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HAVE YOUR SAY AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 11 May
at 7.30pm

in the Parish Room

Come along, meet your councillors
and have your say on village topics.

Agenda

1. Chairman's introduction
2. Financial report
3. Reports from working group
councillors
4. Presentation of cheques granted to
Chipperfield organisations
5. Open forum-your chance to quiz
your councillors and raise any
village topic or concern
6. Guest speaker Richard Roberts-
Hertfordshire County Councillor

*Join us for cheese and wine
following the meeting.*

All are very welcome

HELP FURNISH

KINGS LANGLEY SCHOOL

Kings Langley School is blessed to get funding to be rebuilt; unfortunately, the budget does not extend to furnishing the new buildings! As a facility that will benefit the whole community (think of the new sports facilities that local teams can use) I decided to take on a really big challenge of swimming the Solent in return for donations!

I have never done anything like this before, never swum in open water and do not yet own a wet suit. So it is a big challenge and would really help my motivation to have the whole community supporting me.

Cash donations accepted at home in sealed, labelled envelopes to: 6, Kings Close, Chipperfield, or online: <http://gogetfunding.com/project/furnish-kl-school>



Rev. Michele du Saire and the hiking parishioners in front of the Abbey

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE TO ST ALBANS ABBEY

Sixteen members of the congregation of St Paul's, Chipperfield, and Holy Cross, Sarratt, walked to St Albans Abbey on a hot and sunny Easter Monday. It was a good experience to join with pilgrims from all over the Diocese to be blessed by and to share communion with the Bishop. Next year we need a Benefice banner! Thank you to 'Bubbles' the coach, driven by Tom Rodgers and to Stephen Morrill for bringing us home.

Frances Onians

VE DAY

COMMEMORATION

The Chipperfield Branch of The Royal British Legion will hold a short commemoration at the **War Memorial** on **the Common** from **2.45pm to 3.10pm** on **Friday 8 May**, the 70th Anniversary of the end of the War in Europe. PLEASE NOTE that it was originally announced in the March edition of Chipperfield News to take place at 10.45am but has been changed to the afternoon when similar commemorations will take place all over the country. Do please come to remember all those from the village who served and died in the Second World War.

*Giles Wyburd, Chairman, Chipperfield
Branch, Royal British Legion*

WINDMILL WRITERS

Wednesdays, 7pm-9pm.

**The Windmill, The Common,
Chipperfield.**

Writing is in our blood. Is it in yours, too?

If so, we would like to meet you. If you are an established, struggling or a novice writer you will be warmly welcomed.

Windmill Writers are writers who write. We don't just talk about it, we do it.

So, what can you expect?

- Manuscript reading
- Writing tasks
- Workshops
- Open Mic
- Constructive comments
- Sharing of knowledge

Why not pop along and meet us?

Contact Susan:

writeshappily@yahoo.co.uk

HORSE TRACKS

Are you a member of the CHESS VALLEY BRIDLEWAYS ASSOCIATION, C.V.B.A.? The Association provides a central body to represent horse riders in an area bounded by Watford, Croxley Green, Chorleywood, Little Chalfont, Amersham, Chesham, Bovington and Hemel Hempstead. It was formed in 1973 as a result of a fatal road accident to a horse. Since then the volume of traffic has greatly increased, thus making the presence of the C.V.B.A even more important.

Many people are unaware of the difference between bridleways and permissive tracks. The C.V.B.A. contributes to the maintenance of permissive tracks, and 90% of the rides in the Chipperfield/Sarratt areas are permissive tracks only. The right to ride these tracks can be withdrawn at any time by the landowners. We therefore need your support to keep the off-road tracks open and in good order. We also organise a growing network of Licensed Tracks. The Little Westwood track off the Gyfries/Model Farm bridleway is one of those for which a membership disc for C.V.B.A is required, along with the Newhall Farm track.

We have recently had success in helping to secure the future of the Buddleia Track in Croxley Green, but without more members there is a likelihood of the C.V.B.A having to close. This may result in some key tracks in this area being lost forever, including those mentioned above.

In addition to the Jasmine Memorial Track and The Narrows, there are Permissive tracks at: Penmans Green, Dawes and Moors Common, Commonwood, and also around Chipperfield.

Membership costs less than £1 a month, so please contact our membership secretary, Mo Sims, at mo.sims@ntlworld.com to find out how to join.

We will also be holding a family, friendly, fun show at New Maulden Farm, Venus Hill, Flaunden on Sunday 14 June starting at 8.30am. This will be run in conjunction with O.B.H.N Pony Club in which there will be a variety of classes including showing as well as show jumping.

This is open to all ages and abilities, so why not come along and see the sort of things in which we are involved. You can also find out more from our website www.cvba.org.uk or look us up on Facebook.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

9.30am-12.30pm Tuesday 19 May

Can you please spare an hour or two to help us with our annual spring clean of St Paul's Church? If you can come along, please bring your own cleaning equipment. We will provide cleaning materials and the vacuum cleaner!

If you prefer to garden please bring some tools - there's always plenty of weeding and work in the churchyard. The more the merrier, and the faster. Coffee and cake will be provided.

Ann Waine, Churchwarden

Abbots Langley

Flower Arrangement Society Annual Plant Sale

Plants, cakes, bric-a-brac
and refreshments

at the Henderson Hall, Abbots Langley
16 May, 10am - noon

PLAY LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER



Tel: 01923 262830

07765 081114

Email: chipperfieldpreschool@hotmail.com

The Small Hall, The Common, Chipperfield, Herts, WD4 9BS

CHIPPERFIELD CHORAL SOCIETY

Summer Concert

Come along and look forward to summer at a 'Summertime' concert on **30 May at 7.45pm** in *St Paul's Church*. There will be wonderful music for a summer's evening featuring a **Jazz Mass** by **Chilcott, Porgy and Bess** by **Gershwin** with songs by **Kern, Stanford** and **Elgar**. Tickets from choir members or the Box Office 01923 400520

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.

THE LANES

CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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

Where the Family is the Centre

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Easter. It was lovely to see so many of our families during the Easter holidays at the Easter Egg Hunt, Bear Hunt and at the Family Fun session in Bedmond.

Starting at the end of April and running into May we will be holding a four week **Sports Session** from **9.30 – 10.30** in the playground at **St Paul's School**. To find out more and to book a place please call The Lanes Children's Centre. Look out for activities happening in the May half-term week and for any future courses, events and activities.

Here is a reminder of the regular activities we run or work in partnership.

Chipperfield Baby & Toddler Group: **Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30** at **Chipperfield Village Hall** (term time only). **Under 1s/First Friends:** **Tuesdays 2–4** at **The Memorial Hall, Bovington**. The group includes a music session with Jo and costs £2. **Mother and baby Pilates,**

Wednesdays am and pm sessions, **Bourne End Village Hall, London Road, HP1 2RJ** – low impact workout for new mums. No need for childcare as baby comes too. Booking essential on 07833 511720. Drop in **Breastfeeding Cafe** for support and guidance **Wednesdays 11-12.30** at **The Lanes Children's Centre. Flaunden Toddler Group, Fridays 9.30 – 11.30**, term time only, **Flaunden Village Hall**.

Look out for information on future courses, workshops, activities and events throughout the coming months on local advertising boards and our website; www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/thelanes If you require further information regarding the Children's Centre services or becoming involved, please contact: Zoë Hier: 01923 262640 or 07966 966352

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

WOMEN'S WALK
Saturday 9 May, 10.30
We will be meeting in St Paul's Parish Room for a time of meditation, followed by a walk finishing with tea, coffee and cake.

Contact: Elaine - 01923 269888
Email - yvonne.collette@sky.com

CHIPPERFIELD VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 20 May at 8.15pm
in the Village Hall**

All hall users are welcome; we value your feedback and contributions. The future of our Village Hall is dependent on local support, so please come and join us at the meeting.

Followed by cheese and wine

RICKMANSWORTH DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

**Tuesday 12 May
10.30am coffee - 11am lecture
Sarratt Village Hall**

Blood Roses and Elephants

**The art and architecture of
St Albans Abbey**
by

Christopher Herbert

*'The fascinating story of
St Albans Abbey through the ages'.
Visitors welcome*

For more information call
Diana Jefkins 01494 874507

BINGO

THURSDAYS

at

BLACKWELLS

Eyes down at **8.30pm**

Do come along

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

CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

18 May

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

Abbots Langley

Flower Arrangement Society

Invites you to a

Flower Arranging Demonstration

Dream Weavers

by

Nadira Burki

at the Henderson Hall

Abbots Langley

28 May, 7.30pm

Entry for non-members £5 at the door

All visitors welcome

CHIPPERFIELD

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At our Spring Show on 21 March there was a wonderful display of spring blooms which really made us feel that Spring is just around the corner. All sections of the show were well supported, in particular the Junior section where there were 24 entries to the 'Keep Chipperfield Tidy' poster. This was judged by Wendy Bathurst who had herself won such a competition when she was a young girl at our Junior School. The winners of the three age sections were:

3 - 6 years **Katie Oliver-Seager**

7 - 8 years **Jack Oliver-Seager**

9 - 10 years **Scarlett Mangan.**

Many congratulations to all those who entered their wonderful designs. The overall winner was Jack and his poster will soon be displayed in the village. The Floral section was, as usual, fantastic, the ideas and arrangements were of such a very high standard. The Domestic section is proving very popular and there were mouthwatering examples of the skills of our members. The Handicraft section is growing and the exhibits put forward showed great skill and ability.

Our visitors enjoyed their home-made cream teas prior to the auction of produce and the raffle.

All in all the show was a great success and our thanks go to Wendy who also presented the prizes at the end of the day.

The Abrahams Cup for the most points in the show was awarded to **Sue Tyler** and the **H. Simmonds Cup** for the runner up went to **John Hopkins.**

Many thanks go to all those who help before the show, on the day and also clearing up at the end. Your help is invaluable and without you all we could not manage.

Our **Summer Show** is on **20 June** in the **Village Hall.**

Ann Soanes

NO PARTNER NECESSARY

Love to Dance Classes

Flaunden 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.

PINTS OF VIEW

Monday 18 May, 8pm

The Plough.

POV provides an opportunity to discuss and question aspects of faith, moral issues and dilemmas in informal, relaxed surroundings. Following our April trip to the hustings we will be asking the question:

Making the world a better place...was it enough just to vote?

Please come and join us to consider how the world should be put to rights.

John Guy and Bob Shearer

THURSDAY ART GROUP

**The summer term starts on 23 April
Parish Room 2pm - 4pm.**

We meet to do our own thing with mutual encouragement, do feel welcome to join. If you felt inspired by *The Big Painting Challenge* on TV this could be your opportunity to make a start or restart.

Contact John King, 01923 264552.

ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP

The church Music Group is looking for new people to join them. We want to expand this group and build up its membership. At present we have a group of enthusiastic young people who play and sing together. If you play a musical instrument or can sing, no matter what age, we would love to hear from you.

Anne Stickland 01442 832090

'THE SOUND OF MUSIC'

THE BARN

CHIPPERFIELD MANOR

**Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July,
times to be confirmed**

Following the popular success of *'My Fair Lady'*, the choir and friends will be presenting *'The Sound of Music'*
More details will be published.

CHIPPERFIELD TENNIS CLUB

AGM

Our AGM will be held in the **Small Hall** on **12 May, 8pm.**

This is a great opportunity for members to catch up with one another now that the winter is over. Anyone interested in joining the club will be warmly welcomed and details of children's coaching and the tennis tournament will be announced. *Ruth Dicker*

FLAUNDEN CHURCH TEAS

Sundays and Bank Holiday

Mondays

Until 4 October

3 - 5pm in the church room

The Churches in Chipperfield

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

Incumbent Rev. Michele du Saire
The Vicarage, The Street, Chipperfield, WD4 9BJ
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Vicarage phone: 01923 265848

Church Frances Onians 01923 265996
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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

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 & 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

BAPTIST CHURCH

I cannot avoid an event that is about to happen this month. It is near and there is no getting away from it. We will have to knuckle down and talk about it. You may think you know what it is but I am about to surprise you. I am not talking about the election. See, told you it wasn't what you were thinking. Actually, I couldn't resist that last bit; of course it's the election.

The election is the single most important occasion in the last five years that we, as individuals, have to shape the world around us. Yes, we are able to do acts of great kindness and charity at anytime. We can be involved with all types of community and social activities that are ultimately valuable and help our society to be all that it can be, but the election gives us an opportunity to do even more.

The challenge that I see is this. Whether we like it or not, we often vote with our own agenda at the very forefront of our minds. I know, I have done it in the past; but recently I was confronted with a question from scripture. He wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus then went on to tell the parable of the Good Samaritan*. When I began to look more closely at these verses I realised that I could apply these very same principles to my vote. Do I move to the other side of the street and pretend these things don't matter? Am I prepared to give of myself for those less fortunate than I am? Am I willing to financially suffer for the benefit of others? Dare I allow myself the discomfort of giving time and energy for the care of someone else, no matter the cost? Do I allow my faith, and the promises of God, to shape my attitudes to what I do with this single most important opportunity I have to 'Love my neighbour as myself'? There are no easy answers to these questions but I wonder whether I need to reconsider where I might place my cross this time?

* Luke 10:25-37

Love Jason, The Man in the Manse

ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

We are born wholly dependent. As we grow we strive for independence and we often reject help. When we mature, with luck, we recognise how interdependent we are: friends, family and the structures which support us – whether government, schools, places of work or places of leisure. Chipperfield is fortunate to have so many organisations which are supportive not only of their members but of wider causes – think of the Parish Council, the Parent Teachers Association, the funds raised by the Cricket Club Ball and by Blackwells, which are given to causes such as Chipperfield Care and the church.

I wonder what you think of the church in this range of organisations? Is it a club for a few members, an essential organisation, without which society breaks down, or something else? It's this uncertainty which makes it so hard for many of us to understand the role of the church today and why we go there, or avoid it. Those with a deep faith use it as a focus for their worship of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. Some don't have this strong belief but perhaps recognise it is open to all and provides love, support and continuity in our society as well as a dignified and beautiful venue for weddings, funerals and baptisms.

A lot of what goes on in most churches is about community. At St Paul's we have Third Sunday lunches to which all are invited. We have speakers, from and collect for, charities locally, nationally and internationally. You bring food which is passed to the DENS foodbank, a branch of which is in Kings Langley. We attempt to maintain a beautiful place, both buildings and churchyard – for all!

There are limits, however, to what we can do.

We can no longer sustain youth and children's work owing to lack of people and funds to support it. This is very sad and a great loss to those young people who used to come, and to their younger brothers and sisters in the future. It's one place where it's OK not to be 'cool' and to be able to play and to talk about problems and ethical issues without being teased. You'd be amazed by the level of thought and discussion the young people have held. Do you remember your own Youth Clubs or Sunday Schools?

Church isn't a closed shop ("In my father's house there are many rooms"). For those of us who cannot recite the Creed with faith and complete understanding, amongst whom I count

DIARY OF SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

May			
Sun 3	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 10	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	All Age Worship	St Paul's
Tues 12	7.30pm	Confirmation Service	St Paul's
Wed 13	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Thurs 14	<i>Ascension Day</i>		
	8pm	Rickmansworth Deanary Service	St Andrew's Chorleywood
Sun 17	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Benefice Communion	St Paul's
	6.30pm	Compline (traditional)	Holy Cross
Sun 24	<i>Pentecost - Whit Sunday</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Paul's
	4.00pm	Open House	Sarratt School
Wed 27	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	St Paul's
Sun 31	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>		
	10.30am	Joint Benefice & Baptist Service	Baptist Church

June

Sun 7	<i>First Sunday after Trinity</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Wed 10	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 14	<i>Second Sunday after Trinity</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	All Age Worship	St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 21	<i>Third Sunday after Trinity</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Benefice Communion	St Paul's
	6.30pm	Compline (traditional)	Holy Cross

Appropriate teaching for children is available at all 10.00am Services

DIARY OF SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship on Sunday

May			
Sun 3	10.30am	Worship	
	7.00pm	3Vu@ Chipperfield	
Sun 10	10.30am	Worship with Ian Chantrell	
Sun 17	10.30am	Worship	
Sun 24	10.30am	All Age Service	
Sun 31	10.30am	Trinity Sunday service with Benifice	

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

myself, it is still an essential part of society. To be relevant for the future it needs all of us to say what role the Church should play in our community and how we can get involved to make it happen.

It's amazing how people who think they have nothing to offer find someone else is desperate for, and loves, what they can give - their company, assistance, cup of tea, friendship, whatever. Please just get stuck in.
Frances Onians

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

The month of May this year brings a succession of key feasts to the Christian Church - Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. Prior to the Ascension, the simple message to the confused, perhaps disillusioned Apostles was to stay in Jerusalem, and to wait for the promise of the Father. Even though Jesus appeared to them on numerous occasions after his Resurrection, they must have felt even more abandoned when they witnessed his Ascension into heaven. Yet they stayed faithful to His instructions, praying for guidance in anticipation of fulfilment of Christ's directive. Of course the gift of the Holy Spirit was the delivery of that promise, which ignited the mission of the Christian Church in the world. So just as meaningful prayer was rewarded by the conferring of the Spirit in those confusing, uncertain days, the same very much applies today. The message the Spirit brings to us in 2015 is no different; that while human pride, ignorance, indifference, hate and violence will always cause divisions between men, so our own acceptance of the Holy Spirit can help to bring harmony, understanding, healing of soured relationships, and love. In turn, this leads to a rekindling of the missionary challenge to the Christian faithful to strengthen His message in this increasingly secular world. The mystery of Pentecost delivers a spark to the human spirit so that we can better understand the way that we can be more Christ-like, and be the instrument of love that flows from Him. Our imploring prayer is "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love! Amen".

ST PAUL'S PARISH REGISTER
We ask God's blessing on the Marriage of:
Rebecca Cherry and David Atkinson
March 27

ST PAUL'S PARISH REGISTER
We commend to God's safe keeping:
David Nobbs
March 30

OPEN HOUSE
Exploring the Christian Faith for all ages
4pm 4th Sundays Sarratt School
4pm SUNDAY May 24th
Who is OUR NEIGHBOUR?
conversation, response, discussion, drama, music, rest & refreshment, tea and cake!
for whoever comes...

DAVID NOBBS

David was born in Battersea in 1933. When he was one year old his family moved to Stoneleigh, near Epsom, and Ewell in Surrey. It was here that he was to spend the rest of his childhood. Like all of his generation the war was a significant influence during his early years. In July 1944, to escape the V1 rockets, he was evacuated to Cornwall where he spent an idyllic summer on a farm, helping with the harvest and catching rabbits. Having passed the ten plus, he started his secondary education in September 1944 at Bodmin County School before returning home in time for Christmas.

In January 1945 David joined Rutlish School in Merton. Leisure time in those days revolved around the Scouts, the Church Fellowship and his love for steam trains. He also went on to captain the school 2nd 15 at Rugby. After passing his school certificate he stayed on for a term to take the Cambridge Entrance exam and gained a place at Caius College to read Geography.

Before Cambridge there was the small matter of National Service. He was granted a National Service Commission as a 2nd Lieutenant and went to Hong Kong where he joined the 72nd Light Anti Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery, and was responsible for a gun battery in the New Territories.

He went up to Cambridge in 1954 where he played rugby and even took up rowing to compete in the college's 7th boat for the May Bumps. It was at a dance in Cambridge that David met Mary, who was training to be a teacher at Homerton College. They were married in August 1957.

By now he had developed a love for travel and joined the Colonial Service, the overseas division of the civil service. In 1958 David and Mary travelled by ship to Australia and onward to the remote Gilbert and Ellis Islands, situated on the equator in the South Pacific. The islands were a chain of 25 coral atolls. For the next four years he worked as a district officer, dealing with the administration of the colony, acting as a magistrate and settling disputes over the ownership of land and coconut trees. A highlight of their time there was the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh in 1959 and spending the evening on the Royal Yacht Britannia. It was in Tarawa that his daughters, Amanda and Bridget, were born.

In 1963 the family returned to England and settled in Iver, Buckinghamshire. David went to work for the British Market Research Bureau in Ealing. In 1965 he moved to work for Kodak at the start of a career that was to last 28 years. When in 1970 Kodak relocated from London to Hemel Hempstead, the family moved to Boxmoor. In 1981 the family moved to Chipperfield and David soon became involved in village activities.

For over 30 years he served as a Parish Councillor, including ten years as Chairman, and with others produced a planning guide for Chipperfield that is seen nationally as an example of good practice. He had a great love and knowledge of the countryside and of our heritage. Retirement coincided with the arrival of his grandchildren: Natasha, Ryan, Lauren, Laura and Hayden. Retirement also gave him more time to pursue his love for travel.

For most of his adult life David had a very deep Christian faith. He always saw it as an extension of his faith to find time to serve both the church and the community. He was a member of the PCC at St Paul's for around 30 years, seven of those years as churchwarden. Another cause close to his heart was the Church Missionary Society and for around thirty five years he served on various committees. For a time he was a trustee of the charity.

Since his death the expression that has cropped up time and again has been to describe him as a gentleman. Of course David was not a gentleman by noble birth, yet he had a kind and gentle nature and a great deal of integrity. May he rest in peace.

Andrew Nobbs

JOYCE PETHERICK

NÉE PARFITT

Joyce Petherick was born in Chipperfield on 31 March 1931, the eldest child of Bill and Rose Parfitt. She was educated in the village school and then worked in the local area and met Ron Petherick, who came from Berkhamsted, when she worked at Two Waters bus depot. They were married in 1950 and they had two children, David and Carol.

Initially the family lived with Joyce's parents but then got a flat in Nunfield. In 1957 the Pethericks were among the first to move to the newly-built council houses on the Croft Estate where they took up residence at 13 Croft Lane and remained there for the rest of their lives. Ron died in 2006, but Joyce stayed on at no. 13 until a few weeks before her own death in March. She was able to do so thanks to the tremendous help and support she received from family, friends and her wonderful neighbours who became true friends.

Joyce was a very private person and revealed little about her thoughts and feelings. She was not, however, cold and reserved but rather a woman who valued her family above all else and was always there for them. She was very independent, would not tolerate being patronised and had her own distinctive sense of humour.

Unfortunately, Joyce never enjoyed really good health, but she was always very stoic and did not make a fuss. In the last four years of her life, she attended Watford hospital three days a week for dialysis, which meant she had to be up at 5.30, in all weathers, but again, she never complained. The final months of Joyce's life were, sadly, filled with severe pain, but still there were few complaints from her.

Family, her home and garden, and during her earlier life, work, were the things that were important to Joyce and, although she did not become involved in Chipperfield's numerous clubs and organisations, she was still a very well-known, much loved and respected figure in the community.

David and Carol sincerely thank family and friends for the support, concern and sympathy they have received at this difficult time and, together with many others, mourn the loss of a rare woman, somebody who spent their entire life in Chipperfield and had an intimate and detailed knowledge of its recent history and people. Her death leaves a large hole in the lives of many and, indeed, in the village itself.

OPEN LOCAL GARDENS

Patchwork Hall Park Gate,
Berkhamsted on **3 May** and the
Ashridge Gardens on **Monday 4 May.**

Chess Valley Male Voice Choir

concert
at

St Paul's Church

Saturday 16 May, 7.30pm.

£12, £10 for concessions

The choir raises funds for
Chiltern Music Therapy.

*Tickets can be purchased via the box
office on:*

*01494 782249, online at
eventbrite.co.uk*

or at the door

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NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

This year's lambing has gone wonderfully and four little lambs are running races round the garden and getting into mischief. At last Doris Day has given me the twin ewe lambs for which I have been waiting three years for. Doris has all the qualities I want in a ewe; she usually has twins, is a great mum, is very placid and easy to handle and, best of all, she sheds her wool with little or no help from me! Her twins, Lilley and Lulu, won't be going into the freezer unless they are really naughty!

For Daisy, my other ewe, it was a first lambing and she also had twins, one of each. New mums can be a bit confused by twins and decide to love only one, but they were soon on their feet and feeding. She was not so keen to lick them clean so they looked quite grubby for the first few days.

Doris's looked so clean it was as if Daisy was using Brand X in the old washing powder ad! But she has fed them well and they look fine now.

Daisy is a Norfolk Horned X Ryland sheep and is very woolly and won't be self-shedding like Doris, who is half Dorset Horned and half goodness knows what.

As I have only three sheep any shearing is done by me with sharp scissors. I kneel beside the sheep which is tied to a gate and, starting at the tail carefully cut my way to the head. It is not quick and it does not look great, but it gets the job done. Daisy is just like a teddy bear, the woolliest sheep I have ever had; she is going to be a nightmare to shear.

Oh, I do hope Lilley and Lulu take after their mum!

Wendy Bathurst

MAY IN YOUR GARDEN

We are now approaching the peak of the gardening year. We can be busy in our own garden, have a look at other people's gardens or just visit the Chelsea Flower Show or newly revamped Malvern Spring Festival.

The Flower Garden. Later in the month, start planting the tender bedding plants, such as geraniums, fuchsias, petunias, begonias, lobelia and nemesia. Californian poppies, nasturtium and nigella can be sown now directly in the garden. Plant out dahlia tubers, cannas, begonia corms, gladioli and summer flowering bulbs. Carry on with replanting and dividing herbaceous perennials and providing support for taller growing plants. Now is a good time for planting new pot grown plants. Deadhead tulips and daffodils and feed the bulbs leaving the foliage to die down naturally. Plant container grown trees, shrubs, conifers, climbing plants and roses and add bonemeal when doing so, or ericaceous feed when planting rhododendrons and azaleas. Take cuttings of penstemon, asters and delphiniums. Prune flowering currants and forsythias as soon as they have flowered.

Vegetables and Fruit. It should be safe to plant out the runner beans, outdoor tomatoes, marrows, courgettes and aubergines towards the end of May but be prepared to cover up if we get a sudden late frost. Keep up with successive sowings of salad crops, such as radish and lettuce. There is still time to sow carrots, beet, spinach, swede, turnips and sweetcorn. Keep up with weeding and feeding with Growmore fertilizer. Water soft fruit bushes as the fruit develops. Put up codling moth traps in apple trees and start to prune plum trees if they need it. Spray strawberries against mildew and watch out for blackfly on broad beans. Water vegetable regularly. Place straw or strawberry mats beneath strawberry plants and cover with bird netting.

The Greenhouse. Hanging baskets and containers should be planted now so that they can get established before putting outside later in the month and add Swell-gel to compost to help water retention. Tomatoes and cucumbers should be planted in large pots or gro-bags as soon as possible for greenhouse culture. Make sure that the house is kept well ventilated and provide shading as soon as possible. Take cuttings of pelargoniums.

Lawn and garden. Mow the grass every week, if possible, but never cut the grass very short during dry weather. Sow or turf new grass areas and water well at this stage but never water established lawns. Feed with a good lawn fertilizer with weed and moss control, if necessary. Keep the garden tidy and make compost with everything except the roots of creeping buttercups, bindweed and ground elder. Apply good mulches around large plants to aid water retention.

Garden events. The **RHS Malvern Spring Festival** is from **7 – 10 May** (tickets from rhsmalvern.co.uk or phone 01684 584924). The **RHS Chelsea Flower Show** is from **19 – 23 May** (tickets from rhs.org.uk/chelsea or phone 08443 387502). **Gardeners World Live** at NEC Birmingham is from **11 – 14 June** (tickets from bbcgardenersworldlive.com or phone 08445811344).

Local gardens open to view this month include **Patchwork**, Hall Park Gate, Berkhamsted, on **3 May**; **Ashridge House** on **4 May**; **15 Gade Valley Cottages**, Great Gaddesden, on **31 May** and **Chenies Manor** every **Wednesday and Thursday**.

A MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

Fri 15 - Sat 16 May, 7 for 7.30pm

The year is 1848 and you are invited to dinner at Withering Depths, the country seat of the Withering family, high on the bleak Yorkshire Moors (aka **Knebworth Village Hall, Park Lane, Knebworth**). Come dressed for the part, or come as you are. Your ticket price of £12.50 includes a welcome drink, fish'n'chips (alternatives sausage, chicken or veggie burger) and home-made cake. Plus the opportunity to assist Inspector Boycott McClue in his investigation of a murder. A licensed bar will help lubricate the brain, and a cast of suspicious characters will throw in plenty of red herrings to go with your chips. Tables of eight, or we will find you one to join. Tickets must be pre-booked by 8 May. Contact Jo Simson 01438 814166, 07952 199183 or jo.simson@ntlworld.com

DAVID DALE

SHYOGWE TRUST

In May, Bishop Jered Kalimba will be visiting the UK and he has expressed a desire to thank personally those in Sarratt and Chipperfield who have supported various projects in his Diocese in Rwanda. Julia and Stephen Lawrence will be holding an Open House/Coffee Morning on Monday 18 May between 10.30am and noon at their home near Princes Risborough and would be delighted to welcome all those who are interested in the work of the Trust and who would like to meet with Bishop Jered. For further details please phone Julia on 01844 275351 or email julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Julia Lawrence

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.

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	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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