

Chipperfield NEWS



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CHIPPERFIELD CHORAL SOCIETY

SPRING CONCERT
'Elijah'

Saturday 7 March at 7.30pm
St John's Church, Boxmoor

Soloists:

Mary Bevan, Soprano,

Rosemary Clifford, Mezzo-Soprano,

Charles Rice, Bass,

Tom Robson, Tenor

This is one of Mendelssohn's most inspiring works taking nine years to write and this commitment shines through in the depth and passion of the music. Full of magnificent choruses and lyrical solos, this is Mendelssohn at his most inspired with music that ranges from thrillingly energetic to moments of idyllic calm. Don't miss what promises to be one of the highlights of the local choral year. Tickets: £14 adults, £5 under 17, from members of the choir or 01923 400520 www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk

CHIPPERFIELD VILLAGE HALL RACE NIGHT

The Village Hall was filled with the sound of excited voices and the pounding of horses' hooves as we gathered to enjoy a much anticipated Race Night. Seven races were spread out over the evening and were only interrupted by bets being placed, lots of chatter as we caught up with good friends and a lovely jacket potato meal. As each race got under way, the cheers and roars of encouragement got louder and louder until the horses crossed the finish line and those who had supported the winner went to collect their prize whilst commiserating with those whose horses had been pipped at the post. The evening culminated with a very exciting auction to have the additional chance to support the jockey and the cheers for this race must have lifted the roof of the Village Hall and contributed to the much needed funds for its refurbishment.

The Village Hall Committee thanks everyone for their support and are pleased to announce a profit of about £1,200.

SOLD OUT AND WHAT A TRIUMPH



Picture by Terry Simmonds

Chipperfield Theatre Group once again created an atmosphere of fun, mayhem and madness with its latest offering of 'Dick Whittington – The Pantomime'. Playing to sold out audiences, the cast and crew of local enthusiasts entertained them with the age old tale of fame and fortune. Our thanks to Peter Sutton of The Best of Watford (www.thebestof.co.uk/watford) a newcomer to the CTG audience who reviewed the production.

If you thought Village Hall Panto was a thing of the past, a recent visit to Chipperfield provided a rafter raising riposte to the question of whether Panto is still alive and kicking... "It's behind you"... "Oh no it isn't!"

A big production, very professionally staged with well drilled performances from everyone, it appeared at times as though a cast of thousands was populating the stage. Every age group and type of character was represented, from the talented and leggy Principal Boy and his lovely Leading Lady, the Archetypal Villain (Boo...Hiss..) Fairy Belle (Scottish!), the larger than life (much larger and twice as titillating) Pantomime Dame, right through to Tiddles the Cat who moved with all the feline attributes of poise and grace and delivered some stunning dance routines; this was full on entertainment from start to finish and the supporting chorus of talented young performers danced and sang like seasoned professionals.

Is Panto fading into history in the rural villages of Hertfordshire? Not if The Chipperfield Theatre Group is anything to go by. They staged Dick Whittington with great aplomb. And what fun it was! Not a foot was put wrong, not a bum note sounded all evening. Can't wait to see their next production!

Our next production will be 'Pack of Lies', 11-13 June in Chipperfield Village Hall.

FRIENDS OF ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

The Friends of St Pauls School have had a very successful year following the re-launch of the PTA in December 2013.

The aim of the Friends is to foster relationships between the staff, parents and others involved with the school, whilst engaging in activities which support the school and advance the education of its pupils. And, of course, to have fun and create fantastic memories along the way!

Last year our focus was very much on raising money in support of the school's ICT suite refurbishment. The kids had a great time at disco, movie and bingo nights, whilst the Friends also organised a very well attended quiz night at The Boot.

Along with a number of other well attended events and contributions, we were delighted to be able to donate £10,000 to the school in support of the ICT suite refurbishment.

This academic year we will be raising money for further ICT investments, along with the development of a stage on the playground. Fund raising has already started and in November we were delighted to be given the opportunity to run a charity bar during the village fireworks display. We are very excited about other upcoming events, including a joint fundraiser with The Hospice of St Francis and a summer event with a twist.

If you have a great idea for a community fund raising event or can offer help, time or donations, then we would love to hear from you.

Please contact us at chairman@friendsofstpaulsschool.co.uk.

GRAPEVINE MOVIES, SARRATT VILLAGE HALL, 13 MARCH

4.30pm for 5pm children's film, with hot dogs and ice cream

Mr. Peabody, the most accomplished dog in the world, and his mischievous boy Sherman, use their time machine - the WABAC - to go on the most outrageous adventures known to man or dog.

Entry by donation £3 children; £5 adults, free for adults accompanying children

7.30pm for 8pm adults film, with jolly good bar, free popcorn, hot dogs, ice cream, friends

During the winter of 1952, British authorities entered the home of mathematician, cryptanalyst and war hero Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch) to investigate a reported burglary. They instead ended up arresting Turing himself on charges of 'gross indecency', an accusation that would lead to his devastating conviction for the criminal offense of homosexuality - little did officials know, they were actually incriminating the pioneer of modern-day computing.

Entry by donation £5.

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 any way, 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 do our utmost to help.

OPEN HOUSE
Exploring the Christian Faith for all ages

4pm 4th Sundays
Sarratt School

4pm SUNDAY March 22nd

Christianity
a practical guide
for the curious

THE NEIGHBOUR

Parish of Holy Cross, Sarratt
Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

compassion
responsibility
discussion
drama
music
rest & refreshment
tea and cakes!
for whoever comes...

The current series started in January and takes place in Sarratt School hall. The overall theme is Christianity - a practical guide, but each session will have a self-contained subject. This will be explored through music, film, maybe a bit of art, perhaps some poetry, a good long time for discussion and plenty of afternoon tea and cakes. **Children have their own time and place.** Everyone, of all ages, is really welcome. Come along and enjoy a bright, lively hour.

THE LANES CHILDREN'S CENTRE

A SureStart Children's Centre for Bovingdon, Bourne End, Chipperfield, Sarratt and Flaunden

Where the Family is the Centre

We hope you all enjoyed the half term break and are looking forward to the Easter holidays.

On **Saturday 14 March** we will be holding a **'Den Building'** activity in Chipperfield Woods from 10.30am-noon. No need to book, just come along and enjoy this outdoor activity. Cost: £2.50 per family. We have also got lots planned for the Easter holidays.

On **Wednesday 8 April** from 10.30am-noon we will be holding an **'Easter Egg Hunt'** on Chipperfield Common. Cost: £2.50 per family, no need to book and why not bring a picnic to enjoy on the Common after the event?

On **Wednesday 15 April**, why not come along to Chipperfield Common and Chipperfield Woods and enjoy a **'Bear Hunt'**. This will start at 10.30am until noon; cost is £2.50 per family and, again, bring a picnic lunch to enjoy with friends after the event.

Here is a reminder of the regular weekly activities. **9.30-11.30am** working in partnership with **Sarratt Baby and Toddler Group** at **George V Pavillion, Sarratt**. £1.50 per child, payable to Sarratt B&T group. Within this group we provide a **music session** from **10.30-11.15am** with Jo, (term time only). **Magic Mondays** held on the 1st Monday of each month at **The Memorial Hall, Bovingdon High Street**, from **1.30-3.00pm**; no need to book and cost for the session is £2.50. **Tuesdays Under 1s: 2-4pm** at **The Memorial Hall, Bovingdon**. The group includes a **music session** with Jo and costs £2. Our popular **Toy Library** can be accessed at all these settings and also at the **Flaunden Toddler Group, 9.30-11.30am** (term time only) at the **Flaunden Village Hall** every **Friday** morning, **10.30-11.30am**.

Look out for information on future courses, workshops, activities and events on local advertising boards and www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/thelanes. If you require further information about the Children's Centre services, or becoming involved with the Children's Centre, please contact:

Zoë Hier: 01923 262640 or 07966 966352

Email: zoe.hier@pre-school.org.uk

CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**TALKS THIS SPRING**

Monday 30 March in the *Small Hall* at 7.30p.m. a talk and demonstration by **Maria Coote**, formerly Lecturer in Horticulture at Capel Manor College,

'Living with your Soil'

Maria will explain the different types of soil we have in our gardens and how they affect plants. Afterwards, questions and coffee.

Entry: free to members, £2 for non-members. No tickets required; just come along.

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Tuesday 21 April in the *Parish Room* at 7.30p.m a talk by **Timothy Walker**, lecturer, botanist, gardener, presenter, author, after-dinner speaker and formerly Horti Praefectus and then Director of Oxford Botanic Gardens,

'The University of Oxford Botanic Garden - the first 393 years'

Questions and coffee to follow as usual.

Admission by ticket only, available from committee members and Garden Scene:

£8 members, £10 non-members

Ann Soanes

DENS Sponsored Walk

Saturday 16 May

TAKE THE CHALLENGE

10am start from Sainsbury's, Apsley

10 mile circular route via Bovingdon and Chipperfield with the option of returning by minibus from the halfway mark at Chipperfield.

Registration Fees:

£10 per adult

£2 per young person

£20 per family

Register by 9 May

Call us now for more information or to register: 01442 800268

CHIPPERFIELD CARE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 25 March at 8pm in the Village Hall

Maybe you would have some time to join our CARE team or you may 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 enjoy a chat and glass of wine afterwards.

More volunteers are needed.

If you would like further information, please contact:

Cindy Waite: 01923 262284

FRIENDS OF CHIPPERFIELD COMMON

Next working day is

Tuesday 17 March

Meet in the car park opposite the Cricket Pavilion at 9.15am

For more information, please contact Colin Chambers, Trees and Woodlands Officer, DBC, or contact vanessa.johnson@dacorum.gov.uk

RICKMANSWORTH DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

Tuesday 10 March

10.30am coffee - 11am lecture Sarratt Village Hall

'MAGNA CARTA'

Everything you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask

Caroline Shenton

"An 800th birthday year journey into the Great Charter and the buildings which house it"

Visitors welcome

For more information call
Diana Jeffkins 01494 874507

'HEALTHWISE' NOW IN CHIPPERFIELD

Age UK Hertfordshire's popular **'Healthwise'** sessions are now held in the Chipperfield Village Hall on Tuesdays from 2 - 3pm.

The weekly meetings are for people aged 50 and over. They are free of charge to attend and feature healthy eating, including food tasting, gentle, fun exercises, social interaction, quizzes, games, etc. and IT Skills, the opportunity to explore interesting and informative sites online.

The sessions are very popular and focus on improving overall wellbeing in a fun and informal way. This is what some of our clients have to say.

Dorothy, "I really enjoy my **Healthwise** sessions and look forward to them every week. They give me a lift and at my age that is what I need."

Jill, "I thoroughly recommend **Healthwise** to anyone who wants to exercise and have a laugh at the same time."

To book your place, or for more information, contact:

Sarah Hill,

Healthwise Coordinator,

Mobile: 07542142810

Healthwise.6@ageukherts.org.uk

FLAUDEN CHURCH TEAS

Do come and join us for tea and homemade cake on a Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday from **29 March to 4 October**. We serve teas between 3 - 5pm in the church room which is in the church car park. There are lovely views to look at across the valley, friends to chat to and even weekend papers to read. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

Call: 01923 270664 - ask for Jason

Text: 07808 155470 (texts will be deleted once prayed for). E-mail:

prayers@chipperfieldbaptistchurch.co.uk

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

BINGO

THURSDAYS AT BLACKWELLS

Eyes down at 8.30pm

Do come along,

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

Abbots Langley

Flower Arrangement Society

Invites you to a

Flower Arranging Demonstration
entitled

'Box of Delights' by Jane Ellis

at the Henderson Hall

Abbots Langley

on 26 March at 7.30pm

Entry for non-members £5 at the door

All visitors welcome

CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

16 March

in The Small Hall

Planning meeting at 7.15pm

All residents welcome

Jan Dawes, Clerk to the Council
parishclerk@chipperfield.org.uk

01442 386237

The Churches in Chipperfield

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

Incumbent Rev. Michele du Saire
The Vicarage, The Street, Chipperfield, WD4 9BJ
e-mail: micheledusaire.hcstp@gmail.com
Vicarage phone: 01923 265848

Church Frances Onians 01923 265996
Wardens Ann Waine 01923 268904

UNITY



THE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY

Priest in Charge Fr. Floribert Mulikita
Tel: 01923 265327

REGULAR SERVICES AND MEETINGS

MONDAY

St Paul's Upper Room 8am

Early Prayers

Our Lady's 9.30am Weekday Mass

Benefice Prayer Meeting 8-9pm

1st Monday

(See pew sheet for venues)

TUESDAY

40 Church Lane, Sarratt 10am

Quiet Garden (1st in month)

Our Lady's 9.30am

Weekday Mass

Home Group

at The Manse 7.30-9pm

(Term time only)

WEDNESDAY

Baptist Church 9.30-11am

(term time only)

Little Angels Toddler Group

THURSDAY

St Paul's 2.30pm

Prayer for Youth Work

St Paul's Parish Room

Youth Alpha

School years 10+ **7.45 - 9pm**

(Term time only)

FRIDAY

St Paul's

Choir Practice 7.45pm

Baptist Church 7am

Prayer Group (Term time only)

Our Lady's

9.30am Weekday Mass

ST PAUL'S & 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

One Sunday morning in his London flat, Eric Maschwitz, then Head of Variety at the BBC, wrote the lyrics to a song that was later set to music by Jack Strachey and appeared in the 1949 film, Tokyo Joe. The song works through the various things that remind the singer of lost love. Over the years, it has been recorded by several artists including Billy Holiday, Frank Sinatra, Etta James, Yves Monand and Rod Stewart. If you have not guessed the title of the song by now, it is 'These Foolish Things'. It featured recently on Radio 4's 'Something Understood'. Each week the programme looks at big questions of life by taking a spiritual theme and exploring it through music, prose and poetry. This morning the reflection, 'Inventories for Life' looked at list making and many people's propensity for making lists. Those of you who are list makers understand the satisfaction one has of reaching the end of the day or week with lists complete and items ticked off or lined through but the list in 'These Foolish Things' tears at the heart strings as the singer recounts the many things that remind her/him of the one loved and lost. As I listened to Ella Fitzgerald's rendition of the song, I began to wonder what list God would have for each of us who are uniquely created and personally known to him. What would my list look like and what would your list look like? When we are like the prodigal son and stray to a distant land preferring it to the safety of home, which is the heart of God, what music and lyrics does he send through the fabric of creation to stir us and grab our attention so we can find our way home? We are now in the season of Lent, a time in the Church year when Christians the world over endeavour to change their normal routine to make space to draw closer to God. Sometimes all that is required is greater attentiveness to that which is around us. How might our relationship with God and each other change if, between now and Easter Day, we pause to pay attention to the beauty and goodness around us and make a list of those things that take us beyond ourselves to a place of wonder?

You came you saw you conquer'd me

When you did that to me

I knew somehow this had to be

Shalom, Michele, Rector, Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

BAPTIST CHURCH

I don't think there is enough silliness about! No, really, there isn't. There just seems to be too much unhappiness, pessimism, seriousness. Of course, we continue to hear news of the global finance meltdown, religious unrest and the breakdown of our own health infrastructure (who would want to be an M.P?). All of these are serious and, whether we like it or not, affect us all. But, I still maintain there is not enough silliness about! March is here and spring is sprung, so why not be a bit jollier? The cold, dark days, let alone nights, are dwindling and the sun is shining (I hope) so why not be silly? Now those who know me well will read this and comment that I have a tendency to be less than smiley at times. I have been called the Jack Dee of the Baptist Union but, and it is a big but, Jack Dee is funny! In the midst of the darkness and deadpan there is always something to enjoy. Jack Dee would not be that successful if there wasn't, would he?

March not only sees us into spring but also heads us towards Easter. Easter is fantastic! Sorry to disappoint some of you but I maintain that Easter is the most important Christian festival because out of darkness comes hope, out of fear and failure come forgiveness and a future. At Easter all the blackness, hate and violence is defeated by compassion, sacrifice and love. We forget all too readily that to see the risen Christ the disciples must have had a small smile on their faces, surely?

Love Jason, The Man in the Manse

DIARY OF SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

March			
Sun 1	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>		
	8.00	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 8	<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	All Age Worship	St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Wed 11	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 15	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Family Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Family Service	Holy Cross
	6.30pm	Compline (traditional)	Holy Cross
Sun 22	<i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Paul's
	4.00pm	Open House	Sarratt School
Wed 25	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 29	<i>Palm Sunday</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	9.30am	Palm Sunday Liturgy and Walk of Witness	Holy Cross
		Sarratt Green to	
	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Holy Week and beginning of April			
Mon 30 March	7.30pm	Reflection and Night Prayer	Holy Cross
Tues 31	7.30pm	Lent Course:	
		deliver us from evil	St Paul's
Wed 1	7.30pm	Healing Service,	
		incl. Communion	St Paul's
Thurs 2	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>		
	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Holy Cross
Fri 3	<i>Good Friday</i>		
	10.30am	Good Friday Service	Baptist Church
	2.00pm	An Hour at The Cross	Holy Cross
	7.30pm	Music for Good Friday -	
		Fauré Requiem	St Paul's
Sun 5	<i>Easter Day</i>		
	TBA	Sunrise Service	St Paul's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	All Age Easter Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	All Age Easter Celebration	St Paul's
Wed 8	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Wed 22	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	St Paul's

Appropriate teaching for children is available at all 10.00am Services

DIARY OF SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship on Sunday

March		
Sun 1	10.30am	Worship
	7.00pm	3Vu @ Kings Langley BC
Sun 8	10.30am	Worship
Sun 15	10.30am	Messy Mothering Sunday
Sun 22	10.30am	Worship
Sun 29	10.30am	Palm 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

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

We hardly seem to have put away the Christmas decorations to find that Lent has already started! Of course, this all hinges on the variable date of Easter, set by an involved set of astronomical rules thrashed out at the Synod of Whitby in 664. The Synod's main purpose was to align the so-called Ionian (as in St Columba) and Roman liturgical traditions, a key difference being over the date of Easter. So, a very early success in creating Christian Unity!! 20th Century attempts to fix a date for Easter, such as the second Sunday of April, have not met with the same willingness to agree. Actually, most of the western Churches, including the Roman Catholic, have raised few objections, whereas the Eastern Churches have so far not been in favour. During Lent the practice of Stations (Way) of the Cross takes place in our church. It is a devotion usually ascribed to St Francis of Assisi, providing a far easier option to commemorate the last journey of Christ than making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem! The devotion consists of 'visiting' fourteen different representations of key scenes in Christ's suffering and death. There are prayers and meditations at each stage, from the condemnation of Jesus by Pilate, through His suffering, crucifixion and death, ending with Him being laid in the tomb. In Our Lady's church, the wall mounted Stations are wonderful Tanzanian ebony carvings, reminding us of our long and enduring relationship with sister parishes there. We also have similarly striking African carvings in statues of Mary and Joseph and a most distinctive Baptismal font.

Verses of the Stabat Mater (Dolorosa), a 13th century Catholic Latin hymn set to music by so many composers, are often used within the Stations of the Cross service. The prayer said as each station is reached is this, "We adore you, O Christ, and bless You" to which the response is, "Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the World". While the Lent fast is not observed as strictly today as our forbears did, it is still a time for us to contemplate our faults and to reconcile ourselves with God before that most wonderful of Christian feasts comes about.

Services

Sundays	9.00am	Holy Mass
	11.00am	Holy Mass
Weekdays	9.30am	Holy Mass

ST PAUL'S PARISH REGISTER

*We welcome into God's church
 Elodie Mae Cheetham - 25 January*

POPPY APPEAL AWARDS

Mark Jarrad, Treasurer of the Chipperfield Branch of The Royal British Legion, presented **SYLVIA OLIVER** with a Long Service Award for having collected in Queen Street for **30 years**. Mark was delighted to add this had raised **over £1,000**. We are all very pleased that Sylvia has kindly signed up to collect again this year.

Sue Walker, Poppy Appeal Organiser

CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SPRING SHOW

*Saturday 21st March at 2.30pm
in the Village Hall*

This show is the first of the year and the weather has not been too bad over the winter months with the bulbs appearing through the soil earlier than usual. We are looking forward to the Village Hall being filled with all kinds of flowers, shrubs and vegetables. There are the usual classes for handicraft, floral art, photography and domestic. All handicraft articles have their own classes, everything from woodwork to drawing and watercolours. Three classes in **photography**: 'Gone with the wind', 'The Box of delights' and 'It's a wonderful life'. Maximum size to be 7" x 5" and may be mounted. **Floral Art** is always such a delight with the skill exhibited by our members. In this show we have three classes: 'A simple Japanese inspired arrangement', 'Anniversary' and 'A basket of spring flowers and shrubs'. The **junior section** again has its own three groups divided into ages 3-6 years, 7-10 years and 11-16 years. All these groups have 2 classes each. The younger two have 'A Keep Chipperfield Tidy' poster to be hand drawn and 'a plate of 3 chocolate crispies'. The older group has 'A Keep Chipperfield Tidy' poster to be computer generated and 'a plate of three jam tarts'.

We hope that there is something for everyone to come and exhibit and to enjoy. After the judging, the doors open at 2.30pm when we will be serving delicious homemade cream teas. The prize giving at 3.30pm will be followed by an auction of produce and a raffle.

We will also have a plant Bring and Buy stall so bring along any surplus seedlings, cuttings or plants that you may have.

Entries to be handed in at Garden Scene in a sealed envelope with the correct entry fee or emailed to

ann-tony@hotmail.co.uk by noon on **Thursday 19 March**. Regrettably, no late entries will be accepted.

Ann Soanes 01923 262756

COIN-A-DAY LENT CHALLENGE

For EBOLA Victims and the damage this has caused in West Africa

This year's St Paul's Lent Appeal is to help those who have suffered so much from the onslaught of EBOLA. The money raised will go to **TearFund EBOLA APPEAL**. Although the immediate crisis appears to be abating, there is a vast amount of work to be done to reconstruct overwhelmed health services and to support families who have lost many members.

You are invited to put aside a coin a day until Easter and bring your donations to St Paul's on Easter Day. Cheques should be made payable to 'PCC St Paul's Chipperfield' and marked 'Lent Appeal' on the back. Thank you very much.

Frances Onians, Churchwarden

NEW KITCHEN UNVEILED

**CHIPPERFIELD
BAPTIST CHURCH**

A new kitchen was recently unveiled in memory of **Brenda Harpley** by her children, Angela, Katie and Philip, along with Pastor Jason Gain. Brenda, who died in 2012, had been evacuated to Chipperfield during the Second World War and took up residence in the village after the war. She joined the Baptist Church where she became a deacon and eventually Church Secretary. A great organiser, Brenda became the editor of the Church magazine, 'In Touch'; arranged flower festivals; sales; Christmas events and, for over ten years, cooked and provided regular meals for the elderly folk of Chipperfield.

Terry Simmonds



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 6 March, 10am, Holy Cross

ALL ROUND THE WORLD people will be gathering to share in this service put together this year by the women of The Bahamas. It is an opportunity to come together as churches in Sarratt, Chipperfield and Bovingdon to learn about The Bahamas and pray for the people. **Bahamian refreshments will be served after the service.**

Everyone is very welcome.

PINTS OF VIEW

*Monday 16 March at 8pm
The Plough, Belsize*

These informal discussions provide an opportunity to examine and question aspects of faith, moral issues and dilemmas in informal surroundings. The topics are suggested by those who attend and so, if you have something you would like to discuss, feel free to make a suggestion. In spite of what some might infer from the title, these gatherings are well attended by men and women in more or less equal numbers! Do join us, if you can; everyone is always welcome. Come along and consider how the world can be put to rights.

Bob Shearer and John Guy

FLOWERS IN ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Could you please think about being part of the team who arrange flowers in St Paul's Church? We would very much welcome more helpers. At present we each do a pedestal three times a year and enjoy getting together to decorate the church for the festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas. You do not need to be experienced. I would be very happy to work with you to get you started. Why not have a go? I would be very pleased to hear from you.

Jenny Laurie: 01923 275292

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THE BIG GARDEN BIRD-WATCH

The last weekend in January is the time for the RSPB Big Garden Bird-watch when we are asked to spend one hour recording the birds seen in our gardens. When my son was little, he loved taking part and I try to keep up the tradition.

After Ted's early walk, I set up my breakfast table so that I could see both my mum's birdfeeder and my bird table with the wildlife pond as a background. Instead of reading the paper I kept my eyes on the window. Our most regular visitors were a pair of nuthatches who got through an awful lot of sunflower seeds. There was a constant toing and froing from the bluetits, a maximum of four seen at one time, but not as many great tits as usual, just two at any time. The feeders were always occupied; a pair of great spotted woodpeckers liked the squares of fat, while up in the prunus tree a pair of bullfinches were eating the flower buds. Just a single greenfinch came for sunflower seeds and was joined by a goldfinch. The hour passed quickly and, absorbed in the birds, I ate far too much bread and marmalade! Most of the usual suspects turned up but missing were the wren and the dunnock, although I have seen them at other times. Altogether I noted sixteen different species of bird, one fox and one rabbit.

In the afternoon a friend came to visit and, as we sat chatting, my eye was drawn to the prunus tree; it was full of smallish birds. The binoculars were still on the table and a quick look showed a mixed flock of finches: at least twenty greenfinches, half a dozen goldfinches and a couple of pairs of bullfinches. I have not seen so many greenfinches in one place for years.

Maybe I will have to do the Big Garden Bird-watch with my afternoon tea next year!

Wendy Bathurst

MARCH IN YOUR GARDEN

The calendar says that Spring begins this month! After a period of rest plant life, and that includes weeds, start to grow at a great speed to provide us just too much to do in the garden unless we make an early start.

Flowers and shrubs. Plant shrubs, roses, climbers, conifers and hardy perennials as soon as possible to give them a good long growing season. Bare root hedging plants, such as beech and privet, cannot be planted after the end of March. Established shrubs in the garden can be dug up and moved until the end of the month. Prune roses, dogwood, buddleia and late flowering clematis now and prune early flowering shrubs as soon as they have flowered. Established perennials can be lifted and divided now. Use bonemeal when planting shrubs and perennials but use an ericaceous feed when planting azaleas, rhododendrons and heathers. Sow in the garden eschscholzia, nigella, godetia, nasturtium, clarkia and larkspur. Start to plant gladioli corms and lilies and deadhead and feed daffodils as soon as the flowers die down.

Vegetables and fruit. On prepared seed beds sow cabbage, carrots, parsnips, peas, spinach and turnips, adding a little Growmore fertilizer. Start regular sowings of salads, such as lettuce, radish and spring onions. Plant onion sets, shallots and Jerusalem artichokes and, later in the month, start to plant early seed potato tubers that have been sprouted in a light frost free place, adding Growmore fertilizer. While still dormant, plant raspberry canes but do not do so after the end of March. Blueberries and autumn fruiting raspberries should be planted now.

The Greenhouse. Sow vegetables, such as aubergines, cucumbers, melons, tomatoes and peppers. Pot up plug plants and seedlings and sow bedding plants, such as alyssum, busy lizzie, lobelia, marigolds and petunias. Take cuttings of geraniums and pelargoniums and pot up summer flowering bulbs and corms of gloxinias and begonias. Keep on top of pests and diseases, at all times.

Lawn and garden. Start to cut the lawn as soon as the grass starts to grow but set the lawnmower with a high cut and keep off the grass if very wet or frozen. Spike and aerate the lawn and apply mosskiller or lawn sand, and once moss has died it should be raked out. Now is a good time to lay turf or to sow new grass areas. 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; these must be destroyed completely.

Garden events. The *Chipperfield Horticultural Society Spring Show* is on 21 March with *Sarratt* having their show on 28 March and *Bovingdon* on 11 April. The *European Orchid Show and Conference* is at the *RHS Halls in Westminster* from 9 - 12 April. The *RHS Chelsea Flower Show* is 19 - 23 May, tickets and information from rhs.org.uk/shows or phone 0844 3387502.

Terry Simmonds

MODERATE PACE HEALTH WALKS IN CHIPPERFIELD

Chipperfield's informal walking group has formed a new section for beginners and those wishing to go on a regular walk at a slower pace.

Meeting at the same time as the main group, *Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.30am*, the circular walks will take about an hour and start and finish outside *Blackwells*. This should provide an ideal opportunity for those who want to start walking in order to keep fit and for those who may have tried joining the group in the past and have found the pace a little too fast. It also allows walkers to progress to the main group when ready. For further information contact:

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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR CPRE HERTFORDSHIRE'S RURAL LIVING AWARDS

Supported by Hertfordshire Life and the Hertfordshire Mercury

Nominations for CPRE Hertfordshire's Rural Living Awards scheme are invited countywide. The awards celebrate groups or individuals who improve life and enhance the environment in Hertfordshire's villages and its countryside. They are judged in two categories – *Community* and *Environment*. There are also awards for *Rural Living Champions*: young people and adults who make outstanding contributions to rural life.

Judges are looking for innovative projects which bring rural communities together, benefit the community and promote access to the countryside. Examples might be: a community owned and run facility such as a pub or shop; a community event; a photography or art project which celebrates Hertfordshire's countryside; a volunteer group creating or maintaining access to it.

Last year's top accolades went to an Infants' School Eco Council and a Play Area, both in Redbourn. Over on the South West of the County, Oxhey Woods Conservation Volunteers were 'over the moon' to receive a commendation.

Nominations for 2015's Awards – and don't be shy in coming forward, you can self-nominate – need to be made by **30 May**. For full information, or to download a nomination form, visit www.cpreherts.org.uk.

CHIPPERFIELD CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES

EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
After School Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	3pm	Small Hall
Art Group	Thursday	2pm (1.30 in Winter)	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
Chipperfield Lunch Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	12.30pm	Small Hall
Chipperfield Pre-School	Monday - Friday (Term time)	9am	Small Hall
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
Singing Group	Saturday	2pm	Blackwells
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
Womens Institute	Tuesday (3rd of the month)	2pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Monday	1.30pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Tuesday	7pm	Blackwells
Yoga	Friday	10am	Village Hall
Zumba - Lucy	Tuesday	9.30am	Blackwells

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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