



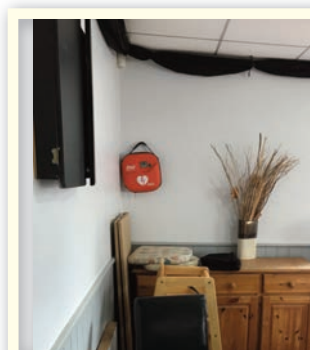
## Do you know where your nearest defibrillator is?

There are now 5 defibrillators or AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) in Chipperfield. Who knew??

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2. Behind the **Post Office** in a cabinet on a wall. Available 24/7.
3. At the **Cricket Club** but **only available when open**.
4. At the **Football club** but, again, **only available when open**.
5. In **Blackwell's** on the wall by the dartboard, **only available when open**.

To deter vandalism and theft the defibrillators at the Brewers and Post Office are in cabinets and require a code to open them. This can be obtained by phoning 999/112. The other 3 defibrillators are portable and do not require a code.

A partnership between the UK Ambulance service, British Heart Foundation and Microsoft has created a national map of all known UK defibrillators and provides locations of these to the Ambulance service. When someone dials 999 they can quickly be alerted to their nearest defibrillator. *Popsi Forbes*



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**SATURDAY 6 MAY - EVENING:**  
CTG present a Murder Mystery Night in the Village Hall.

**SATURDAY 6 MAY - EVENING:** Disco (venue and details tbc).

**SUNDAY 7 MAY - MORNING:**  
Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Church

**SUNDAY MIDDAY ONWARDS:** Picnic on the common with bouncy castles (tbc). Food vendors on site will be serving ice creams, burgers, pizzas, cocktails and beer.

**SUNDAY EVENING:**  
Choral event in St Paul's church to celebrate the Coronation. There will also be a local history display at the back of the church, plus a mini flower festival.

More details and confirmations to follow.

We need helpers to do all this, so please contact me if you can help in any way at all. It would be good to match the fantastic turn out of volunteers that we had in 2022.

Phil Waine and Luke Hinton, Chipperfield Events CIC:  
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## CHIPPERFIELD CORINTHIANS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

warmly welcome you to join them at their  
**Annual General Meeting**  
on Monday 17 April at 8pm

at Chipperfield Football Club, Queen Street, WD4 9BT

*Light refreshments will be offered for all to enjoy*



## Chipperfield Corinthians Football Club

The season is now well underway and, having played 17 games, Chipperfield 1st team is having an exceptionally good season and remains very close to the top of the Premier Division. It is currently in 3rd place having won 12 and drawn 1 of its games and is 9 points off the top (but with a game in hand) and is one point behind the current 2nd place team with 2 games in hand.

The reserves have had a tough start to the season having had to rebuild a new team but the recent weeks have seen real progress with 2 wins and a draw in their last 4 games.

The 3rd team has had an excellent season and is currently 2nd in Div 4 although there are lots of teams round them and it has now played 18 of their 30 league games.

There are games at Queen Street every Saturday with most games kicking off at 2pm until the end of March when they move back to 3pm; all support would be very welcome.

*Martyn Dicker, President, Chipperfield Corinthians Football Club*

## Come and try Bowls Day at Kings Langley Bowls Club

**Saturday 29 APRIL - 10am - 4pm**

**All are welcome. No experience needed. Simply drop in between the advertised times.**

Wear comfortable clothing and ideally flat or minimum tread footwear for on the Green.

Our friendly and experienced bowlers will provide you with coaching and support throughout the session.

*Light refreshments will be available and the club bar will be open from lunchtime.*



## Friends of St Paul's School

How are we in March already and yet the weather is still like the middle of winter! Friends of St Paul's, though, have not let that get to them; we have had some great events raising funds for the school while having some fun.

The children flipped as many pancakes as they could in 10 seconds which is always enjoyed by many with lovely friends and family sponsoring; a wine tasting event was a great success with thanks to the help of Dalling & Co; and last but not least 'Happy' sacks, a fantastic way for us to clear out our unwanted clothes and bedding.

Whilst writing this, along with looking forward to some sunshine, we are looking forward to an **Easter egg hunt** with an **Easter Bonnet competition** on 25 March; **Coronation Afternoon Tea** on 4 May; **Race night** on 13 May and our **Summer party** on 17 June. This will include Live music, St Paul's Got Talent, refreshments, face painting and glitter tattoos, games and much more. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

We also have loads of books that are looking for a home. There are plenty for most ages, especially the younger years. If anyone is interested, please get in contact with me on [Chairman@friendsofstpaulsschool.co.uk](mailto:Chairman@friendsofstpaulsschool.co.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.

*Robyn Craddock, Chairperson*



## Margaret Rose Robinson

**3 October 1931 - 29 January 2023**

**Margaret was born to her parents Alexander and Marion Porter in Baillieston in Scotland.**

She was the second youngest of five daughters. Margaret used to ice skate in Baillieston where she met her husband Frank Robinson. After a short romance they married on 4 March 1950 at St

Peter's Church in Cricklewood, Middx. They moved several times before coming to Dunny Lane for a short time before moving again. They had five children. After her husband died in 1996 Margaret moved back to Chipperfield, to Croft End Road, where she lived until moving into a care home in Hemel Hempstead three years ago.

Margaret cared very much for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and enjoyed spoiling all the family with Sunday roast dinners and parties for any occasion.

For a while Margaret was a care worker. She enjoyed going to St Paul's church, where her husband is buried, and joined in local clubs and made many friends.

She later had a wonderful partner, Bill, with whom she enjoyed frequent visits to Spain.

Margaret is now buried in St Paul's churchyard with her husband.



## THURSDAYS at BLACKWELL'S

Eyes down at 8.30pm.

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



## Blackwell's - Our Village Club

by Tony Thompson, Chair of the Trustees

**Mainly for the benefit of the new generations of families in Chipperfield, I will try to explain the origins, the aims and operation of Blackwell's today.**

The Club occupies ¾ acre of land opposite St Paul's Churchyard on the Common.

It was originally gifted by the Blackwell family, then of the Manor House, to the residents of Chipperfield and surrounding areas.

In 1939 a Charitable Trust was set up. The first Trustees were Dr Thomas Blackwell, Messrs Rivington and Kelly, local Solicitors, along with Henry Moss-Blundell, CBE and William Leuchars. Its original aim was to provide a club for both adults and youths to encourage mental and physical activity.

Throughout the years the Club has been run by a tenant in exchange for rent paid to the Trustees. Some of the rent paid is allocated to the cost of repairs. Surplus funds held by the Trust are available upon application to local organisations to further their aims within Chipperfield.

In my time as a Trustee, grants have been awarded to the Village Hall, the Cricket, Tennis, Football and Short Mat Bowls Clubs, help for setting up the new Burial Ground, opposite the Club. St Paul's School has also benefited from a grant, as has the Theatre Group. We gave a contribution to a youth who had to fund a World Challenge trip to Uganda.

The present tenant, Paul Ward, has been in situ for some 10+ years and survived the lock down and is again offering a range of facilities, including food and drink.

I trust you will find the foregoing of interest.



## Jean Mary Bunyan

18th September 1931  
– 29th January 2023

Jean was born in Lambeth, the only child of John (Jack) and Mildred (Topsy) Abrahams. After the war they moved to Kings Langley. The first child in her family to go to Grammar School, she matriculated and joined Lloyds Bank. Later she

went to work for Simmonds Nurseries based in Chipperfield where she was a valued employee.

She met and married Reginald Vernon Bunyan from Chipperfield. Together they built a bungalow in Chipperfield Road which remained the family home for the rest of her life. Here she and Reg raised their two children, John and Susannah.

With Reg working at the Abbot Printing Works in Kings Langley, Jean maintained close ties in Chipperfield with a close family link to Jean Kirkpatrick (nee Bunyan), her sister-in-law. When Reg's mother was still alive, and a very active participant in the whist drives that took place regularly in Chipperfield, Jean was called on to partner her at the card table. She dreaded these occasions as the standard of play was skilful and vicious and she was petrified of making mistakes. However, the experience stood her in good stead as she later became a formidable bridge player.

Jean was a wonderful friend to neighbours and all who knew her. She dealt with the ups and downs of family life with good humour, fortitude and great inner strength. Family finances were stretched when Reg became blind, so she returned to work part-time as an assistant at Kings Langley Library, a post she found fulfilling.

She celebrated Susy's achievements and success as an actress in theatre and television. Tragically, Susy's career was cut short by multiple sclerosis and Jean called on all her personal resources to nurse Susy through the protracted final years of her illness.

Jean developed a social life for herself which included bridge games, fund raising activities for Kings Langley Girl Guides and travel abroad with a friend. With Jean Kirkpatrick widowed, they holidayed together, and postcards home would arrive from 'A pair of Jeans! Recently, she was able to spend a very happy week with John and his wife, Helene, in the New Forest.

Jean enjoyed good health for most of her life and her final illness was mercifully short. She will be greatly missed by John and Helene, and fondly remembered by all who knew her.



**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.

Our help line is run by our volunteer Duty Officers at the above times. They will then find a volunteer Driver to arrange the safe transport of our clients to and from their requested destination.

**To ensure we can always meet people's requests for much needed transport, we do need more drivers. Could you volunteer as a driver (or duty Officer) for just a few hours a month?**

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## CHIPPERFIELD CARE does more than drive clients to appointments.

A duty officer was recently surprised to receive a call from a concerned relative living in South Wales about her elderly parents living in Chipperfield. She had been unable to contact them which was unusual. The duty officer was able to reassure her saying that her husband would call upon them. Relief all round; the couple were found to be well, at home and their phones not working despite BT's earlier denials. With the use of the duty officer's mobile, the couple were able to call and reassure their daughter.

Perhaps we should all give our nearest and dearest Chipperfield Care's Helpline telephone number as a lifeline.

*(Ed: the concerned relative had found the Helpline number in Chipperfield News).*



## Parish Council Update March 2023

We thank **John Wotton Toovey** for his kind donation towards the replacement of the blighted box hedge around the War Memorial. John visited the memorial and regaled us with stories about his connections to the village; Mary Blackwell being his great aunt and Mary Dennis (wife of Rev. Henry Dennis, the first vicar of St Paul's) his great-great aunt, both through Wotton ancestors.

We welcomed **Dan Stevens**, our local policeman at last council. Dan discussed his views on policing 'his patch', (Chipperfield, Flaunden and Bovingdon, as well as Kings Langley).

Dan recommends the use of '**Crimestoppers**' to report non-urgent crimes/incidents. This has the advantage of guaranteed 100% anonymity. The web link is <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/pre-form>. (0800 555111). He urged all to report anything that seems suspicious and the site provides a menu of the range of reportable topics.

Please note the change of venue for the **Annual Parish Meeting to 7pm on 9th May at the Village Hall**. The APM is our opportunity to report on council activities over the last year. It is your opportunity to ask questions regarding the village and PC activities and you are all invited.

As Chair, I have been ably supported and wish to thank my team, **Eamonn Flynn** (Deputy Chair), **Geoff Bryant** (Chair Planning), **Luke Hinton** (Planning and Social Media), **Wendy Bathurst** (Outdoor Spaces and the Common), **Jooles Miller** (Chair HR Team, Social Media), **Carly-Anne Heaphy** (School, Allotments), **Tony McGuinness** (Planning, Highways, Crime), **Usha Kilich** (Parish Clerk) and **Vas (Vassos Panayi)** our Parish Warden.

Council has enjoyed the support and advice we have had from our **Borough Councillors, Cllrs Riddick, Adeleke and Barrett** and at county level through **Cllr Richard Roberts** who all take time to attend our council meetings, whenever possible. It has provided CPC direct access to DBC.

Thank you for your support.

*Kevan Cassidy, Chair, Chipperfield Parish Council*



## SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace), what's all the fuss?

You may be aware that there has been a moratorium stopping any planning approvals in an area 12.6 Km around the Chilterns Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation (CBSAC).

This CBSAC is internationally recognised to nature conservation under the Habitats Directive. The CBSAC includes two sites in Dacorum Borough: Ashridge Commons and Woods SSSI, and Tring Woodlands SSSI. Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) is legally obliged to ensure future building approval will have no adverse effect on the CBSAC and is obliged to develop a Mitigation Strategy. The key part of this strategy that concerns the residents of Chipperfield is the development of a SANG (the Common, excluding the cricket ground) in order to attract people away from the CBSAC and reduce pressure on it. DBC has already approved the proposal to designate Chipperfield Common, Bunkers Lane Park and Gadebridge Park as SANGs.

*The key concerns of the Parish Council and the working party that we have convened are:*

**Additional traffic and where will it park?**

**Increased footfall will damage the common and increase littering.**

**Proposed signage and pathway improvements could lead to a level of urbanisation of the common, destroying its current charm and benefits.**

**Will DBC deliver on their proposed maintenance plan?**

*The potential upsides of the scheme, we hope, would be:*

**Better management of paths, foliage, invasive plant and tree species.**

**General pond management.**

**Improvement of some areas of access for disabled visitors and safer walkways.**

The working party is developing arguments to discuss with Natural England and DBC the plan and its delivery, to ensure the best outcome possible for the village. If anyone has any thoughts, positive or otherwise, on this developing issue, please email them to the Parish Council and we will try to accommodate as many opinions as we can in our response document.

## County Update - April 2023

**Don't forget to vote for your Dacorum Borough Councillors and take your ID (new this year). There will be a General Election next year and County in two years' time.**

This week we have had the best news; Children's Services have been inspected by Ofsted and they found us to be "Outstanding" in how we support children and families in the County, including the 1000 children in our care. Hats off to everyone who works so hard, including our many Foster Carers.

Many of you saw the "Dispatches", Watford Hospital footage; this was at the height of Covid and flu. In the last few weeks I have been to Watford and Lister Hospitals and met with the Chief Exec. at Watford and visited the hospital discharge teams. It is a lot better now, a lot calmer and the ambulances are not waiting like they were. Still very busy, still high demand but less chaotic. I did check, we discharge into Social Care better than anyone else in the region.

My colleagues and I put up Council Tax by 5% but that has meant we have kept a decent sized Highways programme (we need it!), gave our care workers a 9.7% pay rise and supported Citizens Advice, the Money Advice Unit and HertsHelp (the answer to most problems) at this time of financial challenge. Government helped a lot by giving us a decent share of the social care money so, compared to where we were last September, we are in a better shape, although inflation and costs are still high.

Our schools continue to do well with nearly 95% good or outstanding, and the most recent school admissions meant nearly everyone will go to their school of choice. On a less happy note, our Special Education Needs services are struggling to meet demand and are getting a lot of attention and support.

Many thanks and Happy Easter.

*Richard Roberts, Leader of the Council, Hertfordshire County Council*

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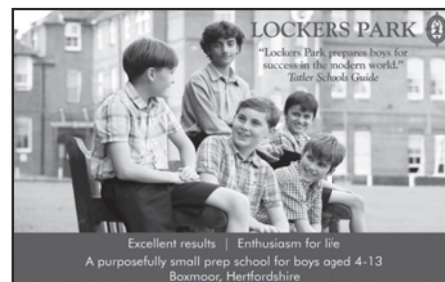
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### ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

#### A thought for Easter

Christians are currently in a time known as 'Lent' which began officially on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, and is the period in the Church calendar when Christians reflect on the amazing and horrific story of the Crucifixion. On Easter Sunday, 9th April, we celebrate part of the mystery of the Christian faith which is, of course, the Resurrection.

For many Christians Lent is a time of fasting and reflection and many people make promises to give up things during this time, a tradition going back centuries.

A few of us at St Paul's church have been meeting together throughout Lent to study a book written by Stephen Cottrell, the Archbishop of York, entitled 'Godforsaken' which delves into the last words of Jesus spoken on the cross. Some of those words were a quote from Psalm 22: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?". In this moment Jesus, the man, dies feeling alone and forsaken and yet on Easter Sunday we joyfully celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of Man.

Our group has been studying these words and thinking on them as they appear in the New Testament, not in the main language used in the day (which would have been Greek), but in Jesus' local tongue, Aramaic. It is interesting to note that of all the words claimed to be Jesus' words in the New Testament, it is at this most significant moment that the writer of the gospel of Mark has left Jesus' *actual* words unchanged, rather than quoting them in the Greek or the original Hebrew, as they would have appeared in Psalm 22, verse 1a.

The word 'forsaken' would probably be an accurate description of how many millions of people feel at this time, whether they are in Ukraine, Yemen, Turkey, Syria, Afghanistan, Haiti or other parts of the world where man-made or natural disasters have left them almost completely to their own resources.

Perhaps this Easter time we can reach out to neighbours or friends who may be feeling isolated and abandoned; in fact, forsaken.

*Philip Waine, Licensed Reader, St Paul's Church*

### OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

After giving up chocolate and biscuits for Lent, you can imagine the joy I will feel on Easter Sunday as I sink my teeth into the shell of a lovely Cadbury's Easter egg (other brands are available). Easter is a time that Christian people celebrate because of Christ's resurrection, three days after he was crucified. There are many non-religious people who celebrate it as well. They prefer to see it as a time of renewal; after all, Easter is typically celebrated close to the beginning of spring. Eggs are believed to be a symbol of fertility and the rebirth of nature after the cold of winter. Easter activities include decorating eggs, rolling eggs and going on egg hunts. Hot cross buns are also traditionally eaten over Easter to symbolise the crucifixion of Jesus on the cross. I used to look forward to having a hot cross bun on Good Friday. However, they are now available almost all year round, and these fruit buns now come in an assortment of flavours, too, such as apple, chocolate and caramel and orange and cranberry. Whilst there is plenty to love about Easter eggs and hot cross buns, Easter Sunday will always hold a much deeper meaning for us. At Easter we remember the love Christ showed mankind. He is risen from the dead, so we truly have a reason to celebrate! We shout "Alleluia"!

This year Holy week and Easter occur in April, beginning with Palm Sunday on April 2nd. The formula used for calculating Easter Sunday is the Sunday following the paschal full moon, which is the full moon that falls on or after the spring equinox. One reason given is that early Christians wanted Easter to coincide with Passover, because Christ's death and resurrection happened after the Jewish holiday. As the Jewish calendar is tied to solar and lunar cycles, the dates of Passover and Easter vary each year.

Sometimes it comes at the end of March; other years it happens later in April. Perhaps the changing date in our calendar helps to remind us that the spirit of Easter is not limited to one specific day.

Holy Week is a reminder of the original events that make up the mystery of God entering our human history and bringing about our salvation. It is important that we pause this week to think about Jesus' sacrifice of love and remember his terrible suffering at the crucifixion. As St Paul says, he did it by "assuming the condition of a slave" and 'he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross'.

Easter Sunday, therefore, is a time for Christians around the world to rejoice and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a time to reflect on the huge sacrifice that Jesus made for us. It brings a message of hope that offers us forgiveness and eternal life. Despite the setbacks and troubles we may experience in this life, Easter reminds us that there is always something to be hopeful for. May you all have a blessed Easter.

*Sue Croucher*

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*John Morrish*

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April 'Pints of View' will be on **Monday 17 April** at the **Plough, Belsize**, starting at **8pm** when Sue Clark will lead our discussion on the topic *"Has Brexit delivered the benefits that voters expected?"*. POV is an informal gathering in which to explore topical matters, aspects of faith, moral issues and ethical dilemmas over a quiet drink - we have a 'buy your own' policy. Everyone is welcome.

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9am

10.30am

**PALM SUNDAY Holy Week begins**

Morning Service

Benefice Holy Communion

Holy Cross

St Paul's

**Thursday 6**

6.30pm

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**Friday 7**

12 noon

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**GOOD FRIDAY**

Watch by the Cross part 1

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**Sunday 9 (2nd Sunday of month)**

10.30am

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**EASTER DAY**

Family Holy Communion

Family Holy Communion

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9am

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**Sunday 23 (4th Sunday of month)**

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10am

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Holy Communion

Morning Service

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Holy Cross

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**Friends of Chipperfield Common - Saturday 15 April**

Whilst writing this in the middle of March after a very cold week, going out into the woods is not appealing but by the next Friends working day it will be much warmer, the birds will be singing, there will be fresh growth everywhere and there will be a general urge to get out there and get to work to make a difference.

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## Wood works

When I planted my first new woodland in 2014 I had no idea how well it would do or what it would look like after 8 years. I certainly had not expected the brambles to be so.... Impressive.... during the first few years! I found it hard to believe they could pull trees over but, yes, they certainly can. I was told to cut them down to ground level with loppers every January and, to start with, it was quite a challenge but as the trees have grown and blocked out the light it has got easier. The hope was that there would be some 'natural regeneration' with trees arriving of their own accord and, oh boy, there has been plenty of that! There are more hazels, oaks, birch but, most of all, goat willow, often known as pussy palm, so much so that if I had not planted any it would still have become a wood!

Whilst doing the brambles this year, I noticed that some of the willows were starting to smother my trees, and that the squirrels were stripping the bark. I knew I would have to do some thinning after 7/10 years, but I didn't know quite where to start. So, I asked my friend and woodland expert, John Morris, to come and take a look. John helped me to get the felling licence for the old Christmas trees and advised on the planting. He came with his marker spray and marked a light thinning for this year and said I will need the same again next year. He suggested leaving the biggest goat willows as sacrificial trees so that the squirrels strip them and not my trees.

I have been busy trying to get it done before the birds start nesting. It's my kind of work; the trees are not too big and are easy to fell and then chop up and stack into environmental heaps for all the bugs and beasties to use, eventually rotting down and putting the goodness back into the soil.

I still can't quite believe the little trees I planted just a few years ago have grown so tall, but time flies when you're having fun!

Wendy Bathurst

**St Paul's Churchyard working party: Please save the date!**  
**Saturday 20 May. More information next month!**



## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD LOCAL GROUP

Since we started our monthly meetings in December at the Chipperfield Village Hall, they have been very well attended. It is gratifying that they have again included many from the Chipperfield, Bovingdon and Chorleywood communities.

Meetings are normally held on the first Monday of each month, featuring a natural history talk and not necessarily just about birds. Our 'April' meeting will be held on **Monday 27 March** due to calendar issues. On that occasion, tour guide and author Jonathan Forgham will be giving an illustrated talk about 'The Birds of the Algarve'. Therefore, as there will be no 'April' meeting, the next meeting will be held on **Monday 8 May**. Doors open at **7.15pm** for a **7.45pm**

start, finishing at 9.45pm. We will have a few short talks by our members, as well as a short AGM. As usual, there will be refreshments and a raffle, with displays of members' photographs, local news, and other activities.

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

## Chipperfield Horticultural Society

Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will be enjoying some lovely spring weather and making the most of our outside spaces, big or small. It will be interesting to see which plants have survived the summer drought and winter cold.

Our AGM on 7 February was followed by an interesting and informative talk by **Annette Randall** about Bumblebees; their life cycle, threats to their survival and how we gardeners can help to protect them. The Bumblebee Conservation Trust website has lots of useful information. Many thanks to Annette for highlighting this important issue. Cheese and wine was served and enjoyed afterwards!

Our next event is **Christine Walkden's** talk on '*The Life and Times of a Gardener*' on **4 April** in the **Parish Room**, not the Village Hall as advertised on the tickets.

Looking further ahead, our **Summer Show** is on **Saturday 17 June**. The main focus is on sweet peas and roses with numerous other flower, fruit and vegetable classes. Highlights will include Floral Art, Domestic and Junior classes to celebrate 'The King's Coronation'. The photography classes are 'Street Art', 'Garden Party' and 'Garden Shed'.

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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
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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
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## How Life Has Changed!

**Chipperfield Baptist Church was established over 200 years ago.**

Regular services were held first in a cottage and then in a barn which used to stand very near the present church built in 1837.

Some 20 years later it was enlarged and the tower and gallery built. This was necessary because complaints had been made by various parties that if they came, there was no room for them!

Attendance on Sunday mornings was around 200! Most of the congregation would have walked considerable distances.



*The Street circa 1906*

The old Manse was built in 1909 at a cost of about £300! It can be seen standing alongside the church in the photograph of The Street circa 1910. The organ was built in memory of those who died in the First World War. For the first 20 years it did not have an electric blower and the likes of Mimie Simmonds (Terry's mother) pumped the bellows. Organists through the years included Jim Simmonds (Terry's father.)

John Walden recorded that the old Tortoise stove, so named because it burned very slowly, was replaced in 1926 and central heating radiators were installed with a boiler in a little lean-to shed behind the tower. The person on duty had to light it on Saturday midday, stoke it Saturday afternoon,



*The Street circa 1910*

again late Saturday night, first thing Sunday morning and lastly Sunday lunch-time! Bob Harpley's mother was one of those tasked with the job.

In the photograph of Chipperfield Sunday School taken outside the front of the church, you can



*Chipperfield Sunday School circa 1895*



see some iron railings. As there was a shortage of metals in the 2nd World War, they were commandeered by the government and were later replaced by a yew hedge. This photograph is dated about 1895 and the men were all wearing their bowler hats. There were pegs attached to the back of

the pews for them to hang their hats on! When they were removed, we used them for hanging up our coats.

Pastor H. Grive was in charge during the 2nd World War. He drove steam trains during the week and took 2 services every Sunday.

## Memories

“ My memories of life at the Baptist Church when I was young

*by Norah Mills*

*We walked from Tower Hill three times on a Sunday - a service in the morning, Sunday School in the afternoon and a service in the evening. One lady who impressed me was our Sunday School teacher, Mrs Cook, from Bucks Hill. She lost her only son in a motorbike accident at Hunton Bridge, yet her faith never faltered. We always had an annual outing in a charabanc, mainly to Southend. We sang all the way and banged cake tins (which held our sandwiches) with our fingers so it sounded like drums beating. It was the only time I saw the sea.* ”

“ Chipperfield Baptist Church Sunday School - in the 1930's

*by Peggy Harpley*

*When I was young my brother Peter and I used to walk along Dunny Lane to Sunday School, both mornings and afternoons. Pastor Grive was our Minister. The schoolroom at the back had a stove to keep us warm. The kitchen was out the back, up some steps, and had only a cold tap. There was just an outside toilet. Once a year we had a coach outing to the seaside - these were the only times we ever saw the sea. I remember the Brown twins saying, "There are too many people here, can we go round the other side?"* ”

# Memories

## “ Memories of my Youth Club days

*by Terry Timberlake*

*The days spent at the youth club were great for me. It was run by Mr and Mrs Lee. I learned to play table tennis and snooker there. It was always a Saturday evening to look forward to. We arrived about 7pm. The old back room would be kept warm by an old Tortoise coke stove which had a big guard around it. We would all stand around and lean on the guard to get warm after our bike ride to get there. Mr and Mrs Lee also took us all on holiday for a week. Many times 20 or more of us would go. As I grow older, I realise that what they did was wonderful. They gave up their time for us. They were very happy days, memories that I treasure.* ”

## “ Jacky Simmonds' memories of the Baptist Chapel

*Jacky remembers all the recent past Ministers, including Mr Barnes and Mr French. Mr Barnes was Minister before the old schoolroom and vestry were demolished and replaced. She remembers the old squeaky floor boards when playing games in Girls' Brigade! Captain of the company was Mrs Ruth Orchard, later joined by lieutenants - Jacky herself, Brenda Harpley and Margaret Orchard who later became Captain.* ”

**On the 18th February 2023 we held our final service of thanksgiving for the life and witness of Chipperfield Baptist Church. The church was full. David Clough played the first 2 hymns for us on the organ. The Rev'd Stephen Copson gave the Address. There were also contributions from our former Pastor, Rev'd Jason Gain, and from Ian Chantrell who said at the end of his letter - many names, many memories, many songs and moments made here, that I'm sure created a lasting impact on so many.**