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# Chipperfield NEWS

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### **Village Pantomime 2023**

Did you go to see Chipperfield Theatre Group's 2023 Pantomime 'Dick Whittington'? If you didn't, you missed a real treat! It was a fantastic production.

To start with, the script was good. Alan P. Frayn, who has written twenty pantomimes, certainly knows which essential ingredients are needed to

entertain a mixed audience. Interestingly, he updates them every year.

The story of 'Dick Whittington' is well known to all of us but this version was never boring. There were goodies and baddies, slapstick comedy, audience participation, a sing-along and romance, of course. It ticked all the boxes.

The part of Idle Jack was played very competently and he soon had us all shouting, "Pull your socks up Jack" on every stage appearance. The Dame, or Dolly Dumpling, looked enormously ravishing, in her voluminous costumes and was very naughty, as you would expect. The

menacing Queen Rat, dressed in shimmering black, provided the scary factor as she emerged from her evil looking sewer. Dick's cat was very dignified and wise, offering a safe pair of paws in times of stress.

The whole story was very credible because everyone played their part so well. Congratulations to all the young people in the chorus. For some it was a new experience to tread the boards. Will some of them, one day, be playing leading roles or producing shows as students, as they step forth into the wider world?





As always, the scenery was amazing and transformed the stage, whilst the sound and lighting made the whole show very atmospheric and transported us into a make-believe world. So many other people were busy working behind the scenes and everything seemed to run like clockwork, but it was all thanks to those who couldn't be seen. Well done, everybody.

Mary Nobbs

Photos courtesy of Mike Brankin and his assistant, Elodie Duncan





## **Wreath making**

I'm very excited to let you know that on Thursday 30 November in the Small Hall my sister, Amanda Girling-Heathcote (Flowers by Amanda), and twenty lovely ladies from the village, came together and made Christmas Wreaths.

My sister donated her time and ran the workshop completely free of charge and has donated £100 to the Pre-School where both my daughters, her nieces, attended many moons ago. Left over from the original Hollyberry Fair days, we carried on the tradition and, like the Christmas story, there was no room at the Inn (halls in the village) and so we used the Small Hall for a smaller workshop. My sister and I and all the ladies who joined us for the evening, were so pleased with the Hall and the facilities available (upgraded since we last used it for parties at least 10 years ago), that a great time was had by all.

Amanda Heathcote





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#### **Poppy Appeal Final Accounts 2023**

Once again we were amazed at how generous people are towards the Royal British Legion. A staggering total raised

for both villages was £10,225.97, just £528.28 down on the previous year. However, making donations using a QR code was much more popular but we will not know the amount raised in this way until later in the year. Chipperfield's collection was up on last year £6,749.20 (£6,648.19 in 2022) and Bovingdon was slightly down £3,476.77 (£4,106.06 in 2022). Well done to the team of only four volunteers in Bovingdon who took over putting the boxes together, taking them round to all the shops, pubs, organisations in the village and in Flaunden and then stalwartly manning a collection in the High Street on a Saturday morning.

The tables in Chipperfield village centre on two Saturdays collected £2,428.50 down on last year's £3,385.95. This must have been due partly to the extremely wet weather on the second Saturday which kept people indoors. The contactless card machines, lent to us by the RBL, proved very popular and were used confidently by donors and collectors; this will be the

way forward with street collections. This year there were eleven door-to-door collectors raising £1,866.64 up £646.58 on last year. A very big thank you to these volunteers who persistently knock on doors in all weathers. **Doris Yates** has now been collecting door-to-door for 31 years! A very big thank you to all the shops, pubs, churches, cafes, and garage who collected £919.49 (£934.75 last year). A surprisingly good result now that people are no longer carrying very much cash. The wreaths laid by local organisations at the War Memorial contributed £600 (up from £350 last year); much appreciated. St Paul's School raised £182.32 (£258.43 in 2022). Many thanks to the school for all their support and interest in the RBL. People kind enough to Gift Aid their donations added a tremendous £372.25) (£499.00 in 2022). None of these figures would be available without the hours of work put in by **Mark Jarrad** compiling immaculate sheets of figures required by the RBL. I am sure the RBL are delighted when they receive Chipperfield's accounts;

little scrutiny necessary here they will say. Many many thanks to Mark; I

couldn't do my part without him. Sue Walker, Poppy Appeal Organiser

### **Choral Society Christmas Concerts**

A packed St Paul's Church enjoyed the traditional Choral

Society concerts on 9th December and joined in the audience carols with great enthusiasm! The programme 'Chipperfield sings Christmas' was the first Christmas concert planned and conducted by our New Musical Director, Sheila Cornall. Many of the old favourites were



represented and enhanced by some fresh, new ideas.

Traditional carols were supplemented by some lesser known ones including two of the choir's favourites, 'Mirabile Dictu' (Sarah Johnson Manning) and 'For Him all stars' (Bob Chilcott). Louisa-Alice Rose gave a beautiful rendition of 'The Little Road to Bethlehem' and 'Et exultavit' as well as solos in the choir carols. New for this year was a series of readings given by Julius Wills.

No CCS concert would be complete without pieces from Alan Taylor's 'Chipperfield Carols'. This year we sang two beautiful pieces 'Cradle Song' and 'Calypso Carol'. Rosemary Venner provided her usual excellent accompaniment to the choir carols and Jonathan Lee showcased the splendours of the St Paul's organ in his fanfares for the opening and closing carols, as well as sympathetic accompaniment of the choir pieces.

At the end of the concert Sheila congratulated the audience on the quality of their singing and invited audience members to join the choir. If you would like to see how you might get on, please come along to the Village Hall any Thursday at 7.30pm and you will be made most welcome. There is no audition.

Our next concert is Haydn's *Creation* at St John's Church, Boxmoor on Saturday 16 March. Please check our website for further information and from there you will be able to buy tickets as well as from the usual sources. *John Morrish* 

#### St Paul's School

Christmas is an integral part of what we learn, how we celebrate and who we are here at St Paul's. To help us

reflect on the birth of Jesus and what Christmas means to us, this year our end of term service looked slightly different. After a lot of planning and creativity from Reverend Sarah, our pupils engaged in a musical walking nativity, learning about the story of Jesus' birth. Our service started in the church where the children explored the concept of the nativity before **Tom** from *Electric Umbrella* led us in song. We then took to the woods of Chipperfield where we went on our walking nativity, again with Tom leading us in song the whole way around. Reverend Sarah helped to include our pupils in the retelling of the nativity story by re-inventing 'We're going on a bear hunt' instead, we were going on a hunt for an inn with room in Bethlehem. Our journey led us to the final scene of the Nativity where, as a whole school, we sang 'Away in a Manger'. We finally made our way back to the church for some yummy hot chocolate and gingerbread men. The whole morning was so peaceful, reflective and Christmassy. Thank you to Reverend Sarah, our school governors and members of our community for all their help organising and running this event.

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















#### **Chipperfield Parish Council update**

Chipperfield Parish Council (CPC) wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy 2024.

Towards the end of 2023 CPC welcomed a new member, Malcolm Paton, to join the Parish Council and we are now back to full strength. Malcolm has lived in the village for a number of years and he is already making contributions to council business.

We invite any interested villager to attend our planning or full council meetings. There is a limited period at each meeting for members of the public to comment or raise issues affecting the village. Dates, times and venues are on our website and are announced in Chipperfield News.

We actively encourage anyone considering building works or alterations to have pre-submission discussions with the CPC planning team as these often result in beneficial changes that may help in the Dacorum planning approval process. Pre-application discussions with Parish Councils is now actively supported by Dacorum Borough Council and is looked upon positively. Please make contact with the Parish Clerk to arrange.

Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) has recently trialled a new mulching machine on the common. The machine trials are to help DBC in their choice of equipment to best manage path and woodland edges.

We are looking for nominations for the next *Chipperfield Outstanding Service Award*. This award is to recognise the community contribution made by a villager towards supporting or improving any aspect of village life. Please send your nominations to the Parish Clerk (parishclerk@chipperfield.org.uk).

CPC are planning to move the full council meeting from the **20th February** to the **12th March**, to be held at **19.45** at **Blackwell's** following the planning meeting which starts at **19.15**. The planning meeting scheduled for the **20th February** will still occur at **19.15**.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** (APM) will be held on the **7th May 2024** at **19:00** in the **Parish Room**.

Kevan Cassidy, Chair, Chipperfield Parish Council

#### **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. Residents are welcome to attend; see Chipperfield News for date and time, or the Parish Council website. Just a reminder that this committee is open to preapplication discussions with residents/applicants to help anticipate potential issues or concerns; contact the Clerk to arrange.

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#### Decisions

23/02917	Birch Lodge, Megg Lane - Additional storey over existing single storey dwelling	23/02471	Martlets, The Common - Repositioning of parking area - Refused
23/02918	Tenements Farm, Tenements Lane, Tower Hill - Conversion of agricultural barn to a residential dwelling	23/02533	Martlets, The Common - Removal of Condition 2 attached to planning permission 20/00887 -
23/02960	Ridge End, 106 Scatterdells Lane - Replacement dwelling	23/02452	Refused  Lone Holly, Chapel Croft -
23/03070	Denbar, 62 Scatterdells Lane -		Rear extension and alterations - Granted

#### **Chipperfield Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club**

I never realised how much fun you could have when you join an indoor bowls club.

I live on my own, have some good neighbours, but not a lot of friends who, like me, don't get out so much now.

Well, I saw this feature in the local paper and joined the Chipperfield Indoor Short Mat Bowls Club.

I was made so welcome. They lent me some woods; it was not a difficult game to pick up. After a few weeks I realised I had a crowd of new friends who, like me, enjoy once or twice a week meeting up and really do have fun competing with each other. We have a break halfway through a two hour playing session for tea, coffee and biscuits, all included in the session fee. Time to mingle, chat and see another side of life that you do not see when you live on your own.

What I did not find out until later was that the gentle exercise of bowling and the companionship, really improved my wellbeing and my outlook on life.

I had somewhere to go every week if I wanted and I really look forward to it.

So, if you have the time and would like to learn a new sport, brush up on an old skill, or just get some gentle exercise that is really enjoyable when you join a club full of likeminded people, out to enjoy the love of bowling, then Chipperfield Indoor Short Mat Bowls Club will welcome you any **Tuesday** 

evening from 7.3opm or Friday afternoon from 2pm.

Contact: John Theobald on 07761256462



## **The Village Hall**

VILLAGE HALL At the last Village Hall committee meeting of 2023 on 11th December we said a fond farewell to Peter Corbett who, after seventeen years on the committee, decided that he had 'done his bit.'

He held a number of roles on the committee including treasurer and secretary and also helped steer us through the COVID pandemic by setting up and running our meetings by Zoom. The committee presented him with a retirement card and a restaurant voucher for him to use at a restaurant of his choice. We then enjoyed a Christmas drink at the Two Brewers.

James Bush, Chair, Village Hall committee

#### 'Silver lunches' at Blackwell's

**Every Thursday** at 12.30 come to **Blackwell's** for lunch and meet with some of your fellow diners for an exceptionally good value meal of a main course, a dessert and coffee or tea. All you need to do is phone **Blackwell's**, 01923 264708, to book. If you need transport, **Chipperfield Care**, 01923 264700, is able to help.

Jacky Simmonds







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#### ChipperfieldClarendon Cricket Club News

As ever at this time of year, it feels like a long way off from the previous cricket season and the start of the new one in April.

Following on from 2023, the Cricket Club has appointed a new General Manager to oversee our day-to-day operations with specific responsibility for recruitment and retention of players of all ages, developing and delivering our cricket and commercial strategies and the maintenance of

Dave Henderson is our new GM. He is busy with these plans which include a refreshment of our bar, new prices, opening hours, and broadening what the cricket club offers to the village and beyond with a view to making us a year-round facility.

On the cricketing front you will see that the initial work has finally taken place to clear our old, tired nets and replace them with a 90 foot, 2 lane new facility in which the Club has invested for completion by the start of the 2024 season. We're excited to see this development arrive as it will be at the centre of our training and practice for all our players, young and old, and will provide our coaches with the best facility to hone the skills of our existing and new players.

We are about to start our winter indoor nets at the Choice Cricket Centre in Redbourn and so, if you are a current or lapsed Senior player, please

see our website or contact Dave direct for information. For our Junior age groups, please contact Warren Gregory for winter training information.

We are always looking to welcome new members at the Club; annual social membership starts at just £30. There is a wide variety of cricket and noncricket events and membership of the club allows you to attend all these as well as receiving discounted bar prices at the club.

We are also keen to speak with potential partners and sponsors for the Cricket Club for our projects and teams; again, please contact Dave for these exciting opportunities

Please keep an eye on our Club website and social media posts for the very latest information on the club. There's a lot going on ahead of the upcoming season.

Please like and follow our social media platforms as they are the best way to stay up to date on the most current Club information.

**Facebook - Chipperfield Clarendon Cricket Club** Instagram - chipperfieldclarendoncc Dave's contact details are as follows: Email - chipperfieldcricket@gmail.com Mobile - 07737625480 (available for calls/WhatsApp 9am-5pm) For all queries please contact him direct.

Graham Gurney, Chairman CCCC

### **Our school does it again!**

We never asked them, but St Paul's School offered anyway to make Christmas cards for Chipperfield Care to deliver to about forty village residents again this year. We do so appreciate the extra time the staff provide for the children to do this for us and I hope they realise how much their efforts are enjoyed by the recipients. This is just another example of the remarkable village in which we are so lucky to live.

Just like the lunch on Christmas Day that Pat Smith took it upon herself to provide and cook for nine village residents who would otherwise have been on their own. Mark Jarrad

### **Pickled onions for charity**

Zahia Rogers and Mike Joseph pickled onions for charity. The jars were very kindly displayed and sold by Andy Fyfe's butchers, Apsley Motors and Blackwell's. A total of 50kg of onions produced about 119 jars of three strengths labelled 'Mike's Mild', 'Mike's Manglers' and 'Mike's Malevolent'. These raised a total of £600 split equally between two charities, The Heather Club in Hemel Hempstead for people with Alzheimer's and dementia, theheatherclub.com and Kwa

Mkono Disabled Children's Trust, kwamkono.org.uk. Both are very worthwhile charities - please look at the

Thank you to all those who gave us their clean jars; please keep saving them for this year, it's a great help.



### Plough still available

Many of you know by now that Ken Baker from Sarratt has bought the freehold of The Plough at Belsize; some will know that he has declined a suggestion that it become a restaurant along the lines of Spice Village, and a few of you may have been present when plans were presented for it to become a small block of flats - with 'Julia's Penthouse' on the top floor! The last was a wind up, of course.

Ken wants The Plough to continue largely unchanged, with 70% of takings coming from bar sales, and a new couple to take on the lease and continue the provision of meals. His own role would be to refit and maintain the building, and to encourage you all to support our local pubs. Interested? Google Sidney Phillips pubs, or speak to Ken on 264220. Use it or lose it as we say, and come to Pints of View there on 19th February.

Stephen Morrill





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.

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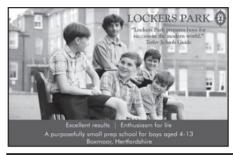
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#### ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

In the New Testament, the Book of Hebrews says in chapter 11, verse 1: 'Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen', (ESV).

In a world where we often feel helpless and hopeless as we observe wars, famine and the effects of climate change, the question we might ask is, "Can I do anything that would make a difference"?

David Alton, the Liberal peer, once said, "That when small stones move, avalanches happen". And so the focus of my thoughts as we embark on 2024 is, what can I do? I am encouraged by a verse from the Book of Jeremiah, chapter 29, verse 11: 'For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a

So, what does this look like in real life for us? At our New Year's Eve service in St Paul's we discussed how we might make a difference and there were some very simple, but effective, answers from the congregation including one member who, when visiting family over Christmas, was asked if she would like to attend church on Christmas Eve. As a result of her affirmative answer, the whole family decided to go with her - most of whom were not regular churchgoers.

My second example is of a local family who had planned to gather, as usual, with children and grandchildren for their big Christmas dinner. At the last minute it was pointed out to them that a dad and his two children would be on their own on Christmas Day. Although room around the dinner table was full to bursting they invited the family, whom they didn't really know, to join them for Christmas dinner.

The danger is that we look out at our challenging world and maybe, feeling overwhelmed by the magnitude of problems, we do nothing. I am therefore going to suggest that we keep things simple this year. For example, reconnect with an old friend, chat to your neighbours, be kind to all and, most important, be kind to yourselves. As Christians, being a witness is not solely about words, it's about our actions, how we live and what we model to those around us. Let us ask God to show us opportunities in which to share our faith in practical ways and only in the last resort, to use words.

Philip Waine, Licensed Reader, The Benefice of Holy Cross and St Paul's.

#### **OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH**

Ask anyone to name a saint associated with February and many will reply, "St Valentine". 14th February is a day when many people celebrate love. Sending a card and/or a bunch of roses to someone you love is a great tradition but you can also send a card either signed or anonymously to someone you secretly fancy. I can well remember, as a teenager, hoping to receive such a card. Now in my old age I've rather given up hope, so there will be no verses such as 'Roses are red, Violets are blue, Sugar is sweet and so are you' heading my way. But who was St Valentine? The question isn't that simple to answer as there were more than one martyr named Valentine. On February 14, around the year A.D. 270, Valentine, a holy priest in Rome at the time of Emperor Claudius II, is thought to be the most likely person and he was executed on that date. Claudius II liked to keep a resilient army but was having problems. Claudius believed that Roman men were unwilling to join the army due to their affection for their wives and families. To solve the problem, he decided to ban all marriages and engagements in Rome. Valentine, realising the injustice of the command, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Claudius became aware of this, he ordered Valentine to be beheaded. Valentine continued to reach out to people with the love that he said Jesus had given him for others, whilst awaiting his fate. He also cured Julia, his jailer's daughter, of her blindness. Legend has it that before his execution Valentine left a farewell note for Julia and signed it, "From Your Valentine".

This year on February 14th we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the start of the season of Lent. The ashes that are distributed that day are a symbol of our mortality. When distributing the ashes, the priest marks everyone's forehead in the shape of a cross and says the words, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return". Doesn't sound too uplifting does it? Yet being in a right relationship with God should make us happy. Lent is a time for us to be truthful. To examine ourselves honestly and, if necessary, to try and mend our less Christian ways. During the forty days of Lent we are offered the opportunity of engaging in the three traditional Christian practices of prayer, self-denial and alms giving - practices which reflect the great commandment of Christ, that we should love God above all things and our neighbour as ourselves. Valentine's Day gives us the opportunity to show others in our lives how much we love them. For believers in Jesus Christ, it can also be an opportunity to honour God - for God is the source of all love and warmth. Really, whatever the date, it is always the right time to thank God for all the love and good things in our lives.

Sue Croucher

#### PINTS OF VIEW AT THE PLOUGH The first get-

together of Pints of View in 2024 will be held at The Plough, Belsize on Monday 19th February, starting at 8pm. Paul Olney will lead an informal discussion on 'The Future of Democracy'. Join us then and consider how the world can be put to rights. Everyone welcome. John Guy and Alan Milsom

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## Christmas Services at St Paul's

The **Christingle Service** on 17th December was a fun filled affair, helped along by *Ian Chantrell* jumping out of the vestry dressed as an orange!



On the following Tuesday we held our **Candlelit Nine Lessons** and **Carols Service**, ably assisted by a full choir augmented by members of the **Chipperfield Choral Society** and the sons of **Bryan Mundy**, our organist for the evening. In addition, we were treated to the talents of **Laura Rose** on cello.

On Wednesday the church was filled with over 200 pupils from St Paul's School. Noise levels were very high and there was lots of fun led by the *Electric Umbrella Company* with our vicar, *Rev'd Sarah Collins*, and the new Head of St Paul's School, *Luke Varney*. Following the service there was a 'follow the star walk' into the common to see the nativity characters. Hot chocolate and marsh mallows were served to all the children on their return to the church.



AT 2pm on Christmas Eve the church was once again packed for our Crib Service. Tiny people (and some adults) came along dressed as nativity characters and the children were thrilled to find there were two donkeys awaiting them outside the church. The service was followed with mulled wine, mince pies, hot chocolate and more.

Later on Christmas Eve we had a Midnight Mass which was well attended.

Finally, on Christmas morning the church again was full for a Family Communion Service, led by Rev'd Sarah and followed with a glass of bubbly at the back of the church.

We estimate that over 1,000 people attended the services over the Christmas period; if it was your first time visiting us, we

would love to welcome you back in 2024.

Our thanks go to all those involved in decorating the church for Christmas, getting ready for services and clearing up afterwards, for the Christmas music and worship, technical help and providing and serving refreshments.

We couldn't do it without

you!

Phil Waine



## DIARY OF SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH, CHIPPERFIELD AND THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, SARRATT

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#### JANUARY 2024

Sunday 28	CONVERSION OF PAUL St Paul's Patronal Festival			
9am	Holy Communion	St Paul's		
10.45am	Morning Service	Holy Cross		
Noon	Messy Church including lunch	St Paul's Parish Room		

#### **FEBRUARY**

Sunday 4	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE Candlemas			
9am	Morning Service	Holy Cross		
10.45am	Benefice Holy Communion	St Paul's		

#### Sunday 11 Sunday next before Lent

9am Morning Service St Paul's 10.45am Benefice Holy Communion Holy Cross

#### Wednesday 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30pm Holy Communion with imposition of ashes St Paul's

#### Sunday 18 1st Sunday of Lent

9amHoly CommunionHoly Cross10.45amFamily ServiceSt Paul's

#### Sunday 25 2nd Sunday of Lent

9am Holy Communion St Paul's 10.45am Morning Service Holy Cross

#### **MARCH** (first part of month)

#### Sunday 3 3rd Sunday of Lent

9amMorning ServiceHoly Cross10.45amBenefice Holy CommunionSt Paul'sNoonMessy Church including lunchSarratt Village Hall

#### Sunday 10 MOTHERING SUNDAY 4th Sunday of Lent

9amMorning ServiceSt Paul's10.45amBenefice Holy CommunionHoly 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

Sunday 10.00 Mass NB For further information regarding
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Friday 10.00 Mass newsletter available at Saturday Mass

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Sue Walker



## **Billy came home for Christmas**

This time last year I was thinking about selling Billy, my young ram. He had covered my two ewes in the autumn and with them due to lamb in March he would have to be kept separately. I made a small paddock for him but I was unsure how he would react. He has such a placid temperament that as long as he could see them he was fine. I have had rams in the past that would get very bad tempered if they were separated from their ewes and I have had some wonderful bruises to show for it.

He had to stay apart from the ewes until the lambs were six weeks old and then I very tentatively put them all together. He was a very

good father, occasionally telling off his boisterous sons, but not troubling the ewes, or me, at all.

He had covered the two ewes by the beginning of November and I was worried that he might get frustrated without a bit more work to do so I had to make a plan. I did not want to sell him so I decided on a 'lonely hearts' ad!

'Billy is looking for Love' was the headline. 'Good looking Easy Care ram, fully self shedding, seeks more ewes for company... It worked and two days later I got a call from a charming young man with twelve Easy Care ewes and six of mixed race. Just what I was looking for! I said I would deliver him; if it didn't look a nice place I would just drive

past and home, but it was a very nice place and the ewes were in good order. The mixed race ones were just that, no obvious breed characteristics, what my old Dad would have called a cross between a hearth rug and a doormat. They were not too big and once out of the trailer Billy was soon getting acquainted.

The week before Christmas I got the call to go and collect him and it was a very contented ram that got into the trailer and sat down on the straw. He had behaved perfectly whilst on his little holiday and hopefully will go back again next year. Billy is definitely NOT for sale. Wendy Bathurst

## **Chipperfield Horticultural Society**

#### Happy New Year!

dependent, of course!).

We have a full programme of events for 2024 and look forward to welcoming members, old and new.

Our next **AGM** will take place in the **Parish Room** on **Monday 5th February** at **7.30pm**. We encourage all members to attend, to pay

subscription fees and to have a chat with fellow members whilst enjoying some cheese and wine. Our first show of the year is the **Spring Show** on **Saturday 6th April**. We hope a slightly later date will allow for more daffodil exhibits. (Weather

As always, you can enter many different classes... Flowers, Vegetables, Floral Art, Handicraft, Photography, Home Baking, and the Junior Section

Photography categories are 'Wow', 'Wheels', and 'Close up'. So, check your phones and computers or make the most of any breaks in the rain to get

outside and look for inspiration.

Domestic classes include a banana bread, brioche rolls and a pizza.

We are delighted to announce the introduction of a new trophy which will be awarded at our Spring Show specifically for 'A Basket Arrangement of Spring Flowers'. This was a particular favourite of the late **Ann Rees**, a regular exhibitor over many years, and we are most grateful to her daughter, Bethan, for her generous donation of the **Ann Rees Cup** to the society.

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

Members should be receiving emails updating them of our plans. If not, then please contact us at chipperfieldhortsoc@hotmail.com. Please also let us know if your contact details have changed.

#### **Beekind Christmas Party**

We were very privileged to be invited to Louise Hammond's Christmas party on Wednesday 6th December in Chipperfield Village Hall. I was able to take six of our clients for a delicious turkey meal with all the trimmings.

We were fortunate to be treated to a performance of Christmas carols and songs by the pupils of St Paul's school. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces.

A big thank you to Louise and all her volunteers for a memorable afternoon.

Patricia Harrison, Chipperfield Care Organiser





#### HEMEL HEMPSTEAD LOCAL GROUP

Meetings are normally held on the first Monday of each month at the Chipperfield Village Hall featuring a natural history talk,

not necessarily just about birds.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 5 February**. Our speaker will be **Nick Bowles** with a talk entitled 'The Butterflies and Day Flying Moths of the Chilterns'. Nick, who has spoken to us previously, is a local butterfly and moth expert, and is an excellent speaker. So, we are very fortunate to have Nick speak to us again.

As usual, there will be refreshments, a 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.

The next outings are car share trips on **Saturday** 10th February to *RSPB Rainham Marsh* and on Thursday 22 February to the *Ouse Washes*.

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

So, please come along and/or visit our website at https://group.rspb.org.uk/hemelhempstead or contact Mary on 01442 264752.

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







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EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
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Ballet	Tuesday	4.15 - 6.45pm	Blackwell's
Brownies	Wednesday	6.3opm	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	7.3opm	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	11.30am	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	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
Toddler Group	Tuesday	9.30am	Parish Room
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

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