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**The children of St Paul's school are at the heart of everything we do - and right now they need your help.**

Our playground has served us well, but it was worn, outdated and, due to the removal of a huge diseased tree, is now a pile of rubble. We are raising funds to build a brand new, inclusive outdoor space designed around the children's own ideas, with safe surfaces, accessible equipment, creative zones and space for every child, from the adventurers to the dreamers.

Our wonderful PTA is already hard at work fundraising, but we still need the wider community's support to reach our goal. Whether you can give £5 or £500, every contribution makes a real difference. Can't donate? Sharing the word is just as powerful.

To support us, please visit our GoFundMe page using the QR code below or at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-build-a-new-playground-for-st-pauls-chipperfield>

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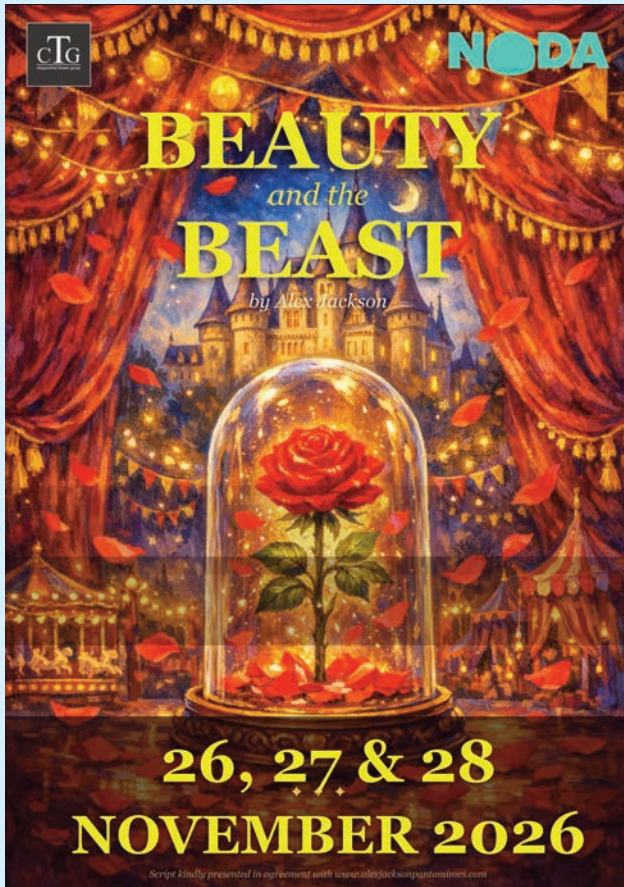


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£30/ADULT £20 UNDER 18's

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## Chipperfield Theatre Group Seeks New Talent for Beauty and the Beast

Chipperfield Theatre Group is delighted to invite performers of all ages and abilities to take part in this year's pantomime production of *Beauty and the Beast*.

### Principal Roles

A read-through for those interested in principal and named roles will take place on **Tuesday, 16 June at 7:30pm** in the **Small Hall, Chipperfield**. Anyone wishing to be considered is warmly encouraged to attend. Copies of the script and further information are available on request.

### Junior Chorus

We are also seeking enthusiastic young performers aged 7-14 to join our junior chorus. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain experience in acting, singing and dancing in a fun and supportive environment. Parents and guardians are invited to get in touch for full details on how to become involved.

### Backstage and Technical Team

Our productions rely on a dedicated and talented backstage team. Opportunities are available in set construction and painting, stage management, lighting and sound. Whether you are experienced or just keen to learn, there is a role to suit everyone.

If you have ever considered getting involved, now is the perfect time to take the first step. For further information, please contact **Lisa Turner** on **07780 934353**. We look forward to welcoming you. *Nel Godfrey*



Sarratt Ducklings  
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## Closure of Sarratt Ducklings Pre School

We are sad to report that Chess Valley Primary Learning Trust has announced that it plans to close Ducklings Nursery in Sarratt in July.

This well-loved nursery has been at the heart of the local community for over 40 years, providing trusted early years education and childcare to generations of families. It is widely regarded by parents as a unique and irreplaceable setting, supported by a highly experienced and dedicated team of staff.

Families of Sarratt and the surrounding villages, as well as the long-serving staff, are devastated by this sudden decision. Staff had not been informed in advance that the nursery would be closed and that a new provider would be replacing them.

There is significant concern as to how the decision has been handled, given the sudden nature of the announcement and the lack of opportunity for meaningful discussion or exploration of alternatives. Families are now calling for the decision to be reviewed urgently and for greater transparency to be provided as to how and why it was made. More information can be found at:

[https://www.change.org/save\\_sarratt\\_ducklings](https://www.change.org/save_sarratt_ducklings)

Ducklings Parents

## Chipperfield Choral Society

Patrons: Emma Bell, Delia Meehan

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## Summer Concert 2026

# Look at the World

Sheila Cornall *Conductor*

Isabella Hulbert *Soprano*

Jack Izard *Marimba*

Rosemary Venner *Piano*

## Saturday 20th June

### St. Paul's Church

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Tickets: £20  
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## Open Social Tennis Evening

Do you want to play tennis and find out more about the tennis club? CTC has **“Open Social Tennis Evening” every Thursday from 6pm**. This free session is open to anyone in the community. If you simply want to play a game of tennis, have some exercise or find out more about your friendly village club, do come along. You will be very welcome.

In addition, **Pickle Ball** is running every **Tuesday at 2pm**. This is also free and open to non-members. So do come and try out this fun racquet sport for all ages; everything is provided - simply wear trainers.

Tickets are selling well for the **“CTC Summer Party” on Friday, 3 July**. The event includes a great dance band, DJ and buffet. This is open to everyone in the village community, so do book your tickets now. (Tickets are limited and are being sold on a first come first served basis). **Contact Pam Winkworth: 07778 517847. Alan Rees, Chair**



## CCYFC Thanks Outgoing Chair and Looks Ahead

**Chipperfield Corinthians Youth FC would like to thank all who attended this year’s AGM, both in person and online.**

**Stewart Hunt** steps down as Chair after taking on the role in April 2022. Stewart first became involved with the club in 2015, coaching Saturday morning sessions for his son Ethan’s Under 5s age group, and has since played a key role in the club’s development and growth. The club would like to extend its sincere thanks to Stewart for his dedication, commitment and the countless hours he has given of his time. His passion and leadership have helped guide CCYFC through a period of real transformation, leaving the club in a far stronger position for the future.



Stewart’s impact will be felt for many years to come, both on and off the pitch. We are delighted that he will continue to support the club moving forward in the role of Vice Chair.

Stewart said: “I am incredibly proud of how far the club has

come. The transformation over recent years has been remarkable, and we are well-positioned for continued growth and success. Thank you to all our players, parents, coaches, volunteers and supporters - your ongoing commitment is what makes this club such a special place.”

The club is pleased to confirm that Luke Hinton has stepped into the role of Chair, and we warmly welcome him into the position.

Luke said: “I’m looking forward to building on that work - supporting our players and coaches, improving facilities and ensuring football remains accessible and affordable for families, whilst keeping the club financially stable.”

The club also celebrated its achievement of FA 2-Star Accreditation this season, reflecting its ongoing commitment to high standards.

As CCYFC looks ahead, the club continues to be built on the strength of its community, from players and parents to coaches, volunteers and local supporters. We welcome anyone who would like to get involved, as well as local businesses interested in sponsorship opportunities to support grassroots football in the village. To get involved or find out more, please contact: **chipperfieldfc@gmail.com**

*Jennifer Hibberd, CCYFC Secretary*



## Chipperfield Corinthians Do The Treble!

This has developed into an unbelievable season for the all-conquering Chipperfield Corinthians team. Having already beaten higher ranked Belstone 2-1 early in April to lift the Herts Centenary Trophy, the team took on Hertford Heath in the Norman Appleby Trophy (previously known as the Aubrey Cup), which has been played for since 1860. In a tough, close fought game, Chipperfield triumphed 1-0, with Lewis Toomey scoring the vital goal in the first half.

The team then moved on to the Anagram Trophy, played between Herts & Essex league teams, where they faced Shenfield AFC. After falling behind to an early penalty, Chipperfield pressed hard and eventually got their deserved equaliser, when local Chipperfield player Harry Slade curled in a great corner and Sam Hutchings rose highest to head it home. As the prospect of extra time loomed, a Dan Griggs goal put Chipperfield ahead - a lead they held onto comfortably for a 2-1 victory.

Having already lifted three trophies, the chance of a fourth stays within reach, and the HCL Premier league remains a real possibility as the table below shows. Chipperfield plays mid-week and a win then would place them with a guaranteed top two finish. They have a final away game against Cuffley, when a further win will see them complete an unprecedented Quadruple:

	P	W	D	L	GD	Points
1. Hinton	29	21	5	3	58	68
2. Chipperfield	28	21	3	4	59	66
3. Hertford Heath	30	21	3	6	43	66
4. Cuffley	29	20	5	4	50	65

The reserves have also had a fantastic season. Having lost in two cups to the eventual winners, they made it through to the final of the Bingham Cox Trophy and played a very strong Croxley team. It was a very close game and Chipperfield will look back on some missed chances in the first half - they were eventually beaten 2-1. They have had a very good season in the league, and two wins in their last two games will see them promoted as runners up.

There are many different things to do in running a grass roots football club (ground maintenance, fundraising, sponsorship, etc.). If anyone fancies getting involved, please contact me on [martyn.dicker2@btinternet.com](mailto:martyn.dicker2@btinternet.com)

*Martyn Dicker, President, Chipperfield Corinthians FC*



# CHIPPERFIELD CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES

EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Adult Dance Class with Diana	Monday	9.45am to 11.15am	Village Hall
Art Workshop	Saturday monthly	9.30am	Parish Room
Brownies	Wednesday	6.30pm	Parish Room
Chipperfield Care - Coffee Club	Tuesday, 16 June	10.30am to 12.30pm	Village Hall
Chipperfield Choral Society	Thursday, 4, 11 & 18 June	7.30pm to 9.30pm	Village Hall
Chipperfield pre-school and out of school care	Monday - Friday (Term time)	7.30am to 6.15pm	Small Hall
Church Choir	Friday	7.45pm	Parish Room
Drumming	Tuesday monthly	7.00pm	Parish Room
Eurythmy, followed by coffee	Monday	10.15am to 12.15pm	Parish Room
Gentle Yoga	Monday	1.30pm to 3.00pm	Village Hall
Inspire (ladies group)	Monday, 1 June	1.30pm to 3.00pm	Parish Room
Invigorating Local Walks	Tuesday and Thursday	9.30am	Blackwell's car park
Keep Fit	Tuesday	11.30am	Parish Room
Keep Fit - gentle!	Thursday	9.30am	Parish Room
Keep Fit	Thursday	10.30am	Parish Room
Knatty Knitters	Wednesday	2.00pm to 3.30pm	Parish Room
Pilates	Tuesday	9.30am and 10.30am	Blackwell's
Pilates	Wednesday	6.30pm to 8.30pm	Blackwell's
Pilates	Wednesday	9.00am to 11.00am	Village Hall
Pilates	Monday - evenings at 6.50pm and 7.55pm (for an hour each)		Parish Room
Pilates	Wednesday (for an hour each)	10.00am, 11.05am, 12.10pm	Parish Room
Pilates	Friday (for an hour each)	10.00am, 11.05am, 12.10pm	Parish Room
RSPB - 'Another year with Andy Sands'	Monday, 1 June	7.45pm to 9.45pm	Village Hall
Selah Church	Sunday	9.30am to 1.30pm	Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls - 25/26 season has ended.	Friday	2.00pm to 4.30pm	Village Hall
	New season starts Friday, 2 October		
Short Mat Bowls - 25/26 season has ended.	Tuesday	7.00pm to 9.30pm	Village Hall
	New season starts Tuesday, 6 October		
T'ai Chi	Friday	1.45pm	Parish Room
Toddler Group	Tuesday	9.30am	Parish Room
Yoga - all levels	Thursday	10.00am	Blackwell's
Yoga for men	Tuesday	7.00pm	Blackwell's
Yoga with Carolyn	Thursday	7.00pm to 8.00pm	Blackwell's
Youth Group <a href="http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7587">www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7587</a>	Thursday	6.30pm to 8.00pm	Parish Room
Zumba	Thursday	10.30am to 11.30am	Village Hall
Zumba	Friday	11.30am to 12.30pm	Village Hall

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

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### ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

June is one of my favourite months; firstly, for being my birthday month and secondly, that summer is truly with us!

This spring, I felt the daffodils were more brilliant, the bluebells more vibrant and the spring blossoms celebrated the colours of the seasons, demonstrating to all that there was joy in creation and hope ahead – a far cry from the stories we read in the papers and scroll on the phone daily.

During May, the service patterns for the church changed, allowing all to experience a moment, whether formally or informally, to celebrate creation and discover the maker in different formats. I invite you all, if you have not already done so, to experience this.

I believe that God in his love reaches out to many in creation. In Psalms 104, often referred to as the 'nature psalm', the author celebrates creation's wonder and awe which move him to give praise to his God. In Psalm 8, David the author is mesmerised by the structure of the heavens and finds hope in the fact that, despite the vastness of the universe, God is mindful of humanity and cares for us. This comes with the responsibility to care for this wonderful planet. And finally, in Psalm 121, the author lifts his eyes to the hills for hope, finding reassurance that help

comes from the Lord, who 'made heaven and earth', thus providing comfort that the Creator will not allow your foot to slip and will watch over your life always, whatever the situation.

So, as we move into mid-summer, I would like to invite you to do two things...well three!

Firstly, to take that moment and breathe in the new season.

Secondly, to investigate the Psalms, which are available on phone apps or on that shelf at home! Open the Bible in the middle and you will find the book of Psalms. Pause and read those words and ask God to speak to you through them.

Thirdly, to pop by the church this month - maybe for one of our services (there are always coffee and biscuits!) - and discover that moment to give thanks for the creation and the message of hope that came to our world in the form of a baby, who lived amongst us and gave of himself for us all.

*Ian Chantrell*

### OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

John Steinbeck, the American novelist, once wrote "In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different." That's a good way to put it isn't it? Sounds more poetic than perhaps the song from the musical Carousel "June is bustin' out all over". Either way, summer has definitely arrived by now! This month in the UK on 21st June the summer solstice occurs and marks midsummers day which has the 'longest day' and the 'shortest night' of the year. Also, every year people head to Stonehenge to watch the first rays of sunlight as they shine through the ancient stones (with the exception of 2020/2021 because of Covid-19 lockdown measures.) Druid ceremonies often take place with rituals, prayers, dancing and drum music.

The nearest feast day in the church to midsummers day is The Nativity of John the Baptist which is kept annually on 24 June (not normally with dancing or drums!). John was the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah. Even when he was still in his mother's womb, he recognised the presence of Jesus by 'leaping inside her' when Mary, a relative of Elizabeth, visited her. The life of John the Baptist has been counted as a preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. The prophet Isaiah had predicted in the Old Testament that "A voice cries 'Prepare in the desert a way for Yahweh. Make a straight highway for our God across the wasteland'". When grown up, John left his parents to live the life of a prophet in the desert. He preached in the desert where he wore clothes made of camel-hair and he ate locusts and wild honey. He told of the kingdom of God, the Messiah and of a judgment to come. He encouraged people to accept baptism as a sign of their repentance. He said "I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit." (Mark 1:8) When Jesus himself came to John asking for baptism, John initially felt unworthy but recognised Jesus at once and said, "Look, there is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." (John 1:29) These words are used at mass. Jesus began his ministry once he had been baptised by John. People did wonder whether or not John was the Messiah but he dismissed their questions by simply saying as he pointed people towards Jesus "standing among you - unknown to you - is the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandal" (John 1:27).

John the Baptist met a sad end. Herod arrested and imprisoned John for boldly declaring that Herod had a wrong and sinful marriage to Herodias, Herod's brother's wife. John was beheaded. When the disciples told Jesus what had

happened, He retired to a solitary place to mourn privately. John had played a vital role in the life of Jesus: He had made ready the way for Jesus, he had baptised Him, and was a witness to his true identity. He had remained faithful even when under pressure, so what a great example he was.

*Sue Croucher*

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## Pints of View

Pints of View is taking a summer break. Our next get-together will be on **Monday, 21 September**, when we'll meet at **The Boot in Sarratt at 8pm**. Other POV Autumn dates for your diary are **Monday, 19 October** and **Monday, 16 November**. Pints of View is an informal forum in which to consider topical matters, moral issues and ethical dilemmas. Everyone welcome. *John Guy*



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### ST PAUL'S CHURCH, CHIPPERFIELD AND HOLY CROSS CHURCH, SARRATT

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#### JUNE 2026

<b>Sunday 7</b>	<b>1st Sunday of the month</b>	
	<b>1st Sunday after Trinity</b>	
10.30am	Benefice Eucharist with Baptism	Holy Cross
3.30pm	Forest Church	St Paul's
<b>Sunday 14</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of the month</b>	
	<b>2nd Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.30am	Morning Worship	Holy Cross
10.30am	Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's
<b>Sunday 21</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of the month</b>	
	<b>3rd Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	St Paul's
	Coffee & croissants available between the morning services	
10.30am	All Together Informal Worship	St Paul's
6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayer)	Holy Cross
<b>Sunday 28</b>	<b>4th Sunday of the month</b> - Holy Cross Flower Festival Weekend	
	<b>4th Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.30am	Flower Festival Morning Worship*	Holy Cross
10.30am	Benefice Eucharist*	St Paul's
	*Changes today to new service pattern because of the Flower Festival at Holy Cross	
6.30pm	Prayer & Praise – start date to be confirmed	St Paul's

#### JULY 2026 (first part of month)

<b>Sunday 5</b>	<b>1st Sunday of the month</b>	
	<b>5th Sunday after Trinity</b>	
10.30am	Benefice Eucharist	Holy Cross
3.30pm	Forest Church	St Paul's
<b>Sunday 12</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of the month</b>	
	<b>6th Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.30am	Morning Worship	Holy Cross
10.30am	Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's

*Please continue to pray for the health of our world, our nation and each other*

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

Sunday	10.00	Mass	<i>NB For further information regarding</i>
Saturday	18.30	Vigil Mass	<i>weekday Masses, please check the</i>
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*Judy Saunders (Chairman) 07507 352664*



## Chipperfield Horticultural Society

**Our Summer Show takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday, 20 June.**

Roses and sweet peas should be the stars of the show. Other flowers, fruit and vegetables will be a highlight as well as handicraft, domestic and junior classes, too.

**Photography Classes are:** Pond Life, Blaze of Colour and Walls.

We have a **Novice Floral Art Class** for those who have not previously placed First in a Floral Art Class: A Flower Arrangement in a Jug.

**Juniors can enter:** An Edible Necklace and A Spacecraft Using Egg Boxes!

**Domestic classes include:** A Jar of Jam or Conserve, 4 Mini Savoury Tarts, A Vegetable Cake 8" maximum, 4 Empire Biscuits, 4 Brioche Rolls and Malteser Tray Bake (recipe included in the Show Schedule).

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



## Chipperfield Parish Council Update - June 2026

Dear Villagers,

Last month we held the Annual Parish Meeting. This is the Council's opportunity to update parishioners and answer questions. We also had a guest speaker **Steven Werrell**, our SANG officer who gave an update on the latest Common works and future plans. The Council also announced its local grants and its outstanding service award, which was presented to **Kevan Cassidy** for his long service.

At this APM, villagers' focus was on road safety, particularly at the junction near Osteria, as well as unruly youth behaviour, especially on bikes and in the cricket pitch car park - a special plea therefore to local drivers to take care and to parents to caution children who are cycling not to endanger pedestrians, other road users or indeed themselves.

**Note** Our Police Community Support Officer plans to hold two surgeries in **Tia's café at 1 Chapel Croft, Chipperfield, WD4 9DT** on **29 May** and **18 July** from **11am to 12pm**.

We have replaced the fingerposts at the junctions next to Osteria and the Two Brewers. We also removed the bushes outside the Kia garage to improve the line of sight at the junction. Later this year, we will also be installing two new Speed Indicator Devices, one on Chapel Croft eastbound near the post office and one on The Street southbound near Yew Trees.

I am pleased to report that the Council passed the internal audit of its annual accounts. Once again, many thanks to our clerk Usha for ensuring this success. Finally, if you have any matters to raise, do come and join us at one of our meetings, or contact Usha. Meeting and contact details are on the Council noticeboard and website.

Paul Foxall, Parish Council Chair

## Friends of Chipperfield Common



In early April, our **MP David Taylor** and DBC Portfolio Holder for Environment, **Cllr Robin Bromham** viewed the SANG improvements. They saw the new signage, way markers and Apostles Pond and noted how much the pond had improved since David's previous visit. It is now thriving with wildlife, including many tadpoles.

At the Parish Council's annual meeting, I shared an update and outlined future plans, including new litter bins, tree information signs and improved footpath surfacing this September, followed by a new welcome area in October. Phase two work at Pill Pond and on Apostles Pond lime trees is scheduled for November and December. The presentation will be available on the Parish Council website.

Our next FoCC working party is on **Thursday, 18 June**. We meet at the cricket ground car park at **9am**, finishing at around **12:30**. All are welcome - all tools, gloves, hot drinks and biscuits are provided. This will be the last session before the new rota begins in September.

The Chipperfield Common Working Group meets bi-monthly to discuss plans for the Common. For more information, please contact **Steven Werrell at [steven.werrell@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:steven.werrell@dacorum.gov.uk)** or **contact Chipperfield Parish Council**. **Steven Werrell, SANG Officer**



Tadpoles in Apostle's Pond April 2026. Copyright with Andrew Miller



## New Life

It wouldn't be spring in the garden without some lambs skipping about and getting into mischief. This year there are just two, a pair of twins born to Dilly the oldest ewe. I think they look a bit comical. Their dad was a crossbreed that I borrowed from a friend and he had a very thick curly coat, but Dilly is a self-shedding Easy Care with a very short coat. The lambs are half and half: a short coat at the front and very woolly curls at the back! They are very sturdy, having chunky legs and quite big heads with woolly cheeks. They seem to have dad's very placid temperament and are remarkably well behaved. Dad might have been a bit too placid as Dinky has not lambed at all and now it's well past the time.

It seems to have been a bumper year for bluebells; they have been very early and their blueness is very intense. I have always thought of my birthday at the beginning of May as bluebell time, but this year they will be over by my big day. Apparently, the

intense blue is due to the very mild early spring and lack of frost. By the time we did get night frost, the buds had already formed and some were nearly open. Although the flowers looked a bit droopy at first, they were tough enough not to suffer. Most of my apple blossom was not so lucky and got well and truly caught, so I am not expecting many apples this year. The little valley that runs across the garden is a real frost pocket, the cold air rolling down from both sides, and there were fingers of ice on the sheep's water bucket well into the middle of April.

Yet again I am doing my rain dance, as the sheep are eating the grass faster than it can grow and it's starting to dry up. Maybe it's just as well I don't have more lambs! *Wendy Bathurst*



## 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, 1 June**, with a talk by **Andy Sands** entitled: **'Another Year with Andy Sands'**. We are delighted to welcome back photographer par excellence Andy with a real mix of wildlife images, including some of his mind blowing macro images!

Doors open at **7.15pm**, with the meeting starting at **7.45pm** and finishing at around **9.45pm**.

**Please note:** This is the last meeting of the season before we return on **Tuesday, 8 September** in **St Paul's Parish Room**.



*Mistle Thrush. Copyright with Andy Sands*

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

Our next outing is a car share trip on **Saturday, 6 June** to **WWT Brandon Marsh**, near Coventry, Warwickshire. Brandon Marsh is well known for the variety and quality of its scenic pools, reedbeds, grassland and woodland. There are nine birdwatching hides throughout the reserve where you can often spot the resident wildlife, including kingfishers, otters, bank voles and more.

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



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