!
- I can remember taking part in challenges to gain badges, like making cups of tea and also doing gymnastics for one badge
- Only as an adult do you really appreciate the time the leaders gave up. Thank you for providing us with the opportunities you did. I hope Chipperfield Brownies continue to have as much fun as I did.”

CHIPPERFIELD BROWNIES

FORTY YEARS YOUNG

Although there has been a Brownie Unit in Chipperfield for many years – please see Mary Nobbs’ article overleaf – the current unit has been in existence since re-forming in January 1978.

I am currently compiling a memories book for our 40th year and would love to hear from anyone who was a Chipperfield Brownie or helped in the unit. Please email sian@rumballsedgwick.co.uk

I have been Brown Owl since September 1997. I love being Brown Owl – working with so many wonderful girls and leaders is incredibly rewarding. I have had the most amazing experiences with my girls over the 20 years as Brown Owl; more years and memories to come.

We meet every week in the Parish Room and have 90 minutes of fun-filled activities which are both enjoyable and instructive. Badges are awarded for achievement in a variety of fields, many of which are both practical and useful, including first aid, fire safety, craft, cooking and road safety.

Some of our activities take place away from the village and these have included a trip to Legoland, a party with 2000 girls at Phasels Wood to celebrate the 100th birthday of Brownies in 2010, cheering the Olympic flame passing through Hemel Hempstead in 2012 and, not forgetting a memorable sleeper over in the Bug House at London Zoo!

We also organise Pack Holidays from time to time. These are great – we have a theme for each holiday; for example, last year we chose Peter Rabbit and Friends with all of the Leaders changing our names to the various characters during our stay. The girls have great fun living and laughing together, helping to cook the meals, waiting and cleaning the Pack Holiday home and doing lots of fun crafts and outdoor activities. For many girls, this is their first experience of being away from home. The best comment I have heard from a Brownie was “This food is great, it’s like being in a 5 star hotel!”

We are very much part of the Chipperfield community and are proud to take part in Church Parades for Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday services where our girls recite various readings, help with the refreshments and proudly carry our flag. The flag itself is one which we purchased as a result of a donation from the Trustees of Blackwells. This was extremely generous and we are very grateful to the Trustees for their support.

We also regularly attend the village pantomime – mostly in the audience but with some of our Pack on stage as well! Chipperfield Brownies are part of Kings Langley District. This covers Abbots Langley, Kings Langley and Chipperfield. We have 2 Rainbow units (girls age 5-7), 3 Brownie units (age 7-10) and 2 Guide units (age 10-14). My Unit is full at the moment, but if you would like to put your daughter’s name on the waiting list, it’s never too early; please enter your details www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested.
CHIPPERFIELD BROWNIES - A short history

When I read that the Brownies would be celebrating their 40th anniversary this year, I recalled that I had some photographs and information in the village archives that time. A valuable source of information is old Parish Magazines. Canon Jeffery was a great archivist of matters pertaining to village events and both world wars and kept the village well informed. In May 1921, the first Chipperfield Guide Company and Brownie Pack were formed in the village. An excellent entertainment, held in the Village Institute (Hall) raised £16 for essential starting up funds. A week later, 14 Brownies and 6 Guides were enrolled in the Institute by Miss Baird the District Commissioner. A Colour Party came from Abbots Hill to carry the flag for the occasion. Miss Dunkley was both Captain and Brown Owl and Miss Wicks, the Lieutenant.

In April 1923 shocked Vicar, Canon Jeffery, wrote that the family's dearly beloved Nanny, Miss Rosa Dunkley, aged 41, who had lived at the Vicarage for seven years, had suddenly been taken ill on Easter Sunday and died within days in Watford Hospital. (Antibiotics which did not become available for another 20 years, could possibly have saved her life). To make matters worse, Miss Wicks also became ill, but thankfully she slowly recovered. Several of the Brownies and Guides developed whooping cough. As a preventative measure, the village school, attended by 5-14 year olds, would have been closed for several weeks, until the epidemic showed signs of abating. How fortunate children are nowadays to be vaccinated to prevent epidemics of this dreadful illness.

It was at this time that Miss Rivington, of Little Callipers, stepped into the breach and became Acting Brown Owl and Guide Captain. She obviously enjoyed the roles and stayed in office until her marriage to Tom Kirkill in 1934. (Incidentally they were the parents of Tom Kirkill, the current Chairman of the British Legion branch).

In June 1923, the Brownies and Guides held a Jumble Sale and Sale of Work at Little Callipers and raised £26 for the newly formed Boy Scout and Wolf Cub groups. The Cub Mistress was Miss Kitty Bunyan, who lived at The Stores, now the bar area of The Two Brewers. An article in the Watford Observer dated 18 December 1928 described the enjoyable entertainment, presented in the Institute, by the Guides and Brownies. There were amusing sketches, recitals, dances and pretty songs. In the second half, wearing excellent costumes, presented a play based on King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Miss Rivington produced the play and Mrs. Bignell, the headmaster's wife, played the piano all evening. All would have appreciated the recently extended hall, newly constructed stage, dressing rooms, newly installed electricity, and toilets built beside the kitchen.

In November 1937, a Bring and Buy Sale at the Institute, was brought to a close by the Guides singing Camp Fire Songs. This was the forerunner of the Hollyberry Fair. From 1957 to 1967, Mrs. Eileen Sindall was Brown Owl and secretary to Vicar Len Olyott. Because of dwindling numbers, the Brownie Pack closed in 1967. Young Brownies transferred to Sarratt and the older girls joined the Kings Langley Guide Company. Marian Pritchard of Tuffs Farm was one of that group. Eileen Sindall then became District Commissioner for ten years.

MEMORIES OF BROWNIES IN CHIPPERFIELD

BROWN OWL MEMORIES 1 – Dominique Gazzard

The year was 1978. We had just moved to Kings Langley from Plymouth where I was Brown Owl. My older daughter Sarah was 7 years old, and I was very keen that she should join Brownies, as she was already enrolled; her sister Katie was 5 years old, and her name needed to go on the waiting list! Very soon, I found a lovely Brownie Pack in Chipperfield, where Sarah and her friend Julie joined together! Unfortunately, the Brown Owl announced that she was moving, and therefore had to give up being Brown Owl. Julie’s Mummy, Eileen, who became a very dear friend to me, gleefully announced that I had been Brown Owl in Plymouth, and that she was sure that I would be delighted to take over! There we are! Fait accompli! I became Brown Owl, and loved every minute of it!

After a while Ann joined us as Tawny Owl - we really hit it off, and we became firm friends. Ann and I had the same views and ideas, and similar ways of how to run a successful pack. The main thing, though, as well as mutual respect, we did laugh a lot!

We Lived Laughed and Loved Brownies, and shared the same daft sense of humour! Chipperfield was a very happy pack!

Sadly, after a few years, I had to leave the Wonderful Chipperfield Brownies, because a Guider was needed to run a Brownie pack in Kings Langley. Ann then became Brown Owl of the Chipperfield Brownies. I am so happy that one of our Chipperfield Brownies of those early days, Sian, is now running the Chipperfield Brownies!

May the Chipperfield Brownies continue to thrive and grow! I feel extremely privileged to have been involved in part of the history of the Chipperfield Brownies, and to have made such wonderful, dear, forever friends through Guiding, which has been such an important and happy time of my life.

BROWN OWL MEMORIES 2 – Ann Waine

All of my owl memories of 1st Chipperfield Brownies are happy ones! I was invited to become Tawny Owl when Dominique Gazzard took over as Brown Owl in the early 1980’s and I loved being involved with the Guiding Movement from the very beginning.

After a few years working together, Dominique was asked to take over a pack in Kings Langley and I ascended to the giddy heights of Brown Owl. I remember having three Tawny Owls, Lorna, Anne Stevens and Sallie Collins, all of them great fun and extremely efficient, and I was particularly fortunate that each of them was good at a craft - something at which I am more or less useless!

Pack holidays were a highlight of the year (where did we find the energy?). We would take up to 18 girls away for 5 nights in a village hall and sometimes, if we were lucky, to a specially built pack holiday house. Those holidays nowadays to be vaccinated to prevent epidemics of this dreadful illness.

BROWN OWL MEMORIES 3 – Eileen Sindall

In November 1937, a Bring and Buy Sale at the Institute, was brought to a close by the Guides singing Camp Fire Songs. This was the forerunner of the Hollyberry Fair. From 1957 to 1967, Mrs. Eileen Sindall was Brown Owl and secretary to Vicar Len Olyott. Because of dwindling numbers, the Brownie Pack closed in 1967. Young Brownies transferred to Sarratt and the older girls joined the Kings Langley Guide Company. Marian Pritchard of Tuffs Farm was one of that group. Eileen Sindall then became District Commissioner for ten years.

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OUR LADY OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH
Did you ever play ‘Monopoly’? The chances are you will answer in the affirmative. In which case you will recall that when the going got tough, with another player’s hotels and houses causing financial pain should you happen to land on them, there was some relief if the throw of the dice took you to ‘Free Parking’, or ‘Just Visiting’ the jail. Those squares have a liturgical equivalent – ‘Laetare’ Sunday, which is set in the middle Sunday of Lent and this year is on 11 March. Of course, it is the same day that we also celebrate Mothering Sunday.

Laetare is the opening word of the Latin liturgy of that day – “Rejoice, O Jerusalem”. In more stringent Lenten times, this was a day when the seasonal observances of fasting and abstinence were relaxed somewhat. It was, indeed, the ‘Free Parking’ option. Despite Advent being a much shorter season, ‘Gaudete’ Sunday performs a similar role. Even just for a day, the traditional practices of penitence could be somewhat set aside, and still today the priest wears rose coloured vestments rather than the Lenten and Advent purple.

Times may have changed, but Lent is still an important journey in our life of faith. It is not a time for blaming others, a practice increasingly common in today’s world, but a time for identifying and coming to terms with our own faults, seeking forgiveness for them and trying to build a more virtuous life as the promise of Easter beckons once more.

Looking further ahead, we are delighted that Cardinal Vincent Nichols will come to consecrate our church on Sunday 15 July, and at the same time unveil a plaque noting the zeal and fervour of Fr Des Cantwell RIP that led to the building of the Chipperfield church thirty years ago.

ST PAUL’S AND HOLY CROSS

Resolutions, Revolutions
Following the joyful excesses of Christmas, many of us will have been determined to reign ourselves in and be more abstemious in January. Resolutions will have been made, gym membership started or renewed, a fresh start implemented. However, in this period the church continued its celebration of the good news of the birth of Jesus, remembering all those joyous events that took place and helped to set the scene for his ministry and mission. These forty days have now drawn to a close and since Valentine’s Day we have been in another period of resolutions and abstemious living as we consider once more the implications of the revolution that babe in the manger came to bring. Jesus grew up and called men and women into a different kind of life with each other and with God. It was a risky business. It cost him and many of his followers, then and now, their lives. But it was worth it, because what was (is) at stake is the building of communities governed by love – true love; real love takes seriously our common humanity, inter-dependence and co-existence with the natural world.

On Good Friday all hatred and wickedness in the world are lashed onto Jesus. He receives the blows without any retaliation; rather, he carries them in his body to the cross and extends his arms in love seeking God’s forgiveness for our sinfulness. Some may consider that these were not the actions of a sane man. But unconditional love has nothing to do with sanity. It is about having a genuine concern for the well-being of others and the exercise of the will to act for the greater good. Love is often referred to as blind and it can appear to be foolishness to the onlooker. Christians are often encouraged to give up things for Lent, the period in the year for prayer, fasting, reflection and resolutions. Perhaps another way of looking at Lent this year would be to take on the challenge of practising how to be fools for Christ, so that on Easter Day, which this year falls on April Fool’s Day, we may be more able to share some of the foolishness of love which bears all things and keeps no record of wrong.

Every blessing, Michele, Rector to the Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield
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### THE MORKILL CHAPEL

I would like to thank St Paul’s for the major refurbishment of the Morkill Chapel and to explain why it is so called. Mary Nobbs recalls in her booklet ‘Chipperfield 1838-2013’ that it was so named by John Richardson soon after he became vicar. My father was church warden at the time and he told me that he advised John that the Chipperfield community appreciated brief sermons which were to the point. However, on one occasion, John exceeded this guidance and father told him that if he did this again he would place a clock on the wall behind his pew which could be easily read from the pulpit. From that time on, John always referred to that part of the church as the Morkill Chapel. My maternal grandparents, Mr and Mrs Rivington, worshipped at St Paul’s from around 1896 sitting in those pews and are buried, along with my parents, immediately outside the chapel. I hope the name will continue.

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### THE CROSS OF CHRIST

**Good Friday 30 March at 6.30pm**

St Paul’s Church

The choirs of St Paul’s and Holy Cross will lead a service of anthems and readings with hymns for the congregation. The music and readings are largely familiar and portray the events prior to, and of, Good Friday. It is a moving and powerful choice of pieces compiled by the Royal School of Church Music. A rare opportunity.

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### BENEFICE ADMINISTRATOR

**AND PA TO THE RECTOR**

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### DENNIS JENKS

16.1.1929 - 19.1.2018

The sad news has been received of the death of Dennis Jenks. During the many years Dennis and Judy and their family lived in Sarratt, Dennis enhanced the lives of many individuals and the community as a whole. Please hold Judy, Rosy, Anthony, Philip and Sam, and the grandchildren in your prayers. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dennis Jenks will be held in Holy Cross Church on Wednesday 4 April at 1pm.

**Could you help decorating**

St Paul’s church for Easter, Harvest and Christmas?

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John Morrish

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Friday 9 March
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Entry is by donation £5, supper £5, ice creams £1.50 and, as always, there will be Colin’s jolly good bar.

Maggie Goldthorpe

VOLUNTEERS CORNER
UPDATE FOR MARCH
WHAT CAN YOU HELP WITH NEXT FROM THIS UPDATED LIST?

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 last month.

The lining for the curtains in the school gym has disintegrated – waiting for the machinist to do the work – cost is covered.

Wooden furniture for the school grounds – it would all benefit from a coat of preservative. Money received and work will start when weather permits.

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

Village Hall – the boiler house is badly in need of a coat of paint inside. A sixteen year old has offered to do this – and a villager bought five litres of paint for us. Have you any time to help?

No time? Perhaps you could contribute payment so that we can ask someone else to do the job? A big “Thank you” if you can help with any of these.

Project for May and June – repointing of the churchyard wall. Could you help with this on a working party for a half day? We will arrange the materials and a demo if you can help.

Give me a ring.

Stephen Morrill 01923 263182.

ITALIAN VISITORS

On Wednesday 17 March an Italian choir is coming to sing at St Paul’s Church. Coming from Cori (a charming, pre Roman hill town inland from Anzio, it has both temples and churches among its vaulted and stepped narrow streets), they will join the Lumina Choir from Kings Langley to sing music by Palestrina, Perosi, Rutter and Stanford, as well as a piece by the conductor, Claudio Di Meo (Director of the Dacorum Youth Orchestra).

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Stephen Morrill

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BLACK AND WHITE DELIGHTS

Ted, my dog, is nearly thirteen years old and we don’t go quite as far as we used to and I miss getting off the beaten track. We don’t go that fast so I do get more time to use my binoculars and see what is about. What a delight to see a good sized flock of Pied Wagtails out on Saunders field early one dull damp morning. There must have been at least twenty of these little black and white birds bobbing about on the stubble. They eat insects and winter can be a difficult time for them. These small birds can lose a lot of body weight just keeping warm on cold nights so they roost together trying to save heat. Researchers believe that the skinny ones then follow the fatter ones in the morning hoping to find better feeding grounds. There is a bit more to bird brains than we sometimes give them credit for! In spring they will pair up and go their separate ways. They are very smart looking birds and with their little white chins and black ‘waistcoats’ they always remind me of busy little vicars constantly bobbing around their congregations. Their undulating flight and constant wagging of their long tail make them easy to recognise.

We used to get lots of them on the farm when I was a child and I think they were the first bird I could recognise. I am very lucky with the variety of birds that visit my garden but we seldom see a Pied Wagtail. I have plenty of lawn and grass areas, there always seem to be plenty of midges, but they just don’t come. Maybe this year, something to look out for!

Wendy Bathurst

MARCH IN YOUR GARDEN

Spring is almost here and to get a good show in the garden there are plenty of jobs we need to get on with.

Flowers and shrubs. Hedging plants, such as beech, privet and quickthorn, have bare roots and must be planted before the end of the month. If shrubs growing in the garden are to be dug up and moved, this must also be done this month. Now is the time to hard prune buddleias, late flowering clematis and dogwoods grown for their coloured twigs. Cut down and divide hardy herbaceous perennials and plant new ones and provide supports for any plant which will grow tall. Apply an ericaceous fertiliser to callunas, rhododendrons, camellias and azaleas and give roses, perennial and shrubs a good feed, such as Vitax Q4 or Toprose. Plant roses, shrubs, conifers and climbers, and also sweet peas, pansies, Canterbury bells and sweet williams. Gladioli and lily bulbs can be planted and Clarkia, Godetia, Eschscholzia, Nigella and Larkspur can be sown in the garden. As soon as daffodils have flowered, deadhead them and apply a good fertilizer. Keep up with weeding and give hedges a trim before the birds start to nest.

Vegetables and fruit. Start to plant the early seed potatoes that have been chitted and put in onion sets, shallots and Jerusalem artichokes. Once the ground has dried out and warmed up, sow beets, broadbeans, carrots, parsnips, spinach and turnips and feed with Growmore fertilizer. Prune autumn fruiting raspberries and blueberries. Now is a good time to plant fruit trees and soft fruit and also to put in rhubarb crowns and strawberry plants. Bare root raspberry canes must be planted before the end of March.

The greenhouse. Sow bedding plants, such as alissum, lobelia, busy lizzie, petunias and marigolds and pot up plug plants. Tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines and peppers should be sown as soon as possible. Take cuttings of dahlias, geraniums and pelargoniums and pot up summer flowering bulbs, such as begonias and gloxinias. Check for pests and diseases at all times and always check that the heater is working.

Lawn and garden. Spike and aerate the lawn once it has dried out. Apply mosskiller or lawn sand and rake out the moss when it has dried. Start to cut the grass but with the cut set high. Turf can be laid now and grass seed can be applied to bare patches or new lawn areas. Clean out the garden pond. Keep up with weeding at all times and generally tidy up the garden putting all plant material on to the compost heap and add Garotta to help the compost rotting process.

Garden events. The Chipperfield Spring Flower Show is on 24 March. Sarratt have theirs on 7 April and Bovingdon have theirs on 14 April. The Royal Horticultural Society have their Cardiff Show on 13-15 April. The Malvern Spring Festival is on 10-13 May. The RHS Chelsea Show is on 22-26 May and the RHS Chatsworth Show is on 6-10 June.

Book tickets for all these shows at rhs.org.uk/shows or phone 08449 959664.

Spring Flowering Bulbs: Roger Sygrave, former garden/manager at Capel Manor will be giving a talk in Bovingdon Baptist Church on 7 March at 7.30pm.

Terry Simmonds

VILLAGE PEOPLE

MURIEL SAMWORTH

29.6.1928 - 12 January 2018

Mum and Dad moved to Chipperfield in the early 1980s and she and Dad (Bob Samworth) bought the house on the corner of Kings Lane called Rivendell. She set up an organisation called Chipperfield Care which expanded to Sarratt as well as other surrounding villages. She loved playing bridge; she loved baking and she loved church and Chipperfield life. I remember that whenever I went to visit her the Kenwood was whirring madly; you always had to turn it down before you could speak to her! She was always very busy with village duties and affairs and, latterly, I know she was involved with fund raising for the Parish Room. (If she could, she would have built it from Victoria sponge!) She and Dad left six years ago after being persuaded to live closer to my sister, Penny. I remember that the village held a number of parties for Mum and Dad and all the beautiful and carefully chosen pictures and gifts they received decorate her home. Mum died peacefully at home with Dad and all her children and her granddaughter in attendance.

If anyone wishes to send their condolences to Dad, his address is, The Pump House, Kemble, Gloucestershire. We have more details should anyone wish to contact the family. Email me in the first instance for more information.

Kind regards, Jane Samworth

hjane.shrives@gmail.com

ALLOTMENTS

Get fit and eat well

There are some half plot allotments available to rent in the village. It is a great opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise with the reward of fresh produce thrown in! If you are new to growing, there are plenty of experienced plot holders to give you advice and at £20.50, plus £25 deposit, it is a bargain. I will be pleased to show you round.

Drop the clerk, Carole Butcher, an email parishclerk@chipperfield.org.uk or give her a ring 01923 263901, 9am to 12.30pm, to make an appointment.

Looking forward to meeting you.

Wendy Bathurst

CLOCKS CHANGE

British Summer Time begins at 2am on Sunday 25 March. Please remember to put your clocks forward one hour.
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