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A special makeover

Our wonderful Stephen Morrill has replaced the old bench beside the path at Penmans Green that has been broken and largely missing for many years, leaving two forlorn posts in the ground. Stephen has also lowered the hedge to where it used to be, allowing a view down the fields towards "Under the Heavens "and the bluebell wood.

Old Mr Liska (father of Steven Liska) used to sit there with his dog, enjoying the dappled sunshine and chatting to people walking by.

It's so good to have our bench back and I know of several people who have already had a little sit on it. Thank you, Stephen! Popsi Forbes





Sit-Down Wine Tasting

Saturday, 18 October 2025 7.30pm-10.00pm

A relaxed evening hosted by Dalling & Co, our highly respected local Kings Langley wine merchant, sampling their favourite wines from around the world.

Wine Tasting: £20 per person Optional Food Platters: £12 per person

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Which Secondary School?

Congratulations to *Grace Heathcote-Wells*, a former pupil from St Paul's School (whom many of you will know from her regular appearances on stage at our pantos), who has been appointed Head Girl at Rickmansworth School.

Stephen Morrill asked Grace how she chose her secondary school and about the move from a village school with 30 children in a year group to a school with more than 200.

What activities at St. Paul's helped you settle into your new school? "Playing sports against other primary schools, acting in school drama, speaking at school assemblies, going on visits away from Chipperfield, and good teaching and SATs results which meant that subjects were not too difficult at the new school."

What is your advice about Open evenings/days? "Definitely go to these and talk to the students who show you round about their experience of the school. Make sure you see the departments for the subjects that you're interested in; for me it was Drama, History and Modern Languages, but also look at other areas such as the chemistry lab and sports hall."

What about travel? "I thought about getting to and from the new school, which meant the 2-hourly 352 bus if I didn't choose either Kings Langley or St Clement Danes, which provide their own buses. Find out if there are areas available for you to use if you arrive early or have a long wait for a bus after school and think about how you'll get home from an after school sport or club."

Anything else? "Ask about any transition days arranged by the school, e.g. if new pupils are given a day in the summer holidays to explore their new school and get to know others who'll be in their class. This was a great help to me when I was the only pupil from St. Paul's starting at Rickmansworth and is a sign of good pastoral support at the school."

Thank you for these thoughts, Grace, and we wish you every success for the coming year with its greater responsibilities.



Susan Gray Exhibition

Saturday, 25 October 10am – 5pm Sunday, 26 October 11am – 5pm

I am holding my annual exhibition at St Paul's Parish Rooms, St Paul's Church, The Common, Chipperfield, WD4 9BS All welcome

www.susan-gray.co.uk shgray@live.com

Chipperfield commemorated

VJ Day on Friday 15 August with prayers and a 2-minute silence at the War Memorial.

The church bell was rung. On behalf of the Royal British Legion, we would like to thank all those who came along to the Common and also for their generous donations. Sue Walker







'Pupils flourish here' Ofsted 2024



'Pupils behave exceptionally we Ofsted 2024



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Our EYFS

Here at St Paul's, we believe in children having the strongest start to their education and place a strong emphasis on our Early Years Foundation Stage. Our EYFS is made up of our Nursery and Reception class and is taught and led by teachers who know each and every child in their care.

Our strong Christian ethos and values help to make our school a warm, caring, nurturing and inclusive place for children, where being a community is at the heart of all we do.

If you are looking for an Early Years setting that has a fantastic ethos with an excellent transition into primary school, please come and see for yourself what our school has to offer. Please contact the school office on 01923 262340 or adminestpauls909.herts.sch.uk should you wish to make an appointment and have a tour of the school.





<u>cTG</u>

Theatre created by the community, for the community

January 2024 marked thirty years since Chipperfield Theatre Group (CTG) opened the curtains on its first show, having formed to support fundraising for a new hall at St Paul's School. That first performance was of the classic pantomime Aladdin, which CTG is reprising for its 2025 winter show.

Around 500 local children have had their moment to shine in CTG's shows since 1994, sparking a passion for some to pursue a career in the

performing arts. Adults from across the village and the surrounding communities have taken a turn on stage or played a critical role behind the scenes, ensuring live theatre remains available in the heart of Chipperfield. The group is deeply grateful for the grants that have been made available to it from Chipperfield village clubs over the years, enabling the purchase of improved staging and lighting equipment to enhance the experience for everyone.

CTG continues to put community at the heart of everything it does, taking part in many village milestones, most recently creating shows to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and King Charles III's Coronation in 2023. CTG has been pleased to donate profits to several charities, including regular support for St Paul's School, as it was founded to do. This year the group was thrilled to help the school in its theatrical endeavours by lending lighting and staging equipment for its end of year show The Wizard of Oz, performed for the first time in the Village Hall.

CTG performs Aladdin between 27-29 November 2025; tickets go on sale on Saturday, 20 September at seaty.co.uk/aladdinctg. Come along to join the magic and support your local theatre group.

Nel Godfrey







Poppy Appeal 2025 - Chipperfield Collection

After previous years' successful collections in the village, the poppy collectors have very kindly said, "Yes, let's do it again". Those collectors who enjoy meeting their neighbours with their tins at this time have said they will continue to do a door-to-door collection. Thank you all very much.

So do look out for poppies in the village from the launch date of Thursday, 23 October, when tins will be in the shops, pubs, churches and school. On **Saturday, 25 October** and **Saturday, 1 November** tables will be outside Blackwell's, on the Common by the phone box, and outside the post office and the newsagent from **9am – 3pm**. Come rain or shine, the collectors will be there. Besides cash, you will be able to donate using a QR code or a contactless machine.

Last year with Bovingdon village we raised £12,105.25 and the amount continues to go up each year! Can we do the same again this year, I wonder?

If you would like to take part in any way - just an hour on a table would be very useful - please contact Sue Walker, on 01923 261847, 07541 553659 or at m.sue.walker100@gmail.com.



Chipperfield Horticultural Society

Welcome rain is rejuvenating our gardens, the dahlias are beautiful and it's a bumper apple harvest as we head into autumn. As the season changes, our thoughts turn to bulb planting and planning for the year ahead.

Perfectly timed, on **30 September**, **John Amand** of **Jacques Amand International**, will talk about **"Year round bulbs, and how they get to your garden"** in the **Parish Room** at **7.30pm**. Bulbs will be available to purchase during the evening.

Our **Annual Garden Party**, kindly hosted by **Andrea and John Thornton** this year, took place on **9 August**. About 40 members enjoyed the beautiful gardens, lovely weather, a "Bring and Share' picnic, Pimms and other beverages!

Our final event of the year sees *Maria Coote* helping us to make our own compost successfully. This talk takes place in the **Parish Room** on **21 October** at **7.30pm**, followed by refreshments.

Looking ahead to 2026, our AGM will be held on Monday, 2 February.

Please let us know if your contact details have changed at **chipperfieldhortsoc@hotmail.com** We are a supportive, friendly group and would welcome some new committee members to help run the Society going forwards. *Mo Barton*



Chipperfield Coffee Morning and Wellbeing Hub

21 Oct, 18 Nov, 16 Dec 2025, 20 Jan, 17 Feb 2025 10:30 to 12:30 in Chipperfield Village Hall

Coffee, Tea and Cakes Massages, Hairdressing, Chiropody, Reflexology and more ... Hairdressing
Women £15/Men £10

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Reflexology £20



A great success so far! Everyone has very much enjoyed themselves and been very complimentary about the services offered and the new Wellbeing Hub in general.

A big thank you to all our clients for coming and to our volunteers for running these events.

To book a hairdressing, massage, chiropodist or reflexology appointment please WhatsApp, message or ring 07356 222123



Could you help to make a fantastic knitted poppy waterfall at Remembrance?

The Knatty Knitters Group is busy knitting and crocheting poppies for a 'waterfall' to be displayed outside St Paul's church at Remembrance.

Over 1,000 poppies have been knitted so far, but more are needed for a truly spectacular display.

If you can come along on a Wednesday afternoon to the Parish Room between 2pm - 3.30pm we will be very pleased to see you - we provide tea and cake! Alternatively, please enjoy knitting at home.

If you aren't able to knit poppies for the display but have leftover wool hidden away somewhere, we can make very good use of it. The colour doesn't have to be red - purple, white or black colours are all appropriate, too.

Patterns are available at the back of the church. Sue Walker

Chipperfield Choral Society

SAVE THE DATE

The Choral Society's very popular Christmas concerts,

'Chipperfield Sings Christmas',

will take place on Saturday, 6 December at 3pm and 7.30 pm in St Paul's church.

These concerts sell out very quickly, so please put the date in your diaries.

Tickets will be available from the usual sources nearer the time.

St Paul's Churchyard Working Party

Our next working party is on **Saturday, 8 November - 9am to 1pm.**

This is the day before the Remembrance Day parade and service. It would be great if many hands could make light work so that the churchyard is looking at its autumn best. Please bring rakes, leaf blowers, secateurs, gloves, etc. We'll provide breakfast butties and continuous refreshments as a way to thank you all for your help.

Frances Onians 07716 221608



Football's back in Chipperfield

The thrills and excitement of regular football are on the horizon, grass pitches are mown and football boots cleaned and ready. Players are filled with hope and dreams of success, although

our parents may dread the thought of freezing cold mornings spent watching their enthusiastic youngsters.

As a player in the U18s Women's Senior League Shield winning side, I believe reflecting on our past successes and failures will prepare us for the new season - a clean slate from which to achieve whatever we set our hearts on.

Chipperfield Corinthians had an impressive 2024/25 season. After tremendous effort throughout, both the U18s Women's team and U13s girls clinched silverware, and Chipperfield Corinthians were named Hertfordshire's Grassroots club of the year, highlighting key features of our special club. We're grateful for our highly dedicated coaches who ensure all players enjoy their football and improve. Each player's hard work and enthusiasm ensure we thrive. Last but definitely not least, our committed parents, carers and guardians enable our passion for football and physical activity to remain strong through their endless hours of driving round the county and standing in the freezing cold. Without all of this, football wouldn't be the same at Queen Street.

If you'd asked any of us at the start of last year whether we'd have a successful season, given the challenges of advancing to the first year

of the highly competitive (and aggressive) U18s league whilst also welcoming almost half a new squad, most of us would have shaken our heads. It wasn't that we lacked self-belief but rather that we were fixated on the difficulties we were facing, challenges we eventually overcame one by one, ultimately clinching the top football prize - a team trophy.

Perceptions of success can differ. Winning the U18s Women's Senior League Shield certainly fits the official dictionary definition of success. However, we've been a successful team for almost as long as we've been together as a group without necessarily winning trophies, because success is what you make it, big or small. At age 9, success was scoring just one goal; at 11, success was winning games; at 14, it was achieving promotion from division 4 to 3; at 17, it meant winning a trophy - and we did just that!

Our team isn't defined by the trophy we won, but by the many years of hard work and smaller successes that developed the mindset and drive we needed to fight for the larger goals. We needed determination and dedication throughout our journey. This applies to anything in life; building on smaller wins and firm foundations will help to generate success, but resilience and persistence are essential.

So, as you lace up your shiny new boots for the first match of the season, remember that success is what you make it. Big or small, celebrate those wins. Bring on the 25/26 season with more laughter, more goals, more success, more community, and even more enjoyment. Here's to us Chippo! *Lauren Hall*



Chipperfield Corinthians Football Club

Following last season's historic Premier League win, the team is already well under way in defending the title, having played 20% of their entire league campaign. The good news is that, following the last game, the team has moved to the top of the table, having won 5 of the opening 6 games and only conceding a miserly 2 goals whilst scoring 17!

		P	W	D	L	Points	
1	Chipperfield Corinthians	6	5	1	0	16	
2	Cockfosters Res	6	5	0	1	15	
3	Cheshunt FC	6	3	3	0	12	

The first team members are playing in their brand new kit and want to say a big thank you to our first team shirt sponsors, the local restaurant Osteria.

The reserves have a new management team in place for this season comprising Roy Danks, Jason Ward and Tommy Smith, with playing assistant Chak Rogers. They start their league campaign soon, but have played three friendlies with three victories so far.

The third team also has a new management team in place with two joint player managers: George Oliver and Dylan Rose. They continue to appreciate the sponsorship of local pub The Saracens Head in Kings Langley.

Games are on every Saturday afternoon at Queen St and all support is very welcome.

Martyn Dicker, President, Chipperfield Corinthians FC

Chipperfield Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club



Hello October! Your birthstones are the opal and tourmaline, your birthflowers are the marigold and cosmos, but did you know that you could be playing Indoor Bowls every Tuesday evening and Friday afternoons in the lovely Chipperfield Village Hall? There is so much enjoyment to be had, playing a game that provides that little bit of exercise with people who enjoy each other's company. The game is easy to play, even if you are a beginner, and we love to help new members to the club. We have some spare woods to get you started and only ask that you wear soft shoes on the mats. As we head into autumn, we know where we are better off once the nights start to draw in, and that is with our friends having some fun, a bit of competition, tea and biscuits, and companionship. Look in sometime and see for yourself. Tuesdays 7pm and Fridays 2pm.

Contact: John Theobald, Club Secretary - 07761 256462



CHIPPERFIELD CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES

EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Art Workshop	Saturday monthly	9.30am	Parish Room
Brownies	Wednesday	6.30pm	Parish Room
Chipperfield Care - Coffee Club	Tuesday monthly 21 October; 18 November; 16 December	10.30am to 12.30pm	Village Hall
Chipperfield Choral Society - 4 Sept to 18 Dec (excluding 27 Nov)	Thursday	7.30pm to 9.30pm	Village Hall
Chipperfield Horticultural Show - Autumn Show	Saturday, 20 September	2.30pm to 5.pm	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
	Autumn Term 15 Sep to 8 December (exc	l Monday, 27 Oct)	
Inspire (ladies group)	first Monday of the Month	1.30pm to 3.00pm	Parish Room
Invigorating Local Walks	Tuesday and Thursday	9.30am Bla	ckwell'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 - 3 Sept to 17 Dec (excluding Wed 27 Nov. No break for half term)	Wednesday	6.30pm to 8.30pm	Blackwell's
Pilates - Restarts 10 Sept (excluding Wed 29 Oct)	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 Talk	Tuesday, 7 October	7.00pm to 10.00pm	Village Hall
Dr Peter Gasson. Northern India - Tigers Elephants, Rhinos etc in Sikkan	n, West Bengal, Kanda and Rajasthan. Pete	r is a Research Leader at Kew.	•
Short Mat Bowls AGM	Tuesday, 23 Sept	7.30pm to 8.30pm	Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls - 14 Oct to 16 Dec (excluding 4 Nov)	Tuesday	7.00pm to 9.30pm	Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls - Restarts 3 Oct	Friday, 3 to 31 Oct	2.00pm to 4.30pm	Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls - Restarts 3 Oct (excluding Friday, 28 Nov)	Friday, 7 Nov to 19 Dec	1.30pm to 4.00pm	Village Hall
T'ai Chi	Friday	1.45pm	Parish Room
Tappy Toes - Tots Toes - 2.6 yrs - 5 yrs	Friday	9.30am to 10.00am	Village Hall
	19 Sept to 12 December (Excl 31 Oct & 28	Nov)	
Tappy Toes - Toddle Toes - walking to 2.5 yrs	Friday	10.15am to 10.45am	Village Hall
	19 Sept to 12 December (Excl 31 Oct & 28		
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 www.hcsp.net/youth	Thursday	6.3opm to 8.oopm	Parish Room
Zumba - 4 Sept to 18 Dec (no break for half term but excluding 27 Nov)	Thursday	10.30am to 11.30am	Village Hall
Zumba - 5 Sept to 19 Dec (no break for half term but excluding 28 Nov)	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.

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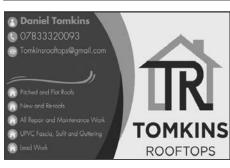


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ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

Rector's Rambling October 2025

As the leaves turn to gold and the first hint of crispness fills the air, October marks a turning point in our calendar. Summer holidays are a distant memory, and the rhythm of life seems to accelerate. For many of us, the coming months are a whirlwind of activity: Harvest celebrations, Remembrance services, Advent preparations, Christmas festivities, and all the school, work, and family commitments that go with them.

It's easy to feel swept away by this rising tide of busyness. We wear it like a badge of honour, a sign that we are productive and valued. But in our haste to do more, we risk losing sight of the one thing that truly grounds us: our relationship with God. The ancient story of Martha and Mary, with Martha bustling about and Mary sitting at Jesus' feet, has never felt more relevant. Jesus' gentle reminder that "only one thing is needed" (Luke 10:42) is a profound challenge to our modern, frantic lives.

This October, let us try to be a little more like Mary. Let us find moments of quiet intentionality, even if they are only ten minutes long. Let us choose to be present rather than just busy, to listen rather than just act. And what of the wider world? A quick glance at the news headlines can feel overwhelming. Conflicts, political divisions, and the struggles of millions remind us that we live in a broken world. As Christians, it can be tempting either to shut out the news to protect ourselves or to become so consumed by it that we are paralysed by despair.

The Gospel offers us a different path. It calls us not to indifference, but to a prayerful and compassionate response. We are a people of hope, not

because the world is perfect, but because we serve a God who is actively at work within it. In the face of global challenges, we are called to be beacons of light, to pray for peace where there is conflict, to show kindness where there is cruelty, and to offer comfort where there is sorrow.

As a village church, our ministry is both local and global. Our local Harvest service, with its beautiful display of goods for local food banks, is a tangible sign of our commitment to our neighbours. Yet, it also connects us to the worldwide harvest, to the millions who hunger and to the God who provides. Our Remembrance service, as we honour those who gave their lives for peace, is a sober reminder of the world's enduring need for reconciliation.

So, as we navigate the busyness of the coming months, let us do so with a deeper purpose. Let us find our anchor in God's peace. Let us pray for the world, not with a sense of helplessness, but with the conviction that our prayers and our actions, however small, are part of His grand and loving plan.

Every Blessing

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"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:6-7

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

What do you think of when you hear the word October? Days getting shorter, weather getting colder, raking leaves? That's not very positive, is it? On the bright side don't we just love seeing the leaves changing colours to a magnificent mix of yellow, warm golds, orange, red and brown. The author Charles Dickens opened his classic novel "A Tale of 2 Cities" in 1859 with these words:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,

it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness,

it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity..."

Obviously, Dickens wasn't talking about October but comparing and contrasting what life was like in London and Paris during the French Revolution, including the conflict between good and evil. Could the words still describe the world we live in today? Every age will be for some people the best and for some the worst of times. To get inspiration, I looked at some Sunday readings. The readings for mass on 5th October are Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4:, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14: and Luke 17:5-10. They remind us to trust God and have faith, even when life feels disturbing, unfair or uncertain

The prophet Habakkuk was puzzled that wickedness, fighting and cruelty were widespread in Judah in his time but God apparently did nothing to stop it. For him it was "the worst of times." Why did evil increase? God responds by telling him to wait for a vision that promises fairness. Faith needs us not to question God's timing and tactics but to trust he will bring

good out of evil. In the second reading, Timothy is given a similar message. Paul tells Timothy to stay faithful to his calling. There will be difficulties ahead, but keep on doing what is right. God will be with him to help him through his trials. In the Gospel reading, we hear the Apostles asking the Lord to increase their faith. Jesus tells them that, if they have faith the size of a mustard seed, then they have more than enough. He reminds them that the quality of their faith and whom they put their faith in is far more important than the quantity. Even when things seem very dark, just hold on and trust.

It's understandable for some to question God when tragedy happens. It's natural to wonder why dreadful things happen to good people. I wish I could give you some nice easy answer, but I can't. I don't think anyone can really tell you why. Yet in the end we must unite in faith that God knows what is happening and trust that He is in control. We should stay faithful to him even when the bad things happen.

Sue Croucher

Pints of View at The Boot in Sarratt

Come and join us at The Boot in Sarratt on **Monday, 20 October** at **8pm**, when **Rob Hildick** will lead our Pints of View on the topic **"Education. How should children be encouraged to question news sources?"**. Everyone welcome. John Guy

CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council - 7 October Blackwell's, starts 7.45pm

Planning Committee - 7 October Blackwell's, starts 7.15pm

Allotment Meeting - 21 October Small Hall, Chipperfield, WD4 9BS, starts 7.00pm

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CHURCH CALENDAR

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, CHIPPERFIELD AND THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, SARRATT

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Holy Cross Services start at 9am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, and at 10.45am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

St Paul's Services start at 10.45am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, and at 9am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

For the most up-to-date information, see our Benefice Weekly News Sheet.

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Join us for worship and fellowship. Everyone welcome.

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Sunday 5	HARVEST THANKSGIVING 16th Sun	day after Trinity
9am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service	Holy Cross
	Food donations will be gathered for the	New Hope Trust
10.45am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service with Com	munion St Paul's
	Food donations will be gathered for DE	NS
12.30pm	Benefice Lunch	St Paul's Parish Room
Sunday 12	17th Sunday after Trinity	
9am	Morning Worship	St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist	Holy Cross
Sunday 19	18th Sunday after Trinity	
9am	Morning Worship	Holy Cross
10.45am	All Together Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's
6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayer)	Holy Cross
Sunday 26	Last Sunday after Trinity	
9am	Morning Worship	St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist	Holy Cross

NOVEMBER 2025 (first part of month)

Sunday 2	ALL SAINTS' DAY (Sunday nearest 1 November)	

9am Morning Worship Holy Cross 10.45am Benefice Eucharist St Paul's

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



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. Patricia Harrison (Organiser) and Judy Saunders (Chairman)

Friends of Chipperfield Common

Our next FoCC working party is on **Saturday**, **18 October** and the schedule for the remainder of 2025/26 is as follows:

November	Thursday	13 Nov
December	Saturday	20 Dec
January	Thursday	15 Jan
February	Saturday	14 Feb
March	Thursday	19 Mar
April	Saturday	18 Apr
May	Thursday	14 May
June	Thursday	18 Jun

For most working parties we meet at the cricket ground car park between 9am and 9.15am, finishing at around 12.30pm Tasks vary throughout the year, but we focus mainly on woodland management (removing holly and laurel); path and bench clearance; litter-picking; and glade management (clearing birch and bracken in open areas). All are welcome – all tools, gloves, hot drinks and biscuits are provided. We send around a confirmation email a few days before each task. For more information please email me at steven.werrell@dacorum.gov.uk

Steven Werrell, SANG Officer



We currently have three bus routes serving the village:

352 (Watford to Hemel via Dunny Lane) - daily 51 (Two Brewers to Hemel via Flaunden) twice weekly

R9 (Two Brewers to North Watford supermarkets) - three times a week

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Some passengers take the R9 to Kings Langley and then change onto the 322 Hemel to Watford service, which should run three times an hour but has not proved reliable in recent months, suffering frequent cancellations. Arriva, the operator, has had "operational challenges" on this route and is looking to improve things.

Nationwide, nearly 2000 bus routes were withdrawn in 2024, so we should be thankful for what we have.

Don't forget that the standard flat fare was increased to £3 earlier this year but remains quite good value for money, and free passes are available for those who qualify. John Hopkins



Defibrillators

As a reminder, the village now has two defibrillators that are publicly available 24/7 and are maintained by Chipperfield Parish Council; one is on the front wall of the Two Brewers and the other is on the Parish store in the car park behind the Post Office. There is also a defibrillator at the rear of the Boot, Tower Hill that is also available 24/7. There are other defibrillators in the village (at the cricket club, the football club and Blackwell's), but these are only available when those facilities are open.

If you suspect someone may be having a heart attack, it is imperative you ask fast.

- Phone 999 (they will tell you the location of the nearest available defibrillator that is in service, which may not be the one physically nearest to you).
- The 999 call handler will give you the access code you need for the defibrillator.
- You should initiate CPR immediately and get someone else to get the defibrillator. If you are the only person there to aid the person, then the priority would be to deliver CPR unless you are immediately next to an in service defibrillator.

The defibrillator device will speak to you to tell you how to attach the pads and when to deploy the charge. The device will only fire if the heart has stopped, so you can't shock a person by mistake. Stand clear when shocking and then continue with CPR until the heart beat is re-established. You will be able to re-shock should the first attempt not restart the heart. Just follow the device's instructions. Cllr Kevan Cassidy



Chipperfield Parish Council Update

Dear Villagers,

As summer winds to a close, I hope you have all taken advantage of the glorious weather and that your gardens have not suffered too much in the heat.

At the Parish Council, work is also picking up. At the strategic level we face a future of both central government funding cuts and local government reorganisation, both of which we will aim to deal with while keeping the best interests of villagers in mind.

Meanwhile, at a local level, we continue to work with DBC on improvements to the Common based on its SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace) designation and the funds attached to this. Besides the ongoing work on Apostles Pond, we are improving the infrastructure of the Common, a recent example being the new bench near the Queen Street car park. You will see this is dedicated to "Hilly", a prominent local lady who lived in the nearby cottages. For more information on SANG and associated developments, do consider joining the Working Party on Saturday, 18 October at 9am. Meet at 9am at the Cricket Pitch car park.

As schools return and days shorten, do take care crossing roads and, if you are driving, please drive safely through the village and park

responsibly around the school. In support of road safety, the council is pursuing the possibility of funding from the Hertfordshire PCC for traffic calming measures in the village.

As for village activities, the council is busy addressing the much-needed repairs to signposts as well as clearing unused allotments, which otherwise impact hardworking allotment holders. Vas, our warden, continues to work hard to keep the village tidy. In this regard you will see we have again won the Green Flag which is flying proudly over the Common.

If you have any questions or comments, please do consider attending upcoming council meetings or else reach out to Usha, our hardworking clerk.

Best regards on behalf of all Parish Council members,

Paul Foxall, Chair, Chipperfield Parish Council



The memorial garden, regularly tended by Vas. Photo by Mike Brankin

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. Your parish planning committee encourages preapplication discussions with residents/ applicants to help anticipate potential issues or concerns prior to a formal application to DBC. Applications and decisions as of 1 September:

Applications

25/01612 Brambles, The Common – Demolition of garage and construct garage/studio.

25/02107 The Pale Farm, The Street – Works to trees and fell trees

25/02096 Frenches Farm, Tower Hill – Construction of agricultural building for equipment and hay storage

25/02087 Whippendell Lodge, Langley Road – Front and side extensions; detached double garage

25/01947 Land adjacent to Kilve, Megg Lane – construction of 2 x 4bed dwellings

25/0191 Martlets, The Common - Garden outbuilding

25/01916 Magnolia Cottage, The Common - Garden outbuilding

25/01087 Chipperfield & Clarendon Cricket Club, The Common – Replacement windows & patio doors

Decisions

25/01530 Tower Hill Garage – Solar Panels to workshop roof -Granted

25/01862 Tower Hill Garage – Works to trees - Granted

25/01369 4 Old School Cottages – Replacement rear door and windows - Withdrawn

25/01904 Tillmans Croft, Dunny Lane – Fell and works to trees – Granted

25/00774 The Cow Shed, Tenements Lane, Tower Hill – Construction of Bungalow - Granted

A reminder: The Chipperfield Community Grant is open and the deadline is 4 October 2025.



Liberty Patchwork Collective

In 2025 Liberty **London celebrates** 150 years of its Regent Street store. Liberty & Co's founder, Sir Arthur Lasenby Liberty, was born in Chesham and was the son of a draper.

On 12th December 2024, as a Liberty customer, I received an email announcing the **Liberty Patchwork**

Collective and an invitation to be part of the history of the store by creating a patchwork block, a square made up of pieces of fabric, that might be chosen to feature in a project to be displayed in store. I immediately applied and shared the news with my sewing friends from the Sarratt Sewing group. Eight of us signed up and received free pattern ideas from Liberty. They also issued fabric packs to applicants. lan Chantrell very kindly collected the fabric packs from Customer Services for me, and I felt like Father Christmas passing them out to my friends.

There were a variety of colourways, mainly in Liberty Tana Lawn, with some Lazenby cotton mixed in. I chose to use some Tana Lawn that I already had, mixed in with the fabric I received. The Liberty prints all have names. "Tudor Belle" has the Liberty building surrounded with flowers, so that was a must for the centre of my block, and "Strawberry Thief" is a William Morris design. William Morris and his

designs are intertwined with Liberty history. I also used a forget-menot fabric in memory of my mum as it is the emblem of the Alzheimer's Society. I finished the block with gold thread embroidered around the ship weathervane, as the weathervane on top of Liberty is gilded. A trip to Liberty to hand







in the blocks in February was followed by a wait to find out what the final piece would look like, and whether any of us had made it in. On 30th April I received an email to let me know that my patchwork square was in the display and that the project was going to be a giant house made out of the blocks. Over 1,500 people from all over the world made patchwork blocks, many more than was originally expected. Five books were made to display the fabric blocks that didn't make it into the main display.

There was a list of all of the people whose blocks were in the display, along with a chart to help find where your block would be. Six of our sewing group's efforts made it into the house and the other two were in the books.

The display opened on 9th May and the closing date was mid-August. On the 23rd May Sue Ward, Jean Machin and I had a trip to Liberty to visit the store and find our blocks - so exciting!

The house was amazing, standing in one of the atriums and reaching up past the third floor. We visited each floor for different views, and to find our sewn squares, starting by looking up inside it on the ground floor and finishing by looking down on it from the fourth floor.

We chatted with some visitors from America who were excited to meet people who had taken part in the display and were interested to hear all about it. There was also an exhibition "I Am. We Are. Liberty" with Liberty prints from across the years and original artwork from the archives on the fourth floor.

After lunch at "75 at Liberty", we visited the haberdashery department on the third floor, where of course we purchased more Liberty fabric ready for our next projects.

We feel proud now to be part of Liberty London history. Bethan Rees-Whybrow



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Wonderful rain at last!

The first few days of September and meteorological autumn have at last brought rain - YIPPEE! My poor garden has been fried to a crisp. I have done some selective watering of very special plants and the vegetable garden, but the rest have had to take their chances. There will be some losses, but there have been a few things that have loved it. I renewed the gravel by the swimming pond last winter, and some scabious that had seeded themselves into it have looked wonderful for a couple of months, attracting all kinds of insects and bumble bees. At the weekend, I went on my usual scything trip to the wonderful meadow high in the Chilterns not far from Marlow and, although everything else had set seed and dried up, the scabious were still going strong. It seemed a shame to cut them, but the owners came out and grabbed a bunch for a vase.

I am always keen to find out what did well in their meadow compared to mine, and this year they had more cowslips than ever before, but not so many orchids. Last year was a bumper year for them, so I think they were having a rest. There is a lot of marjoram in their meadow. Even I can smell it as I scythe, but I can't get that going in mine at all. As ever, it was a great day filled with laughter, and cake!

The hot weather brought the blackberries on early this year - and plenty of them. My freezer is full. I love to go picking them along the same hedges where I picked berries as a child with my mum. I saw so many butterflies while I was out with my basket, especially the lovely commas with their wavy edged wings.

When I have pancakes with

blackberry compote in the dark February days, I shall think of the sunny days and all the butterflies I saw while I was picking! Wendy Bathurst





HEMEL HEMPSTEAD LOCAL GROUP

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 7 October** in Chipperfield Village Hall. Please note that from December onwards, meetings will revert to the more usual Monday.

Our speaker will be **Peter Gasson** with a talk about 'Northern India – Tigers and Elephants'. Peter is a research leader at Kew but travels extensively to see and photograph wildlife. His talk will explore the incredible range of wildlife that can be found in Northern India.

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 car share trip on **Thursday, 9 October** to **Amwell and Rye Meads**. The Amwell and Rye Meads reserves are situated near Ware within the Lee
Valley and form part of a wildlife corridor stretching from Hertford to the Thames.

Seasonal flooding of the meadows combined with the rich soils has resulted in a mosaic of habitats, consisting of reedbeds, marshy grasslands, fen vegetation and lakes. They are fantastic for birdwatching, but the reserves also have many invertebrates as well as frogs, toads, newts and grass snakes which find shelter here.

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/hemelhempstead/ or by contacting Mary on 01442 264752. For outing details contact Axel on 01442 257856.

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



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