



## Noel Cronin awarded BEM

**A film archivist who received a British Empire Medal (BEM) in the New Year Honours list said Queen Elizabeth II was a fan of the Talking Pictures TV channel that he founded.**

Noel Cronin from Langley Road in Chipperfield, runs Talking Pictures TV with his daughter Sarah Cronin. The channel shows predominantly British TV series and films made before 1970.

*"We played a lot of Laurel and Hardy which the Queen watched, maybe it marked my cards you see,"* the 75-year-old joked.

Mr Cronin was delighted when he learnt from a newspaper article in 2017 that the late monarch was a fan. He said that discovering news of his BEM was *"a surprise to put it mildly"*.

*"It was quite an honour, I got a letter a few weeks ago and was sworn to secrecy,"* he added.

Mr Cronin has heard that many politicians and celebrities were fans of his channel, including the comedian Vic Reeves. The father and daughter duo started the channel in 2015 and said it attracted a weekly audience of about six million people.

Mr Cronin said *"My audience is not all film buffs, they just enjoy remembering a series from a different time in their lives, perhaps when*



*they were happier... it jogs all sorts of pleasant memories"*.

The pair negotiate contracts with distributors to show old films and series on the channel.

*"Not only have we got to find them, but we have to agree a licence fee - and people, especially Americans, want as much as they can get,"* he said.

Mr Cronin is planning to air the surviving episodes of Dixon of Dock Green later this year

Mr Cronin began working in the television industry in 1962 and over the years acquired the rights to libraries of black and white films.

*"They were going cheap and nobody wanted old black and white British films,"* he recalled.

He offered the films to several TV channels but none was interested in scheduling them.

*"People are obsessed with what they think is the most commercial, and colour is deemed more commercial than black and white."*

He described his viewers as *"a very loyal and dedicated audience"* who prefer to see television as it was in the past.

*"I think we create a lot of happiness and contentment with a certain generation,"* he said.



### DORIS YATES celebrated her 97th birthday at a church lunch in the Parish Room.

**Pat Smith** cooked a splendid steak and kidney or steak and mushroom pie with heaps of fresh veg for 42 people. Delicious puds were prepared by generous lunch goers and a beautiful cake finished off the meal. We were treated to some jazz improvisation by **Stanley Carter** who used to play the organ in St Paul's Church.

For those who don't know Doris (and there cannot be many in the village who haven't seen her walking daily to Blackwell's or the Windmill for nothing more than a glass of water but importantly to see and talk with people) she and her husband, Bill, owned and ran the newsagents in Chapel Croft. Until only two years ago, Doris delivered Chipperfield News along Chapel Croft. For 31 years Doris has been a poppy collector and is looking forward to being out there again later this year.

**Happy birthday, Doris.**

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### Updated Recycling Facility in the Sarratt Shop

Thank you to everyone who has been using our recycling box in the village shop. We are recycling specific items

through the Terracycle scheme in Amersham to divert waste from landfill and also to raise money to support the Medic to Medic charity. The dental recycling scheme has now changed and no longer accepts toothpaste tubes - these need to go in landfill for now although the council recycling scheme may start to accept them in future.

As a reminder, the recycling box is in the village shop behind the counter and you can recycle only the following items:

1. Plastic toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, interdental brushes and flossing sticks (rinsed and dry), dental floss containers. But no toothpaste tubes/containers which are not part of the scheme.
2. Pens, highlighters, propelling pencils, correction tape or correction fluid pots.
3. Printer ink cartridges. (No laser or toner cartridges).

Please do use this scheme to reduce what we send to landfill and to raise funds for Medic to Medic.

Sonya Tolmie



## 'A perfect opportunity' for anyone putting off making their Will

Local charity, DENS, has announced the return of its popular Make A Will Month scheme this March.

Several solicitor firms across Dacorum are generously volunteering their time to write or update a Will in return for a donation to DENS who support people around the borough facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion.

The charity, which has helped rebuild lives for the past 20 years, has recently reported a significant increase in local people needing to access their services. DENS, like many other charities, is facing a 'cost of giving crisis' with the triple threat of increased demand, increased costs and lower income.

Suggested donation amounts, starting at £175 for a single basic Will, are much lower than the standard rates for Will-writing.

Michael Morgan, a Kings Langley resident who took part in the scheme last year, said, "We made the decision to remake our Wills and found it to be very easy. I would thoroughly recommend it to all, whatever age, as it benefits everyone and brings peace of mind."

Kate Rogers, Individual Giving Manager at DENS, said, "This is a perfect opportunity to make a Will, something many adults put off, while supporting the vital work of DENS within our community."

To find out more and to book your appointment with a participating solicitor, please visit

[www.dens.org.uk/mawm](http://www.dens.org.uk/mawm).

## A thank you from Chipperfield Pre-school

We would like to say a huge "Thank you" to **Annabel Heathcote** and her sister, **Amanda Girling-Heathcote** of 'Flowers by Amanda' for donating a very generous £100 to Chipperfield Pre-school following Amanda's successful Christmas Wreaths Workshop on 30th November 2023. We are extremely touched by this kindness and so grateful. The £100 has been put towards much needed new resources for the children.

Juliette Cresswell, Manager,  
Chipperfield Pre-school

## Heinzelmannchen visit Chipperfield?

Reports have reached the Editor of clandestine digging to try to reduce the flooding between Blackwell's and Queen Street. Have you seen men such as these at work?

They now need your help - either if you happen to know where the pipes run, or if you have access to commercial jetting equipment. Their picks and shovels are not enough! Can't help? At least read the legend - or ask Meike why it is a bad idea to scatter peas! *Stephen Morrill*



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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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If so, please call **Patricia Harrison (Organiser)** on **01923 261595**  
or **Mark Jarrad (Chairman)** on **01923 268910**

## Choral Society Concert

Our next concert will be *Haydn's Creation* on **Saturday 16 March** in **St John's Church, Boxmoor at 7.30pm**. The Creation is packed

with glorious tunes and choruses, so this promises to be a real choral treat. Tickets are available from members, the Box Office on 01923 400520 or from our website [www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk](http://www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk).  
*John Morrish*

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## CHIPPERFIELD CARE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday 28th March 2024 at 1.30pm**  
**Chipperfield Village Hall**

*(please note change of date and venue)*

We would love to invite anyone who is interested in the work of Chipperfield Care to join our volunteers for our AGM. At this meeting we hear from our Organiser, Patricia Harrison, about the work that the organisation has carried out over the past year and we also adopt the charity's accounts for the year 2023 which are explained by our Treasurer, Juliane Coupland. We do, of course, welcome any questions.

After the formal meeting we would be delighted to invite everyone to stay on for refreshments with an opportunity to meet up with old and new friends.

If you are not currently a volunteer but might be able to spare two or three hours a month and are considering joining Chipperfield Care, either as a Driver or a Duty Officer (or both), you would be particularly welcome to stay on after the AGM to chat with other volunteers about what we do and how we do it.

If you would like any further information, please contact either:

**Mark Jarrad 01923 268910 (Chairman)** or **Patricia Harrison 01923 261595 (Organiser)**



## 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	
24/00103	Broughtons Cottage, The Common - Replacement windows (listed building consent)
24/00243 & 00244	Tuffs Farm, Tower Hill - Renovations and alterations
Decisions	
23/02374	Solong, Stoney Lane - New roof and alterations - Granted
23/00988	Martlets, The Common - Replacement parking area and fencing- Refused
23/00691	Pilgrim Cottage, Megg Lane - New dwelling replacing cattery - Granted
23/02153	Fir Tree Cottage, The Common - Parking space to front - Granted
23/02277	3 The Dell, Dunny Lane - Repair/replace windows - Granted
23/02960	106 Scatterdells Lane - Replacement dwelling - Application withdrawn

## READING GLASSES

**Do you have any glasses that you no longer wear, want or need?** If so, could you please leave them in the box at the back of St Paul's Church. These glasses will be checked over and then sent to countries where they will be of enormous benefit to people who need them but cannot afford to buy them. *Thank you so much.*

*Ann Soanes*  
01923 262756



## '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*



## Calling All Cribbers!

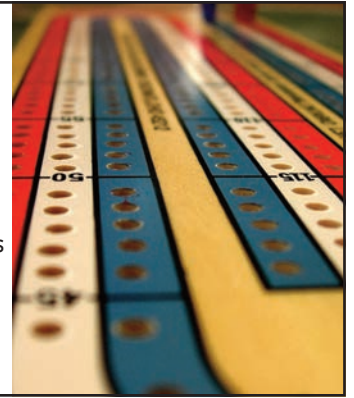
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We meet at Blackwell's every other Tuesday afternoon and would love to see you. We have cards and boards so you will only need to bring yourself and a desire to give it a try .

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**Ring Kathy on 07740200324 or drop an email to [katelarch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:katelarch@yahoo.co.uk)**



## Chipperfield Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN JANUARY 1985?**

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- Ottoman Bucher, a 99 year old from Switzerland, became the oldest man to record a hole in one at Spain's La Manga Golf course.
- CHIPPERFIELD SHORT MAT INDOOR BOWLS CLUB was formed so that both ladies and gentlemen could enjoy the pleasures of the sport of short mat bowling.

The Bowls Club is still enjoying playing twice a week, every Tuesday evening from 7pm and Friday afternoons from 2pm, even if these other world events may be forgotten.

The Club has a history of companionship combined with the love of bowling with a membership of likeminded men and women. This year so far, we have had the pleasure of welcoming four new members, one man and three ladies.

And talking about history, we are lucky enough to play every week in the attractive Village Hall which celebrated its centenary with many local events in 2009.

Chipperfield Indoor Short Mat Bowls Club has a HISTORY, it also has a FUTURE. It is the best place to spend any free time you have; to enjoy a game that is loved by many in the company of new friends. You will be made very welcome.

**Contact: John Theobald on 07761256462**



## Chipperfield Corinthians Football Club

Now well into the second half of the season, the **First Team** remains in a strong position. It sits currently 3rd in the Premier Division in what is a very competitive league having won 14 league games and having drawn one game out of a total of 20 league games. All time leading goal scorer **Adrian Abramiam** remains in great form with another 16 goals scored so far this season. The team is also through to two cup quarter finals.

The **Reserves** were sitting bottom of Division Two at the end of 2023 although this had been after some narrow defeats and with a lot of players out injured/unavailable. However, since the turn of the year and with players back from injury, they are the form team in the division having won 6 out of their last 7 games. Were they to win their games in hand they would move up to 2nd. They are also through to a cup quarterfinal having knocked out the highest ranking team left in the tournament.

The **Third Team** plays in Division 4 and is sitting comfortably in mid-table having won 6 games out of 14 and having 6 more games to play. Leading goal scorer is Chipperfield born, **Tommy Gray**, who has notched up 8 goals from 8 games played. The team is also still in one cup competition.

All home games for the First Team and the Reserves are played at Queen St on Saturdays and any support is very welcome.

*Martyn Dicker, President, Chipperfield Corinthians FC*



## Chipperfield Clarendon Cricket Club News

### Hello and welcome to Chipperfield Clarendon Cricket Club.

There is a great sense of optimism for the up and coming season! Whether you are a new player, or a long-standing veteran, there are so many opportunities for you to play for this wonderful community club during what is going to be an exciting transitional year.

To the new members who have joined us, welcome to the Chipperfield Clarendon Cricket Club family. We are so glad you have joined us and we look forward to having you a part of our Club.

Everyone at our Club has a part to play in the success we hope for

this season. We are building something great onto the foundations of the Club and are so happy you are here building along with us as we also strive to grow our Club. If you know of any other cricketers who are looking for a fresh start or a change of scenery, please send them our way; we would love to welcome them.

If you don't play cricket but are wanting to be part of our Club, we welcome social members. Our social members form a special part of what makes our Club great! We have a fully stocked bar from which all members receive great discounts. We host fun events and are adding darts and pool to our Club offerings.

If you wish to join as a social or playing member, please contact us at [chipperfieldcricket@gmail.com](mailto:chipperfieldcricket@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to hearing from you and having you as part of Chipperfield Clarendon Cricket Club.

*David Henderson, General Manager*

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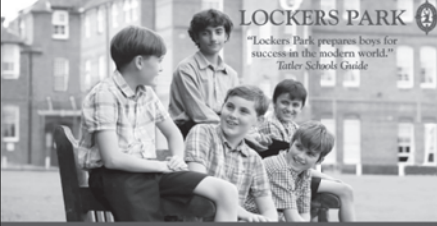
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### ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

As I sit looking out of the window on a very grey and drab February morning, feeling like I am just coming round from the busyness of Christmas activities, it feels odd to be writing to you about Easter. Yet, Easter this year is early, and Lent is just around the corner!

Next week we will overindulge on pancakes and meet the very next day for our Ash Wednesday service, preparing ourselves for that time of reflection and preparation during Lent. We have lots planned with two Lent courses and lovely ladies knitting or crocheting away for me; making chicks for the children of our villages to be gifted. And plans galore for both our schools!

But for me, Easter begins with the reflections of Maundy Thursday (when Jesus, God in human form, is deserted by those who had followed him so closely for the past three years) and culminates on Easter morning when we gather to watch the sunrise around a fire to celebrate that even death will not withhold Him from a relationship with us.

There is something about being wrapped up by the fire as our little part of the world starts to wake; listening as the dawn chorus grows. The sound of the birds like nature's halleluiahs welcoming our resurrected Lord and being reminded of God's promise "see I am doing a new thing". I wonder what it must have been like for Mary Magdalene on that very first morning as she walked to the tomb. Was she able to hear the dawn chorus?

What was going through her mind? The grief wrenching at her heart must have been unbearable. And then it happens, she realises that Jesus has risen and, for a moment, this woman becomes the Church, she is the sole possessor of the Gospel, the good news that Jesus has resurrected.

A woman whom many men have tried to discredit over the centuries is trusted with the greatest, most precious item, The Gospel. Indeed, the theologian and writer, Jurgen Moltmann, writes in reference to her, 'without women preachers, we would have no knowledge of the resurrection'. Mary Magdalene is named more than the other disciples in the Gospels and she is not mentioned after the gospels.

However, her role did not cease after the resurrection. Often in iconography Mary Magdalene is pictured holding a red or white egg. This tradition springs from two possible folk origins.

The first is that when Mary went to the tomb, she took a basket of white hard-boiled eggs for her and the other women to eat while they waited for the stone to be rolled away. On seeing the tomb empty, it is believed the eggs changed colour.

Similarly, in another tradition, Mary Magdalene was a prominent, important woman and after the resurrection she presented herself to Caesar Tiberius in Rome to proclaim, 'Christ is Risen!' and complain about Pilate's involvement in the execution of an innocent man. She took an egg to symbolise the boulder. Tiberius exclaimed that there was more chance of the egg turning red than a man resurrecting from the dead. The egg promptly turned red and Tiberius removed Pilate from Jerusalem. Although eggs are a part of Spring celebrations for many religions, it is believed by some that this miracle is the reason why we give and receive eggs at Easter. Personally, I have always told my children it's about the shape reflecting that of the stone to block access to the tomb!



Mary Magdalene's ministry continued after the resurrection and she is believed to have become an evangelist and a mystic.

But what can we take from the narratives surrounding Mary Magdalene today? I think Mary Magdalene appeals to me

because she symbolises determination and faith. She is the one disciple that does not desert Jesus in his final hours. Some fled, some denied and some betrayed, but Mary Magdalene stayed loyal to Jesus and wept at his feet as he hung on the cross. Even in the darkest of times she had faith in her Messiah. From her the Church was born. One single, solitary voice proclaiming the good news that spread and multiplied.

In the modern church, with the advent of secularisation and commercialisation, it is easy to become down hearted as Christianity, like many religions, is sidelined for easy spirituality and pilgrimage to shopping centres. However, what Mary Magdalene teaches us is to proclaim anyway! When she left the tomb, she did not know if she would be believed. The disciples could easily have dismissed her. But she did it anyway! She took a leap of faith, and her leap of faith birthed the Church and made known the greatest proclamation in the world's history, 'HE IS RISEN!'. And so, this Eastertide, we must emulate Mary Magdalene. We may be dismissed; our attempts at mission may not always be successful. But think what might have happened if Mary Magdalene had kept that news to herself.

Our Church was born out of resurrection and we must have faith that the Church will grow, but also we must have Mary Magdalene's courage to proclaim, 'He is risen!' .....to which we will wait the response 'He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!'

I pray in the busyness of our lives you will find time to join in some part of our reflections and celebrations at St Paul's and Holy Cross.

*Every Blessing, Revd Sarah*

### OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

Since Christmas daylight has been increasing in length by a few minutes a day and it's really been quite noticeable, hasn't it? As the days lengthen in Spring we feel we are coming out of darkness. Nature is waking up from its long winter sleep. It's a time of freshness and renewal and generally we feel happier. This year, British summertime begins on Sunday 31 March which, coincidentally, is also Easter Sunday, the most important Christian feast day. Jesus' resurrection brings hope and new life to our darkest moments.

Leading up to Easter we have Holy Week when we remember the original events that made up the mystery of God entering into our lives to bring about our salvation. Saint Paul says he did this by "assuming the condition of a slave" and 'he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.' The crowds in Jerusalem on what has become known as Palm or Passion Sunday, had been waiting for a leader sent by God to bring them freedom. The liturgy begins with a reminder of the grand entry of Jesus into Jerusalem

as people waved palm branches to greet him. The mood changed quickly, though, as Jesus, humbly riding on a donkey, didn't match the people's image of what the Messiah should be. Their initial joy turned to rejection. As the week moves on, we recall in detail the events which led up to our Blessed Lord's death on Good Friday. Yet we then have the Triumph of Easter - Jesus rising from the dead on Easter Sunday.

The Easter Vigil is a very beautiful and meaningful service that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of new life that it brings. It is celebrated on Easter Saturday. It is a personal favourite of mine. It's not a short service though - in fact it's the longest service of the year. It's filled with strong scripture readings and beautiful liturgical customs. Whilst our church celebrates on the Saturday evening after sunset, the ancient liturgy was originally a nightlong vigil that began in the middle of the night and lasted until dawn. I'm sure it is still celebrated in some churches this way. The Vigil is divided into four parts - The Liturgy of Light,

*continued overleaf ...*

The Liturgy of the Word, The Liturgy of Baptism and The Liturgy of the Eucharist. During the Liturgy of Light, the church is in darkness and a fire is lit outside the church. The fire is blessed and the Easter candle is lit from it with the priest saying - "May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds". The priest leads the procession into the dark church and he stops three times, declaring "Christ, our Light" with the congregation replying "Thanks be to God". When he reaches the altar, the lights are switched on and the unique and beautiful service continues.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful Easter this year.

Sue Croucher



## World Day of Prayer

**10am on Friday 1st March at St Paul's, Chipperfield**

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Everyone is very welcome.

## PINTS OF VIEW AT THE PLOUGH

The next get-together of Pints of View will be at the Plough, Belsize on **Monday 18th March** starting at **8pm**. **Jane Faulkner** will lead our informal discussion on the topic '**How Important are the arts for society?**' Are they a luxury we cannot afford, or are they essential for our wellbeing? Everyone is welcome to join us at the Plough on the 18th

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7pm St Paul's Parish Room 24/7 Prayer Course

**Easter Trail:** In each village between Maundy Thursday 28 March & end of day Easter Monday

<b>Sunday 3</b>	1st Sunday of month	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>
9am	Morning Service	Holy Cross
10.45am	Benefice Holy Communion	St Paul's

<b>Tuesday 5</b>	Toddlers Group for	St Paul's Parish Room
9.15am	pre-schoolers - finishes at 10.45am	

<b>Thursday 7</b>	Youth Group finishes at 8pm	St Paul's Parish Room
6.30pm		

<b>Sunday 10</b>	2nd Sunday of month	<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>
9am	Morning Service	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>
10.45am	Benefice Holy Communion	St Paul's
		Holy Cross

<b>Tuesday 12</b>	Toddlers Group for	St Paul's Parish Room
9.15am	pre-schoolers - finishes at 10.45am	

<b>Thursday 14</b>	Youth Group finishes at 8pm	St Paul's Parish Room
6.30pm		

<b>Sunday 17</b>	3rd Sunday of month	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>
9am	Holy Communion	<b>Passiontide begins</b>
10.45am	Family Service	Holy Cross
		St Paul's

<b>Tuesday 19</b>	Toddlers Group	St Paul's Parish Room
9.15am	for pre-schoolers - finishes at 10.45am	

<b>Sunday 24</b>	4th Sunday of month	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
9am	Holy Communion	<b>Holy Week begins</b>
10.45am	Morning Service	St Paul's
		Holy Cross

<b>Tuesday 26</b>	Toddlers Group	St Paul's Parish Room
9.15am	for pre-schoolers - finishes at 10.45am	

7pm	Soaking Prayer	St Paul's Parish Room
	with cellist Will Langstone	

<b>Thursday 28</b>	Youth Group finishes at 8pm	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>
6.30pm	Holy Communion with washing of feet	St Paul's Parish Room
6.30pm		St Paul's

<b>Friday 29</b>	St Mary's Way of The Cross	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
12 noon	Tenebrae with Holy Communion	St Paul's
3pm		Holy Cross

<b>Saturday 30</b>	St Paul's Church will be open	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>
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<b>Sunday 31</b>	5th Sunday of month	<b>EASTER DAY</b>
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9am	Early Easter Communion	St Paul's
10.45am	Family Easter Communion	Holy Cross
	followed by Easter Egg hunt	

### APRIL 2024

<b>Sunday 7</b>	1st Sunday of month	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b>
9am	Morning Service	Holy Cross
10.45am	Benefice Holy Communion	St Paul's

### CHURCH OPENING TIMES

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*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*

Saturday 18.30 Vigil Mass *Weekday Masses, please check the*

Friday 10.00 Mass *newsletter available at Saturday Mass*

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## A Winter Spectacle

**As the nights slowly draw out Tom and I are able to stay out a little longer and a nice sunny day with a good sunset is a bonus.**

At the end of January, on just such an afternoon, we were about to go in for a cuppa when a great cawing of crows made me look to the sky. The group of beech trees by the footpath was filling up with big black birds all chattering away like a crowd going to a football match. They were arriving from all directions, jostling for positions and passing on the news. I quickly counted twenty-five but soon the number doubled; they kept coming until the tops of the trees were full of their black silhouettes. The sound was incredible, then, all of a sudden, they took off, a swirling mass against the orange sky. Not quite as good as a big murmuration of starlings but pretty impressive. They went round and round half a dozen times and then all dropped down into the wood I had planted beside the footpath. There was a little chatter and then silence. Well over a hundred birds had gathered and then settled down for the night in under five minutes.

The next morning Tom and I were setting off for our walk as dawn was breaking when the birds were beginning to caw to one another. By the time we got back for breakfast they were all gone! We took a stroll through the trees and all that remained were a lot of white splashes of bird poo, a sign of just how many birds had been there.

This has now become a regular nightly event but there has not been such a good sunset to light the scene. It's too dark to see which crows they are but I am guessing they are a mixed bunch and a little research suggests that they are young birds which don't have their own territories. Roosting together will help them to keep warm and they can pass on information about the best feeding grounds.

I don't know how long they will stay but the young trees are certainly getting well fertilized!

Wendy Bathurst

### Friends of Chipperfield Common

**Thursday 14 March**

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Sue Walker

## Chipperfield Horticultural Society

**A big "thank you" to the over fifty members who attended our AGM on 5th Feb.** Having speedily dispensed with the formal part of the evening, we were delighted to welcome **Lisa Comfort** to talk to us about how she set up **Jazzy Rose Flowers**. From an empty field to a thriving tapestry of perennial and annual flowers, a polytunnel and three cats, Lisa has achieved so much in a short period of time. Her enthusiasm was clear and many of us are looking forward to the 'pick your own' days starting with tulips in late spring. Thank you, Lisa, for an entertaining and informative talk.

As always, cheese and wine was served and enjoyed afterwards!

It is only a few weeks now until our **Spring Show on Saturday 6th April**. 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.

On **April 22nd at 1930** in the **Parish Room, Paolo Arrigo** from **Franchi Seeds** will be entertaining us again. His past visits have been very well received, so please note the date. This talk is free for members but with a small cost to non-members.

Our collectors will be out in the coming weeks collecting subscriptions from existing members; please contact us by email if you wish to join for the first time ... everyone welcome!

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

Mo Barton



## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD LOCAL GROUP

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

The next outings are car share trips on **Thursday 7th March** to **Priory Country Park (nr. Bedford)** and on **Saturday 23rd March** to **Blashford Lakes (nr. Ringwood)**. Details can be found on our website.



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Art Workshop	Saturday monthly	9.30am	Parish Room
Ballet	Tuesday	4.15 - 6.45pm	Blackwell's
Ballet	Friday	4 - 8pm	Blackwell's
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: Chair Fitness	Mondays	10.45 - 11.45am	Village Hall
Drumming	Friday 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	2 - 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 <a href="http://www.hcsp.net/youth">www.hcsp.net/youth</a>	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](http://www.chipperfield.org.uk/organisations).

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