



## Remembrance Sunday 2022



Once again we started making our plans for Remembrance Sunday late last summer so that we could ensure that we were all set in time for our traditional service at the War Memorial and in St Paul's church.

At 10.45am on Sunday November 13th the service started with 16 wreaths being laid on behalf of virtually all the Clubs, Societies and Institutions that flourish in our village, namely: **British Legion; Parish Council; County Council/Dacorum BC; St Paul's School; Tennis Club; Cricket Club; Horticultural Society; Football Seniors; Theatre Group; Community; Chess Valley Bridleways; Football Juniors; Brownies; Blackwell's; Chipperfield Care; Choral Society.**

The War Memorial was surrounded by 46 wooden crosses representing those from Chipperfield who had lost their lives in the 2 World Wars. We were delighted to see that some local residents had placed additional crosses to remember other family members who had lost their lives in wartime. Crosses had also been placed on the 3 Commonwealth War Graves Commission graves that we are proud to have in the churchyard of St Paul's church.

By 11 o'clock around 200 people had joined us on the Common. Unfortunately our regular trumpeter, Thomas Rose, was unable to join us to sound the Last Post and Reveille, but we thoroughly appreciated having a replacement from the Amersham Big Band who had already entertained us on the Common in the summer for Her Majesty's Jubilee. We then heard the poem starting 'They shall grow not old' and sang a verse of 'O God our help in ages past' before moving from the common into the Church for the rest of the service.

Here our Legion members were ably assisted by 3 pupils from St Paul's School who provided an escort to the British Legion standard, laid a spray of poppies beside the altar and read out the names of the fallen from Chipperfield. The willingness of the children and their parents to support our service should never be underestimated and we are extremely grateful to them all. *Mark Jarrod*



## Wreath Making

Although the Hollyberry Fair has been made defunct, 'Flowers by Amanda' managed to carry on the tradition of a Wreath Making evening on Tuesday 29 November with 30 people from the village.

There was an England v Wales football match on but with phones on the tables and prosecco in the glasses, the ladies all managed to make beautiful Christmas Wreaths for their front doors and gates.

Neighbours, mums, church representatives and a couple from Kings Langley made up the lovely pre-Christmas gathering.

Amanda (Annabel Heathcote's sister) donated her time for free and, after costs, donations of £145 were made to both St Paul's School and St Paul's Church on 1 December.

Sincere thanks for the use of the Parish Room, and to Amanda Gilring-Heathcote for being a super patient and creative teacher.

We will be booking for next year. *Annabel Heathcote*



## Chipperfield Theatre Group



This year I took part in Chipperfield Theatre Group's production of 'Snow White', playing the role of 'Thirsty', a small person who lives in the woods. This was my fifth performance with the company and I hope it will not be my last. I began as part of the chorus in Aladdin.

The rehearsal process started in September and lasted approximately eleven weeks. During that time we managed to create an amazing show and to forge lasting friendships. From the lighting, to the set, everyone, especially our amazing director, **Lisa Turner**, dedicated so much time and hard work to make the production the best it could be.

Some of my favourite parts of the show include the flying parrot, the bat fright, the 'Pump It' routine (work out) and so many more. I have created so many memories this year with so many wonderful people and would definitely recommend you join in next year.

I can't wait for next year's show!

*Grace Heathcote-Wells*



## St Paul's School Life: All you need to know about a day at St Paul's

Life at St Paul's is a lot of fun! Our typical school day consists of all the subjects a regular school has but the teachers make them more fun and interesting. For example, in our Aztec topic we incorporated Maths into our learning by making chocolate and designing packaging to promote it. In Science, we made electric circuits to go inside our Aztec temples that we made during D&T.

There are also many sporting events that our school takes part in, such as tag rugby, cross country, table tennis tournaments and basketball - and not forgetting football and netball! These events are run by the Dacorum School Sports Network (DSSN) and give us an opportunity to enjoy and experience different competitions and sports. There are also after school clubs which include learning how to play these sports and also creative clubs like Art Club and Cheerleading.

In Year 6 we have various responsibilities like Playground Patrol (we make sure that the playground is a fun and safe environment by setting up different games and activities ensuring everyone is included). The Sports Committee provides news of children's achievements and organises competitions around school to keep everyone active and engaged.

School trips are fantastic! We have visited places such as Whipsnade Zoo, Roman Verulamium Museum, Celtic Harmony, Kingswood Activity Centre and Young Voices at the O2. We also regularly use Chipperfield Common for nature walks, wellbeing, cross country and outside learning.

Extra music lessons are available at school - we have a piano teacher. We also get to learn how to play glockenspiels and recorders during our music lessons, as well as learning how to sing songs, compose our own pieces of music and perform them to the class. Every half term each class gets to create a sharing assembly to show the rest of the school and parents what they have been learning in their topics. These assemblies include acting, singing and presenting. They really help to build up our confidence.

School lunches are delicious! We have a three week rota with every day having the option of a meat-based meal, vegetarian meal, school sandwiches or a jacket potato. We are called into the dinner hall at staggered times so that everybody can eat their lunch safely and calmly.

We have a strong connection to St Paul's Church and regularly participate in different masses throughout the year, including Harvest and Remembrance Sunday - children volunteer to represent our school by writing prayers and saying readings in church.

St Paul's makes learning enjoyable and the days go really fast. We love all the opportunities that we are given and our class feels like our family. We have such a great sense of community and everybody feels welcomed and safe.

*Reported by Florrie, Jude, Madison and Jeannie, Year 6 pupils*

## 'Silver lunches' at Blackwell's

Silver lunches (formerly known as Pensioner Lunches) continue to be held at Blackwell's on

**Thursdays at 12.30pm.** Good opportunity to meet with fellow villagers where Blackwell's provides a **2-course lunch with tea or coffee for £7.**

To book your place, call Blackwell's on 01923 264708. If you need transport, call Chipperfield Care on 01923 264700.

Look forward to seeing you there!

*Jacky Simmonds*



## ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

Within **YOUR** village there stands a building. One which has 'always just been there'. Maybe you know it extremely well from the hours of generous volunteering....perhaps from visiting alone or with someone close to you in time of need.

Maybe you go there on a regular basis and know what the building has to offer. Or, by chance, you were invited into the building by a neighbour, asking you 'to come on in'. The beautiful villages we live in, whether Sarratt or Chipperfield, each has one of these buildings and I am not writing about the local pub, village hall or school. The buildings do differ in age, size and character, making them very individual; I suppose just like all humans! The Young are encouraged to enter and explore the building through Messy Church, Youth Group and Services. Those in need are given help, support and Opportunity through the building and great things are achieved when people are United together with a common goal. If you have never ventured into the building or recently heard about life within it, why not take a Re-look.

Church, your local church, needs you in many different ways. To find out more, with no obligation, call Sonya at the Benefice Office on 01923 264377. Why not pop into the office for a coffee and a chat!

*Benefice Administrator on behalf of St Paul's Churchwardens*



**CHIPPERFIELD CARE is a group of volunteers who have got together to help those who are unable to find their own transport to essential appointments such as hospitals, doctors, dentists, medical clinics, fortnightly Sainsbury's shop etc.**

If you are having problems getting to these, and are unable to use public transport or ask family for help, please call our **Help Line on 01923 264700 - 9.30am - 12.30pm** on weekdays, and we will do our very best to help.

## THANK YOU to St Paul's School

**A huge thank you to all the children (and, of course, the staff) who so kindly, yet again, made Christmas cards for Chipperfield Care to deliver to over 40 most appreciative people in our village.** The school is so kind to put aside time for doing this for so many villagers who were very grateful for your time and effort. Thinking of others is just what we need, and you have made a lot of people very happy. Hopefully Santa was as kind to you as you have been to many people in Chipperfield!

*Mark Jarrad*





## ChipperfieldClarendon Cricket Club News

Since September we've been carrying out essential groundwork to ensure that our outfield and square are ready for mid-April. Our new groundsman, Peter Rees, is looking forward to his first full season in charge on the Common.

Off the field, our Planning Application to provide improved facilities for all members and guests was approved. Firstly, to remove and replace the existing practice nets with the very best artificial surface and surrounds in early April in partnership with our suppliers at Total-Play. The project is being managed by Rich Hudson, 07375 414694, and, if anyone is interested in financially supporting this installation, do get in touch with Rich. Secondly, we are aiming to renew and refresh the front of the clubhouse to provide a larger, more relaxed environment for our guests and players. We are looking to get this work completed ahead of the season. Janet Newman, 07749 560422, is leading the project and would be happy to discuss any support that you may wish to give. Lastly, the changes we are making to the club mean that we believe we will have an excellent facility for people to use and hire throughout the year.

If you wish to hire our facility, then do get in touch with Clare McFaddyn, 07787 726612, or see our website: [www.chipperfieldclarendoncc.com](http://www.chipperfieldclarendoncc.com)

Graham Gurney, Chairman CCCC

## Pickled onions for charity



Zahia Rogers and Mike Joseph have been pickling onions for charity. The jars were very kindly displayed and sold by Andy Fyfe's butchers, the Cart and Horses pub and Blackwell's.

A total of 40kg of onions produced 95 jars of three strengths labelled 'Mike's Mild', 'Mike's Manglers' and

'Mike's Malevolent'. These raised a total of £478 split equally between two charities: The Heather Club in Hemel Hempstead for Alzheimer's and people with dementia, [theheatherclub.com](http://theheatherclub.com) and Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust, [kwamkono.org.uk](http://kwamkono.org.uk). Both are very worthwhile charities - please look at the websites.

Next year the target will be over 100 jars. Mike Joseph



## Poppy Appeal Final Accounts 2022

We were not expecting to do as well this year as last year, which was a special celebratory year for the RBL, and were then amazed that the total collected in Chipperfield and Bovingdon was a staggering £10,754.25. Chipperfield were delighted with their collection of £6,648.19, only £243.21 down on last year's. Bovingdon were similarly pleased with their £4,106.06. Well done and thank you to Tom Morkill and his team who organised the street collections, static tins and events throughout the year in Bovingdon.

The tables in Chipperfield village centre on two Saturdays collected £2,652.95 in cash plus £733.00 on card machines, lent to us by The Royal British Legion. This total for the tables was £828.92 up on last year due partly to higher takings on the card machines. This year we were delighted that eight dedicated collectors were keen once more to collect door-to-door and raised £1,220.06; this was £150.03 up on last year. A big thank you to the shops, pubs, churches, cafes, and garage who raised £934.75 which was a surprisingly good result now that cash is no longer in shoppers' pockets. The wreaths laid by local organisations at the War Memorial contributed £350. A big thank you to St Paul's School who raised £258.43 and for their continuing support in many ways. People kind enough to Gift Aid their donations added a tremendous £499.00.

A huge thank you once more to Mark Jarrad who counted every tin for both villages and sent off to the RBL immaculate sheets of accounts. I am sure the RBL wish that all their accounts were so diligently completed. Sue Walker, Poppy Appeal Organiser

## Chipperfield Choral Society

### A sound of carol singing filled St Paul's!

The annual Chipperfield Choral Society Christmas concerts filled St Paul's to capacity on 10 December. It was wonderful to see the church so full after the last few years of lower participation due to Covid.

Delia Meehan, our Musical Director, had, as usual, put together a wonderful creative blend of well-known and new carols that was hugely enjoyed by the audience. The concert opened with a massive fanfare from Jon Lee on the magnificent St Paul's organ and this set the scene for an afternoon and evening of gorgeous Christmas music. John Rutter was, of course, represented with 'All Bells in Paradise' along with two lovely, lyrical new carols by Malcolm Archer. We sang two carols from the series of Chipperfield Carols written specially for the choir by Alan Taylor. Many of us were singing from copies signed by Alan which especially inspired our singing.



Alex Haigh sang beautifully in 'The Three Kings' (Cornelius) and gave a rousing rendition with the choir of 'O Holy Night' by Adolphe Adam.

Our usual accompanist, Rosemary Venner, was not available for this concert so we were delighted that Sheila Cornell took over at the keyboard and provided excellent accompaniment for the choir. Jon Lee, as ever, showcased the full range of the magnificent organ and provided strong leadership in the carols for the audience.

These were Delia's last Christmas concerts with the choir as she will be retiring after our April performance of 'Messiah'. Please put the date of 1 April in your diaries and buy tickets to come to the concert at Clement Danes' Barbirolli Hall. We have four brilliant soloists booked, including Emma Bell, our patron, so this promises to be one of the highlights of the local choral calendar and a wonderful celebration of Delia's over 30 years of conducting the choir.

Please see our website for further information - [www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk](http://www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk)

John Morrish



## Parish Council Update January 2023

The Parish Council (CPC) hopes you all have had an enjoyable Christmas and looks forward to 2023, hoping for a happy and productive year.

We are happy to report the vacancy on the CPC has been filled by **Wendy Bathurst** who returns after a break. We look forward to her vision and insight on all matters rural and Common related.

Now that the Common has been given **SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace)** status and Dacorum (DBC) has sanctioned this approach, it brings to light a number of issues. Although it seems a 'done deal', we still have the option to influence how it will affect our Common and we would like to reiterate our invitation to all parishioners to join a joint working party with CPC to attenuate the DBC plans for the site such that we get what the village requires from this initiative. Monies will be raised as an additional tax on new build properties in the SANG designated area across Dacorum and parts of Bedfordshire, and this will fund the SANG initiatives at the Common and the Bunkers Lane sites. If you wish to help and actively contribute to our joint villager/CPC working group, please let the Parish Clerk know.

Until the whole SANG plan is formalised, there is likely to be limited activity around our **ponds and paths**, so the quicker we get active the better.

It has come to our attention that DBC, in common with other councils, will be charging for emptying **Green Bins** from March this year. If this is a service you need, then you can sign up on the DBC website.

As a reminder, the village now has two **defibrillators** that are publicly available and maintained by CPC. One is on the front wall of the Two Brewers and the other is on the Parish store in the car park behind the Post Office. There are other defibs in the village (at the cricket club and football club) but these are only available when the club houses are open.

The school is still looking for a **'lollipop person'** for the school crossing. If anyone is interested, please contact the school. This is a paid role of two hours/school day. Job sharing considered.

We have received a number of nominations for our **award scheme** to celebrate an individual's outstanding contribution to the village or village life and will consider other nominations up to the end of February. We will announce the Chipperfield Outstanding Service Award at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Please report all **potholes** to Herts Highways; the more reports they receive, the more likely they are to be dealt with.

There remain a number of **parking issues** in the village with footpaths being blocked. Whilst the building works are ongoing, the Osteria has no assigned car parking. We would encourage people to park thoughtfully and consider all options, such as using the car park at the Catholic Church.

Finally, the environmental mantra of **'Leave no Trace'** encourages us all to be mindful of litter. Please take all litter and dog poo from the common and place in the bins.

Wishing you all the best for 2023

Chipperfield Parish Council, Kevan Cassidy 02/1/2023

## Planning Applications

The local planning authority for Chipperfield is Dacorum Borough Council (DBC). Your Parish Council is a statutory consultee and has a planning committee that meets every three weeks.

The committee seeks to reflect the views of the community in its response and comments to DBC. Any resident of Chipperfield may comment about planning applications affecting the village using DBC's online planning portal, as well as informing the Parish Council of her/his opinions.

In 2022 there were more than 3800 planning applications in Dacorum, an average of 76 each week. This is a huge workload which can lead to delays in the planning process.

Below is a summary of Planning Applications / Decisions in Chipperfield since 1 November.

### Applications

- 22/03493 **Pilgrim Cottage, Megg Lane** – Demolition of existing cattery buildings and construction of new dwelling
- 22/03484 **42 Tower Hill** – Single storey side extension
- 22/03469 **Coltfoot, Stoney Lane** – Construction of swimming pool in garden to side of house
- 22/03810 **16 Croft Cottages** – Single & 2 storey rear extensions
- 20/03756 **Rumbolds, New Road** – Rear extension, addition of dormer windows, conversion of detached garage
- 22/03709 **Keymers, Chapel Croft** – Construction of garden outbuilding (new application)
- 22/03550 **74 Scatterdells Lane** – single/double storey extensions to front/rear/side

### Decisions

- 22/02753 **Small Hall, The Common** – Fixed fence to front hardstanding  
**Granted**
- 22/02753 **Keymers, Chapel Croft** – Proposed garden out building **Refused** – inappropriate development in green belt
- 22/03132 **Martlets, The Common** – addition of 3 parking spaces, alterations to fencing, addition of solar panels to roof **Refused**
- 22/01733 **Russett View, Dunny Lane** – Conversion of swimming pool building to annexe  
**Granted**

## Brownies

Chipperfield Brownies. As I have reached my 25th year as Brown Owl, I have set the Brownies a challenge: to do 25 different things throughout the year. Everything from making someone smile, donating a book or toy to a charity, learning to cook their favourite food, writing about what they think they will be doing in 10 years time, trying a new hobby and a new sport.

1st Chipperfield Brownies have recently worked for the Inventing Badge; we had a Strictly Come Dancing evening; we proudly paraded our flag and laid a wreath at the Remembrance Service on the common. We ended our term with a Christmas party.

Girlguiding is so rewarding and we are always looking for people to give a little time to help our girls enjoy their time in Rainbows (5-7), Brownies (7-10), Guides (10-14).

To register your daughter or to volunteer, go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested)

Sian Roberts, Brown Owl



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## Ann Christina Rees

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Ann was born in Hendon on the 30th of July 1936 and grew up in Croxley Green. As a teenager in Croxley she was a Scout leader with her good friend, Edna. Her first job was as a florist in London. Her love of gardening and flowers stayed with her and, after leaving the job in London, she continued to arrange flowers and to enter the local horticultural shows.



Glynne and Ann met and began courting; they were married at Beechen Grove Baptist Church in June 1959. Their first home was a caravan in Bucks Hill, followed by a house in Northchurch. Ann briefly worked in the drawing office at Scammell lorries, then at Clements in Watford as a window dresser. Ann and Glynne enjoyed many holidays in the UK but also had some trips abroad. On one trip they drove across Europe, through Turkey and Syria and, on arrival in Jordan, they were able to visit Petra; the memories from this trip lasted a lifetime.

By now they had moved to Tillmans Croft, Chipperfield, where Ann got stuck into redesigning and planting the garden. Bethan was born in 1974 and when she was old enough to start at the village playgroup, Ann started there as a helper. She loved working with the children and with all the craft projects; she was soon known as Arty Ann. She also kept her hand in with window dressing, doing the window displays at her friend Andrea's shop in Sarratt. She retired from the playgroup just before having brain surgery for hydrocephalus but was always pleased to hear how the children she had looked after were doing later in life. Ann was a member of the Sarratt Quilters' group where she made many friends. Over the years most members of the family and many friends have received quilts. She had a love of nature, animals and birds and had various pet dogs and cats over the years.

After Glynne passed away in 2017 Ann's memory deteriorated, but with Bethan around to accompany her and help at home, she was able to continue her life without too much concern. In fact, until she was hospitalised following a seizure in 2021, most people were unaware that she had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. It now became obvious that more care was needed than Bethan could give alone, so Ann moved to the Chorleywood Beaumont in May 2021. She loved the activities, especially singing and art and the visiting animals.

Ann's faith was an integral part of her life. She attended Salvation Army services as a child. Ann started attending the Baptist services at Beechen Grove in Watford with Glynne, then Northchurch and finally Chipperfield, and loved helping with Flower and Christmas Tree festivals in the local churches.

She joined in with hymns and carols in her last few days, remembering the words. We take comfort that she had a strong faith and is now with God.

## ST PAUL'S AT CHRISTMAS

Some people might have thought that Christmas 2022 would be a bit of a washout as far as the usual church services were concerned. After all, our rector, Michele, had departed in September and we were faced with what is known as the 'Interregnum', a period when the congregations of our churches are left leaderless until a new incumbent has been selected and installed.

But how wrong they were! We have a strong team of churchgoers, led by our courageous churchwardens who were determined that the celebrations of this most important event would rival those of previous years, and indeed they did.

First off was the decorating of St Paul's and the erection of two magnificent Christmas trees, one inside and the other at the entrance to the churchyard. Brilliant! Then there was the Christingle service which was a hit for both children and adults, with a Christingle candle given to each and every one. Next came the glorious Nine Lessons and Carols service, popular with our regulars and visitors alike, followed by the Crib Service which the children joined in enthusiastically, many dressed in appropriate costumes.

Lastly there was the beautiful Midnight Mass, this year held at Holy Cross, Sarratt on Christmas Eve and the Christmas morning service at St Paul's.

I don't think anyone could have wished for a more uplifting celebration of such an important birthday. Thank you to everyone who contributed to its success.

Lucy Williams

## OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

The 2021 census, when it was published recently, informed us that for the first time fewer than half of the people in England and Wales described themselves as Christian. However, Christianity remained the most popular answer to the religion question which was actually optional to answer. When the pandemic first came in 2020 and lockdowns were instituted and churches closed, many neighbours set out to help each other. The lockdown actually brought people together. One of Jesus' main teachings comes from the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It is - to love your neighbour as yourself. This encourages us to believe that we are not living in a society that has really turned its back on religion. We remain a country filled with Christian values.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and this year is celebrated on 22nd February. Lent is the period of 40 days that precedes the celebration of Easter and involves some self-examination on our part. During this time many people decide to give up something that they love - perhaps chocolate, alcohol or even online shopping! This 'sacrifice' is a reflection of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert. The act of giving up something and replacing it with time for thought and prayer enables us to reflect on God's love for us. It's a time when we can 'spring clean' our lives. It is said that the word 'Lent' comes from an old English word 'lencten' which means 'lengthening', like the days do as winter gives way to spring. But spring is not instantaneous; it is a gradual process. Temperatures start to rise, flowers begin to bloom and each day is a little lighter. As nature is waking up, so must we. Lent is a season each year when we can pause and review our lives and concentrate more on the meaning of Christ's life, his ministry, his sacrifice and his resurrection. A time for us to again 'see the light'. Even if you do not believe in God or Jesus, Lent can still be a time of soul-searching and personal growth.

Sue Croucher

## PINTS OF VIEW

**Monday 20 February, 8pm**

The first get-together of Pints of View in 2023 will be held at The Plough, Belsize on Monday 20 February starting at 8pm. Join us then and consider how the world can be put to rights. Everyone welcome.

*John Guy and Alan Milsom*

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10.30am

**Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemas**  
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Morning Service Holy Cross  
Benefice Holy Communion St Paul's

**Sunday 12 (2nd Sunday of month)**

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**2nd Sunday before Lent**

Morning Service St Paul's Parish Room  
Benefice Holy Communion Holy Cross

**Sunday 19 (3rd Sunday of month)**

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10.30am

**Sunday next before Lent**

Holy Communion Holy Cross  
Family Service St Paul's

**Wednesday 22**

7.30pm

**Ash Wednesday (1st Day of Lent)**

Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes Holy Cross

**Sunday 26 (4th Sunday of month)**

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We shall be holding a service of celebration for the life and witness of Chipperfield Baptist Church on Saturday 18 February.

#### DIARY OF SERVICES AT OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

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

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## A Cold Snap

I enjoyed the sudden cold snap that we had just before Christmas; for the first time in a few years the wildlife pond froze hard enough for me to walk out on it! Every winter the reeds have to be cut back and the easiest way to do it is by sliding the hedge cutter over the ice. The last couple of years have seen me leaning over from the bank, praying that the ice was thick enough to take the weight of the hedge cutter, and having to leave some tufts that were too far out. This time I got every last bit and raked them all up whilst they were dry. The ice got quite slippery by the time the last bits were raked up but it was a good job done! I leave the pumps running all the time so the waterfall never freezes and the birds were glad of it. It always seems odd that even on the coldest days they still queue up for a bath in the late afternoon, but it's important to keep feathers in good condition.

When a friend moved house she gave me her bird table as mine had been smashed in a gale and it is now the centrepiece of my new rock garden. I have a great view of it from my breakfast table and it was great to sit in the warm and see so many different birds come for the food. Sunflower seeds were very popular with a charm of Goldfinches, and all members of the Tit family. A pair of Blackcaps have decided not to fly south this winter and they were frequent visitors. Magpies soon fly down for any crumbs or bits of fat that I put on the table but the most rowdy visitors are the Parakeets. A gang of five come squawking in and the other birds vanish! I have a cage over the sunflower seeds so that they can't get them but that doesn't stop them trying. I am not keen on them but my son says they are here to stay and I should enjoy their bright green colour and exotic looks. He was not quite so keen on them when he came to pick apples and found they had pecked holes in all the reddest apples that he had climbed to the top of the tree to pick! *Wendy Bathurst*



### Chipperfield Corinthians Football Club

**It has been a good first half of the season for Chipperfield Corinthians.**

The first team is flying - currently sitting in third place in the top division of five and is only two points off the top having played 10 and won 7 games. It is also progressing well in two different cups hoping to emulate last season's cup winning triumph.

The reserves have had a difficult season in a very competitive division and have suffered with a number of players moving on, meaning it has been a struggle to get a quality team out, week in week out.

Members of the third team have had a very successful time and are currently top of their league, albeit a couple of teams have games in hand on them but they are certainly in the mix.

Games at QS are usually every Saturday kicking off at 2pm and all support is very welcome.

*Martyn Dicker, President, Chipperfield Corinthians FC*



### Hemel Hempstead Local Group Returns To Chipperfield

**Our first meeting at the Chipperfield Village Hall on Monday 5th December was very well attended, and gratifyingly included many new (to us) faces from the Chipperfield community.**

Meetings are normally held on the first Monday of each month featuring a natural history talk and not necessarily just about birds.

Our next two meetings are on **Monday 6th February** with a talk entitled **'Monitoring Herons and Other Breeding Birds'**, and on **Monday 6th March** with a talk entitled **'Swifts'**.

There will be refreshments and a raffle, and displays of members' photographs, local news, and other activities. We also arrange monthly car sharing outings, with coach trips to the more distant reserves.

**Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start, finishing at 9.45pm.**

As before, anyone is welcome to attend, whether experienced or not, RSPB members or not. There is no annual membership fee but there is a small entry fee.

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For outing details contact **Alan on 01442 833585.**

We look forward to seeing you again at our monthly meetings.

## Chipperfield Horticultural Society

**Happy New Year!** We have a full programme of events for 2023 and look forward to welcoming members, old and new. Our **AGM** will take place in the **Parish Room on Tuesday 7 February at 7.30pm.** We encourage all members to attend, to pay their subscription fees and to have a chat with fellow members whilst enjoying cheese and wine. Tickets for our main guest speaker of the year, **Christine Walkden**, will be available to purchase at the AGM. Christine will visit us on **Tuesday 4 April** to talk about **'The Life and Times of a Gardener'**. She will be familiar to listeners of Gardeners' Question Time on BBC Radio 4. She has also featured in several television documentaries, including **'Christine's Garden'** and **'Glorious Gardens From Above'**. Her own garden is of a fairly

modest size and so she is particularly well suited to advising on how to get the best out of today's modern smaller plots with her very practical down-to-earth style. Our first show of the year is the **Spring Show on Saturday 18 March.** As always, you can enter many different classes....Flowers, Vegetables, Floral Art, Handicraft, Photography, Home Baking and the Junior Section. Photography categories are 'Garden Wildlife', 'After Dark', and 'Feeding Time'. Domestic classes include a marble cake, focaccia and quiche.

We are a supportive, friendly group and would welcome some new committee members to help run the Society, going forward.

Members should receive updating emails. If not, then please contact us at **[chipperfieldhortsoc@hotmail.com](mailto:chipperfieldhortsoc@hotmail.com)**. Please also let us know if your contact details have changed. *Mo Barton*

# CHIPPERFIELD CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES

EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Art Workshop	Saturday monthly	9.30am	Parish Room
Ballet - adult	Wednesday	10 - 11 / 11.30 - 12.30am	Blackwells
Ballet - kids	Monday	5 - 5.45 / 5.45 - 6.30 / 6.30 - 7.15pm	Blackwells
Ballet - kids	Wednesday	4 - 4.30 / 4.30 - 5 / 5 - 6.15pm	Blackwells
Ballet - kids	Thursday	4 - 5 / 5 - 6.15pm	Blackwells
Ballet - kids	Saturday	9.30 - 10.30 / 10.30 - 11.30am / 12 - 1pm	Blackwells
Brownies	Wednesday	6.30pm	Parish Room
Children's Dance	Friday	10am and 12pm	Village Hall
Chipperfield Choral Society	Thursday	7.45 - 9.45pm	Village Hall
Chipperfield pre-school and out of school care	Monday - Friday (Term time)	7.30am - 6.15pm	Small Hall
Church Choir	Friday	7.30pm	Parish Room
Collective Performing Arts	Monday	3.30 - 7.45pm	Blackwell's Studio
Collective Performing Arts	Wednesday	4.00 - 6.15pm	Blackwell's Studio
Collective Performing Arts	Thursday	5.00 - 6.15pm	Blackwell's Studio
Collective Performing Arts	Saturday	9.45am - 1.15pm	Blackwell's Studio
Eurythmy, followed by coffee	Monday	9.45 - 11.45am	Parish Room
Fitness	Wednesday	7 - 8pm	Village Hall
Gentle Yoga	Monday	1.30 - 3pm	Village Hall
Indoor Bowls	Friday	1.30 to 4pm	Village Hall
Indoor Bowls	Tuesday	7.00 to 9.30pm	Village Hall
Invigorating Local Walks	Tuesday and Thursday	9.30am	Blackwells car park
Keep Fit	Tuesday	10.30am	Parish Room
Keep Fit - gentle!	Thursday	9.30am	Parish Room
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Pilates	Tuesday	9.30am and 10.30am	Blackwells
Pilates	Wednesday	6.30 - 7.30 / 7.30 - 8.30pm	Blackwells
Pilates	Wednesday	9.15am	Village Hall
Pilates - 9 classes per week	Wednesday & Friday mornings, and Monday evenings		Parish Room
RSPB natural history talk	First Monday of the month	7.15pm for 7.45pm	Village Hall
T'ai Chi	Friday	1.45pm	Parish Room
Tap Dance	Monday (Term time)	9.30am	Baptist Church Hall
Yoga - all levels	Thursday	10am	Blackwells
Yoga for men	Tuesday	7pm	Blackwells
Yoga with Carolyn	Thursday	7 - 8pm	Blackwells
Youth Group <a href="http://www.hcsp.net/youth">www.hcsp.net/youth</a>	Thursday (term time)	6.30 - 8pm	Parish Room
Zumba	Thursday	10 - 11am	Village Hall

For information about an event, club or class contact the appropriate hall booking agent listed on page 12 or visit the village website, [www.chipperfield.org.uk/organisations](http://www.chipperfield.org.uk/organisations).

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