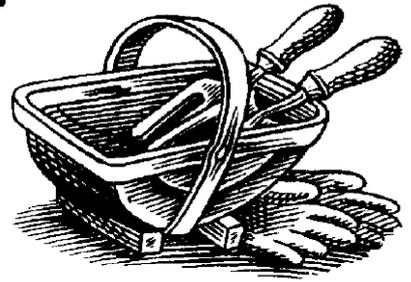


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'THE SOUND OF MUSIC'
THE BARN
CHIPPERFIELD MANOR
Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July
7.30pm

Plans for the Chipperfield 'Sound of Music' are progressing well. This will be a condensed version, more than a concert but less than a full production, similar to last year's 'My Fair Lady'. Numbered tickets at £12 will be available from Ann Soanes from 21 June. Please do not contact Ann before this date. The proceeds will go towards the costs with any surplus to St Paul's Church. In a change to the announcement in last month's *Chipperfield News*, regrettably it has proved to be impractical to hold individual auditions so, with apologies, this will no longer take place. All who asked for further information have been contacted individually. The customary audition-free invitation to sing in the chorus is extended to those interested; rehearsals for these will take place at St Paul's on Fridays at 7.45pm from 19 June until the performance. Full information from Anne King anneking@gmail.com or just come along. The music is not hard!

Keith Beniston

RED CROSS OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 19 July 2 - 5pm

Gardens in Chipperfield will be open

**Burford House, Heath End and
2 Old School Cottages.**

At Burford House there will be

teas and music by

Hemel Hempstead Brass Band



FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

On Saturday 6 June, Chipperfield Corinthians Football Club entered its under 8's year group into the Buntingford Cougars annual football tournament. The tournament is a big event and entertains over 180 teams over two weekends. Chipperfield qualified through to the quarter finals after competing in five games through the group stages. Then won their next two games; winning the quarter and semi-finals. The final was played against Knebworth and was an end to end thrilling game with both sides playing some open passing football. Chipperfield finally went ahead, 2 minutes into

extra time and then held on for a worthy win.

Mark Swales who is coach for the under 8's side said, "A fantastic effort by all boys who played but, more importantly, proof that allowing boys to express themselves and enjoy football will bring results; the end product is only the result of enjoying training in a fun, engaging environment with friends."

If you have a daughter or son from Year 1 to Year 4 interested in joining the football club, then please contact Tony Evans on: 07767 357701 or email tevans@swiftdigital.co.uk

Tony Evans



Mark Swales and the successful Corinthians under 8's

MORALITY, SPIES AND SUBURBIA - AN OUTSTANDING COMBINATION

Audiences were taken on a nostalgic trip to 1960 in CTG's latest production 'Pack of Lies' by Hugh Whitmore. Based on a true story and the uncovering of a Soviet espionage network, the Portland Spy Ring, this play was about the morality of lying with no cloaks and daggers, just ordinary people in Ruislip.



The suburban Jackson family, whose lives were turned upside down by events, were played by Melanie Winward, Andrew Royle and Amelie Royle. All three gave exceptional performances but particular note to Melanie for the palpable angst and soul searching she struggled with as her character became more disillusioned by events.

Helen Kroger, a loud but lovable Canadian, was played by CTG's newest member, Amy Robinson. A fabulous first venture with the group!

Linda Hug's performance as spy-catcher, Miss Stewart, was silky but also slithery, supported by a fine cast with Jane Bryson (Thelma) and Anne Pinkus (Sally) who added a lighter and human touch to the harsh world of covert operations.

Special note must go to Stuart Mead who not only gave us protagonist Peter Kroger but also directed this elegant well-crafted piece of drama.

For many who attended, the detailed set and costumes were a total flashback to an era not so long ago and added to the journey in time. Congratulations to all.

CTG's next production will be their pantomime, **SLEEPING BEAUTY**, in **January 2016**. Auditions will be held towards the end of September. Further details can be found on the website www.chipperfieldtheatregroup.com

St Lawrence Church
Bovingdon

Flower Festival and Art Show

29, 30, 31 Aug

Sat and Mon 10.30am – 5pm,

Sun 12-5pm

Concert on Saturday 30 Aug 7.30pm

ENTRY FREE

This will be our second biannual festival and the theme this year is 'Anniversaries'. Six well-known artists will be exhibiting their works and an award winning Delphinium grower, who supplies Buckingham Palace and Clarence House.

There will be an Antiques and Collectables Stall and on Monday afternoon an opportunity to bring your own antiques and collectables to be valued by an expert.

Teas, coffee, lunch and a Pimms Bar will be available as well as food from the village market, and a tombola.

On Saturday, Bovingdon Players and Harrow Opera will be performing a variety of prose and songs with the Chess Quartet.

CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

18 August

(Planning Committee only on 21 July)

in the Small Hall

Planning meeting at 7.15pm

Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm

All residents welcome

Jan Dawes, Clerk to the Council

parishclerk@chipperfield.org.uk

www.chipperfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

CHIPPERFIELD CARE

Are we missing you?

Chipperfield Care is a group of Volunteers who have banded together to help those who are unable to find their own transport to essential appointments such as hospitals, doctors, dentists or medical clinics. We run an answering service from Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 1.30pm to receive requests for transport. These volunteers, our Duty Officers, then contact our Drivers to arrange the safe transport of our clients to and from their requested destination. Could you volunteer as a Driver or Duty Officer for a few hours a month? IF YOU CAN HELP in anyway, please call Cindy Waite 01923 262284 or Mark Jarrad 01923 268910

Are you missing us?

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

CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On **22 August** we are holding a Summer Garden Party for all our members. This will be a bring and share. It will be held at **West View, Bucks Hill**, opposite Quickmore Lane, you will see a St George flying from the flagpole in the front garden! From 2.30pm to 5pm bring yourself and a chair. There is plenty of room for parking and we very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Hopefully, the weather will be kind but we will erect a small gazebo for the food tables, not forgetting the Pimms!

19 September is our **Autumn Show** which is always such a delight, our biggest show of the year, featuring fruit and vegetables as well as Chrysanthemums, Dahlias, Roses, Asters, and Garden Pinks; Floral Art, Handicraft, Domestic, Photography and the Junior Classes. As always this Show will be held in the **Village Hall** and the doors open at **2.30pm**. Come and look round, admire all our exhibits and have one of our famous homemade cream teas.

On **27 October John Amand** from Jacques Amand Bulbs, regular gold medal winners at Chelsea, will be coming to talk to us about their bulbs and will bring some of their very famous bulbs to sell. This should be a fantastic evening and is in the **Small Hall** starting at **7.30pm**. Coffee and biscuits follow this talk and it is **FREE** to all members and only £2 at the door to non-members.

DATES FOR 2016

19 April, Helen Yemm, the gardening expert from the Daily Telegraph, will be coming to talk about her life and why she had to move from her home and start afresh with a new garden. It is a wonderful talk and will be held in the **Parish Room** at **7.30pm**. Tickets will be on sale at our Autumn Show.

25 October, Paolo, from Franchi Seeds will be with us talking about their fantastic seeds and he has said he will not only be bringing their seeds to sell but also playing his accordion! Not an evening to be missed. In the **Small Hall, 7.30pm**. Coffee and biscuits follow this talk which again is **FREE** to members and only £2 at the door to non-members. Make a note in your diaries now so that you do not miss any of these wonderful events.

Ann Soanes

SUMMERTIME CONCERT



Delia Meehan, conductor, with Michael Dewis, Baritone.

Picture: Terry Simmonds

A packed St Paul's Church enjoyed a musical welcome to summer at the Choral Society's recent 'Summertime' concert under the baton of Delia Meehan, the choir's Musical Director.

The programme opened with Elgar's 'From the Bavarian Highlands' which was inspired by a holiday he had enjoyed there with his wife. Caroline Alice, a verse and prose fiction author, captured the spirit of the mountains in words which Elgar set to this evocative music. The choir finished the first half with a rousing rendition of three spirituals.

Chilcott's 'A Little Jazz Mass' opened the second half, a work which brings together two very diverse traditions - the Latin mass and the jazz idiom - in an expressive and lyrical way. The choir clearly enjoyed this unusual piece and accomplished the tricky rhythms very sensitively. The concert finished with a very

enthusiastic performance of a medley from Gershwin's 'Porgy and Bess' featuring many well-known tunes and, of course, the song 'Summertime'.

The choir pieces were interspersed with solo items from Michael Dewis, an award winning baritone, who sings regularly at the Royal Opera House and with the English National Opera. The audience was spellbound by his performance of some of the great songs from American musicals. At this concert, choir and soloist were, as ever, accompanied exquisitely by Rosemary Venner, the choir's pianist since 1994. The audience also appreciated the added support from two very accomplished instrumentalists - Steve Rose on bass and Sebastian de Krom on drums.

The Choir's next performance will be the ever popular Christmas concert on Saturday 12 December.

John Morrish

PINTS OF VIEW

Monday 20 July, 8pm

The Plough, Belsize

'Why Visit Holy Places'?

What are holy places? Why do people visit them? And why do the media sometimes seem to attach more importance to places than people? As a precursor to the summer holidays (holy days), we will be discussing this topic. Everyone is welcome.

There will be no meeting in August. September POV will take place on Monday 21 September. Pints of View provides an opportunity to discuss and question aspects of faith, moral issues and dilemmas in informal, relaxed, surroundings. Come and consider how the world should be put to rights.

John Guy and Bob Shearer

FLAUDEN CHURCH TEAS

Sundays and Bank Holiday

Mondays

Until 4 October

3 - 5pm in the church room
adjacent to the church

BINGO

THURSDAYS

at

BLACKWELLS

Eyes down at **8.30pm**

Do come along

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

NO PARTNER NECESSARY

Love to Dance Classes

Flauden Village Hall

Tuesdays 1 - 3pm

For all men and women aged over 50.

The first session is free, thereafter £5.50 for the two hour session.

Why not come and have some fun.

'Love to Dance' is sponsored by Saracens in partnership with Herts Sports Foundation.

Abbots Langley

Flower Arrangement Society

Invites you to a

Flower Arranging Demonstration

On a Summers Day

by

Vikki Traherne

at the Henderson Hall

Abbots Langley

23 July, 7.30pm

Entry for non-members £5 at the door

All visitors welcome

The Churches in Chipperfield

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

Incumbent: Rev. Michele du Saire
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Minister Rev. Jason Gain
The Manse, The Street,
Chipperfield. WD4 9BH
01923 270664

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY

Priest in Charge Fr. Floribert Mulikita
01923 265327



REGULAR SERVICES AND MEETINGS

MONDAY

Early Prayers

St Paul's Parish Room, 8am

(upper room)

Weekday Mass

Our Lady's, 9.30am

Benefice Prayer Meeting, 8-9pm

1st Monday (See pew sheet for venues)

TUESDAY

Quiet Garden

40 Church Lane, Sarratt, 10am

(1st in month)

Church Youth Group

60, Tower Hill, 6.30-8pm

(Anne & John Stickland)

(term time only) School years 6-13

Weekday Mass

Our Lady's, 9.30am

Home Group

The Manse, 7.30-9pm

(term time only)

WEDNESDAY

Little Angels Toddler Group

Baptist Church, 9.30-11am

(term time only)

FRIDAY

Prayer Group

Baptist Church, 7am

(term time only)

Weekday Mass

Our Lady's, 9.30am

Choir Practice

St Paul's, 7.45pm

ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

Benefice Administrator

Machaela Gravestock

Monday 2 - 4pm

Thursday 9.30am - 12.30pm

and 1.30 - 4.30pm

Friday 9.30 - 11.30am

at Sarratt Village Hall Office

01923 264377

www.hcsp.net

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

'A game of two halves' is an oft-used cliché by football commentators. Perhaps that irreverently applies to the Liturgical Year for we are now in its second phase? From Advent, through Lent and Easter, we followed and increasingly gained understanding of the life and ministry of Christ's time on earth. Then at Pentecost we saw the birthday of the Christian church, when the task of bringing the Good News was passed over to our forefathers and eventually, down the centuries, to ourselves. Of course Christ has not left us to our own devices. Not just the power of the Spirit but the ongoing gift of the Eucharist is a constant personal boost to our faith and mission as Christians. The blessing and breaking of bread in commemoration has always been very central to Christian worship. It is no surprise, therefore, that the church established the feast of Corpus Christi - "Body of Christ" in thanksgiving and celebration. Its origins can be traced back to the 12th century when some Belgian women dedicated to Eucharistic worship pressed for a feast day outside Lent (Maundy Thursday being the traditional recognition of the Eucharist's institution). From 1264 the feast was gradually extended to the whole Church, and reached England in the early 14th century. Later on, it also became associated with street processions as public demonstrations of gratitude for Christ's continuing gift. Such processions became a tradition in several British towns and cities in the late 19th and first half of the 20th century, but nowadays are much smaller in scale and prominence. Some of the medieval Mystery Plays can be traced back to celebrations of Corpus Christi, but perhaps we should not dwell on a couple of associated folklore celebrations that still occur in Spain, notably the 'Dancing Egg' in Catalonia and even more bizarrely 'El Colacho' or 'Baby Jumping' around Burgos where men dressed as Satan jump over babies born in the last year. Here in Chipperfield, as in the Church in general, it is always around this feast that young boys and girls very reverently accept their First Holy Communion. They and their proud families had a lovely day, with Fr Floribert gently reminding the youngsters that, "you will probably get presents to celebrate this day, but don't forget you have already had your best present - Jesus coming to you in the Eucharist."

ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

Holidays are supposed to be a time of rest, and yet the action of this activity involved in the going, being at the 'ideal' place and returning can cause more stress.... What about the kids? Will they enjoy it? ...Have we packed everything? ...Where are the passports?

We may smile at certain memories of happy, more simplistic holidays of our youth when the most exciting thing was discovering a crab in a rock pool or making a camp in the nearby woods.

I remember the days before multi-shot camera's when only 8-24 pictures could be taken and the way my parents encouraged me to take snapshots with your mind of certain scenes to remember. I wonder if, like me, you can recall them today.

There were the memories of trying to get to a destination via taxis - the only time we really ever used them; trains with compartments and the buffet car; lunches of sweaty tomato sandwiches and boiled eggs with salt in pinches of grease proof paper and not forgetting thermos flask tea! The coaches with no loos and long journeys in hot stuffy cars may make us reminisce.

But eventually we made it and - it was all worth it. The walk on the promenade; the noises and the sights rather than the mobile pinging in our pocket today. The hunt for the secluded beach - no satnav then. Maybe that time when it rained and you were caught inside and found an amazing game to play rather than the urge to plug in to our Facebook /emails /Twitter feeds and update our profile and pictures. The different smells of places, rather than the fixation of a small screen in front of us, soaked and fully taking in the new experiences around. These became the golden memories of our youth.

Today, as we plan for that moment away, whether it is a day, a week or a fortnight, it is even more important to include in the busy schedule - rest. Jumping from one experience to another and having little 'me' time can be as exhausting, or more so, as a normal day in our home environments. *Continued on page 7*

DIARY OF SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

July

Sun 5	<i>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Holy Cross
Wed 8	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 12	<i>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.30am	Morris Men Service	St Paul's Car Park
Sun 19	<i>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Benefice Communion	St Paul's
	6.30pm	Compline (traditional)	Holy Cross
Wed 22	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	St Paul's
Sun 26	<i>Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Paul's

August

Sun 2	<i>Ninth Sunday after Trinity</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 12	<i>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	All Age Worship	St Paul's
Wed 12	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 16	<i>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Benefice Communion	St Paul's
	6.30pm	Compline (traditional)	Holy Cross
Sun 21	<i>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Paul's
Wed 22	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	St Paul's
Sun 21	<i>Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>		
	See church notice boards for details		

Appropriate teaching for children is available at all 10.00am Services

DIARY OF SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship on Sunday

July

Sun 5	10.30am	Worship
	7.00pm	3Vu@ Bovington Baptist Church
Sun 12	10.30am	Morris Men service at St Paul's Car Park
Sun 19	10.30am	Worship
Sun 26	10.30am	All Age Service

August

Sun 2	10.30am	Songs of Praise
Sun 9	10.30am	DIY service
Sun 16	10.30am	Worship with Brian Pratt
Sun 23	10.30am	All Age Service
Sun 30	10.30am	Café church

Dates for Diary

Regular Sunday services are at 10.30am with Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

Sunday Groups for Children and Youth Sunday Mornings

SERVICES AT OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR

Sunday	9.00am	Mass
	11.00am	Mass
Daily	9.30am	Weekday Mass

from page 6.....As I read the gospels, Jesus often went away after a busy time of ministry, sometimes with his closest friends, sometimes alone. We read about Him spending time. A pause, a night and a space to recharge and be open with his Heavenly Father. Only once does it tell us what happened and that was just before his arrest and trial.

So this summer our 'Holy Day' time, however long or short, take a pause, take a moment, and come before our Father as Jesus did and rest in Him... maybe silent, maybe with a word or a question and wait, breathing in the Love of God in our lives, and allowing His peace to come.

Ian Chantrell, St Paul's Churchwarden

BAPTIST CHURCH

Those of you who have the fortune (or MIS) to read my letter in the Baptist Church's *In Touch* magazine will know that I wrote about the sunshine. Yes, sweet, I know. I talked about the very real benefits of getting out into the warmth of summer and feeling those rays beating down on our faces.

Along with many other things, like exercise (so my doctor keeps telling me), there are some real advantages to sunshine. Exposure to the sun helps with the production and absorption of Vitamin D which, in turn, assists with good bone growth, prevents skeletal-related diseases and has shown to have beneficial effects on MS sufferers. Sunlight is useful in lowering blood pressure, controlling type 2 diabetes; it alleviates stress, produces higher levels of serotonin that help to combat mild depression and improve our sleep patterns. Sunshine can also relieve skin conditions and reduce cholesterol. You have to agree that that's a lot of benefits from just lying about on a sunbed.

What lounging about collecting rays does not do for you though, is assist with self-esteem, produce faithfulness and help in the growth of gentleness. It does not increase the desire to be selfless or relieve the apprehension of the unknown. Sun bathing does not improve our longing for justice, produce an attitude of forgiveness or enable us to do acts of kindness over and above the ordinary. Reclining on a sunbed does not generate perseverance, hope, compassion or love. There is only one SON that can do that. Unlike sunshine, too much of a good thing can cause very serious problems. So, are you willing to allow Him to shine on you?

Love Jason, The Man in the Manse

ST PAUL'S PARISH REGISTER

Baptism

31 May – Eleanor Alice McQuade
Baptism and Confirmations

12 May – Lauren Dent,
Carole Battell, Thomas Lislely,
Ingrid Harris, David Collette,
Sue Ellis, Meg Ward, David Zerney,
Joanne Booth, Gabriella Ro

AUSCHWITZ AND BIRKENAU VISIT

Gwenan Parsons is a sixth form student at Kings Langley School. In March 2015, she and another pupil from the school were selected by the school to visit Poland with the Holocaust Trust. Along with other sixth form students from around the country they were guided around Auschwitz and Birkenau. This is her account of the emotional and extraordinary trip that she will never forget.

Gwenan is interested in a career in writing and hopes to study English at university.

What I saw of Poland is relatively easy to describe: grey, downcast, and broken, as though it never quite recovered from the war. For me, as I sat on the coach with fifty or so other sixth form students, the scenery contributed to the build-up of the journey and our final destination. One of the first things you see when walking up to Auschwitz is a simple brick building that is completely unassuming. What shocked me was the chatter. Resembling a large gift shop, there were even glowing vending machines that could not have been more out of place. While the work of The Holocaust Trust, the organisation that allowed me and a fellow classmate to visit Poland, is incredible, the atmosphere felt wrong. It is hard to describe that sinking feeling in your gut when you see something like this. The iron sign that hangs over the entrance to the camp is also disturbing as it means 'Work Brings Freedom'; bitterly ironic to what happened there. Being able to pretend the Holocaust was a distant event in the past had always been easy for me, as I imagine it is for most people, but I have changed my mind. When the Nuremberg Laws were created in 1934, then developed in 1935, millions of normal Jewish people were gradually sent to various concentration camps and extermination camps. Though whatever I was experiencing on that day was, undoubtedly, miniscule to the utter terror of those millions, I felt guilty. The Allies left the concentration and death camps alone until the end of the war because the risk of killing the prisoners was too great if they bombed them. I thought about this a lot during my day in Poland. Birkenau was one of many death camps, around five minutes in a coach from Auschwitz. Jewish people and other minorities, including political enemies of the Nazis, were transported there to be murdered. The watch tower at the front of the camp is something many people have seen. Auschwitz had been a series of rectangular buildings that we were led in and out of, while Birkenau is completely outdoors. A set of stairs in the tower allowed us to view the whole camp from above. The immense scale of the camp was disturbing; rows and rows of rubble on one side and wooden buildings on the other, one of the largest of the camps.

Much of this camp was burnt to the ground when the Nazis saw the Soviet troops coming to free the camp. What we could not see from the tower were the gas chambers. Our guide showed us two of these, now holes filled with rubble in the ground. While the chambers in Birkenau were mostly destroyed, Auschwitz has its own into which we were allowed to go. This was the part of the day I could not forget, making the entire concept of humans torturing other humans blunt and real. They were created as a more efficient way of killing, viewed by the Nazis as less mentally damaging to members of the 'Einsatzgruppen' and the SS (Schutzstaffel or Protection Squad, originally Hitler's body guard). The new method was to force innocents into the gas chambers, murdering everyone with Zyklon-B gas, or cyanide gas. I was extremely aware of this, having seen the empty cans on display, and from also stepping inside the gas chamber. The evidence of the victims was clear. The entire day had been shocking but the utterly brilliant Rabbi, who had accompanied us for the whole day, made it somewhat bearable. Not only was he funny and kind, he led us all in prayer, which for me, as a Christian, really helped. This was done at the end of the day, just in front of a huge memorial made of stone that appeared black at the back of the camp, which was also at the end of the train tracks. Our last activity was to each place a candle along the tracks, giving the night a lighter atmosphere and acted as a chance to reflect on the day. As strange as it seems, this kind of experience does give you hope for the future. However, it also highlights how much further humanity has to go in order to truly find equality. I do not claim to know everything about these terrible events, nor can I say that I felt anything on the same magnitude as survivors or those who rescued them. However, this is what I saw and how I perceived it. I hope that maybe this makes you think for a moment about what the world has lost and what we can gain in the future.

Gwenan Parsons.

Sixth form, Kings Langley School.

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GARDENING EVENTS.

The **RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show** is from **30 June to 5 July**. Tickets from rhs.org.uk/hamptoncourt or ring 08443 387 502 and the **RHS Show at Tatton Park** is from **22 July to 26 July**, tickets from rhs.org.uk/tatton or ring 08443 387 502. **Chenies Manor** have their **Plant Fair** on **19 July**.

Local gardens open to view include;

15 Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden, on 12 July;

9 Tannfield Drive, Hemel Hempstead, on 19 July;

42 Falconer Road, Bushey, on 25 and 26 July.

Three gardens in Chipperfield are open on **19 July** in aid of the Red Cross – **Burford House, Heath End and 2 Old School Cottages.**

Your needs - our prayers

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

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

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

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

1/3 of prayers answered positively in 5 months!

Four people have got jobs as an answer to specific prayers

Two healings of serious and terminal disease.

Various illnesses healed

Witnessed around a third of all prayers answered positively!

Call: 01923 270664 – ask for Jason

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

Email: prayers@chipperfieldbaptistchurch.co.uk

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

SUMMER SURPRISES

It's more than a year since I planted up the old Christmas tree patch and, oh, what a difference. Two years ago, when the trees were still there, it was a dark, depressing sort of place, then all of a sudden it was full of light, and now it's buzzing and full of life!

In early spring there were pools of blue forget-me-knots and patches of white garlic mustard, and a lot of nettles. I decided I would have to 'do' some of the nettles but when I got closer there were so many caterpillars on them that I let most of them stay. Many butterflies lay their eggs on nettles; peacocks, small tortoiseshells, commas, and my favourite, the red admiral, as well as moths, so I always try to leave some in sunny places.

I am supposed to keep the young trees in good order and I have bought a wheeled strimmer so that I can cut back the growth between the rows. This morning, 6 June, I thought I should take a closer look at things. I would not want to cut down anything 'good'! When I got through the gate I was surprised at how tall everything was. Looking across the patch from the

footpath I could see some nice patches of ox-eye daisies, lots of big woolly great mullein plants and some massive scotch thistles. Wading in, everything, thistles, nettles, and daisies, was chest high. The sound of buzzing bees and insects was constant and every nettle seemed to have caterpillars on it. Orange tip butterflies danced about my head; the garlic mustard plants are where they lay their eggs. A small bright pink pea-like flower caught my eye as it grew up through the thistles. It's very pretty and delicate, with long slender leaves; I have never seen one before and I can't find it in any of my books.

After half an hour I staggered out onto the footpath, stung up to my chin, elated at all the new life that now fills a previously miserable place! Most of the young trees have their heads above their protective tubes and seem to be doing well so, right or wrong, the strimmer is staying in the garage and I am going to enjoy the flowers and the butterflies. How lucky I am to live in such an interesting place!

Wendy Bathurst

GARDENING IN THE SUMMER

After months of work we can now enjoy our wonderful gardens which are looking good. However, we need to be making preparations for the coming autumn and even next spring.

The flower garden. There are still a few bedding plants on sale which can be planted out as soon as possible. Container grown perennials, shrubs and roses can be planted at any time. Wallflowers should be sown without delay so that plants are ready for planting out later in the autumn. Prune wisterias, pyracantha and philadelphus and trim lavenders and hardy geraniums. Deadhead roses and flowers in window boxes and hanging baskets and cut dead flower spikes off perennials such as delphiniums. Feed roses, shrubs and perennials with Toprose fertilizer or Vitax Q4 and give an ericaceous feed to azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons. Liquid feed hanging baskets and containers with Miracle Gro or Phostrogen and water regularly. Established plants will not need watering except when the weather becomes very dry and then just water thoroughly once a week. Spray roses regularly. Although bulbs will be on sale soon, plant only hyacinths in bowls and autumn flowering varieties outside – it is too early to plant tulips and daffodils.

Fruit and vegetables. As soon as the fruit of raspberries has been picked, cut down the old canes and tie in the new ones which will fruit next summer. Sow spring cabbage, dwarf beans and late crops of runner beans. Harvest vegetables and potatoes, but rootcrops can be left in the ground for the present. Tomato plants will need to be pinched out at the tip. Make regular sowings of salad and 'quick' crops. Plant leeks, savoys, Brussels sprouts and winter cabbage. Watch out for blight on tomatoes and potatoes and remove and burn any infected leaves. Apply Growmore fertilizer to growing crops and when sowing and planting. Always water tomatoes and runner beans regularly.

The greenhouse. Tomato plants need to be watered frequently to prevent fruit developing blossom-end rot. Plants in growbags tend to dry out quicker than those growing in deep pots. Ventilate the glasshouse in hot weather and damp down the floor to keep up the humidity. Watch out for diseases and pests such as red spider and white fly.

Lawn and garden. Grass should be cut regularly but never too short particularly in dry weather. Do not water established lawns. Apply fertilizer such as Aftercut from time to time. Leave turfing and seeding new areas until the early autumn. Keep the garden tidy and make compost with prunings, leaves and annual weeds. Keep the pond clean and provide water for wildlife in hot weather. Cut hedges now but check that birds have finished nesting.

Terry Simmonds

DINAH JOHNSON

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Dinah Johnson of Callipers Hall Farm on 22 May after a long stay in hospital. Born in Birmingham, she moved with her parents from Leeds to Woolwich Arsenal before they finally settled in Liverpool. Dinah needed enormous determination to achieve the necessary science grades to gain a place on the first veterinary course run by the University of Bristol where she met her husband, Roger. They were married in 1954 and soon moved to Watford. Roger joined Trewin Barr and Gale, and in due course was offered a partnership with the practice which eventually became Johnson and Daniels, now the Park Veterinary Centre. Dinah kept her hand in with locums in other local practices while the children, Charlotte, Hugh, Vicky and Tom were small but after tragically losing Hugh to leukaemia in 1967, she returned to work with Roger. She was an exceptional small animal surgeon and took on the job of organising the nursing staff which she continued for the rest of her working life.

Dinah did a huge amount of work for the Leukaemia Research Fund, Abbeyfield Society and ran Watford Horse Show for many years. She and Roger were a true partnership at the horse shows where they carried out medication control for the International Equestrian Federation, and they were both Liverymen of the Worshipful Company of Farriers where Dinah took on the job of organising the farriery and best shod competitions and running courses for both vets and farriers. Recognition of all her hard work came in the award of the MBE for services to the community which made her, and all her family, extremely proud.

Roger and Dinah moved to Callipers Hall Farm in 1983 where she realized her dream of keeping sheep, chickens and British Longhorn cattle, as well as the horses and ponies for her children and grandchildren. She was a keen gardener, creating a productive vegetable garden out of the corner of a field and growing beautiful flowers, including her favourite Auriculas. Music had always played a large part in her life: she was an accomplished singer and pianist and loved being a member of the Chipperfield Choral Society.

Sadly, ill health made her life very restricted towards the end. The many letters we have received recall both her strong character but also her kindness and the warmth of her welcome. She was a devoted and dearly loved wife, mother of four and grandmother of eight and has already left a huge hole in our lives.

Charlotte Clifford, Vicky Fern and Tom Johnson

MORRIS MEN

This year will run from **Friday 10 July to Sunday 12 July** when Greensleeves Morris men will be joined by their guests Barnsley Longsword, Dolphin and Great Yorkshire Morris Men.

On Sunday 12 July there will be a service at 10.30am in the car park at St Paul's Church.

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
Yoga	Monday	1.30pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Tuesday	7pm	Blackwells
Yoga	Wednesday	6.30pm	Village Hall
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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