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THANK YOU and HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all my wonderful deliverers!

You are all so amazing at helping each other out during holidays or illnesses and ensuring that the Chipperfield News gets delivered to every house. Even the new houses (of which there are quite a few now) are getting theirs delivered by my trusty band!

There have been some changes this year!

Welcome to **Mary Paton** who volunteered to deliver to Boundary Cottages and Bullstrode Lane even though she lives nowhere near there!

Welcome also to **Jude Irving** who has kindly taken on Myra Prichards delivery and a special thank you to young **Isaac Hughes** who delivers 180 copies to the Croft estate, even though he now lives in Bovingdon!

Another special thank you to **Bob Tatum** who delivers 60 copies to Tower Hill and has now agreed to include the 9 new houses on Stoney Lane!

Sally Lewis, who so kindly took on the onerous job of delivering to Belsize, Poles Hill and Penmans Hill, is now hanging up her running shoes..... so the search is on for one or more deliverers for that area!

I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2024.

Popsi

Remembrance Sunday in Chipperfield

More than 150 hardy souls braved the weather to join us on the Common for our Remembrance Sunday service, along with assorted dogs and horses. Miraculously the rain stopped as the service started and our bugler's Last Post was truly memorable. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and dug deep in their pockets for the Royal British Legion. *Mark Jarrad*



Chipperfield Choral Society

Tickets for the afternoon performance of the **Chipperfield Choral Society Christmas concerts** are now **SOLD OUT!** There are some remaining for the **evening concert** at **7.30pm** on **Saturday 9 December** in **St Paul's church**.

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OUT

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BENEFICE CHRISTINGLE

Sunday 17 December - 10.45am

St Pauls Church, Chipperfield

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This is the fourth year that we have set up tables in the village centre to concentrate our collection. Over forty volunteers willingly gave up their time to encourage people to give generously to the Royal British Legion; and generously they did.

Ten stalwart collectors knocked on neighbours' doors. The shops, pubs, churches and school all happily took tins. Next week we will find out just how much was donated when Mark Jarrad gets down to the huge task of counting pennies. Many thanks to Ian Chantrell for once more decorating the village with the knitted poppies and to Pauline Williams for ensuring no one could miss the eye catching table on the Common. A big thank you also to those who came out at 8am to put up the gazebo; not easy in heavy rain and wind. On behalf of the RBL, thank you for ensuring that Remembrance time remains a special time in Chipperfield. Sue Walker

Many thanks to Mike Brankin who was out on both Saturdays with his camera to record as many people as he could. Chipperfield News is extremely grateful to him.

From left to right: 1st row - Peter Corbett; Richard Phillips and Harold Williams; Sue Walker; Lucinda Blake. **2nd row** - Pippa Frow; Linda Field, Janette Hyatt and Doreen Durrant; Linda Field; Doris Yates. **3rd row** - James Walker with his mother, Jenny Laurie; Jane and Paul Kearney; Janette Hyatt; Pauline and Harold Williams, Richard Phillips; Janette Hyatt. **4th row** - Monika Chalat; Sue and Chris Pinney; Jaz Pabla; Richard Phillips, Pauline and Harold Williams; **5th row** - Mike Joseph; Peter and Lucy Williams with daughter Charlotte; Tony Soanes; Popsi Forbes, Eunice Scadden. **6th row** - Shelagh Nicholls, Robert Henry; Tom Keatly and Doreen Durrant; Jaz Pabla and Jennie Cole; Liz Frow, Frances Onians.





Chipperfield Corinthians Football Club

The photo shows Chipperfield Corinthians First Team wearing its brand new kit and the club would like to say a massive thank you to Salvatorie & Denis at Osteria who provided the sponsorship for the kit.

The photo was taken ahead of their league game against London Lions Development who are 6th in the league. Chipperfield won 5-1 to keep the pressure on at Belstone the top of the Herts County Premier League.

Herts County League - Premier Division

- 1. Belstone P13 W12 D1 L0 Points 39
- 2. Chipperfield P15 W12 D1 L2 Points 39
- 3. Hatfield P13 W9 D1 L3 Points 28

Martyn Dicker, President, Chipperfield Corinthians FC



Chipperfield Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club

Now that the winter months are here, it is good to know that you can still have fun, enjoy the company of likeminded people and play bowls in the **Village Hall** twice a week. It is a good way to spend your free time; to meet people and forge new friendships. We meet every **Tuesday evening** and **Friday afternoons**. Our members come from all the surrounding areas, not only the village; people with a common interest in the game of bowls who meet regularly to interact with one another.

The rules are simple. In fact, they say that like all great games, bowls takes a minute to learn and a lifetime to master! Our bowling sessions are for two hours with a thirty minute break for refreshments; all this in a friendly atmosphere of competing with one another.

Apart from the enjoyment of playing bowls, which is suitable for all levels of fitness, it is a gentle way to get active and have fun doing it. Our new members from last year are doing so well, due mainly from the help and encouragement of the other club members.

So, if the winter months get you down, indoor bowling may just be the answer. Why not visit the Village Hall any Tuesday evening, 7.30pm onwards, or Friday afternoons from 1.30pm; look around, see what it is all about.

If you are a Summer Lawn player from other nearby clubs, why not join us to practise and improve your game for next summer.

New members are always welcome at the Chipperfield Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club.

**Please contact:
John Theobald
07761 256462.**



Chipperfield Tennis Club Update

The CTC Mixed Doubles Final took place under the lights with **Olivia Fields and Nick (Teacher) Fanshaw** beating **Claire Boyle and Nigel Bate**; they retain the trophy for the 2nd consecutive year - congratulations!

The men finished top of their Hot Rackets Herts League and will be promoted to the next league.



Junior sessions are running every Saturday morning with our coach David Gray; David also runs morning sessions twice a week with Chipperfield School before school lessons start.

The Winter Mixed Singles Box League has over 25 members taking part; Nick Ginty remains undefeated at the top of the league.

We look forward again to our Christmas social (hosted at Osteria) and to the new year; plenty of social and competitive tennis for all abilities and all ages. New members are warmly welcomed.

Festive greetings to all, Alan Rees (CTC Chair)

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. Just a reminder that this committee is open to pre-application discussions with residents / applicants to help anticipate potential issues or concerns.

Applications

- 23/02705 **Frenches Farm, Tower Hill** - Replacement gates to Scatterdells Lane
- 23/02452 **Lone Holly, Chapel Croft** - Raised roof, extension and alterations
- 23/02441 **Chipperfield House, Tower Hill** - Equestrian facilities, stable, barn, menage
- 23/02374 **Solong, Stoney Lane** - New roof and alterations

Decisions

- 23/01992 **86 Scatterdells Lane** - Extensions and porch - Granted
- 23/02654 **62 Scatterdells Lane** - Extension - Granted
- 23/01974 **7 Croft Lane** - Extensions - Granted
- 23/01976 **7 Croft Lane** - Front porch - Granted
- 23/01804 **Adj to Fircroft, Alexandra Rd** - Gate and hardstanding - Refused



The Village Hall

hosted another successful quiz night on Saturday 28 November which, despite the distraction of the rugby world cup final, brought some 74 people to the hall for a very enjoyable and fun evening of six rounds of questions, plus a game of heads and tails, and a well supported raffle.

Many thanks to the hall committee who worked hard to put on such an enjoyable evening and particular thanks to the following local businesses and organisations who kindly donated raffle prizes - Clipso hairdressers Watford, Chipperfield theatre group, Osteria, Yoga with Carolyn, Blackwell's, Jazzy Rose and Meat Hook. In all some £1,000 was raised to help with the continued upkeep of the hall. We hope to host a similar evening in the Spring. Watch this space! *James Bush*



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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.

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or Mark Jarrad (Chairman) on 01923 268910**

CHIPPERFIELD CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES

EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Art Workshop	Saturday monthly	9.30am	Parish Room
Brownies	Wednesday	6.30pm	Parish Room
Chair Fitness	Mondays	10.45 - 11.45am	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
Core Fitness: Zumba Fitness	Mondays	8.45 - 9.15am	Village Hall
Core Fitness: Core Strength & Fitness	Mondays	9.30 - 10.30am	Village Hall
Core Fitness: Chair Fitness	Mondays	10.45 - 11.45am	Village Hall
Drumming	Tuesday monthly	7.00pm	Parish Room
Eurythmy, followed by coffee	Monday	10.15 - 12.15pm	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
Keep Fit	Thursday	10.30am	Parish Room
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	Monday 4 Dec and Monday 8 Jan	7.15pm for 7.45pm	Village Hall
T'ai Chi	Friday	1.45pm	Parish Room
Tappy Toes	Friday	9.30am Tots Toes ages 2.6 to 5yrs	Village Hall
Tappy Toes	Friday	10:15 am Toddle Toes walking to 2.5yrs	Village Hall
Yoga - all levels	Thursday	10am	Blackwells
Yoga for men	Tuesday	7pm	Blackwells
Yoga with Carolyn	Thursday	7 - 8pm	Blackwells
Youth Group www.hcsp.net/youth	Thursday	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.

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ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

Rector's Ramblings

I wonder if you've ever had a moment when you've just watched the news or read the paper and seen what's going on in the Middle East, or somewhere else in the world, and felt the absence of anything hopeful; the sense that things are going to improve and get better?

Experts say that the antidote to despair might be hope. It's one of the most powerful—and essential—human mindsets, and possible to achieve even when it feels out of reach.

Hope is a mindset which can be taught and learnt, especially as we nurture this in one another. It's not something you either have or don't have.

Music plays a big part in my household and, on occasion, this can mean different genres being blasted from one room or another reflecting the mood of each listener (and, yes, embarrassingly and against my protests, we have already had Christmas songs in November from one super organized person as she wrapped gifts!). If you search for songs with a theme of Hope within them, the list is longer than you might expect!

So, whether you are of the age to remember the crooning of Jim Reeves singing 'Whispering Hope', the 70's+ kids singing along to 'Don't Stop Believin' or love to sway along to the fantastic rendition of 'When You Believe' performed by the late Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey from the movie 'The Prince of Egypt', it would seem that hope is something that a lot of us long for and need.

'When You Believe' reminds listeners that faith and hope can overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles. It encourages us to hold on to our beliefs and trust that miracles can happen, even in the face of darkness and

doubt.

So, as we begin our journey through Advent this year, with the prospect of Christmas fast approaching, we look towards another miracle. The miracle of God coming to earth in the vulnerability of a tiny baby; the Christ child, Emmanuel, meaning God is with us. I wonder if we need to be reminded that the hope God offers us is much more robust and rooted in the reality of the world and times we live in as it has ever been.

As we enjoy time catching up with friends and family over the next few weeks and the Christmas period itself, let us take the opportunity to be thankful that we live in peace in comparison to others across the world. Let us also be the ones this Christmas season to take the opportunity to be generous with what we have, so that those in more vulnerable situations, financially and otherwise, might have the chance for that grounded hope to be nurtured in their situation and circumstances, playing our parts in making our community a more hope filled place.

As we meet together in St Paul's church week by week during advent, we will be praying for the hope of the Christ child to stir our hearts and remind us that in faith, we are not alone. That we have a God who cares enough about each one of us, that He came to live on earth with us.

So, to close, if November was the month to remember, December, definitely, is the month to have hope and to believe. In amongst the decorations going up and the more appropriately timed Christmas tunes filling our homes, I look forward to meeting some of you for the first time over this season of celebration and hope you will join us at one of our many services.

Every Blessing

Revd Sarah

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

At the beginning of October when returning from a sunshine holiday, I popped into my local Sainsbury's to be greeted with an aisle devoted to all manner of sweet treats. Tubs and boxes of assorted chocolates, gift boxes of biscuits, giant bars, selection boxes, chocolate reindeer, teddies and Santas to name but a few. Above the splendid display were signs that simply read, "It's never too early". Clearly, the marketing people knew that if a chocaholic like myself should happen to buy, say a box of my favourite Lindor chocolates, then they would hardly last to the end of the week, let alone the 25th December! So then you would return and buy more. Crafty, aren't they?

A less fattening preparation for Christmas is offered by the church. It is called Advent. From the Latin term 'adventus' which means 'arrival' or 'coming.' It is the period encompassing the four Sundays before Christmas when we wait and prepare for the celebration of the nativity of Jesus. The Church readings, for the first two Sundays of Advent, focus our attention on the Great Advent - when Christ will return in power and glory. We are reminded that we should always be prepared. For the remaining two Sundays, they direct our attention to honouring and celebrating the birth of Christ, the Feast of Christmas. God so loved the world, so loved his own creation, so loved you and me, that he sent his Son to be our Saviour. He became one with us. We don't celebrate simply the birth of a cute baby boy; we celebrate the birth of our salvation. People will often ask where is God when places in the world experience violent wars, poverty, and suffering. It's not something that can be easily answered, is it? Certainly not by me! We know that God gave us free will so

we can have the freedom to choose from right or wrong, to love God or not. We are fully responsible for our own actions - for good or for bad. Jesus was born in an already troubled and turbulent land. He was not protected from the harshness of life, no more than we are. There have always been wars and unrest but God is always there in the hearts of those who believe in him. Many of us have heard the story of how, during the First World War, there were a series of unofficial ceasefires along the Western Front during Christmas 1914. The Christmas truce is one of history's most inspirational moments. The presence of Christ in our lives, revealed in the first Christmas, is a presence which should bring us reassurance, peace and joy.

I wish you a Happy Christmas and may the New Year bring joy and happiness to you and to your families.

Sue Croucher

PINTS OF VIEW will not be meeting in December or

January. The first Pints of View in 2024 will be held on **Monday 19th February** (further information will be available nearer the date). Join us on 19/2 to consider how the world can be put to rights. Everyone is welcome. The very first get-together of Pints of View was held at The Plough in November 2013. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Julia Stevens and her team at The Plough for making Pints of View so welcome throughout the past decade and we wish Julia peace and joy in her retirement. *John Guy and Alan Milsom*

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N.B. From Advent Sunday onwards, later morning Sunday Services will begin at 10.45am instead of 10.30am.

DECEMBER 2023**Sunday 3**9am
10.45am**ADVENT SUNDAY 1st Sunday of Advent**Morning Service with Christmas Tree Festival Holy Cross
Benefice Holy Communion St Paul's**Sunday 10**9am
10.45am**2nd Sunday of Advent**Morning Service St Paul's
Benefice Holy Communion Holy Cross**Sunday 17**9am
10.45am
6.30pm**3rd Sunday of Advent**Holy Communion Holy Cross
Family Service with Christingle St Paul's
Service of Nine Lessons & Carols Holy Cross**Tuesday 19**

7pm

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols St Paul's

Sunday 249am
10.45am
2pm
4pm
11.30pm**CHRISTMAS EVE 4th Sunday of Advent**Holy Communion St Paul's
Morning Service Holy Cross
Crib Service St Paul's
Crib Service Holy Cross
Midnight Mass St Paul's**Monday 25****CHRISTMAS DAY***Please refer to our website calendar at www.hcsp.net or call 01923 264377 for the most up to date information***Sunday 31**

9am

1st Sunday of Christmas

Benefice '5th Sunday of month' Service St Paul's

JANUARY 2024**Sunday 7**9am
10.45am**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (Sunday nearest 6/1)**Morning Service Holy Cross
Benefice Holy Communion St Paul's**Sunday 14**9am
10.45am**2nd Sunday of Epiphany**Morning Service St Paul's
Benefice Holy Communion Holy Cross**Sunday 21**9am
10.45am**3rd Sunday of Epiphany**Holy Communion Holy Cross
Family Service St Paul's**Sunday 28**9am
10.45am**CONVERSION OF PAUL St Paul's Patronal Festival***(Sunday nearest 25/1)*
Holy Communion St Paul's
Morning Service Holy Cross**FEBRUARY 2024 (first part of month)****Sunday 4**9am
10.45am**PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE****Candlemas**
(Sunday nearest 2/2)
Morning Service Holy Cross
Benefice Holy Communion St Paul's**Sunday 11**9am
10.45am**Sunday next before Lent**Morning Service St Paul's
Benefice Holy Communion Holy Cross**CHURCH OPENING TIMES****Holy Cross is open each day between 9am and 4pm.****St Paul's is open each day between 10am and 4pm.***Please continue to pray for the health of our nation and each other***DIARY OF SERVICES AT OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH****Christmas Services**

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Sunday 24 December @ 20.00 Christmas Night Mass

Monday 25 December Christmas Day @ 10.00 Christmas Mass

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Sunday 10.00 Mass

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Saturday 18.30 Vigil Mass

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Friday 10.00 Mass

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A Bumper Berry Season!

This year it won't just be us feasting at Christmas; the birds should be having a good time, too.

All my female holly trees are loaded with berries and it's the same everywhere; the beech trees are all laden with mast and the hawthorns are weighed down with fruit; plenty for all. This bumper cropping is known as a 'mast year' and happens every now and again, often when we have had a couple of dry summers and no late frosts. The trees and bushes need to ensure there will be seeds to carry on if they should die, so go into overdrive and produce a bountiful crop. I have noticed that ash trees with advanced ash dieback often produce hundreds of keys in their last couple of years before finally succumbing to the disease.

Autumn seems to come later every year with our changing weather patterns. At the beginning of November my autumn colours are only just coming and I am wondering if it's going to be a disappointing year. I have

some very good acers which colour no matter what, and a very nice parrotia persica that is doing its best, but other trees still have green leaves. As the days grow shorter and the night temperatures drop, the trees find it harder to replace the green chlorophyll and, as it breaks down, the other pigments in the leaves become visible giving us finally a burst of colour before they fall. What we need are a few cold nights so that we can curl up by the fire and the leaves can do their stuff!

Merry Christmas to you all. Wendy Bathurst



Chipperfield Horticultural Society

As the year end approaches, our thoughts turn to 2024.

We are planning a full programme of events with our usual three shows, talks and garden party.

Please let us know if you have suggestions for events or future guest speakers.

Our AGM will take place in the Parish Room on Monday 5th February at 1930 (please note the change of date).

Our Spring Show is on Saturday 6th April.

We wish all our members a happy festive season. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Mo Barton,
Chipperfieldhortsoc@hotmail.com

Friends of Chipperfield Common

On Saturday 16

December there is an alternative to Christmas shopping. Get out in the fresh air with friends making a difference to the woods and common around the village. I am sure there will be a mince pie with the usual cup of something. Have fun and be satisfied with having done a great job.

Sue Walker

Chipperfield resident, Jamie Brown, is holding an exciting village event to raise money in memory of her sister.

SANTA will be on tour around the village on Friday 22nd December between 5-7pm. Proceeds will go to Road Victims Trust and St Paul's School.

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Jamie will also run in the London Marathon.



HEMEL HEMPSTEAD LOCAL GROUP

Meetings are normally held on the first Monday of each month in the Chipperfield Village Hall featuring a natural history talk, not necessarily just about birds.

Our next two meetings are on Monday 4 December and Monday 8 January.

In December our speaker will be Keith Betton with a talk entitled 'Bird Songs and Calls'. Keith has been the Hampshire bird recorder since 2010 and is currently Chair of the Hampshire Ornithological Society. We are very fortunate to have Keith speak to us again.

In January our speaker will be Roy Atkins with a talk entitled 'Speyside and the Isle of Mull'. This is a return visit from an entertaining expert and Speyside wildlife guide. Thus, we are also very fortunate to have Roy entertain us again.

The next outings will be car share trips on Tuesday 5 December to Abberton Reservoir and on Monday 15 January to WWT Welney. On Saturday 20 January we have a local car share trip to Lemsford Springs and Amwell.

Details can be found on our website or please contact Axel.

As usual, there will be refreshments, raffle, displays of members' photographs, local news and other activities.

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

Anyone is welcome to attend, experienced or not, RSPB member or not. There is no annual membership fee but a small entry fee.

So, please come along and/or visit our website at www.rspb.org.uk/groups/hemelhempestead or contact Mary on 01442 264752. For outing details contact Axel on 01442 257856.

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



St Paul's 'Curriculum Drivers'

In September, stakeholders came together to devise St Paul's new 'Curriculum Drivers'; a rationale and intention for the curriculum we teach here at school. One driver that we all agreed was essential was for children to develop their understanding and enthusiasm for becoming a global citizen. Since these drivers have been in place, we have already been busy, thinking of ways that we can support children to become 'Global Citizens'. The theme of being eco-friendly and recycling fits nicely within this.

With this in mind, we knew there was one thing we had to do - get the 'Junk Orchestra' into school! Saul (the Junk Music Man) performed for the children and then led each class in a workshop. There were 30 or more 'instruments' made from various 'junk'; tubes, cones, tyres, plant pots, pans, buckets and all sorts of different things. Through musical play, children were able to discover rhythms, cinematic soundscape, form bands and conduct each other. It was great fun and the children had the opportunity to think recycling but in a really cool way!

Luke Varney, Headteacher, St Paul's C of E VA Primary School



Missing Church Guide Book

Ten years ago we published a small A5 booklet which described 175 years of the history of St Paul's Church. For ten years a copy was available at the back of the church for visitors to use as a guide book. Unfortunately, someone removed it about 6 months ago, even though it was clearly marked 'For Reference Only'.

It would be greatly appreciated if the booklet were to be returned because we sadly do not have another copy.

Alternatively if you, as a reader, have a copy that you bought ten years ago and no longer require, it could be used as a replacement for the church's missing guide book.

Mary Nobbs



A Cow Invasion

The cows and the calves in the field behind the garden obviously couldn't resist a newly laid grass lawn that smelt divine, and so decided to come through the fence and round the property inspecting every piece of bright green lawn.

I would like to thank the local neighbours who informed the owners of the cattle's excursion. They then helped block the entrance to The Street with their bins and stopped the traffic until it was clear that the situation was under control and no cattle were able to wander up and down The Street.

Order was restored by the afternoon with fences quickly mended. I am thankful to everybody for their help in what, luckily, was a most amusing situation. *Shelagh Nichols*

Chipperfield News

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CPC UPDATE NOVEMBER 2023

Chipperfield Parish Council would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous festive period.

CPC are happy to welcome a new council member, **Malcolm Paton**; we are now back to full strength. Malcolm has lived in the village for a number of years and we are looking forward to his help and contribution to council business.

There is an important update on the Dacorum **planning** front.

The draft plan that DBC launched in 2020 was heavily criticised for the amount of development proposed in the Green Belt and was withdrawn for a rethink. A revision themed **'You Said, We did'** has recently been published for fresh consultation. This consultation is open now until December and can be found via the DBC website. Your views and opinions are important, so please take the time to look at the plan in terms of its impact on Chipperfield. Currently there are no designated sites in our village but there can, and most likely will be, an impact on us as a direct result of increased housing and traffic nearby (Bovingdon and Kings Langley, in particular).

The background to the need for a plan is directed from central Government whereby all Planning Authorities must have a valid plan setting out how housing need is going to be achieved over the plan period (Dacorum Local Plan Revised Strategy for Growth for the period 2024-2040).

The Government gives each Planning Authority a target. The revised plan is based on achieving 900 dwellings per annum (reduced from 1017 in the withdrawn plan) in the DBC area. There is now more emphasis on the development of urban sites and less on green belt sites.

At the end of October this year the Government achieved Royal Assent for the 'Levelling Up Act' which includes measures to increase the voice that local communities have over planning and development issues. These include:

- simpler alternative to adopting a neighbourhood plan
- reform to CIL (community infrastructure levy)
- neighbourhood priority statement
- neighbourhood design code (e.g. like our Chipperfield Design Statement)
- ability for 'street level issues' to be adopted based on consensus of affected residents
- increased requirement for Developers to consult Parish and Town Councils including pre-app.

As always, 'the devil is in the detail' and CPC awaits clarification in due course as to which measures will benefit Chipperfield but we urge you to look periodically at the DBC site for updates that may affect us.

On other matters, DBC are **trailing a new machine on the common**. The machine trials are being conducted to help DBC to manage path and woodland edges. These may be of the form of a small tracked forestry mulcher clearing some bramble, nettle, holly and birch from alongside the main path that heads from the Cricket Ground car park to the Apostles Pond. By the time this article goes to press other machines should have been deployed and tested in November working around the pond.

Kevan Cassidy, Chair, Chipperfield Parish council