COMMEMORATING WITH POPPIES

In November, areas of Dacorum will be adorned with poppies to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1. Chipperfield’s knitters are being invited to join the knitting campaign to produce poppies to decorate the tree by the War Memorial, the Lychgate at St Paul’s and the Porch at the Baptist Church.

If you would like to join in, please contact Sue Walker, co-editor of Chipperfield News, or join the Tuesday morning knitting sessions at Blackwell’s, 9.30 - 11.30am.

It was a sad day for Chipperfield folk as their wonderful treasure, Garden Scene, closed its doors for the last time on Friday 7 September. One hundred and eleven years ago, Herbert Simmonds started the original nursery in Chapel Croft. Over the years the nursery grew to be one of the largest in Hertfordshire producing herbaceous plants, alpines, trees, shrubs and roses in fields which stretched from the Royal Oak crossroads to Croft Lane and beyond. Fruit and vegetables were grown too, particularly during the two world wars. Bedding plants, tomatoes and cucumbers were cultivated in a block of greenhouses. Herbert was joined by his two sons, Arthur and Jim, as soon as they were old enough.

For the first 50 years or so, plants were grown in the ground and lifted and delivered to customers by vans and lorries every day during the planting season. Herbert's wife Rose ran the village greengrocery shop situated in the nursery house, where there were offices and a seed store. The red brick building was erected in 1948 to become the hub of the business. About 1960 everything changed and we were one of the first nurseries to become a garden centre with plants being grown in containers instead of in the ground. Customers would come and buy their plants on the spot instead of having to wait months until the planting season when their order would be delivered.

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A BIG THANK YOU FROM CHIPPERFIELD PRE SCHOOL AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE

Here at Chipperfield Pre school and Out-of-School Care we regularly grow fruit and vegetables to help children learn about how things grow and where food comes from. In the past, our lack of a proper flower bed has led to mixed results. Now, thanks to the hard work and kind donations of some of our grandparents, parents and people of the village, we have a wonderful planter in our playground in which the children planted sunflowers, strawberries and raspberries. We would very much like to thank everyone who was involved in the project. We are especially grateful to Michael and Caroline who donated the resources for the planter, including plants, and to Michael for building it. Many thanks also to everyone who donated soil, especially Dave and the locals at the Windmill pub who very kindly had a whip round one evening in July that filled the planter to the top! Special thanks also go to everyone who has helped to keep the planter watered during the very hot summer. It was wonderful for the children to return to Pre school in September to see their flowers and plants still flourishing. This wonderful resource will be enjoyed by children in the village for many years to come.  

Juliette Cresswell

Garden Scene from page 1

The nursery was the first in the country to sterilize soil by electricity and the first to use a machine to bundle the 25,000 roses that were grown annually. We introduced Asters Blue Baby and Jean, Helenium Chipperfield Orange and Cotoneaster hybridus pendulus which received the coveted RHS Award of Merit and is now grown all over the world. The Simmonds family ran Simmonds Nurseries for 86 years until they sold the garden centre to the young Foskett family in 1993 and it then became Garden Scene. Steve, Russell and Gordon Foskett are all wonderful growers. In the final weeks of Garden Scene, customers were served by our brilliant manager, Phil King, plus Lynne, Bethan, Terry (that's me), David and Caroline. As the garden centre closed, messages of thanks rolled in from customers, “You have filled my garden with magic”. It has been magic and we are all so sorry to see it go.  

Terry Simmonds

FLAUNDEN CHURCH TEAS

Do come and join us for tea and homemade cakes on Sundays until 28 October. We serve teas between 3pm and 5pm in the church room which is in the church car park. We look forward to seeing you (and your dogs!)

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ST PAUL’S SCHOOL PTA

Our stall on Village Day was popular and a great success. We had jazzy jars, tombola, ‘name the bear’, ‘guess how many sweets and lego in the jars’, ‘dip a duck’ and vintage games for all to enjoy. We raised an amazing £601 on the day which will go in total towards our current initiative which is to replace eleven of our old and broken interactive white boards. The cost of each of these white boards is about £3,500 so we have a long way to go before we reach our target. Please continue to support our fundraising efforts. Thank you to the many helpers on the day and to the villagers for their continued support. Caroline Moore, Headteacher and the PTA Committee

CHIPPERFIELD VILLAGE DAY DOG SHOW

The Village Day Dog Show was moved to an online show after concerns regarding the heat on the day. Theravet Ltd who have a long established Veterinary Physiotherapy and Hydrotherapy Centre in Chipperfield sponsored the event providing some wonderful rosettes and goodie bags for the winners. Staff from Theravet attended the Village Day to photograph any dogs who had not seen the cancellation notices and these dogs were then able to go home. The online submissions were very popular and it was a tough decision for the judges to pick winners from the many lovely entrants! Prizes were collected or posted. Well done to everyone who entered.

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Are you able to assist with any of the following? If so, read on.

**Village Hall** - Wood preserver on the Theatre Group sheds – no offers, so we’ll have to leave them to the weather. Sorry Theatre Group.

**Wooden furniture in the school grounds** – the roofed shelter was re-painted in August but sheds and seats still need attention.

**The flint wall round the churchyard** - ongoing work removing the ivy. Blackwell’s side is finished. Have you some time to help with the common side?

**Projects for Autumn** – Could you help with tidying the churchyard on Saturday morning 13 October from 9am? Cutting back, strimming, filling holes, brickwork. Breakfast provided.

**The red phone box** – We could use a couple more volunteers to work on the inside; paint is in stock. Could you help? With money, if not with time?

**The Church Lychgate** – listed structure which would appreciate some wood preserver.

Give me a ring. Stephen Morrill 263182

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GARDEN SCENE UPDATE from your Parish Council

Just as Chipperfield News was closing to go to print we received notification from Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) that the planning application for 17 new homes on the former Garden Scene site has been submitted by the developer Marchfield Homes Ltd and has been registered by DBC as a valid application. The application with its supporting drawings and documents can be viewed on the DBC online planning portal.

Google ‘Dacorum Planning Applications’. Click on the top response, then on ‘search Planning Applications’. Type ‘Garden Scene’ in the bottom box.

Every planning application has a public consultation period of 21 days from registration date in which individuals and organisations can register comments or objections. For this Garden Scene application the start date for consultation is 13 September. To carry any weight, objections need to be based on valid planning reasons. Chipperfield Parish Council will consider this application at its Planning Committee meeting on 2 October. At that meeting, a total of 15 minutes will be allowed for residents or their representatives to express their views prior to the Parish Council deciding its response. Now that the application is registered, your Parish Council will study all of the documents in advance of the meeting.

Geoff Bryant, Planning Chair

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Have you ever wished for some time with Michele, your Rector?

Time to meet, outside of Church, talk through anything which may be concerning you..... Ask questions about how she and your local Parish can support you..... Or perhaps you just wish to be involved in Church and community life more and not sure how to go about it..... Michele du Saire is the Reverend for St Paul’s, Chipperfield and Holy Cross, Sarratt. She will be holding a number of sessions at the Vicarage where you can have one to one time in a confidential space.

Initial dates are 13 October 9 to 10.30am, 17 October 2 to 5pm, 23 October 5.30 to 8pm,

If you would like further information or to book in, please contact Sonya Tolmie, PA to Rector and Benefice Administrator on 01923 264377 or email holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com

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CHIPPERFIELD CHORAL SOCIETY celebrates launch of third volume of the ‘CHIPPERFIELD CAROLS’

For each of the last ten years Alan Taylor, Patron of the Choral Society and former Head of Music at Haberdashers’ Aske’s School, has written a new carol for the choir to perform at the popular Christmas concerts in St Paul’s Church. These carols have been collected and published as ‘The Chipperfield Carols’. Two years ago, the first two volumes were launched and have achieved significant sales in the UK and also made their way to Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Japan and the USA.

Alan has now completed a third volume which was launched in Chipperfield Village Hall in early September in the presence of the composer, many of his family and members of the choir. Delia Meehan, Musical Director of the choir, paid a glowing tribute to Alan saying how much the choir enjoys performing Alan’s wonderful carols and how much we look forward each year to learning about that year's new carol.

Volume Three contains five carols including The Christmas Donkey with words by choir member Patti Ling, which was so loved by audiences at last year's concerts. Alan told us that his ambition is to create an 'earworm' (this is a theme that you can't get out of your head for days after a concert) that is superior to the tunes produced by the other writer of carols, John Rutter. So look out for the performance of ‘The Cradle’ and see if you agree!

As with the two previous volumes, the third is published by Queen's Temple Publications. Paul Harris, the publisher, was also present at the launch. Copies of all volumes can be obtained via choir members.

Our Christmas Concerts this year are on 8 December at 3pm and 8pm. Be sure to get your tickets in good time as these concerts always sell out very quickly.

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PINTS OF VIEW

Monday 15 October, 8pm

The Plough, Belsize

Paul Olney will lead our discussion when the topic will be ‘Taxation. How should the current system of taxation be changed to meet ever-increasing demands on the public purse?’. Come along and weigh up hard choices to be made to balance expenditure and income. Everyone is welcome, including Mr Hammond before he makes his Autumn budget forecast in November. Pints of View provides a forum in which we can consider topical matters, aspects of faith, moral issues and dilemmas in informal surroundings over a pint of beer, a coffee or soft drink (we have a ‘buy your own drinks’ policy).

Bob Shearer and John Guy

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VILLAGE HALL

The Committee would like to thank all the generous donors of prizes for the recent raffle which raised £900 for refurbishment of the village hall. We also thank all those who purchased tickets. Congratulations to Graham Leach who won first prize.

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BINGO THURSDAYS

at BLACKWELLS

Eyes down at 8.30pm

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ST PAUL’S PARISH REGISTER

We welcome into God’s church

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on
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LADIES TIME OUT LUNCH
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Saturday 20 October 11am-1.30pm
St Paul’s Church Parish room
overlooking the Common

Coffee/tea and pastries - 11am

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Everyone very welcome

ST PAUL’S AND HOLY CROSS

Each September, as students and teachers prepare for the start of a new school year, Bob and I have the same conversation about how we refer to this term. Both of us know it as Michaelmas Term but recognise that it is now more commonly known as Autumn Term. I cannot remember when this change occurred or why, and it is not universal - the Courts, some schools and many universities still refer to Michaelmas - but we wonder whether little changes like this are one of the subtle ways in which our culture and self-understanding are re-shaped and, some say, lost or eroded. Language loses its power, meaning and significance when we no longer understand, or have forgotten, its roots. When I first came to this country my experience was that the Christian faith and the values that were rooted in that faith were an integral part of what it meant to be British. It was just, unreflectively, how things were; so no one talked about it much in the public arena and I cannot remember hearing the terms Christian values or British values. I hear these terms more now than ever, and at times hear them used pejoratively.

In more recent years my experience is that whilst Christianity shaped our culture and legislation, what people now refer to as Christian values and British values are no longer so easy to define or conjoin: we no longer share assumptions of what is meant by them. The Church of England, for instance, which used to be dubbed the Conservative Party at prayer, is now often considered the thorn in the side of that political body.

Nevertheless, there remain vestiges of our former history and commonality. Michaelmas, the Feast of St Michael and All Angels on 29 September, traditionally marked the end of harvest when everything is gathered and the children, no longer needed for field labour, could go back to school. So now we finally leave summer behind us and, as the foliage begins to turn, look towards the coming of winter. Michaelmas is one of the traditional Quarter Days; the others being Christmas, Lady Day (The annunciation to Mary by the Archangel Gabriel) on 25 March; and Midsummer. They were dates of reckoning, on which debts were paid and lawsuits settled. 25 March in our current Gregorian accounting relates to the 6 April - still a day of reckoning and the start of the new financial year - in the old Julian calendar under which we counted our days until 1752.

We are now living in a period of unprecedented change that is experienced universally, for many causing anxiety about the future, promoting feelings of insecurity and creating instability and fear. And that fear is a great hook used by those who would have us caught up in conflict with each other for their own purposes. We see every day the fear response of fight or flight played out in the global political arena. Perhaps we need the Archangel Michael, God’s greatest archangel and warrior against the evil one, more than ever.

We need to recover the things that genuinely root us and bring meaning and stability to our lives. For me this starts with belief in the God of love; faith in Jesus. Michele, Rector to the Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

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DIARY OF SERVICES AT ST PAUL’S AND HOLY CROSS

OCTOBER

Sun 7 (1st Sunday of month) 19th Sunday after Trinity
8am Holy Communion St Paul’s
10am Benefice Communion Holy Cross

Wed 10 (2nd Wednesday of month)
10am ‘2nd Wednesday’ Holy Communion. Holy Cross

Sun 14 (2nd Sunday of month). 20th Sunday after Trinity
8am Holy Communion St Paul’s
10am All Age Worship St Paul’s
10am Holy Communion and Children’s Church Holy Cross

Sun 21 (3rd Sunday of month) Chipperfield Harvest Festival
8am Holy Communion Holy Cross
10am Harvest Festival Service St Paul’s
6.30pm Compline (traditional night prayer) Holy Cross

Sun 28 (4th Sunday of month) Bible Study
8am Holy Communion Holy Cross
10am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) St Paul’s
10am Open House Family Service Holy Cross

NOVEMBER (first part of month)

Sun 4 (1st Sunday of month) All Saints Day
8am Holy Communion St Paul’s
10am Benefice Communion Holy Cross
6.30pm Taize-style Service* St Paul’s

*A time of remembrance and thanksgiving for those who have been bereaved or suffered loss

Sun 11 (2nd Sunday of month) Remembrance Sunday
8am Holy Communion St Paul’s
10am All Age worship St Paul’s
9.30am Service of Remembrance Holy Cross
10.50am Act of Remembrance War Memorial, the Common
11.05am Service of Remembrance St Paul’s

DIARY OF SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER

Sun 7 Informal service including the Church Meeting
Sun 14 Paul Luckraft from Chesham Broadway
Sun 21 Gary Walton from Gold Hill / Church Anniversary
Sun 28 Barbara Newton from Northchurch

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

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SERVICES AT OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR

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

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returning from a father’s work related assignment in South Africa. We hope and pray that we will live in a friendly relationship and in harmony with each other!

On a much more serious note, we are all inevitably profoundly shocked and shamed by the ongoing revelations concerning the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons in the Roman Catholic Church.

Things came to a crescendo as Pope Francis visited Ireland, and he acknowledged that the pain of the victims, and their families, has for far too long been ignored, kept quiet, or covered up. They were, in effect, abandoned. Cardinal Nichols reinforced the long sorrowful letter which Pope Francis issued to be read by all Catholics, likewise dismayed by the betrayal of trust that such very wrongful behaviours has caused and welcoming the Pope’s support for all appropriate judicial measures. “If one Member suffers, all suffer together with it” (1 Cor 12.26).

An Invitation to a
SERVICE OF
REMEMBRANCE AND
THANKSGIVING
(Taizé-style)
St Paul’s Church
Sunday 4 November, 6.30pm

Each year we hold a joint Benefice service for our village communities of Sarratt and Chipperfield for those who have been bereaved or suffered loss. There will be an opportunity for you to light a candle in memory of your loved one(s) and place it on the altar. In the past many who have been bereaved have valued and found comfort in doing this and we hope it will be a blessing to you. We hope you and your family will be able to come to the service this year

Rev Michele du Saire

If you would like to attend, please contact Sonya Tolmie, PA to Rector and Benefice Administrator, 01923 264377 holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com before the 15 October.
THE GREAT WAR - October 1918

By the end of September 1918 the tide of war had turned against Germany and the Central Powers. The Kaiser’s military commanders began to realise defeat was inevitable. The mighty Hindenburg Line was broken and in the Middle East the cavalry of the Allies pushed the Turks out of Palestine and on towards defeat. In Central Europe the break up of the, once mighty Hapsburg Empire had begun. Faced with a string of defeats, morale amongst the German troops collapsed, and with it came indiscipline. The Kaiser was advised to seek an armistice, but it took several weeks for the Kaiser to agree the terms for negotiation.

In Chipperfield, the Vicar, Arthur Jefferies, was able to write in the October 1918 parish magazine, “These are days of high expectation and hope. Victory is in the air and we have all been moved by stirring news from the various fronts.” There was to be one further casualty from the village before the bloodshed of the Great War was brought to a halt. Private Ronald Alfred George of the 2nd Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment was killed in action on 23 October 1918. He had joined up in 1915 and went to France in 1916. He had previously been injured twice.

Andrew Nobbs

A DAY TO REMEMBER

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on 11 November which also marks the end of World War One, Armistice Day. Each year Remembrance Day is a recognition of the sacrifice of the many Forces personnel who have lost their lives for this country in so many battles, conflicts and wars. Because this Armistice Day marks the end of the Great War 100 years ago, Chipperfield wants to make it an especial tribute.

On the 100th Anniversary of the day World War One began St Paul’s church remained open for private prayer and reflection. A book of War Remembrance was also opened and has remained so for five years. Many people have written tributes, memories and thanks in this for family and friends who have suffered in war. At the end of Armistice Day the book remains open at the back of St Paul’s. Please go in and continue to enter your thoughts and prayers. 10.45am Sunday 11 November – Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, led by The Royal British Legion followed by our Remembrance Day service in St Paul’s Church. Coffee will be offered afterwards in the Parish Room. School children and Brownies will participate in the ceremony and in the service.

From 1pm: St Paul’s Church. An afternoon for peaceful reflection. The church will be open for all. Come and sit quietly, think, pray, light a candle, write in the Book of Remembrance. Gentle music will be playing, candles will be lit and, on each hour, there will be short readings taken from the time of World War One. Nobody will interrupt you. All are welcome.

At 5pm Reverend Michele will bless the Book of Remembrance in a short prayer service and the church will close.

YES, IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN! Your village needs you!!!

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Saturday 17 November

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KAZAKHSTAN

Where? Fly Ukraine Airways via Kiev, over the Carpathian Mountains, the Black Sea, the Caucasus, the Caspian Sea, south of the Ural, over the Aral Sea to Almaty in the foothills of the Tien Shan mountains in Central Asia.

What? Almaty, the original capital of Kazakhstan, is a city of dominating Soviet buildings interspersed with modern architecture. Busy tree lined streets are served by an efficient system of well maintained trunk roads. Our base for ten days was a comfortable hotel from which we travelled out for two night stays in various habitats. Firstly, up the Kokpek pass to stay at an old hunting lodge, 2600m up on the high altitude Assy Plateau, surrounded by high mountain peaks, some 200km from China. Then out on to the Taurus desert to stay in spacious traditional yurts. The third trip out was to Alpine Rose Hotel high in the Tien Shan range. Birding from here went up higher to the Big Almaty Lake and then on up to 3600m on snowy peaks close to Kyrgyzstan.

We flew a world beating internal airline, Air Astana, to the capital Astana, celebrating its 20th year as capital. This planned city is one of the most modernised cities in Central Asia, full of futuristic buildings designed by world famous architects. From here we travelled out into the steppes, close to the Russian border, now at an altitude of only 350 metres!

Why? Birds! Large ones such as Golden Eagles and bearded Vultures. Small ones, White Crowned Penduline Tits and Blue Capped Redstarts. Rare ones included Ibis Bill and Sociable Lapwing. Many migrants were arriving from Europe, including tens of thousands of Rosy Starlings and waders such as Ruff in their breeding plumage.

Definitely a flight of fancy using birds to get to fantastic places!

Peter Corbett

CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Saturday 18 August we held our members’ annual Summer Garden Party. We had been invited very kindly to the lovely garden of Eunice Scaddan where a large number of our members enjoyed their Pimms and tea. The weather was wonderful and it was a very happy occasion much enjoyed by everyone. An enormous thank you to Eunice for her generous hospitality.

Wed 17 October, Small Hall at 7.30pm talk by Gerry Edwards on ‘Growing Apples and Pears in Allotments and Gardens’: Ann Soanes

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Doors open 7pm for supper; film starts at 8pm. This month’s film, as promised, is the second about a small Peruvian bear who likes marmalade. Supper will be marmalade sausages.

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SLEEPLESS NIGHTS
The extremely hot weather this summer might have been fine for some but I was not one of them. I have not been able to water everything in the garden and I have lost some established shrubs, but there was absolutely nothing I could do for my last tree planting in the field that was causing flooding in Chipperfield Road. When I went to look at it in early August it was a sorry sight. Some that had been growing strongly were well baked; all their leaves brown and crisp. My rain dancing had no effect whatsoever! But when it did finally come, I was dancing for joy!

Unsure what to do about the field, at the beginning of September I got John Morris from The Chiltern Woodland Project to come over and have a look. What a difference a nice drop of rain makes! Although we found a few dead ones, many more were starting to grow new leaves and buds, whilst others, mostly hazels, were sending out new shoots from the base. It was a joy to be out in the field on a perfect English summer’s day; hot enough to be in shirt sleeves, a nice breeze and a few fluffy white clouds scudding along. The swallows and house martins were finding plenty of insects over the field and common blue butterflies were flitting about among the various willow herbs. The field has a lot of arable weeds in it, but not too much grass. It’s the grass that takes the moisture away from the trees, whilst the other weeds help to shade the soil, and drink less. John recommended a spot weed treatment round each tree to cut down on the competition, but generally he likes a varied wildflower cover. The birds like the seeds and the insects that the wildflowers attract so it’s good for wildlife and come the winter it should stop the flooding.

I can’t spray over 5000 trees on my own so Nicholsons, who did the fencing and to plant it all again. Some people count sheep at night, but I was counting trees!

If not already done, thoroughly clean out the greenhouse using Jeyes Fluid as a disinfectant and make sure the glass is clean. As an insulation, put up bubble plastic under the glass roof and on all sides. Make sure that the heater is in working order. Then bring in from the garden all the tender perennials such as geraniums, fuchsia and dahlias tubers.

Lawn and garden. Grass should be mown regularly while it is still growing but do not cut too short. Turf can be laid until the ground gets frozen, and the weather should still be warm enough to sow grass seed. Scarify and aerate the lawn and give it a low nitrogen feed, if not already done. Keep the garden clean and make compost with all prunings, clippings and old plant material.

Garden events. The RHS London Harvest Festival Show is on 2-3 October and the RHS Urban Garden Show is on 27-28 October and the evening of 26 October. Both shows are in the RHS Halls in Westminster.

Terry Simmonds

OCTOBER IN YOUR GARDEN
The trees and shrubs in the garden are now laden with fruits and berries and the leaves are beginning to take on their autumn colours. There are still plenty of jobs to do before the days get too short.

The flower garden. Once the hardy perennials have finished flowering, cut them down and put in new plants where they are needed. Leave architectural plants such as grasses, untrimmed, as these look good when covered with frost in winter. Penstemons are not cut down until the spring. Wallflowers should be planted now together with Sweet Williams, bellis, Canterbury bells and myosotis. Plant up hanging baskets, containers and window boxes using pansies, violas, primulas, small bulbs, and training plants, such as ivies.

Spring flowering bulbs. This is the best time to plant daffodils and tulips in the garden, also eremurus, alliums, crocus, scillas, iris, fritillaria and hyacinths. It is a little late to plant hyacinths in bowls to flower at Christmas but not too late to plant them to flower in the new year.

Fruit and vegetables. It is harvest time for fruit and vegetables. Pick apples, such as Cox’s Orange, Bramley, Lanes Prince Albert and Discovery and put into store. Varieties such as James Grieve will not keep and should be eaten as soon as possible. Put greasebands around the trunks of fruit trees to control some of the pests. Dig up and store potatoes; any remaining courgettes and marrows must be cut before the frosts come. Carrots and parsnips can be left in the ground until needed but cover the ground with sheeting in frosty weather. Plant garlic and early onion sets. As soon as the ground is cleared start digging, and add farmyard manure except on areas where rootcrops are to be grown next season.

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Wendy Bathurst

ANNUAL COMMON WALK
As in years past, our walk was well attended; even the elusive bats made an appearance. So, thanks to the stalwarts of Friends of Chipperfield Common who braved the weather, Luke Johnson our new Team Leader guided a good group of people round the woods whilst giving us a wonderful history of our Common and enlightening us to Dacorum’s conservation plans.

Please join us, Friends of Chipperfield Common, no skills required, good fun, brilliant home-made cakes and biscuits at break time. Next working party date, Saturday 20 October. Meet at the cricket ground car park at 9.15am to work on Apostles Pond, pulling out vegetation and clearing growth around it.

Glenda Seal

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Readers might enjoy the film The Little Stranger, released on 21 September, some of which was filmed inside and outside the decaying Langlebury House. The landed gentry in post WW2 decline, with a bit of horror thrown in.

Patricia Harrison on 01923 261595 or Patricia.Harrison@chippfieldcare.org.uk

Terry Simmonds

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Situated right in the heart of Chipperfield Village, just moments from The Common, is this three bedroom family home complete with a garage, driveway parking and enclosed rear garden. EER: E

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Chipperfield - Freehold
£625,000

41 HIGH STREET, KINGS LANGLEY
WD4 8AB

Set back from the Road is this delightful three double bedroom character cottage with numerous original features and ample space throughout. Benefiting from a large garden, off-street parking for two and beautiful views across fields beyond, this property is also being sold with the benefit of NO UPPER CHAIN. EER: D