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Remembrance Sunday 9 November 2025

Our Remembrance Service will start with the procession leaving from St. Paul's Church at 10.40am and arriving at the War Memorial on the Common at 10.45am. 19 wreaths will then be laid by the organisations that flourish in our Village, including the usual involvement of children from St. Paul's School, the Brownies and this year, for the first time, our pre-school. The Last Post will be sounded, followed by the traditional 2-minute silence. Reverend Sarah will read a prayer, followed by the church choir leading us all in a hymn. The Common road between the crossroads with The Street and Kings Lane and the cricket pitch car park will be closed as usual for the duration of this service.

We will then move immediately afterwards into St Paul's Church, where we hope to welcome as many people as possible who have been with us on the Common, including those families with children. Schools are continuing to work hard to ensure that our children

know what Remembrance Sunday is all about, so we would love it if they could be involved in everything we do that morning. A number of young villagers have kindly agreed to carry out some of the key parts of this special church service.

Please do come and help us to make this truly a day to remember. Wear with pride the poppy that will have been offered to you during the previous fortnight, and we'll all hope that the weather will be kind to us on the day. *Mark Jarrad*

Poppy Appeal

The poppy collectors will be out again in the village centre and on the common on **Saturday, 1 November from 9am - 3pm**. If you were not able to see them on the previous Saturday, 25 October, do please try to get along to make a donation and to pin on your poppy with pride.

There will be contactless machines on the tables and also a QR code. So, if you don't have the cash, please make sure you have your card and/or your mobile phone with you. We do still enjoy counting cash, of course! *Sue Walker*

Chipperfield Choral Society

Patrons: Emma Bell, Delia Meehan
Musical Director: Sheila Cornall

Chipperfield Sings Christmas

Conductor
**Sheila
Cornall**

Tenor
**Jacob
Cole**

Piano
**Rosemary
Venner**

Organ
**Jonathan
Lee**

**Saturday 6th December 2025
3pm and 7pm**

**St Paul's Church,
Chipperfield WD4 9BQ**

Tickets: £20 (under 17: £5)

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FIXC> or by QR code.
Alternatively, call the Box Office on 01923 400520.

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www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk



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Into the Great Outdoors

Here at St Paul's we feel very lucky that our school is situated in the heart of a village with extensive outdoor space and incredible environments. This year, we are working harder than ever to use this incredible resource and are really excited to share that we have just started our Forest Schools journey. Mrs Hodgson, our Nursery teacher, spent time in the summer term completing her forest schools training and is now working hard to help us receive our accreditation. Each week, our Year 3 pupils complete an afternoon of forest schools and have already engaged in activities such as den building and appreciating the world around us. There is a plethora of research showing the positive impact that being outdoors can have on children's learning, and we cannot wait to see what Mrs Hodgson and our pupils achieve this year. If completing Forest Schools wasn't enough, Mrs Hodgson has also just started a lunch time gardening club and has helped the school to achieve its Level 1 School Gardening Award. As you can see from the photos, the children are really enjoying our gardening club and are helping to make our school burst with life and colour. *Luke Varney, Headteacher*



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 ...

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Women £15/Men £10
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Chiropodist £20
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

Companion Voices

End of Life Fair

A safe space to explore death, grief and loss, with opportunities to learn, share, and connect with your local community.

Sunday 2nd November
11am to 3pm

**Holywell Community
Centre, Chaffinch Lane
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Listen to talks, participate in physical and creative workshops to help move through grief, and hear a singing demonstration from your event hosts, Companion Voices.

companionvoices.org

For full event details and to book, please visit bit.ly/45c2jII or scan QR code:



This is a FREE event, thanks to support from the Co-op Local Community Fund.

Free refreshments.



Chipperfield Care

Registered Charity Number 1002737

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)



Richard Edwards 5 September 1934 to 8 July 2025

Richard was born at Ruthin in the Vale of Clwyd, North Wales. The only son of two teachers, Aneurin, as he was always known when in Wales, was a first language Welsh speaker and didn't learn English until he was 7. It was in his early years that Richard first developed his love of music, something that

became very important to him in later life.

Richard always had big dreams and, at the age of 17, he left the quiet life of North Wales for Birkenhead on Merseyside to train as an accountant. From there he moved to London, working initially at Marwick Mitchell (now KPMG), then Holland & Holland, before joining Knight Frank. There he forged a highly successful business career, combining his professional qualities with natural charm, wit, a genuinely kind heart and an unflinching sense of fun.

While in London, a blind date, arranged through mutual friends, resulted in his meeting Lesley and they married in Berkhamsted in 1965, moving to Pinner where their much-loved children, Fiona and Robbie, were born.



In 1977 the family moved to Burford House in Chipperfield, and Lesley's parents came from Berkhamsted to live there too. Richard and Lesley very quickly became part of the community, taking an active role in the life of the village and giving their time and support to many different committees. Richard's roles included School Governor; Chairman of the Village Hall

Committee; Chairman of Chipperfield News; Auditor for the Choral Society; Auditor of the Horticultural Society and Chairman of the Committee organising the Village Day to commemorate the new

Millennium in 2000. He was also an active member of the Royal British Legion, a regular sidesman in church and a skilled bell puller. To continue his love of music, Richard was active in supporting the Church Organ Fund and in funding extra music lessons for the children in the village school.

For many in the village, however, Richard's greatest claim to fame was when in each November he would don a special red and white outfit and tour the village (often on Matilda, a Steam Traction Engine, or in a pony and trap) as Father Christmas before taking his place in Santa's grotto at the Hollyberry Fair.

As well as the local community, Burford House was also very special to Richard and he took great pride in it. He would spend many happy hours in the garden and



every two years, he and Lesley signed up with other neighbours to be hosts for the Red Cross Open Gardens scheme, raising valuable funds for the charity. Then the lawn at Burford House would become home to a brass band as visitors sat with cups of tea and slices of cake. Richard would also be in his element hosting his and Lesley's bi-annual winter drinks party, which over 100 friends would attend at Burford House. Richard was incredibly sociable and loved meeting people at every opportunity. He had a genuine interest in others and his kindness and generosity will be remembered by all who had the pleasure of meeting him.

Richard loved to travel and, since retiring, he and Lesley enjoyed many special overseas adventures together, visiting friends and family in Australia, New Zealand and the US, but also heading off to experience diverse places such as South Africa, India, Brazil and Mexico.

Importantly for Richard, he celebrated his 90th birthday in September 2024, attended his grandson Henry's wedding to Katy in April this year and on 12th June celebrated his Diamond Wedding Anniversary with Lesley, his lifelong partner and soulmate.

Richard passed away peacefully on 8th July surrounded by family members. He had lived a full and long life that will leave many happy memories for so many people.

"Rest is his. Sweet memories are ours".

Robbie Edwards and Paul Mitchell



Village Hall AGM 2025

The Village Hall AGM took place on 30 September and the Committee welcomed a number of friends of the Hall to the meeting.

As part of the formal proceedings, those present were delighted to confirm Paul Elkin as Chair and Trustee of the Hall. Paul gave an overview of his nine months as Acting Chair, highlighting the progress that had been made over the past year in recruiting new Committee members and in improving infrastructure and facilities (notably new flooring, refurbishment of exterior windows, chair cleaning and purchase of children's chairs and tables). He shared his

enthusiasm for looking at how the Committee might further develop the important role of the Hall in supporting the feeling of community within the village. Paul also thanked the Committee for all their hard work and commitment.

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year to end March 2025 and was pleased to report that, even without taking into account the generous bequest received from Margaret Prestwich, the Hall was now showing a small "trading" profit of £2,303. Thanks were extended to Mr Simon Gruselle for giving his services as Independent Examiner of the Accounts for the purposes of the Charity Commission.

Andrea Thornton



Benny Michel

**6th July 1945
to 11th July 2025**

Benjamin Michel, (Benny), sadly passed away in July, a week after his 80th birthday, which he was able to enjoy in the garden with friends and neighbours on a lovely summer's day.

Benny moved into Chipperfield (Little Windmill Hill) in 2001 and

immediately settled into village life. He belonged to a vibrant mix of local clubs including a wine society, book clubs, the Chipperfield Choral Society, U3A, and a local social group in Kings Langley. He gave his time generously to the community, volunteering in several aspects of village life including Chipperfield Care, taking people to appointments and shopping trips, at St Paul's School as a reading helper and collecting for the annual Poppy Appeal. He also contributed interesting articles to the Chipperfield News (interviewing local people).

Benny was one of five children, growing up in the family home at

Harrow-on-the-Hill, and spent most of his working life in the family business. Although Benny never married, he had a special place in the lives of many of his friends' children and those of his niece and nephews.

Genuinely interested in people, Benny was a true listener, and he loved conversation. He found joy in laughter, good company, card games, holidays, singing, gardening and sharing life with family and friends; his social diary was always full. He loved spending many hours tending to his beautiful garden; he had that magic touch with plants and animals. In Chipperfield, he had cats, including Angel, an adopted three-legged feral cat he called "Tripod" and latterly Rosie (who sadly had to be put down recently).

With a keen love of cars, Benny enjoyed road-tripping to Monza in a Jaguar convertible to watch the Grand Prix, go-karting and caravanning extensively throughout the UK and Europe.

Benny was Chair of Little Windmill Hill Road Association for a number of years and also Social Secretary. He was the most hospitable host and organised many events over the years, including Safari suppers, the summer barbecue, and Christmas Party.

If choosing your neighbours were an option, Benny would be at the top of everyone's list.

Alan Rees (friend and neighbour)

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee morning

A very big thank you to all who supported this coffee morning on 20 September:

all who came, the wonderful cake bakers, those who helped on the day and with setting up the Parish room, the donors of raffle and tombola prizes and those who were generally a fantastic help.

Another very big thank you to the local businesses who so



very kindly and generously contributed to the raffle: **Tower Hill Garage, Osteria, Blackwells, British Garden Centre, The Cricketers in Sarratt, The Boot in Sarratt, Talking Pictures, The Windmill pub, The Plough in Belsize, The Cart and Horses Pub and the Post Office in Chipperfield.**

The morning was a great success, thanks to all of you, and we raised **£1626.35** for this wonderful charity that does so much for people who are living with cancer.

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

COME AND JOIN THE TEAM!

We are actively looking for additional volunteers to support Chipperfield News and to work with our current team in the areas of finance and management, starting this year.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact any of the following for further details:

Chris 01923 269604
Peter 01923 267066
Graham 01923 269915



Chipperfield Horticultural Society

The CHS Committee would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to our guests, exhibitors, judges and volunteers, all of whom made our

Autumn Show such a success. Without you, our shows just would not be possible.

Delicious homemade cakes were enjoyed. We had a fantastic display of dahlias and floral art, as well as wonderful fruit and vegetables, some of which we auctioned at the end of the show. Once again, our talented members entered beautiful paintings, handmade crafts and splendid culinary delights.

At the end of the show, cups and trophies were awarded. Congratulations to all the winners!

The Silver Rose Bowl - Kathy Ward

The W.Bates Cup - Mike Leon

The G.A. Usher Challenge Bowl - Lucy Bridger

The Timberlake Cup - John Hopkins

The National Dahlia Society's Medal - Lucy Bridger

The Peter Franz Cup - John Hopkins

The Junior Challenge Trophy - Joint Winners: Georgiana Craigie-Halkett and Katie Oliver-Seager

The Mrs C.P. Broussin Challenge Trophy - Bethan Rees-Whybrow

The Handicraft Trophy - Jackie Simmonds

The Liz Holiday Cup - Bethan Rees-Whybrow

The Win Fairclough Award - Joint Winners: Gail Compton, John Hopkins and Mike Leon

The RHS Banksian Medal - Kathy Ward

Our first Autumn Talk featured **John Amand of Jacques Amand**

International

talking about "Year

round bulbs and

how they get to

your garden". John

shared interesting

information and

some lovely images

of colourful bulbs for every season. Refreshments were served and

quality bulbs were purchased by many!

Our second **Autumn Talk** and final event of the year will be on

Tuesday, 21 October in the **Parish Room** at **7.30 pm**, when **Maria**

Coote will share her expertise on the vital process of

"Composting".

And 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



Photos by Mike Brankin



DENS: Free charity event offers one-of-a-kind experience to help the homeless

Hertfordshire-based homelessness charity, DENS, has announced the return of its popular Sponsored Sleepout on Friday, 21 November, with free places available for everyone in the community.

Taking place at the new venue of Hammond Academy in Hemel Hempstead, the fundraising event promises an inspiring night under the stars, packed full of community spirit and entertainment.

Open to adults and children aged eight and over, the evening will include activities for all ages, an informative Q&A session about the charity's work and live music performances.

When it's time to bed down, participants can experience just a small glimpse of the challenges faced by rough sleepers during the harsh winter months.

At dawn, they can wake up feeling a huge sense of achievement, knowing the sponsorship they have raised will make a life-changing impact for local people facing homelessness each night.

The event is proudly sponsored by Safran Electrical & Power UK, a leading aerospace company based in Pitstone that is committed to supporting local causes.

Last year's edition saw a record-breaking attendance, raising an astonishing £33,000 to help rebuild the lives of local people facing homelessness.

Charlotte McCarthy, Community Fundraiser at DENS, said: "We're determined to make this our biggest Sponsored Sleepout ever. It's a truly eye-opening experience and an inspiring way to come together as a community. By raising sponsorship on the night, every participant helps us make an even greater difference to local people in need."

Free places for the DENS Sponsored Sleepout are available now at: www.dens.org.uk/sleepout25

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 18 November; 16 December	10.30am to 12.30pm	Village Hall
Chipperfield Choral Society - to 18 Dec (excluding 27 Nov)	Thursday	7.30pm to 9.30pm	Village Hall
Chipperfield pre-school and out of school care	Monday - Friday (Term time)	7.30am to 6.15pm	Small Hall
Church Choir	Friday	7.45pm	Parish Room
Drumming	Tuesday monthly	7.00pm	Parish Room
Eurythmy, followed by coffee	Monday	10.15am to 12.15pm	Parish Room
Gentle Yoga	Monday Autumn Term to 8 December (excl Monday, 27 Oct)	1.30pm to 3.00pm	Village Hall
Inspire (ladies group)	first Monday of the Month	1.30pm to 3.00pm	Parish Room
Invigorating Local Walks	Tuesday and Thursday	9.30am	Blackwell's car park
Keep Fit	Tuesday	11.30am	Parish Room
Keep Fit - gentle!	Thursday	9.30am	Parish Room
Keep Fit	Thursday	10.30am	Parish Room
Knatty Knitters	Wednesday	2.00pm to 3.30pm	Parish Room
Pilates	Tuesday	9.30am and 10.30am	Blackwell's
Pilates - 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 Saving Curlews in Otmoor Basin and Upper Thames	Tuesday, 4 November Doors are open from 7.15pm	7.45pm to 9.45pm	Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls AGM	Tuesday, 23 Sept	7.30pm to 8.30pm	Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls - to 16 Dec (excluding 4 Nov)	Tuesday	7.00pm to 9.30pm	Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls - to 19 Dec (excluding Friday, 28 Nov)	Friday	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 to 12 December (Excl 31 Oct & 28 Nov)	9.30am to 10.00am	Village Hall
Tappy Toes - Toddler Toes - walking to 2.5 yrs	Friday to 12 December (Excl 31 Oct & 28 Nov))	10.15am to 10.45am	Village Hall
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	6.30pm to 8.00pm	Parish Room
Zumba - to 18 Dec (no break for half term but excluding 27 Nov)	Thursday	10.30am to 11.30am	Village Hall
Zumba - 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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ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

It seems crazy that we are already in November; nights are drawing in and whether the heating should be on is open for debate. The 'C' word has been mentioned in my household and I've already had the 'don't you dare' conversation with my eldest as she tried to set the car radio station to one which only plays Christmas tunes!

And yet, there is so much about this month where we need to slow down and pause to reflect. November is the month to remember. On 2nd November, we celebrate All Saints Day during our Sunday morning services, giving thanks for all the saints who lived exemplary Christian lives and in the evening, at our service of All Souls, we commemorate those whom we have loved and lost, remembering all they brought into our lives. This allows us the space to be still and quiet, to remember those dear to us and to support our own healing, holding special memories and loved ones close again as we remember.

On Remembrance Day, we honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice for us through their acts of service in war.

It may feel that we enter November and the season of Remembrance sombre, with heavy hearts and, especially this year, I do indeed feel that way, with conflict and tragedy persisting across the world. Yet, as I think of those I will remember at this time, and the pain they would feel at the current state of our world, I realise that our remembering shapes us, our future and the future we hand to younger generations.

The love and encouragement of those we remember on All Souls has shaped the love, strength and determination of our everyday lives. The stories shared with us as children by our families and, for some of us, stories from more recent conflicts, is why we gather as a community, united to honour those known and unknown to us on Remembrance Sunday.

As a child, a special delight was visiting my uncle and hearing his stories of bravery and kindness as a POW. I remember holding a small, hand-crafted trinket box, gifted to him for his 21st birthday with an engraved message from other POWs made from bottle tops, and polished to shine like silver -

a light, an encouragement, a gift of love in a time of darkness, a gift of hope for a more peaceful and just future.

The act of remembering is powerful. Not only does it bind us together, through the pain of loss or the encouragement of love and kindness, but it also reminds us that we are called to be people who live 'in remembrance', not for just one month but every day. It reminds us to live in such a way that we build better futures.

Remembrance is not just about the past; it's also about the present and the future. In these times of uncertainty and conflict, we need to remember to maintain hope: for an end to violence and division, for the safe return of those who are far from home and for the healing of wounds, both seen and unseen. We hope for a world where the lessons of the past guide us away from intolerance and hatred towards lasting peace, love and acceptance.

Through the teachings of the Bible, we know that hope is active not passive. In the Old Testament book of the prophet Micah, we are told that the Lord God requires us to live justly, to love kindness and to walk humbly by His side. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us that we will be blessed as we bring peace. We are called to work towards peace, justice, and reconciliation in our own lives and within our communities. Our faith teaches us that, even in the face of despair, hope can be a powerful force for change, the light in the darkest of times.

So let us gather this month in Remembrance to give thanks and to honour. Let us also live in that remembrance through the following months until we gather again as bearers of hope in our parish and as individuals. Let us reach out to one another, especially to those who may be struggling with the weight of current conflicts or loss, and offer comfort, support, and a listening ear to help kindle the light of hope in the darkest of times. Together, as a parish community, we can be a beacon of light and a source of hope-filled inspiration for a world so in need of peace.

With every blessing as you 'remember'. *Revd Sarah*

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

November is an emotional time of year, a month that invites us to stop for a while and remember. It is a season when the days grow shorter, the nights get longer and the weather grows crisper and cooler. It's a time when we give thanks and pay our respects to those who have gone before us. In our church, a basket will be placed in front of the altar for people to place the names of those loved ones they want remembered and prayed for during the month of November.

Whether it is All Saints Day, All Souls Day, or Remembrance Day and Sunday, this time of year focuses our thoughts. On November 1st - All Saints Day - we celebrate all the saints, both those canonised and those who are unknown. There are many saints whose names we instantly recognise because they let Jesus work in their lives when they were on earth. Many were horrifically martyred for their faith. Yet we also celebrate and acknowledge the goodness and holiness of ordinary men and women. We give thanks for those generous people who bring God and his love into our lives. All Souls Day on November 2nd invites us to treasure the memories of our loved ones who have passed away and to offer our prayers for God's mercy and peace upon them as they go on their peaceful journey. This day reminds us all of the impermanence of life on earth. An eternal peace prayer we often say for those who have died is: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls

of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." Amen.

Remembrance Sunday falls on the Sunday nearest 11th November, when the First World War ended at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. There is no one left who would have been there to witness the horrors of, say, the Somme, Gallipoli, or Ypres. Yet we remember with gratitude the many who have given their lives in the service of their country. "Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn..." While this day was first celebrated to remember the terrible losses after World War One, today the anniversary is used also to remember all the people who have died in all the wars since, including World War Two, the Falklands war, etc. By their courage and dedication, we enjoy peace and freedom in this country today, but we are well aware that peace can be fragile. Wars that have broken out in the more recent past, and the news that arrives in our homes every day from Gaza, Ukraine, and numerous other places, remind us all too well of the appalling harm and suffering connected with war.

As we ponder and remember during the month of November, may we be moved to live lives that reflect the love of Jesus. It was He who showed us that genuine strength is not found in hatred and warfare, but in love and understanding.

Sue Croucher

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9am	Morning Worship	Holy Cross
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's
4.30pm	All Souls Service	St Paul's
6.30pm	All Souls' Service	Holy Cross

Sunday 9 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8am	Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)	St Paul's
10.30am	Service of Remembrance	Holy Cross
10.45am	Act of Remembrance	Chipperfield War Memorial, The Common
11.05am	Service of Remembrance	St Paul's

Tuesday 11 ARMISTICE DAY

11am	Act of Remembrance	Sarratt War Memorial, The Green
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Sunday 16 2nd Sunday before Advent

9am	Morning Worship	Holy Cross
10.45am	All Together Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's
6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayer)	Holy Cross

Sunday 23 CHRIST THE KING Sunday next before Advent

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

Sunday 30 ADVENT SUNDAY 1st Sunday of Advent

8am	Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)	St Paul's
10.45am	5th Sunday of Month Benefice Eucharist	Holy Cross

DECEMBER 2025 (first part of month)**Sunday 7 2nd Sunday of Advent**

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

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Pints of View - Monday, 17 November

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Chipperfield News November 2025 - Parish Council Update

Dear Villagers

At our 16 September meeting, we were delighted to present finally in person our CPC Outstanding Service Award to Mark Jarrad. This was announced at the APM on 6 May alongside Sue Walker's award and is richly deserved by both. Mark and Sue exemplify the fantastic volunteering spirit in the village of which there are so many examples. In this light, a shout out is surely due to Chipperfield Care and their latest initiative, their Coffee Morning and Wellbeing Hub, which has proved most popular with villagers. Do also look at the separate article on latest SANG works on the Common which continue apace, as well as proposed upcoming works. At Council, we continue to liaise with DBC as well as other affected Parishes on the proposed imminent Central Government funding cuts and how we might best respond. We have also now submitted a request to the Police and Crime Commissioner for separate funding for improved road safety measures, notably installation of additional Speed Indicator Devices on the village's key arterial roads. Within the village, we are also pursuing necessary repairs to two of our key centre village signposts. Lastly, you may have experienced the filming on the Common during October. Please be assured that DBC and CPC worked hard to ensure minimal impact to both villagers and the Common. We hope this was not too much of an inconvenience. If you have any questions or comments on the above or on any other village issue, please do consider attending upcoming council meetings or else reach out to Usha or me - see contact details on the CPC website.

Best regards on behalf of all Parish Council members. *Paul Foxall, Parish Council Chair*



Planning Applications

Decisions as of 14 October:

- 25/01612 Brambles, The Common - Demolition of garage and construct garage/studio - Refused
- 25/02107 The Pale Farm, The Street - Works to trees and fell trees - Granted
- 25/02096 Frenches Farm, Tower Hill - Construction of agricultural building for equipment and hay storage - Granted
- 25/01915 Martlets, The Common - Garden outbuilding - Granted
- 25/01916 Magnolia Cottage, The Common - Garden outbuilding - Granted
- 25/01860 Copthall, The Street - fell x 5 conifers - Granted
- 25/01577 Burleigh, New Road - Side & rear extensions - Granted

SANG Update - Chipperfield News November 2025

Thanks to all who joined our 'Wander on the Common' on Wednesday, 10 September. It was great to see many local residents showing interest in the management of the common and providing their knowledge and anecdotes. I hope that everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. We will be arranging these walks on at least a yearly basis.

In the last month, we have been working on several improvements for Chipperfield Common including:

- Installation of 5 new benches and 3 new picnic tables
- Designing new waymarking, signage and finger posts to update walking trails
- Appointing specialist contractors to undertake pond restoration works on Apostles Pond, Manor Pond and Pill Pond, as well as works on the lime trees surrounding the Apostles Pond.

Further works for the common will include over the next few months:

- Supervising the delivery of the pond restoration and lime tree works
- Organising the installation of the new signage, waymarking and fingerposts
- Organising tree surveys along main paths for safety works
- Planning the resurfacing of the Easy Access Route and extensions to this

DBC, CPC and FOCC form the Chipperfield Common Working Group, meeting at least every two months to discuss plans for the Common. If you would like further information, please contact Steven Werrell (DBC SANG Officer) on steven.werrell@dacorum.gov.uk or Chipperfield Parish Council.

The Friends of Chipperfield Common run practical tasks on the Common each month, alternating between Thursdays and Saturdays. They meet at the Cricket Ground Car Park for 9am. All tools, gloves, high-vis, tea, coffee and biscuits are

provided. If you would like to join our friendly group either meet us there or email Steven for more information. The next date will be

Thursday, 13 November.

Steven Werrell, SANG Officer





Chipperfield Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club

A Salute to our Lady Bowlers!

We all get a lot of pleasure playing indoor bowls in the Village Hall, and our lady bowlers are an important part of that enjoyment, competition and fellowship. So this month we take the opportunity to say "THANK YOU, LADIES" for being such impressive competition as strong opponents, reliable partners in the pairs matches and always up there winning the cups and trophies. As a club, we could not do without you!

Contact: John Theobald, Club Secretary - 07761 256462



Chess Valley Bridleways Association - a grand day out!

After having to cancel three times previously, Chess Valley Bridleways Association was finally able to go ahead with its annual fun ride, starting from The Plough in Belsize; there Anna the landlady provided some pre-ride refreshments of mulled wine, hot chocolate, sausage rolls and toasties (and even some snacks for the trusty steeds).

Despite there being fewer horses than in previous years, it was a beautiful morning with a few participants in the slow, medium and fast rides. A lovely time was had by all, and it was a great opportunity for local riders to meet up with each other.

CVBA helps to maintain all the bridleways in the area and communicates with the local councils to report issues and suggest remedial work. Our lovely groundsman Andy continues to clear/cut back the tracks so that they remain accessible all year round for the local riders. In 2025, CVBA has spent nearly £5000 on the tracks alone, ensuring that riders can safely ride around the area.

A plea to all local riders: please support your local bridleways association with a contribution of £30 a year. Even if you ride once a week, that's just 60p a ride, which goes a long way towards helping us keep the tracks accessible and safe. Membership options can be found at <https://cvba.org.uk/> Nicola Park



Chipperfield Tennis Club

Chipperfield Tennis Club members have enjoyed a fun filled summer of tennis.

Pickleball proved a successful addition this year, with the front court being temporarily converted to two pickle courts for each session. Pickleball is a fun short racquet game for all ages; our eldest player this year was 94! We have an open session (including non-members) at 2pm every Tuesday – do come along and give it a try.

Every year the Chris Blackmore Rising Star Award is given to recognise a junior player who shows enthusiasm primarily for playing tennis, a trait promoted by our past president Chris Blackmore.

Anelis, a Year 4 student at St. Paul's School, received this year's award - she receives complimentary family membership and Saturday morning tennis lessons. Many congratulations to Anelis and to all of the youngsters who take part in the Saturday morning and

school coaching sessions. There are still places available for Saturday morning coaching, which runs throughout the year.

After a thrilling season of intense tennis matches in the Men's Hertfordshire Hot Rackets, Chipperfield Men's



team clinched promotion for the 3rd year in a row! CTC jumped from 5th place to 2nd in the last match of a very close league, with a 3-2 win at home against St Margaretsbury in front of enthusiastic home support - every set counted. 12 men have played for the CTC team over the season.

Our youngsters securing promotion in our last match: Richard Culverhouse (Club Captain), Dan Tarak, David Clayton and Richard Cowling

The Hot Rackets Ladies team played their matches with vigour, enthusiasm, fairness and friendliness, with new players participating in competitive tennis for the first time. The ladies won 3 out of their 7 matches and have remained in the same league. This is a great achievement with a limited squad, overcoming injuries during the season. More ladies would be very much welcomed.

In the Club's Doubles tournament, the Men's Final was played on a lovely summer evening, cheered on by a lively crowd. Each pairing had played at least 7 matches to get to the final which was won by the younger pairing of **Nick Fanshaw** and **Dan Power** against **David Gray** (our Coach)

and **Malcolm Leach** (pushing the youngsters and himself all the way!). Congratulations to all members who have taken part in the tournament. (Ladies and Mixed finals are still to be played).

Malcolm Leach, David Gray and 2025 Men's Doubles Winners Dan Power and Nick Fanshaw





Chipperfield Corinthians Football Club

Following our historic Premier League winning season of 2024/2025, the team is already well under way in trying to defend the title, having played 11 out of its 30 league games. The good news is that the team remains top of the table, after winning 8 of the opening 11 games and only conceding 9 goals whilst scoring 27.

	P	W	D	L	Points
1 Chipperfield Corinthians	11	8	1	2	25
2 Hinton	11	7	3	1	24
3 Hertford Heath	11	7	1	3	22

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**. The season has started really well, and a good committed squad has been built up. Including pre-season, they have won 6 games, drawn 1 and lost 1 of the 8 games played so far. The most recent outing was a convincing 8-0 win over Walkern.

The third team also has a new management team in place, with two joint player managers, **George Oliver** and **Dylan Rose**. They sit mid-table in their league after winning 2 and losing 3 of their opening games, but 2 of the losses were by a single goal - thin margins.

Games are played on every Saturday afternoon at Queen St with KO now usually 2.00pm, and all support is very welcome.

Martyn Dicker, President, Chipperfield Corinthians FC



Football's back in Chipperfield

As the 2025/26 season kicked off, we warmly welcomed our new U7 teams, along with their coaches and team managers. Our new young players are just as super-committed as our older age groups, with lots of team bonding and friendships being formed.

All of our age groups have had a really strong start to the season, continuing to grow in confidence and ability. It is so rewarding to see such growth and enthusiasm amongst our young players and across the club as a whole.

There is an opportunity within some age groups for new players to join. Please do complete the online enquiry form, which can be found at

<https://www.chipperfieldcorinthiansyfc.com/>

An exciting opportunity is available for our U5 and U6 age groups, too. This poster gives details of how you can become involved. We'd love to hear from you, so please do get in touch.

With warm wishes,

Jennifer Hibberd, Club Secretary



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Could this be the most fruitful year ever? I certainly can't remember a year when every tree and bush has borne so much fruit. Not everything has done well though. It was a very bad harvest for arable farmers, the dry spring and long hot summer taking its toll on all cereal crops, but anything growing on a tree or bush has done exceptionally well. For the first time in years, I had plentiful crops of plums, every one of the apple and pear trees has been loaded, and I have even harvested walnuts.

The walnut tree has always produced plenty of fruit, but in other years squirrels have arrived like a gang of bandits and pinched the lot before they were anywhere near ready. Usually I get woken at 5 in the morning as squabbles break out in the tree. Often the whole tree seems to quiver, as anything up to a dozen squirrels will be grabbing the nuts before running along the fence with their booty. But this year the green outer casings started to split open and nuts began to fall to the ground with no sign of bandits. I collected a boxful before I went off on a few days holiday. When I got back, something had been splitting open the shells on the drive and

there were none left on the tree, but I am enjoying fresh walnuts with my breakfast granola for the first time ever.

Generally speaking, I have seen very few squirrels this year. I mentioned it when I went on a Royal Forestry Society walk a few weeks ago and everyone said the same. The best theory put forward was that the wet winter had delayed their breeding and, instead of raising 2 or 3 litters of young, they had only managed one. All the foresters were delighted at this as they do so much damage to trees of all sorts.

It is also a great year for fungi; the woods are full of all different shapes, sizes, and colours. I don't know enough to harvest any for the kitchen, but I love taking photos of them. Better to have apples, pears and walnuts with my breakfast than a dodgy mushroom that I mistakenly think might be edible! *Wendy Bathurst*



HEMEL HEMPSTEAD LOCAL GROUP

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 4 November** in **Chipperfield Village Hall**. From December the meetings will revert to the more usual Monday.

Our speaker will be **David Wilding** with a talk entitled '**Saving Curlews in the Otmoor Basin and the Upper Thames**'. David is an inspirational RSPB speaker who returns to tell us what it takes to save a declining species.

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 **Saturday, 15 November to WWT Welney**. This is a wetland nature reserve of 1,300 acres, attracting large numbers of ducks and swans in winter, with waders in spring and summer. The reserve also has a variety of hides looking across the stunning Ouse Washes. The main observatory consists of a centrally-heated main area with two wing hides, and the Wigeon Café / shop with sweeping views across the Fen landscape.

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/hemelhempestead/> 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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