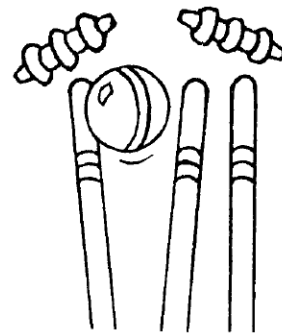


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ARCTIC CIRCLE CHALLENGE

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 10 - 17 April 2016

I have just returned from sledding across 250km of the Arctic Circle. This was a particularly challenging and memorable trek.

On arrival in Tromso, Norway, we met the dogs who would be pulling our sleds, and I bonded immediately with my own wonderful 5-dog team: Aska, August, Alaska, Naomi and Popcorn.

The trek began at the bottom of a mountain, 2-hours' drive from Tromso, with a short day's trip to our first camp in arctic tents, where we had only a small burner to heat water for the dry food packets we were to live on for the week. 'Facilities' were rare and drinking water was collected from streams or by drilling into the ice.

As the temperature fell as low as -20 degrees during the trek, I slept dressed in wool base layers, trackies, fleece jacket and thick socks. I also added an arctic coat, extra socks, a hat, gloves, hand-warmers and leggings for the coldest night and, despite being provided with an arctic sleeping bag with an inner fleece layer, I still felt pretty cold! One camp was so high up that it was level with clouds. Sleeping was almost impossible, not only because of the cold, but also because the dogs howled randomly and regularly at night. Once one dog howls, it sets off all 80 of them! We were allowed just one night in a cabin, where we also enjoyed a Norwegian sauna. Most people tried a

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THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY PARTY

In April the residents of Chipperfield wanted to find a way to celebrate the 90th birthday of their much loved Queen Elizabeth II on 21 April and *Ann Soanes* and *Sue Pinney* came up with the wonderful idea of a tea party. What could be more appropriate and thoroughly English? Luckily the Parish Room was available and plans were laid. The Parish Council kindly donated £200 towards the cost and their generosity is much appreciated. *Ian Chantrell* decorated the room with Union Jack bunting, there were pots of red geraniums on the tables, *Mary Nobbs* provided a wonderful exhibition of royal memorabilia and there was a drop-down screen showing lovely photographs of the Royal Family throughout the Queen's long life. This was provided by *John Stickland*. People began to arrive at 3.15pm and were served a selection of teas, brewed in proper teapots by *Stephen Morrill*. They helped themselves to home-made sandwiches, savouries and cakes made by villagers keen to make their contribution to the feast and to a slice of the spectacular Union Jack birthday cake made with strawberries, blueberries and meringues by *Chris Pinney*.

Stephen Morrill thought up the idea of 'The Best Teapot Competition' and carried out the judging with great humour. The first prize went to *Lesley Edwards* for her beautiful silver pot, the second to *Ann Waine* for her quirky little number and the third was won again by *Lesley Edwards* for her charming miniature teapot.

Small posies of flowers were presented to the three ladies who were born in 1926, the same year as the Queen, which was a lovely touch. *Lesley Baker* had made a beautiful birthday card which everyone was invited to sign and which was later sent to Her Majesty, wishing her many happy returns of her special day. *Lucy Williams*



Freda Driver, Daphne Pritchard, Ruby Carvey and Elizabeth Percy

The tea party was very well supported and we would like to thank all those wonderful people who made sandwiches, cakes, pastries and savouries which were so enjoyed by everyone who came. Many thanks also to Chipperfield Parish Council who supported us with a grant to help cover our costs.

Ann Soanes, Sue Pinney, Stephen Morrill and Ian Chantrell

GREENSLEEVES MORRIS MEN IN AND AROUND CHIPPERFIELD WEEKEND 8 - 10 JULY

Greensleeves Morris Men, London's oldest Morris side, will be celebrating their 90th anniversary when the club visits Chipperfield for its annual Chipperfield Weekend of Dance.

"It's our 90th anniversary this year and for the past fifty-five years we have been doing our annual Chipperfield weekend in July" said David Legg, Squire (leader) of Greensleeves Morris Men (www.greensleevesmorris.org).

"The audiences are enthusiastic and we enjoy dancing there. It's a traditional part of our July dancing programme." Performance timings will appear in July's Chipperfield News.

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Chipperfield Care

Are we missing you?

Chipperfield Care is a group of Volunteers who have banded together to help those who are unable to find their own transport to essential appointments such as hospitals, doctors, dentists or medical clinics. We run an answering service from Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 1.30pm to receive requests for transport. These volunteers, our Duty Officers, then contact our Drivers to arrange the safe transport of our clients to and from their requested destination. Could you volunteer as a Driver or Duty Officer for a few hours a month? IF YOU CAN HELP in any way, please call *Cindy Waite* 01923 283439 or *Mark Jarrad* 01923 268910.

Are you missing us?

Do you have problems getting to important appointments? Unable to use public transport or no access to other forms of transport? Whether this is short or long term, please call our Help Line between 9.30am and 1.30pm on 01923 264700 and we will do our utmost to help.

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'snowArctic bath' (running outside and jumping or rolling in the snow before running back inside to warm up again). I managed to burn myself on a log burner, but there was no shortage of snow and cold water for first aid.

By the third day, we had crossed the border into Sweden and spent a few days travelling through beautiful Swedish scenery before heading back into an equally stunning Norway.

Once or twice, we found ourselves sledding with wild reindeer or could see them in the distance.

We were completely responsible for our own dogs throughout the trek. As they are brought up to want to keep running, we had a sled 'anchor' to help with braking to prevent the dogs from pulling the sled unexpectedly (which caused many to fall off). I did well, until the last day when my dogs swerved to avoid a stationary sled, taking my own sled into the path of a tree. The force sadly brought down the whole tree. I was uninjured but received the award for the 'Best Fall'!

When conditions were tough, we helped the dogs by running and pushing the sled, or by kicking off from the ground. Our sleds carried a lot of provisions and kit, including a very heavy bag of dog food and, in my case, one of the tents (the heaviest item). If the dogs don't think you're helping enough in those situations, they turn to give you 'a Look', eventually refusing to co-operate if you don't do more, so you need to work well with your team.

The trek was physically draining, the cold and long hours of standing on the sled, while trying to avoid frost bite, snow blindness, falling off, or overtaking the person in front, required considerable effort and concentration. Sometimes you'd forget to appreciate the landscape, which was truly stunning.

At last we returned to Tromsø and a comfortable night in a hotel – I'd never slept so well or enjoyed fresh waffles so much!

After the Great Wall of China last year, I thought nothing could be harder, but this was by far the tougher challenge. It was also the best thing I've ever done, and I really miss my wonderful dogs. Sadly, I can't convince my parents to let me have one of my own! While this was an amazing experience, I never forgot why I was making the trek -



raising money to help seriously and terminally ill children have their dearest wish, creating special memories for them and their families.

Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated or will be donating to this wonderful cause in the future.

Charlotte Deal <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Charlotte-Deal1>

CHIPPERFIELD COMMUNITY CURRY NIGHT



Fifty-eight people enjoyed an evening with friends and good food on Monday 9 May in **Spice Village** who generously supported the event in aid of the charity **DENS-action** against homelessness. With further donations a total of **£545** was raised. A big thank you to all the staff at **Spice Village** for making the evening such a success.



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**Saturday 18 June
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Floral art have their usual three classes; handicraft - anything from painting, drawing, knitting, soft toys, canvas work or woodwork. Display frames will be available for any quilts.

The domestic section has several classes, from a rhubarb crumble to a 9" vegetable quiche, shortbread, a jar of jam, rock cakes or a sticky marmalade cake (recipe for this cake is on page 31 of this year's schedule).

The photography section has three classes, 'Blooms', 'Water Scene' and 'Shadows'. Maximum size print is 7" x 5" and may be framed.

The juniors are divided into two age groups, 3-7 years and 8-15 years. Each section has two classes, 'A decorated flower pot' and 'A photo of any subject' up to 7" x 5".

There will be a Bring and Buy plant and produce stall.

Prize giving is at approx. 3.30pm followed by an auction of produce and a raffle. We will be serving our delicious homemade cream teas and cakes.

We look forward to having you with us.

Ann Soanes

Monday 27 June

Small Hall - 7.30pm

A talk and demonstration by

Maria Coote

Pruning fruit (why, how and when)

Followed by questions and answers and coffee.

Free to members; £2 to non-members.

Everyone will be made very welcome.

LOOK OUT FOR

Thursday 7 July

An evening guided tour of Chenies Manor Gardens.

Sunday 7 August

A guided tour of Callipers Hall Gardens.

*Details in July/August
Chipperfield News*

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St Paul's School - 18 June

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The concert will also feature Eternal Light, a modern Requiem by Howard Goodall, perhaps best known for the theme music for The Vicar of Dibley but also a renowned composer of contemporary choral music. Eternal Light reflects on the traditional words of the Latin Mass and juxtaposes them with poems in English and thus, indeed, becomes a modern Requiem.

Tickets can be obtained from the Box Office on 01923 400520 or from choir members. Further information is on the website www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk

WHO OWNS THIS CAT?



Can someone please shed some light for me about our feline lodger, Ginger? Or who he belongs to? He is never too far away from us, then he will disappear for about a day and a half, eventually

returning looking as if someone has been grooming him but, despite this attention, ravenously hungry!

Sarah Saxby 01923 291083

PINTS OF VIEW

Monday 20 June - 8pm

The Plough, Belsize

Pints Of View provides an opportunity to consider topical matters, aspects of faith, moral issues and dilemmas in informal surroundings. Do join us if you can.

Bob Shearer and John Guy

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Helen Yemm, gardener, lecturer, presenter, author and garden columnist for the Telegraph with *Ann Soanes and Terry Simmonds* at a recent talk on 'Downsizing' to the Chipperfield Horticultural Society.

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AND MEETINGS

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1st Sunday

(See pew sheet for venues)

MONDAY

Early Prayers

St Paul's Parish Room, 8am

(upper room)

TUESDAY

Church Youth Group

60 Tower Hill, 6.30-8pm

(Anne and John Stickland)

School years 6-13 (term time only)

Weekday Mass

Our Lady's, 10.00am

Home Group

The Manse, 7.30-9pm (term time only)

WEDNESDAY

Little Angels Toddler Group

Baptist Church, 9.30-11am

(term time only)

FRIDAY

Prayer Group

Baptist Church, 7am (term time only)

Weekday Mass

Our Lady's, 10.00am

Choir Practice

St Paul's, 7.45pm

SATURDAY

Our Lady's 6.30pm Vigil Mass

ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

As we celebrate this year the 90th anniversary of her Majesty's birth, I am reminded of two things, her service and her duty. Both these attributes come from her faith and an awareness from an early age that God had called her to the challenge of leadership.

Like David in the Old Testament, the boy on the hillside enjoying and learning the challenges of life, but being prepared for great things. Elizabeth, the daughter of the second son, was greatly loved by her stern grandfather, King George V, and supported as the pages of time unfolded by her family and ministers. Her father came to a crown by default, carrying the responsibilities of leading an Empire and emerging Commonwealth through a war that the young Elizabeth, as a teenager and later in service with the ATS, experienced fully her call to serve.

I reflect on her maiden speech given to the children being evacuated offering empathy, support and hope. Her dedication speech on her 21st birthday committing herself to the role as future Queen and her message given before her Coronation asking the people throughout the realms, under God's divine grace, for prayer. The generations who listened to those speeches were inspired to carry on, to turn to their creator and acknowledge His supreme power.

Today, as I look at those people, I can see that quiet and stoic sense of duty and service that moulded their lives. I admire that commitment they have given and continue to give to our nation, our realms and our communities today.

I am challenged to ask all to stop and give thanks to God for their lives, our villages, families and communities and the support they have so tirelessly given and, secondly, to commit ourselves to those values. It could be to come to our Creator the quietness of every morning, maybe stepping into an area that you feel that God might be leading you within our community or beyond, a job however large or small from helping a neighbour to supporting a project needs you and I. God has brought us and moulded us, together with our gifts, talents and characters for His kingdom here on Earth.

Ian Chantrell, Church Warden

BAPTIST CHURCH

Well, it's finally happened. My past has caught up with me and I have to flee Chipperfield, luckily without the requisite tar and feathers. My Dad always said if you keep moving they can never get a proper aim on you and he was a soldier so he should know. I am of course joking, I think, and can't quite help feeling a tinge of sadness. Well, a lot actually.

My family and I rocked up to The Street nearly nine years ago. The kids were so much younger and I had just a little more hair (Claire hasn't changed at all). The welcome was fantastic, from everyone, not least the church. The church and I both wondered what on earth we had let ourselves in for and that proved to be the theme of the many months we have been here. The welcome has continued unabated because that is just what the church does and will continue to do. It's in their blood and long may that continue.

One of the reasons we continue to welcome others is because we are supposed to, of course, but also because it is in our genes. When we enter the family of God, bit by bit, we take on the character of our Father in heaven. A character that is constantly willing, wanting and loving people to join in with what is an enthralling and exciting journey. We all discover what we are good at and of what we are really capable. Acts of immense sacrifice and love never cease to amaze me. All simple and often never acknowledged. Well, I would like to acknowledge my debt to you all now.

We would like to say goodbye to as many of you as possible, so wish to extend an invitation to a tea party at Chipperfield Baptist Church on Saturday 25 June, 2-5pm. Please come and allow us to say a big thank you to all of you because you *deserve it*.

Love Jason, The Man in the Manse

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10am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Holy Cross
6.30pm	Benefice Monthly Prayers	St Paul's
Wed 8 (<i>2nd Wednesday of month</i>)		
10am	Midweek Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 12 (<i>2nd Sunday of month</i>)	<i>Third Sunday after Trinity</i>	
8am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
10am	All Age Worship	St Paul's
10am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 19 (<i>3rd Sunday of month</i>)	<i>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</i>	
8am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
10am	United Benefice Holy Communion	St Paul's
6.30pm	Compline	Holy Cross
	<i>(traditional prayers for the coming of night-time)</i>	
Wed 22 (<i>4th Wednesday of month</i>)	<i>Alban, first martyr of Britain</i>	
10am	Midweek Communion	St Paul's
Sun 26 (<i>4th Sunday of month</i>)	<i>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</i>	
	<i>Holy Cross Flower Festival</i>	
8am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
10am	Flower Festival Family Service	Holy Cross
	<i>(with procession of flower garlands)</i>	
10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Paul's
JULY first part of month		
Sun 3 (<i>1st Sunday of month</i>)	<i>Thomas the Apostle</i>	
8am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
10am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Holy Cross
6.30pm	Benefice Monthly Prayers	Holy Cross
Sun 10 (<i>2nd Sunday of month</i>)	<i>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i>	
8am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
10am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
10.30am	Morris Men's Service	outside St Paul's
Wed 13 (<i>2nd Wednesday of month</i>)		
10am	Midweek Communion	Holy Cross

DIARY OF SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

JUNE

Sun 5	10.30am	FOFL* Episode 7
Sun 12	10.30am	FOFL* Episode 8
Sun 19	10.30am	Tearfund Sunday @ Bovingdon B.C.
Sun 26	10.30am	The Gains final Sunday service

*Fruitfulness on the Frontline

Dates For Diary

Regular Sunday services are at 10.30am with Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday Groups for Children and Youth Sunday Mornings

SERVICES AT OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR

Sunday	10.00am	Mass
Saturday	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Tuesday/Friday	10.00am	Mass

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

Just after Easter, the media latched onto some limited aspects of the publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation 'The Joy of Love'. Perhaps it was inevitable that they were looking for headlines announcing ground-breaking changes in doctrine and, indeed, the Pope did call for a less strict, more understanding and compassionate church, particularly mentioning those who have divorced and possibly remarried. His pronouncement was based on a global-wide consultation at a family level, that was followed by two Synods of Bishops, and the theme was the need for love in the family to be at the centre of our Christian life's journey. Firstly, he wrote about the importance of preparing for the journey, where family upbringing, including 'positive and prudent sex education' should eventually lead to the importance of good preparation of couples for marriage itself. He spoke realistically about problems and challenges that marital stresses can bring and that the Church can act as a 'field hospital' for those whose situations have become difficult. It is important not to use language or conduct that could lead to a feeling of discrimination against them, with encouragement to more actively participate in the life of the community. He also reminded the Church that verbal, physical and sexual violence against women, and those of varied sexual orientation, is unacceptable as it attacks the dignity of the individual. However, the sanctity of God's plan in the form of heterosexual marriage remains a fundamental foundation of Christian family life.

On the question of whether divorcees or gay Catholics could be more integrated into the active Church, the document's proposal is a form of devolution to the regional bishops in each country, to interpret according to local culture. Pope Francis is clearly trying hard to make the Church feel more approachable for those who find themselves, for whatever reason, in what he calls 'irregular situations'. It is particularly apt that 'The Joy Of Love' is published in his Year of Mercy and is a courageous attempt to address some challenging moral issues.

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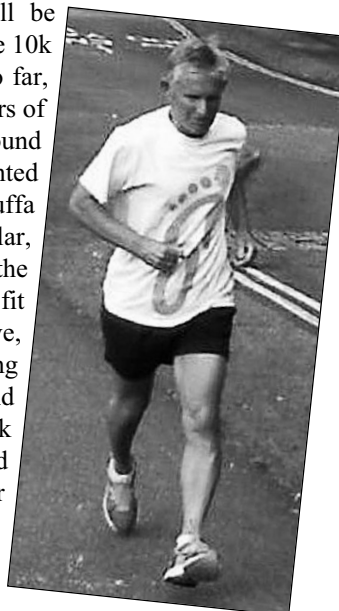
Sir Richard Nichols died peacefully in April after a fall at home and a subsequent stay in hospital. He leaves his wife Shelagh, three children and nine grandchildren who will greatly miss his humour, wisdom and kindness. Sir Richard was a local man through and through, born and raised in Watford. He lived in Chipperfield for twelve years before moving to Newhall Farm in 1991. Although Sir Richard's roots and 'home' were in Hertfordshire, and he worked as a solicitor in Watford for his entire career, he had an outward-looking perspective on the world and constantly strived to improve life for those around him. Some of his legacies will include The Cure Parkinson's Trust which he co-founded in 2005 to fund research to help find a cure for Parkinson's, with which he was diagnosed in 1999; the Mansion House Scholarship aimed at bringing young overseas scholars to study in the City of London; a lifelong commitment to the Salters Livery Company whose main objective is to bring chemistry to life in schools, as well as extensive charitable work across the UK. Sir Richard was Lord Mayor of the City of London in 1997/98, a role which he and Shelagh carried out tirelessly, promoting the City's services to countries far and wide. Despite his many achievements and experiences, Sir Richard remained humble and self-deprecating, never happier than when he was able to potter around the garden, rummage for hidden gems in his wine cellar or simply enjoy the company of his family around him. He will be sorely missed.

Shelagh and family would like to thank everybody for the kindness and support they have received following Richard's death and for the many letters and cards which have been a great comfort. We will all miss him deeply.

KINGS LANGLEY PUFFA TRIBUTE

This year's Kings Langley Puffa is dedicated to the memory of its founder and former Chipperfield resident **John Cherry** in celebration of his life. John founded the Puffa fun run, as it was then known, over thirty years ago when it was generously sponsored by Arter and North. John lived in Kings Langley for over 30 years with his wife Pat and two daughters who attended Kings Langley Primary School. As a local postman and member of the Parent Teacher Association at the school, he was well-known by many in Kings Langley and Chipperfield. A very talented athlete, he completed several marathons with a personal best of just over three hours which he achieved when in his 40s.

For the Puffa fun run, not only was John the event organiser, co-ordinating everything from devising the route, to marking out the route using flour through the woods amongst other markers but he also trained many of the villagers to enable them to compete in the race. It was a local event supported by local people which grew to be such a success that runners came from far and wide to compete and the event still continues today. When John retired he and Pat moved from Chipperfield to Dorset but sadly in 2014 he was diagnosed with a rare aggressive cancer. He bravely fought his illness using the same determination he had deployed as a runner but despite exploring all treatment avenues John passed away surrounded by his family on 22 May 2015 aged only sixty seven. John's family are attending the race on **Sunday 12 June** and have donated a Founder's trophy in his memory which will be awarded to the first Kings Langley resident to complete the 10k each year. For those who feel 10k may be a little bit too far, there are also shorter distances for beginners and youngsters of all ages. At the start of the 10k there will be a one minute round of applause in memory of a lovely man and talented athlete, John Cherry. John's motivation for starting the Puffa fun run was to bring running to all ages and, in particular, local people. This year event organisers are working with the team at Get Set Go Dacorum to help more local people get fit and stay active across the Borough. As part of this initiative, members of local running clubs, Gade Valley Harriers, Tring Running Club, Watford Joggers, Watford Harriers and Watford Running Sisters, can get a £5 discount on the 10k entry fee by completing an additional form. If you would like to know more about the discount, the event or offer your support as a marshal, email: alanjohnson@kingslangley-pri.herts.sch.uk or check the Kings Langley Primary School website.



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GARDEN EVENTS

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UP WITH THE LARK

The last few mornings of April have been cold and frosty with bright blue skies; the perfect mornings for skylarks to rise and sing. I am always surprised that there are so many in the back fields. The hedges were taken out in the '70s to make one great prairie style field but with an adjacent long meadow and the back gardens of Scatterdells Lane nearby the skylarks are happy. As I take my dog Ted on his first walk of the day, they are hovering high in the air and singing their hearts out. They get my day off to a good start and we really are 'up with the lark'!

The red kite is now the poster bird of the Chilterns and I love to see them gliding over the garden but my favourite raptor is the buzzard. They have increased in numbers over the last few years all by themselves without a reintroduction programme. Their numbers dropped through the use of DDT and the loss of rabbits due to myxomatosis. Twenty years ago the closest ones to here were around Stonehenge. It is easy to tell them from the kites as their tails are fan shaped and the kites are forked. I had been enjoying the daily sight of a pair soaring high above the garden and then I noticed them going into a pine tree just over my boundary. I am sure they have a nest there. The hen will lay an egg every three or four days but, unlike a lot of small birds, she will start to incubate as soon as the first is laid. The three or four eggs will then hatch at regular intervals and, if food is scarce, only the biggest will be fed. They will eat any small mammals and quite a few worms but baby rabbits are a great favourite. Rabbits do quite a bit of damage to my plants so I am hoping for a reduction in numbers any time now!

Wendy Bathurst

YOUR GARDEN IN JUNE

With warm weather in winter and cold weather in spring, it has been a funny year for gardeners. A heatwave at the beginning of May reminds us that we need to speed up before the dry weather sets in.

Fruit and vegetables. Now that frosts are over we can plant out runner beans, marrows and courgettes, outdoor tomatoes and ridge cucumbers and make further sowings of runner beans, plus dwarf beans, carrots, peas, swede and sweet corn. Plant brussels sprouts, leeks and winter cabbage and sow salad crops, such as lettuce, radish and spring onions at regular intervals. Earth up the potatoes and start to harvest new potatoes. Watch for the caterpillars of the cabbage white butterfly and remove them and cover brassicas with netting which should help to keep them off. Put codling moth traps into fruit trees, if not already done, and thin out the fruit if the natural 'June drop' is not sufficient. Start to pick strawberries and raspberries and cover with netting to keep off the birds. Strawberry runners can be rooted and potted ready for planting out for next season. Water strawberries regularly in dry weather. Feed vegetables with Growmore fertilizer and water regularly.

The flower garden. If not already done, get hanging baskets planted with Surfinia petunias, calibrachoa geraniums, begonias and fuchsia, together with a selection of trailing plants, and get them hung up on strong brackets. Plant tubs and containers, too. Bedding plants, such as begonias, petunias, lobelia, asters, nemesia, marigolds and salvias, together with geraniums and fuchsias, can be planted throughout the garden. Sow wallflowers and other biennials, perennials, and quick growing annuals. Carry on planting container grown plants. Prune shrubs as they finish flowering and deadhead perennials and roses regularly. Roses should be sprayed against mildew and black spot every three or four weeks. Now is the time to layer clematis and to take softwood cuttings. Water plants in containers and hanging baskets and feed regularly. Clip topiary, such as box pyramids, but leave hedge cutting until birds have finished nesting. Keep up with weeding and stake tall growing plants and apply mulches around plants. Feed shrubs and roses with Vitax Q4 or Toprose fertilizer and apply ericaceous feed to camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas.

The greenhouse. There is still time to plant out tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines and peppers into their final pots. Provide support for tomatoes, removing side shoots and make sure that they are regularly watered and fed with something like Tomorite. Carry on with seed sowing. Watch out for whitefly and put up sticky traps. Keep well ventilated and damp down the greenhouse in hot weather.

Lawn and garden. Cut lawns regularly but never cut grass too short. Turf or sow new grass areas and these should be watered for just a couple of weeks to get them established. Encourage lawns to become deep rooted by not watering even in dry weather. A nice brown lawn will always become green within days of rainfall. Feed the lawn from time to time but not in dry weather. Keep the weeds down and tidy the garden. Give water to the birds and remove pond weed.

Terry Simmonds

VILLAGE PEOPLE



Mark Heaphy

After years of running short distances and watching the London Marathon on television, I finally decided to put myself into the ballot. To my shock, I was lucky enough to be selected and then set about the hard tasks of selecting a charity and training. I decided to run for the **MS Society** and after months of training, the big day arrived. I was delighted to run my first marathon in 3:19:31. www.justgiving.com/M-Heaphy

ANOTHER CELEBRATION

It was not only The Queen who celebrated her 90th Birthday in April. **Freda Driver**, a resident of Megg Lane, also reached the ripe old age of 90 on 12 April. The following Sunday, St Paul's Church marked this event at the Parish Lunch with cake, cards and flowers together with a hearty rendering of 'Happy Birthday'.

As well as being a regular church member, Freda, an ex-teacher, is also a frequent helper at St Paul's School where she enjoys hearing the children's reading. Congratulations, Freda.

Pam Dawson

91st BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Daphne Pritchard

Family members and many friends in Chipperfield and from afar gathered in the Parish Room on Saturday 23 April to celebrate this special birthday. Daphne thought she had not 'properly' celebrated her 90th birthday due to hip surgery. This year she was able to stand and walk around talking to everyone during the whole afternoon!

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EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
After School Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	3pm	Small Hall
Art Group	Thursday	2pm	Parish Room
Art Workshop	Saturday (monthly)	9.30am	Parish Room
Ballet	Monday	4pm	Blackwells
Ballet	Tuesday	4pm	Blackwells
Ballet	Saturday	9am	Blackwells
Bingo	Thursday	8.30pm	Blackwells
Bowls	Tuesday	7pm	Village Hall
Bowls	Thursday	1.30pm	Village Hall
Bowls	Friday	7pm	Village Hall
Brownies	Wednesday	6.30pm	Parish Room
Choral Society	Thursday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Church Choir	Friday	7.45pm	Parish Room
Extend Exercise, Men & Women 60+	Thursday	10.30am	Village Hall
Health Walks	Tuesday and Thursday	9.30am	Blackwells car park
Impact	Friday	6.30pm	Sarratt Village Hall
Irish Dancing	Thursday	4pm	Blackwells
Jazzercise	Monday	9.30am	Village Hall
Karate	Tuesdays (Term time)	6pm	Small Hall
Keep Fit	Tuesday	10.30am	Parish Room
Keep Fit	Thursday	10.30am	Parish Room
Parents and Toddlers	Tuesday	9.30am	Village Hall
Pilates	Monday	9.10am, 10.10am and 11.10am	Blackwells
Pilates	Monday	9.30am	Parish Room
Pilates	Monday	6.45pm and 8pm	Parish Room
Pilates	Tuesday	7pm and 8pm	Blackwells
Pilates	Wednesday	9.10am, 10.10am and 11.10am	Blackwells
Pilates	Wednesday	9.15am	Village Hall
Pilates	Wednesday	6.30pm and 7.30pm	Blackwells
Pilates	Thursday	6.30pm, 7.30pm and 8.30pm	Blackwells
Pilates	Friday	9.10am, 10.10am, 11.20am and 12.20pm	Blackwells
Pilates	Friday	9.30am	Parish Room
Pilates	Friday	10.30am	Parish Room
Prayer Group	Thursday (Term time)	2pm & 7pm	Baptist Church Hall
Pre-School Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	9am - 12.00	Small Hall
Pre-School Lunch Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	12.00 - 13.30	Small Hall
Pre-School Extended Lunch Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	12.00 - 15.00	Small Hall
Pre-School After School Club 'Splat'	Monday - Friday (Term time)	15.10 - 17.15	Small Hall
T'ai Chi	Friday	1.45pm	Small Hall
Tap Dance	Monday (Term time)		Baptist Church Hall
Theatre Group	Monday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Toddlers group (Little Angels)	Wednesday (Term time)	9.30am	Baptist Church Hall
Yoga	Monday	1.30pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Wednesday	6.30pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Sunday	10am	Blackwells
Zumba - Lucy	Tuesday	9.30am	Parish Room

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NO UPPER CHAIN. Tucked away in a quiet no-through road close to both the village High Street and Kings Langley mainline station, is this beautifully presented and recently refurbished four/five bedroom detached family home with garage, off-street parking and landscaped gardens. EER: C



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