



## St Paul's School invests in the future

As you may have seen in Chipperfield News, we recently received a generous bequest from the late Maggie Prestwich to support and enrich our pupils' education, and we are now delighted to share how we will be using her donation.

Having reflected on what the school needs and what would have a big impact on our pupils, we will use some of the money to replace our sheltered hexagon on the school playground which has reached the end of its life. We need a space where children can meet friends, be social, perform and enhance their

lunchtime experience. Thank you to Mr Woods, Stephen Morrill and some of our parents who worked over a weekend to dismantle our existing shelter – we can't wait for the new one to be installed over half term!



We are also excited that the remainder of the bequest will be used to improve the school's computing and technology offer. From after half term, each child in Years 4, 5 and 6 will have access to their own Google Chromebook in class, giving them another form of instant support within the classroom to aid and develop their learning. Not only will the Chromebooks help with our pupils' achievements and educational innovation, it will also support pupils with their transition from primary school, as Google Education is used widely in many secondary schools. Our teachers recently had specialised training in using Google Drive, Google Classroom and accompanying applications. We are already considering how to use this effectively in the classroom, and I am looking forward to seeing them in action after half term.

School budgets are increasingly stretched, particularly in our school where we

have fewer than average pupils. So we are extremely thankful and appreciative of donations such as this. If anyone works in a large business or organisation that is looking to support the children of our future, please do contact me.

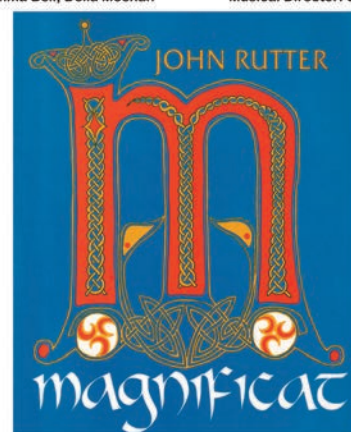
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## A stunning uplift for the Village Hall

Chipperfield Village Hall has a “new” floor! Sanded and resealed, it looks amazing, and we hope it will serve us all well for many years to come. Our thanks go to Chipperfield Parish Council for a much-appreciated grant towards the cost. Feedback from our users has already been fantastic. If you would like to consider the Hall for your next event, drop us a line at [bookingscvhwd4@gmail.com](mailto:bookingscvhwd4@gmail.com).

Andrea Thornton, Secretary, Village Hall Committee,  
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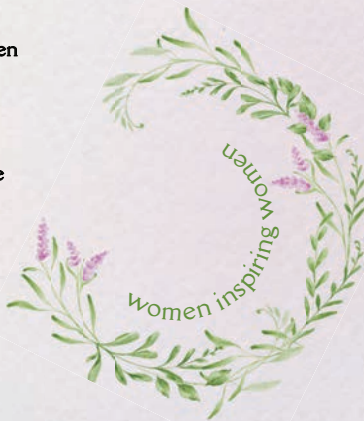


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## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD LOCAL GROUP

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

Our next meeting is on **Monday, 3 March**, when our speaker will be **Paul Roper**, with a talk entitled '**Wildlife of the Lea Valley Park**'. Paul will describe the numerous nature reserves to be found in the nearby Lea Valley, home to a wide range of wildlife.

**Doors open at 7.15pm, with the meeting starting at 7.45pm and finishing at around 9.45pm.** As usual, there will be refreshments, raffle, displays of members' photographs, local news, and other activities.

Our next outing is a local trip on **Saturday, 22 March to RSPB Rainham Marsh, Essex**. This reserve is carefully managed by grazing cattle and by maintaining water levels to create a patchwork of clumpy wet grassland and semi-permanent pools. This is the ideal habitat for marshland birds, such as lapwings and redshanks, as well as for wintering wildfowl, waders, some birds of prey, water voles, reptiles, and amphibians.

Anyone is welcome to attend the monthly meetings and outings, whether experienced or not. RSPB membership is not essential. There is no annual membership fee, but a small entry fee.

So, please come along and/or visit our website at <https://group.rspb.org.uk/hemel Hempstead/> or contact **Mary on 01442 264752**. For outing details, contact **Axel on 01442 257856**.

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



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## VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

**VE DAY 80 will be celebrated around Europe on Thursday, 8 May. More locally, a cricket match between Chipperfield and Bovingdon has been arranged for that evening on Bovingdon Green, to include the lighting of the brazier.**

Come along to mark the occasion and support a team! Bring a picnic, perhaps a chair, and enjoy the entertainment from the boundary. Make a note in your diary, and look out for more details next month.

*Sue Walker*

# Pickled Onions for Charity!

**Zahia Roger** and **Mike Joseph** sold **£500** worth of pickled onions last November. Of the proceeds, **£250** went to the **Heather Club for dementia and Alzheimers** sufferers in Hemel Hempstead ([theheatherclub.com](http://theheatherclub.com)) and the remaining **£250** was donated to **Kwa Mkono**, an orphanage and hospital for disabled children in Tanzania ([kwamkono.org](http://kwamkono.org)). This year's pickled onions should go on sale the day after the official 2025 Remembrance Day parade.

*Mike Joseph*



## Poppy Appeal Final Accounts 2024

Once again, with Chipperfield and Bovingdon villages working together, a staggering **£12,105.25** has been raised so far, **£1,879.28** up on 2023's total. We are hoping that a few hundred pounds more will be added to this amount once the RBL notify us of the amounts donated using the popular QR code.

Thank you to the Bovingdon volunteers who worked hard to achieve this result. Our thanks also go to all the hard workers of Chipperfield: 8 hardy door-to-door collectors (**Doris Yates** completing her 32nd year) who raised **£884.29**, the 39 table top collectors - and those who put up the gazebos and tables very early on two Saturday mornings - who raised **£2475.04**, marginally up on 2023.

The village shops, pubs, churches, cafes and garage collected **£1,229.35** (£309.86 up on 2023). St Paul's School raised **£225.80** and the Church and D-Day collections totalled **£456.25** and **£315.52** respectively.

Thank you to all the village organisations who laid wreaths at the War Memorial and donated **£650**. Gift Aid added a further **£326.75** to donations provided, which was much appreciated.

None of these figures would be available without the hours of work put in by **Mark Jarrad**, who produced sheets and sheets of detailed figures, with every penny accounted for. The RBL must be delighted on receiving the Chipperfield and Bovingdon accounts; little effort will be required from their team. Many, many thanks to Mark; I couldn't do my part without him.

*Sue Walker, Poppy Appeal Organiser*



## Chipperfield Parish Council - March 2025

**Chipperfield Parish Council (CPC) is investigating the need for additional posts along the edge of the Common near the Windmill pub in order to protect the grass opposite from further vehicular damage.**

The Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) officer from Dacorum Borough Council has recently been to the Common to assess the jobs required. He has now set up a joint working group with CPC and the Friends of Chipperfield Common to plan and prioritise works to be carried out under the SANG initiative. The working group has already had its first meeting and hopes to set some initial priorities and an action plan before the next edition of Chipperfield News. If anyone has any comments, concerns or suggestions regarding the ongoing management of the Common, please provide input/feedback via either CPC or the Friends of Chipperfield Common.

Our local MP David Taylor will be holding a surgery in Chipperfield on Friday, 21 March 2025. If you want to attend the surgery, you need to book an appointment with his team first to ensure he will be able to see you - contact them via email at [David.taylor.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:David.taylor.mp@parliament.uk) or phone 01442 816885. If any constituents have an issue they need assistance with, they can reach David Taylor using the same contact details.

*Kevan Cassidy, Chair, Chipperfield Parish Council*

### Planning Applications

The local planning authority for Chipperfield is Dacorum Borough Council (DBC). Your Parish Council is a statutory consultee and has a planning committee that meets every 3 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 and decisions as of 7 February:

#### Applications

- 25/00154 13 Tower Hill - Proposed outbuilding
- 25/00157 Land off Kings Lane - New dwelling
- 25/00255 Frenches Farm, Tower Hill - Works to trees

#### Decisions

- 25/00146 Old Swan House, The Common - Works to trees - Granted
- 24/02456 Harvest Field - 51 Scatterdells Lane - Use of a dwelling classed as a mobile home as a permanent residence for a period of not less than 10 years - Granted
- 24/02574 Oak Bluffs, Chapel Croft - Rear extension and porch - Granted
- 24/02050 Former Baptist Church, The Street - Refurbishment and conversion to 4 x 2 bedroom flats - Granted
- 24/01916 Tuffs Farm, Tower Hill - Demolition of existing barns & repairs to listed barn - Granted
- 24/01915 Tuffs Farm, Tower Hill - Demolition of existing barns and construction of 4 dwellings - Refused



# CHIPPERFIELD CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES

EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Art Workshop	Saturday monthly	9:30am	Parish Room
Brownies	Wednesday	6:30pm	Parish Room
Chipperfield Choral Society	Thursday	7:30pm - 9:30pm	Village Hall
Chipperfield pre-school and out of school care	Monday - Friday (Term time)	7:30am - 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 - 12:15pm	Parish Room
Gentle Yoga	Monday	1:30pm - 3:00pm	Village Hall
First Aid, basic half day course with Certificate	Saturday, 8 March	8:30am - 1:30pm	Parish Room
Inspire (ladies group)	first Monday of the Month	1:30pm - 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 - 3:30pm	Parish Room
Pilates	Tuesday	9:30am and 10:30am	Blackwell's
Pilates	Wednesday	6:30 - 7:30 / 7:30 - 8:30pm	Blackwell's
Pilates	Wednesday	9:00am - 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
Pilates	Thursdays starting 30 January 2025	5:45pm - 6:45pm	Village Hall
RSPB Talk - Wildlife of Lea Valley Park by Paul Roper	Mon 3 March 2025	7:15 pm	Village Hall
Short Mat Indoor Bowls	Tuesday	Start 7:00pm - 9:30pm	Village Hall
Short Mat Indoor Bowls	Friday	2:00pm - 4:30pm	Village Hall
T'ai Chi	Friday	1:45pm	Parish Room
Tappy Toes - Tots Toes - 2.6 yrs - 5 yrs	Friday	9:30am - 10:00am	Village Hall
Tappy Toes - Toddler Toes - walking to 2.5 yrs	Friday	10:15am - 10:45am	Village Hall
Toddler Group	Tuesday	9:30am	Parish Room
T's Studios School Of Dance Baby Ballet (ages 3 - 5 years)	Mondays	4:30pm - 5:00pm	Blackwell's
T's Studios School Of Dance Baby Street	Wednesdays	4:30pm - 5:00pm	Blackwell's
T's Studios School Of Dance Mini Ballet (ages 5 - 8 years)	Mondays	5:00pm - 5:30pm	Blackwell's
T's Studios School Of Dance Mini Tap	Mondays	5:30pm - 6:00pm	Blackwell's
T's Studios School Of Dance Mini Lyrics / Jazz	Wednesday	5:00pm - 5:40pm	Blackwell's
T's Studios School Of Dance Mini Street	Wednesdays	5:40pm - 6:20pm	Blackwell's
T's Studios School Of Dance Beginner Ballet (ages 8+)	Fridays	5:00pm - 5:40pm	Blackwell's
T's Studios School Of Dance Beginner Tap (ages 8+)	Fridays	5:40pm - 6:20pm	Blackwell's
T's Studios School Of Dance Intermediate/Advanced Ballet (ages 8+)	Fridays	6:20pm - 7:00pm	Blackwell's
T's Studios School Of Dance Intermediate/Advanced Tap (ages 8+)	Fridays	7:00pm - 7:40pm	Blackwell's
Yoga - all levels	Thursday	10:00am	Blackwell's
Yoga for men	Tuesday	7:00pm	Blackwell's
Yoga with Carolyn	Thursday	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Blackwell's
Youth Group <a href="http://www.hcsp.net/youth">www.hcsp.net/youth</a>	Thursday	6:30pm - 8:00pm	Parish Room
Zumba	Thursday	10:30am - 11:30am	Village Hall
Zumba	Friday	11:30am - 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

We are so blessed in our villages to see the seasons change as we move into longer days and hopefully sunshine. However, unplanned things can happen. Floods, rain, snow and fire can cause worry, fear and concern to those journeying through.

We can be at a loss as to why these things occur and at their extreme nature - they can challenge our faith and beliefs, especially where we see suffering.

This month, as we journey into Lent's 40 days to Easter, it's a time to pause and reflect; possibly a time to fast, giving something up and using the time or cost for others. Some take courses at local churches, some decide to serve, some decide just to be still and listen; listen to the pulse of nature and breathe its air as it touches us. It can be different and so special.

Many of us at this stage will, I'm sure, be thinking, "Chance would be a fine thing!" Then I would suggest maybe your first prayer would be "Lord, give me some space". For some it's hard to be still, as our mind wanders on whom to call or what to tidy, and the general guilt

from being still and switching off can be a challenge.

John 15 v.16 reminds us that He chose us and not the other way round, meaning that He knows us fully...and our diaries!

Our church is open daily. Our beautiful footpaths and woods are there. Even our showers and bathrooms, the drive to work or to see friends, or that plot in the garden we escape to could be the places just to pause, to ask those "why" questions, or just to give thanks.

This year while at a conference, we looked at different types of prayer, of which one was repeating a bible verse, phrase or part of a song, such as "The Lord is my Shepherd", allowing the words to calm us as we repeated them or considered their meaning with our thoughts.

So, however you spend your Lent, why not ask God for a moment to pause and allow that moment to take us on a journey - a journey that may lead us to be thankful for the blessings and the moments we have.

*Ian Chantrell*

### OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

A question that is often asked is: 'Why is Easter Sunday always moving - why can't the date be consistent?' Before we had calendars and clocks, we always had the moon. From the beginning, Passover - and the moon that affects its date - has influenced when Easter is celebrated. According to the Bible, Jesus shared a Jewish Pesach (Passover) meal shortly before his arrest and death. This meal is remembered as 'the Last Supper' on a day we now call Maundy Thursday. Way back in 325 AD, Roman Emperor Constantine organised a meeting, called the Council of Nicaea, where it was decided that the Church would mark Easter on the Sunday after the first full moon of the spring equinox (March 21). Therefore, Easter cannot fall earlier than March 22 or later than April 25. It's Emperor Constantine's fault! Lent is the period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays) leading up to Easter. It commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert and being tempted by the devil. It begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on Wednesday, 5 March. They say the life of a Christian is a journey. Lent is a time for checking our 'sat nav' - a time for reflecting and seeing whether we are still on the right road, or whether we need to change direction and bring our lives more into line in the light of the example and teaching of Jesus. We know that the way we behave can affect other people. The season of Lent, with its three traditional practices - which are spelt out clearly in the Ash Wednesday Gospel reading from Matthew - is aimed precisely at checking all is working correctly and on moving us forward on our faith journey. To use the analogy of a car again, it's like booking in for the annual service to make sure everything is running smoothly. The practices of prayer, fasting (self-denial) and almsgiving (charity) are how we deepen our love of God and our neighbours. That may seem like hard work and undoubtedly, during these forty days and forty

nights, we will be tempted to give up. We can't help feeling selfish at times, but we should remove any pretence and be willing to look at ourselves critically to see if we need to change or improve anything. When the ashes themselves are given out on Ash Wednesday, the priest says: "Remember, you are dust, and to dust you will return" and then, when he marks the sign of the cross with the ashes on our foreheads, it is a stark reminder of our mortality. Death isn't something we like to think about, much less celebrate, is it? Yet those ashes go on in the shape of a cross for a reason. They remind us of the Cross of Jesus. They relate to both Good Friday and Easter morning. So, they point to His sacrifice and His infinite love for us. We can feel joyful. For God is with us - in the beginning, at the end, and all the years we live in between.

*Sue Croucher*



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**MARCH 2025**

<b>Sunday 2</b>	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>	
9am	Morning Worship	Holy Cross
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's
<b>Wednesday 5</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	
9.30am	Service for Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes	St Paul's
<b>Sunday 9</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	
9am	Morning Worship	St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist	Holy Cross
<b>Sunday 16</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	
9am	Benefice Eucharist	Holy Cross
10.45am	All Together Family Service	St Paul's
6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayer)	Holy Cross
<b>Sunday 23</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	
9am	Morning Worship	St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist	Holy Cross
<b>Sunday 30</b>	<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>	
9am	Family Service for Mothering Sunday	Holy Cross
10.45am	Family Service for Mothering Sunday	St Paul's

**APRIL 2025 (first part of month)**

<b>Sunday 6</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent - Passiontide begins</b>	
9am	Morning Worship	Holy Cross
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's
<b>Sunday 13</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY - Holy Week begins</b>	
9am	Morning Worship	St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist	Holy Cross

**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	6.30	Vigil Mass	weekday Masses, please check the
Friday	10.00	Mass	newsletter available at Saturday Mass

**PINTS OF VIEW AT THE PLOUGH**

There will be a change of venue for our March get-together. The meeting will be held in **The Boot at Sarratt on Monday, 17 March**, beginning at 8pm. POV is an informal gathering in which to explore topical matters, moral issues and ethical dilemmas over a quiet drink. Everyone is welcome. *John Guy*



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## Chipperfield Corinthians Football Club

The race for the Herts County League is well and truly on, and it looks like there will be a close finish. Chipperfield reached the top of the table this week after a 3-0 victory away to London Lions Development Team. As at 5 February 2025, the current league table looks as follows:

### Herts County League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Points
1 Chipperfield Corinthians	19	15	1	3	64	26	46
2 London Cheetahs	20	14	3	3	59	20	45
3 Cuffley	17	12	4	1	45	19	40
4 Everett Rovers	16	11	1	4	75	35	34

Chipperfield now only has one game left to play against the other teams in the top four (London Cheetahs), whereas nearest rival Cuffley has three games still to play within the same group (two games against Everett Rovers and one against London Cheetahs).

The reserves' improved performance has continued after a tough start to the season. They hit form recently, winning 6 and drawing 1 of their last 8 games to start moving up the league, and were through to their first cup semi final, scheduled to be played in February.

The third team has had an inconsistent season so far and is currently mid-table, but hopes that better availability will mean that results pick up in 2025. The team also has a cup quarter final to look forward to.

All games at Queen Street are on Saturday afternoons, and all support would be very much welcomed

*Martyn Dicker, President, Chipperfield Corinthians FC*

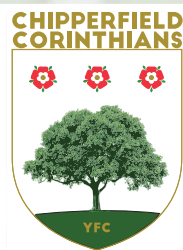
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Why not come and join me every Tuesday evening at 7pm or Friday afternoon at 2pm in the lovely Chipperfield Village Hall. I'm sure you won't be disappointed and that you'll have fun playing the great game of indoor bowls.

PS Welcome back Colin O'Donnell, Champion Club Member for over 20 years!

*John Theobald - Club Secretary, 07761 256462*



## Chipperfield Corinthians Youth Football Club

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Thank you for your continued support, throughout the 2024/25 football season.

*Jennifer Hibberd, CCYFC Secretary*

## Friends of Chipperfield Common Thursday, 13 March

It is amazing how quickly the dark days of winter pass. Spring appears to be around the corner, with the birds singing and new growth coming up in the woods - time to get out onto the Common and into the woods to make all good for the summer.

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*Sue Walker*

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**I settled myself down to breakfast, with my binoculars, pen and pad at the ready for the Big Garden Bird Watch. The next storm was not due to arrive until the afternoon. It was dull, but not raining, and the bird feeders were full. What could possibly go wrong?**

A couple of blue tits were the first to arrive. My dear little robin was hopping about, and then a pair of great tits turned up; nothing out of the ordinary. Then I saw a very fine looking fox cross the ride, and a few minutes later the birds all flew - someone was shouting on the footpath.

I thought that all the regulars would be back soon. Well, the tits all came back, together with a chaffinch and a magpie, and then a fat wood pigeon, but that was about it. I scanned the bushes and suddenly saw a pair of eyes looking back at me; the fox was under the rhododendron.

The hour seemed to pass very slowly. Nothing else turned up and I could no longer see the fox. Where were they all? Had they caught some virus at my bird feeder? I was worried.

I decided not to read a paper with my breakfast the next morning, but instead got the binoculars and telescope ready to be on the lookout again. The blue tits were there, but this time the coal tits came as well, and a pair of nuthatches arrived. Then four magpies swooped in, chasing the others away. They in turn were chased off by a noisy crowd of parakeets. After them, it was the turn of the long tailed tits, and so it went on. The hour simply flew by. My jays put in an appearance and, as I cleared my breakfast things away, a grey wagtail came to feed on insects on the edge of the pond. Normal service had resumed!

Why weren't they there on Sunday? Could the fox frighten small birds away from a bird table only yards from my patio window? It doesn't seem very likely. I am just pleased they are all still here.

At lunch time that day, I saw a raven having a bath at the wildlife pond. What a difference a day makes! *Wendy Bathurst*



### Chipperfield Horticultural Society

**A big "Thank You" to the 50 members who attended our AGM on 3 February. After the formal part of the evening, we were delighted to welcome local grower**

**John Lowe who talked about "Allotment Life". Thank you to John for an entertaining and informative talk on how he developed and manages his plots, including ideas we can try in our own gardens or allotments.**

Thank you also to **Andrew Wilkins** for his generous donation of chrysanthemum cuttings. Many members took some of these, and hopefully some will be grown on successfully for entry in the Autumn Show. As usual, we enjoyed cheese and wine and a chance to catch up with friends.

It is only a few weeks until our **Spring Show on Saturday, 22 March** in the **Village Hall**. Doors open at **2.30pm**. You can enter various

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Domestic classes include: 4 Seeded Rolls, a Lemon Drizzle Cake, and 4 Vegetable Samosas. For the Juniors, we have an Egg Box Easter Garden and a Cake made from a Cake Mix.

Our collectors will be collecting existing members subscriptions in the coming weeks (please email us 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**. Please let us know if your contact details have changed.

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

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Proffitt and Holt are delighted to offer to the market this rarely available and simply stunning and completely unique, five bedroom, detached family residence located at the top of Little Windmill Hill, Chipperfield and occupying a completely private plot of approximately 1 acre. No upper chain.  
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