



Chipperfield Corinthians win the Quadruple!

There were amazing and dramatic scenes at Cuffley as Chipperfield Corinthians won an unprecedented 'quadruple'.

In the first match Chipperfield Corinthians recovered from being 1-0 down to beat higher-ranked Belstone in the Herts Senior Trophy Final. This was followed by a 1-0 win against Hertford Heath in the Norman Appleby Cup (formerly the Aubrey Cup). The treble was completed when once again they came from a 1-0 deficit to beat Shenfield 2-1 with a last minute winner in the Anagram Trophy. In two of the games on the way to these finals the team was losing after 90 minutes but managed to get last minute goals to win through.

With all of the additional cup games, some league games were delayed but, after 10 straight league wins, Chipperfield reached the final on Saturday, 16 May, just one point ahead of nearest rivals Hinton. Chipperfield were playing third place Cuffley and Hinton were playing fifth-placed Westmill.



At half time all was going well with Chipperfield 2-1 up and Westmill leading 1-0 but, within 5 minutes of the second half, Cuffley equalised and Hinton scored twice. Suddenly Chipperfield needed a goal. The team pressed hard and hit the bar, then had a goal disallowed. It seemed like they would miss out. However, in the fifth minute of injury time, a long throw was headed on and a far post header sent the Chipperfield team and fans into delirium.

History was made that day, with Chipperfield Corinthians FC being the first team to win the top division in the Herts County League and three separate cups in the same season.

Well done to everyone involved - what an achievement!

Martyn Dicker, President, Chipperfield Corinthians FC



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Lesley Napier Edwards

20 May 1938 to 15 February 2026

Lesley was born in Savernake, Wiltshire on 20th May 1938. When she was just over six months old, Lesley and her elder sister Alison moved with their parents to India, where her father was Principal of the Daly College in Indore. Lesley was a curious toddler in a world of wild monkeys, snakes and scorpions, which she and her sister learned to take in their stride, supported by their pet mongoose, Mongie.

In 1944, ill health brought Lesley and Alison back to the UK, where they attended St Helen's boarding school in Scotland and the junior branch of Fyling Hall School near Ullswater.

When Lesley was chosen to play the part of Puck in the school production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Alison helped her to learn her lines, resulting in a lifelong memory of Puck's final speech. Many years later, they could still recite Puck's speech in its entirety, word-perfectly and in unison.



Once both parents were back in England, the family bought a house in Letchworth where the drawing room was commandeered for marionette puppet shows, complete with stage, scenery and puppets, and

gramophone records music. The family then moved to Leicester, where Lesley completed her schooling before training as a physiotherapist in Oswestry, Shropshire. During this time her parents bought a cottage in North Wales. 'Lliwdy' became an important place for Lesley where she could relax after the hustle and bustle of daily life and later enjoy quality time with her family in the countryside.

After qualifying as a physiotherapist, Lesley took up her first post at Luton and Dunstable Hospital where she met her good friend Pam, who was responsible for setting her up on the blind date that resulted in her meeting Richard. Richard and Lesley became engaged after only five weeks and were married in Berkhamsted in 1965 - a marriage that lasted for over 60 happy years.

They first set up home in Pinner where Fiona and Robbie were born. Lesley was always a very supportive mother to Fiona and Robbie, providing guidance, support and unwavering love. She took a deep interest in everything they did, their families, friends, hobbies and careers.



While in Pinner, Lesley was active in many local community groups and continued to perform puppet shows at children's birthday parties in the '70s. As the children grew older, Lesley became a volunteer for

Marriage Guidance (now Relate) in Harrow, later becoming a counsellor.

With their own parents' health now failing, Richard and Lesley decided to buy a property that would enable their parents to move in with them, and settled on Burford House in Chipperfield.

Lesley immediately threw herself into village life. From many years involvement with the WI, including her time as President, to helping to set up and run Chipperfield Care and organising the biennial church flower festival, Lesley was an active supporter of community initiatives. She was also a long-time (and first female) governor of York House School and a trustee of the tennis club, being herself a keen tennis player.

Lesley was proud of her garden at Burford House and her endeavours were greatly appreciated by the hundreds of people who would visit during the Red Cross Open Garden event. The garden was also opened up for other village events, including barbecues for the church and youth club, and even a full body immersion baptism in the swimming pool!

Lesley was a very active member of St Paul's church, where she was a regular sidesperson, read lessons, led intercessions and was a member of the PCC. She was also a long term churchwarden, including a period of interregnum when there was no vicar in place. Lesley was also involved in making the beautiful embroidered church kneelers and most recently set up the 'Knatty Knitters' group, which created the stunning poppy cascade from the church bell tower for Remembrance Sunday in 2025 - Lesley was one of their most prolific poppy knitters! When Lesley's health was failing, the group created a knitted flower bouquet which Revd Sarah took to her in hospital.



stories and heritage of anyone she met, including the many carers, nurses and doctors who cared for her and Richard in their later years. Lesley is deeply missed, but her full life will leave many happy memories for so many people she met along the way.

Robbie Edwards and Alison Nevill



Lesley and Richard were a very special couple who lived life to the full and shared so many great experiences together, including travel far and wide. Lesley had a genuine interest in the life

Hellos and Goodbyes

It was with mixed emotions that the Chipperfield News committee and their partners met together on the evening of 6th May to say "Farewell and thank you" to three retiring members and a big "Welcome" to two new colleagues.

We were sad to say goodbye to **Graham McMellin (Finance)**, **Peter Corbett (Business Management)** and **Tom Bryan (Advertising)** after more than 50 years combined service. Their joint and individual contributions and dedication over those years cannot be overstated.

At the same time we were delighted to welcome **Cecilia Foxall (Advertising)** and **Peter Stoughton-Harris (Business and Finance)** to the team. We drank a toast to both leavers and joiners and there were words of thanks and gifts for those retiring. Nibbles and a special cake rounded off an enjoyable social occasion.

Chris Pinney (Chair)



Peter Stoughton-Harris, Peter Corbett, Tom Bryan, Graham McMellin and Cecilia Foxall



A Special Treat for the Knatty Knitters

The Knatty Knitters were delighted to accept the kind invitation of Fiona Stuttaford, Lesley Edwards' daughter, to tea and cake at Burford House on what would have been Lesley's 88th birthday. It was one of Lesley's ideas that had led to the formation of the group.

The sun was shining as the Knitters took a stroll around the lovely garden and admired the beautiful flowers, shrubs and trees. It was easy to see why Lesley had been so fond of it.

The group then enjoyed tea and delicious cakes, made by Fiona and her daughter. Everyone appreciated this special occasion and toasted Lesley, very appropriately, with cups of tea! Thank you, Fiona. It was a fitting way to celebrate a wonderful mother and friend. Jane Deal



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Change of date!

In July we are meeting
in St Pauls Parish Room
from 1.30-3pm on
**the second Monday,
13th July**

Have time away from your busy lives
with activities, conversations and
inspiring talks over tea, coffee & cake

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On 13th July, Jackie Simmonds will
be talking to us about her varied
work with mums and babies

For more information
contact Fay on
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CCYFC Thanks Outgoing Chair and Looks Ahead

As the newly appointed Chair of Chipperfield Corinthians Youth FC, I am delighted and honoured to be taking on this role at such an exciting time in the club's history.

Firstly, I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to Stewart Hunt, who has served the club with dedication and commitment over many years. Stewart has played a significant role in helping shape CCYFC into the thriving community club it is today, and I am pleased that he will continue to support the club as Vice Chair.

The past season has been another positive one for football in Chipperfield. Alongside the continued growth of our youth section, it has been fantastic to see the success of the village's senior men's team help to strengthen the football pathway within our community and provide young players with local role models.

As one season ends, preparations for 2026/27 are already well underway. We are delighted to be introducing several new teams, including a new Under 7s team for boys and girls beginning their football journey, as well as a new Under 8s Girls team. The continued growth of girls' football is something we are particularly proud of, and we look forward to welcoming many new players and families to the club. While we celebrate new beginnings, we also say goodbye to our Under 18 Women's team. The players and coaches have represented Chipperfield with tremendous pride over many years, and we thank them for their contribution to the club. We wish all the players every success in the next chapter of their footballing and life journeys.

None of our achievements would be possible without our incredible team of volunteers. Our club is built on the dedication and generosity of local people: from coaches and managers to committee members, referees, grounds staff and parents who help behind the scenes. On behalf of everyone at CCYFC, thank you for everything you do.

We have recently launched a Crowdfunder campaign to help support the continued development of our junior section. The funds raised will help us invest in equipment, facilities, coach development and opportunities for young players, ensuring that football remains accessible, enjoyable and affordable for families across our community.

As we look ahead to the new season, the future of Chipperfield Corinthians Youth FC is bright. We remain committed to providing a safe, inclusive and enjoyable environment where children can develop not only as footballers, but as confident and respectful young people.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the club. We look forward to seeing both familiar and new faces during the 2026/27 season.

Luke Hinton, Chair, Chipperfield Corinthians Youth FC

Chipperfield Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club

Chipperfield Indoor Bowls Club looks forward to its Club Dinner each May, when we celebrate our competition winners and runners up, and announce the most improved player of the year - all receive an engraved cup. This year the dinner was held once more at Little Hay Golf Club, where we enjoyed delicious food and excellent service. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The **winners of the Pairs Competition** were **John Brown (Club Captain)** and **Lee Simons**, both village bowlers.

Lee Simons also won the award for **'Most improved player of the year'**.

The **runners up of the Pairs Competition** were **Clive Marsh** and **Stewart Goldsmith**, both top players.

They fought hard to win, losing only in the final end of the game.

Bridget Macgregor received a **special award** for refreshment duties as well as playing in all of the matches and competitions.

The club has had an excellent season, with plenty of competition, excellent bowling, friendship, fun and laughter along the way. Here's to more of the same in the 2026/27 season!

As our Chairman, who is also our Secretary, retires this year, we are currently looking for some good local bowler volunteers to help steer the club forward next year. If you are interested, please contact **John Theobald** on **07761 256462**.

John Theobald, Club Secretary



Photos by Marion Brown



Chipperfield Corinthians FC celebrates a legend

After an incredible journey with Chipperfield Corinthians, Colin Wilson has made the difficult decision to step down as First Team Manager.

Colin first pulled on a Chipperfield shirt in 2006 for a few games, before properly joining in 2018 under Tommy Garrett and Paul Masters, and has since become one of the most influential figures in our club's history.



Since becoming manager in 2021, Colin has overseen a period of unprecedented success:

Herts Intermediate Trophy Winners in 2022 - ending a 25 year wait for the First Team to win a trophy.

Herts County Premier Division Champions in 2025 - the club's first Herts County Premier League title in nearly 50 years.

The Quadruple in 2025/26 - a season that will live forever in the history of Chipperfield Corinthians: four trophies, countless memories and an achievement that may well go down as one of the greatest seasons ever produced at Step 7 level.

While trophies and records tell part of the story, Colin's true legacy is the culture he has built. He has created a team that plays with pride, passion and togetherness, along with a 'never know you are beaten' attitude.

On behalf of everyone connected with the club, we would like to thank Colin for everything he has given to Chipperfield Corinthians with his extraordinary contribution. You arrived as a player, became a leader, and now leave as a club legend. Thank you, Colin. *Martyn Dicker, President, Chipperfield Corinthians FC*



Chipperfield Parish Council Update

Dear Villagers,

On 12th May, the Parish Council held its mandatory end of year meeting at which I was re-elected as Chair for the next 12 months. All other key roles were also appointed. I would like to thank all my fellow Councillors for their hard work and commitment on behalf of the Parish, and in particular Eamonn Flynn, who stood down from his Vice Chair role after many years of service. Malcolm Paton has kindly stepped into this role going forward. Looking ahead, there is always an opportunity for new members to join the Council and support the Parish. If this is of interest, do get in touch with Usha, our Parish Clerk, in the first instance at parishclerk@chipperfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk.

As the summer begins, we are most fortunate in Chipperfield to have a very active village agenda with many regular and also one-off local events taking place. A big thank you to all the venues and volunteers who make them happen. While all deserve praise, Chipperfield Corinthians stand out for their remarkable success this season in finishing top of the league and winning 3 other trophies.

Note Our Police Community Support Office plans to hold their second surgery in Tia's café at 1 Chapel Croft, Chipperfield, WD4 9DT on 18 July from 11am to 12pm.

The Parish Council continues to meet on a regular basis. Meetings are open to the public. Dates and agendas are available online on the Council website and on the village notice boards. If you have any matters to raise, do come and join us at one of our meetings, or contact Usha.

Paul Foxall, Parish Council Chair

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 pre-application discussions with residents/ applicants to help anticipate potential issues or concerns prior to a formal application to DBC. Applications and decisions are as follows:

Planning Applications:

- 26/01176 The Firs, Megg Lane - Construction of a single-storey outbuilding
- 26/01116 The Thatch, Dunny Lane - Single storey side extension with room in roof, single storey side extension & rear dormers.
- 26/01126 Brambles, The Common - Demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement garage
- 26/01010 Land northwest of The Paddocks and The Old Stables, Croft Lane - Construction of 1 x 1 bed dwelling and 3 x 4 bed detached dwellings with associated parking and landscaping

Planning Decisions to 30 May 26:

- 26/01060 The Old Nurses House, Chapel Croft - Works to trees – Granted
- 26/00883 & 26/0884
Old Barn Cottage, The Street - Refurbishment of existing barn to provide residential use ancillary to main house. New internal entrance screen – Granted
- 26/00521 & 00574
Two Brewers Inn, The Common - Alterations and updating to existing directional/information signage – Granted
- 26/00370 The Boot PH, Tower Hill - Retrospective application for the retention of Marquee – Refused
- 26/00356 The Cow Shed, Tenements Farm - Removal of Planning Condition 6 to planning permission ref 25/00774 – Granted



1st Chipperfield Brownies

Our Brownies have enjoyed various activities this year, including Mothering Sunday craft, creating Easter/Spring collages, making fajitas and earning different badges, including jobs and space.

The girls completed a challenge to take part in 13 sports activities to support Little Owl in running her half marathon for Alzheimer's Society.

We explored Abbots Langley with the Brownies, taking it in turns to be in charge of the map to find their way around the village (via the chippy!) and we visited Phasels Wood to enjoy Pedal Karts and Aeroball

In the Mothering Sunday service at St Paul's, we paraded our flag, and next term we will be part of the services for Harvest and Remembrance Day. We are always so proud of the girls being involved.

Our Summer term will end with a visit to Kings Langley Fire Station.

Brownies are aged 7-10 and enjoy lots of activities, while making new friends and having fun. If you would like to register your daughter to join us, please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk. We look forward to welcoming new girls.

Sian Roberts, Brown Owl

Save the Date! Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our next Macmillan Coffee Morning will take place in the Parish Room of St Paul's church on Saturday, 26 September from 10am to 12:30pm.

There will be a competition and prize for "A commemorative mug or cup and saucer" (Please include a label if the commemoration is not obvious from the item itself).

Please save the date and come to support this wonderful charity that provides such critical support to those affected by cancer. Thank you!
Ann Soanes



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CHIPPERFIELD CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES

EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Adult Dance Class with Diana	Monday, 6, 13, 20 July	9.45am to 11.15am	Village Hall
Art Workshop	Saturday monthly	9.30am	Parish Room
Brownies	Wednesday	6.30pm	Parish Room
Chipperfield Care - Coffee Club	Tuesday, 21 July & 18 Aug	10.30am to 12.30pm	Village Hall
Chipperfield Choral Society	Thursday (restarts 3 September)	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
Collective Dance - Junior Tap Dance (9yrs+)	Mondays	4:30-5:15pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Grade 3/4 Ballet (9yrs+)	Mondays	5:15-6:00pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Senior Tap Dance (13yrs+)	Mondays	6:00-6:45pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Senior Acro Dance (11yrs+)	Mondays	6:45-7:45pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Junior Commercial Jazz (7yrs+)	Wednesdays	4:30-5:30pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Inter Commercial Jazz (13yrs+)	Wednesdays	5:30-6:30pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Primary Tap Dance (6yrs+)	Thursdays	4:00-4:30pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Grade 1/2 Ballet (6yrs+)	Thursdays	4:30-5:00pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Grade 5 Ballet (10-14yrs+)	Thursdays	5:00-6:00pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Grade 6+ Ballet (15yrs+)	Thursdays	6:00-7:00pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - PrePreliminary Tap (2.5yrs+)	Saturdays	11:30am-12pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - PrePreliminary Ballet (2.5yrs+)	Saturdays	12:00-12:30pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Mini/Junior Acro Dance (5yrs+)	Saturdays	12:30-1:30pm	St Paul's School Gym
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 6, 13, 20, 27 July (restarts 14 Sept)	1.30pm to 3.00pm	Village Hall
Inspire (ladies group)	Monday, 13 July (restarts 7 Sept)	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	Thursday	10.00am	Parish Room
Knatty Knitters	Wednesday	2.00pm to 3.30pm	Parish Room
Pilates	Tuesday	9.30am and 10.30am	Blackwell's
Pilates	Wednesday	6.30pm to 8.30pm	Blackwell's
Pilates	Wednesday, 1, 8, 15 & 22 July (restarts 16 Sept)	9.00am to 11.00am	Village Hall
Pilates	Monday (for an hour each)	6.50pm and 7.55pm	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	Meetings resume Tuesday, 8 September (to be confirmed)	7.45pm to 9.45pm	Village Hall
Selah Church	Sunday	9.30am to 1.30pm	Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls - 25/26 season has ended.	Friday New season starts Friday, 2 October	2.00pm to 4.30pm	Village Hall
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T'ai Chi	Friday	1.45pm	Parish Room
Toddler Group	Tuesday	9.30am	Parish Room
Yoga - all levels	Thursday	10.00am	Blackwell's
Yoga for men	Tuesday	7.00pm	Blackwell's
Yoga with Carolyn	Thursday	7.00pm to 8.00pm	Blackwell's
Youth Group www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7587	Thursday	6.30pm to 8.00pm	Parish Room
Zumba	Thursday	10.30am to 11.30am	Village Hall
Zumba	Friday	11.30am to 12.30pm	Village Hall

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

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ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

Can you believe we are already in July? The year seems to be flying by, but it's wonderful finally to be in that time of year when the days are longer and warmer. Looking back at the last few weeks, there is so much to be thankful for and so much to look forward to.

Firstly, a massive and heartfelt thank you to everyone who made our recent Flower Festival such a spectacular success. Holy Cross church was once again completely transformed by the stunning displays, the glorious scents and the sheer creativity of our volunteer flower arrangers.

Whether you spent hours arranging flowers, baking cakes, serving tea or simply came along to support us and marvel at the displays, you made it a truly special weekend. Thanks to your incredible generosity, Friends of Holy Cross raised vital funds that will support us in keeping our beautiful church running and open to all.

St Paul's has started a new family service - Forest Church! (Details on page 15). This provides a wonderful space for young families and their children to discover God through creation and the great outdoors and, as much as I love the summer, we are looking forward to those autumn afternoons when we can gather around the fire pit together!

July also brings that familiar, bitter-sweet rhythm of the end of the school term.

For the children and teachers in our community a big milestone is approaching. Some of our young people are preparing to say goodbye to their primary schools and packing

up their bags to take that big, exciting leap into secondary school this September. At the same time a fresh batch of little ones are eager (and perhaps a little nervous!) to start their school journey after the summer. We will be saying goodbye to some of our very first Toddlers from our Little Saints Tuesday group which I'm sure will cause some leaky eyes at the end of term.

Change can feel a bit like rearranging a garden (my job this summer) - it takes a little time to settle, but the new growth is always beautiful. To everyone moving on, moving up, or starting afresh, you go with our thoughts, our prayers and our biggest cheers.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:1

To the rest of you lovely folk, whether you are heading off on holiday, planning a quiet time at home, or simply hoping to enjoy a few sunny weekends in the garden, we wish you a joyful and restful July. Take some time to pause, breathe and enjoy the sunshine.

Our doors are always open, and we would love to see you at any of our services throughout the summer months.

Wishing you all a blessed, bright and happy July!

Blessings, *Revd Sarah*

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

July 3rd is the feast day of St Thomas, one of Jesus' twelve apostles. Over the years Thomas has received criticism and become known as 'Doubting Thomas'. That's not really the way the Gospel saw him - he was a down to earth person. It was Thomas who, when Jesus stated that he was going up to Jerusalem, said, 'let us go with him and die with him'. He respected and appreciated the costs and implications of discipleship. It was Thomas who, when Jesus was speaking at the Last Supper and saying that he was leaving them and going to prepare a place for them so that they could follow him, simply asked 'that since they didn't know where he was going how could they know the way?' This prompted from Jesus that most beautiful self-description: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No-one comes to the Father, except through me.' (John 14:6). Again, on the second Sunday of Easter each year the gospel of John is read where Thomas asks for a simple proof of the reality of the Resurrection. Thomas had been absent from the Upper Room the first time Jesus appeared to the disciples after His Resurrection from the dead. He wanted proof for himself. Eight days later Jesus reappeared and said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, look here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side'. Thomas utters one of the greatest professions of faith in the gospel as he is moved to say, "My Lord and my God." (John 20:28). His witness to Jesus becomes our witness. Thomas' strong faith gave him the ability to bring the message of Jesus to many others. After the first Pentecost, St Thomas preached the Good News in southern Asia until he reached India, where he remained preaching until he was eventually martyred - being pierced with a spear while preaching - in 72 A.D.

15th July is known as St Swithin's Day. While St Swithin is a recognised historical saint, his feast day does not appear on the UK Catholic Liturgical Calendar. I'm sure we are all familiar with the rhyme:

*"St Swithin's Day if thou dost rain,
For forty days it will remain,
St Swithin's Day if thou be fair,
For forty days 'twill rain nae mair."*

Swithin was a humble and virtuous man, born in or around the year 800, who became the Bishop of Winchester. He asked not to be buried inside the Cathedral when he died, but outside in a simple tomb "where the sweet rain of heaven may fall upon my

grave". Swithin died on 2nd July 862. However, on 15th July 971 Swithin's remains were dug up and moved to a shrine inside the cathedral by Bishop Ethelwold. His shrine became a major pilgrimage site as numerous miracles were associated with the event. According to legend, the relocation was also marked by fierce rain storms that lasted 40 days and 40 nights! St Swithin wasn't happy!

It's July and soon the schools will prepare to break up for their 6-week holiday. Whatever you have planned over the next two months, may you travel safely and return home rested and refreshed - and let's hope not soaking wet!

Sue Croucher



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Sunday 5

1st Sunday of the month

5th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am

Benefice Eucharist

Holy Cross

3.30pm

Forest Church

St Paul's

Sunday 12

2nd Sunday of the month

6th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am

Morning Worship

Holy Cross

10.30am

Benefice Eucharist

St Paul's

Sunday 19

3rd Sunday of the month

7th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

St Paul's

Coffee & croissants available between the morning services

10.30am

All Together Informal Worship

St Paul's

6.30pm

Compline (traditional night prayer)

Holy Cross

Sunday 26

4th Sunday of the month

8th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am

Morning Worship

St Paul's

10.30am

Benefice Eucharist

Holy Cross

6.30pm

Prayer & Praise – coming soon!

St Paul's

AUGUST 2026 (first part of month)

Sunday 2

1st Sunday of the month

9th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am

Benefice Eucharist

Holy Cross

3.30pm

Forest Church

St Paul's

Sunday 9

2nd Sunday of the month

10th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am

Morning Worship

Holy Cross

10.30am

Benefice Eucharist

St Paul's

Sunday 16

3rd Sunday of the month

11th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

St Paul's

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All Together Informal Worship

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6.30pm

Compline (traditional night prayer)

Holy Cross

Sunday 23

4th Sunday of the month

12th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am

Morning Worship

St Paul's

10.30am

Benefice Eucharist

Holy Cross

Sunday 30

5th Sunday of the month

13th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

St Paul's

10.30am

Informal Benefice Service*

St Paul's

* this 5th Sunday service rotates between the two churches

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

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

Sunday	10.00	Mass	NB For further information regarding weekday Masses, please check the newsletter available at Saturday Mass
Saturday	18.30	Vigil Mass	
Friday	10.00	Mass	

Pints of View

Pints of View is taking a summer break.

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

Thomas Anthony Briselden 29th March 1933 to 2nd January 2026 and Valerie Elizabeth Briselden

14th February 1934 to 13 January 2026

Tony was born in South London and Valerie in Shropshire, each with an elder sister, and both were young children at the start of the second World War.

Valerie grew up on a farm and, during the war, a POW camp was set up on the land to hold Italians captured in North Africa. Valerie recalled that the prisoners, who missed their own children, were charming to the two sisters.

Tony was evacuated from London to live with his aunt in Rugby and became the only boy to attend Rugby High School for Girls where his aunt was headmistress. On leaving school, Tony completed his National Service in the RAF before working for the photographic company Ilford and later as a BBC cameraman in the days of live television.

Tony and Valerie met through an amateur dramatic society where Valerie acted and Tony ran the lighting and production, something he later did for Chipperfield Theatre Group for several productions. During this time, Tony joined Unilever, and Valerie trained as a teacher at the Froebel Institute at Roehampton before teaching in London.



After they were married, Tony and Valerie lived in South East London, and in August 1966 their son Guy was born. They moved to The Firs, Chipperfield in August 1971 - a

house that needed some 'TLC', the majority of which Tony carried out himself. Guy started at the village school (in the old school building) and later went on to Merchant Taylor's school in Northwood.

As a teacher, Valerie took great interest in children and their development. She specialised in special needs and latterly home tuition, teaching many children from the village both in the school and at home, whether they needed a bit of help with entrance exams or preparing for the move to secondary school.

Valerie was an active volunteer in the community, spending 11 years as Chairman of the Governors of Bovingdon School and 30 years as a magistrate, where she chaired the Family Panel and the Probation Committee. She was also Chairman of the Bench before Dacorum merged with Watford and Chairman of the Board of Visitors of HM Prison the Mount and of Relate Dacorum as well as being a member of the church PCC.

Valerie took delight in her garden and was also very creative. She loved painting, particularly flowers, and enjoyed sewing and needlework.

Tony was also very active in the village, as a Councillor and as Chairman of the Parish Council, Chairman of the Governors of

St Paul's primary school. He was also involved in running the Village Hall, the Youth Club and Blackwells, creation of the new burial ground and he repaired St Paul's churchyard's crumbling flint walls in 1977 and 1980. Tony and Valerie were regulars in the congregation for many years.



Tony had a passion for film and photography. He became a member of the Royal Photographic Society in 1955 and enjoyed attending meetings of their Film and Video and Travel Groups in Bath until recently. An early adopter of digital photography, Tony trained individuals and companies alongside his friend John Henshall. He also ran a photography

group for Sarratt U3A. Until a few years ago, Tony used his computing experience to provide technical support to Guy and many others locally, including Chipperfield News, for which he was an official photographer.

Tony was a member of the Royal Geographic Society and, in retirement, he and Valerie travelled extensively. Tony was particularly fascinated by the Shackleton expedition to Antarctica. The James Caird, the boat in which Shackleton and 5 men sailed across the Southern Ocean to arrange rescue for the rest of their crew, is displayed at his old school, Dulwich College.

Tony and Valerie took great pride in their granddaughter Pandora, from her school and university achievements to her equestrian progression from Pony Club to Eventing and latterly race riding.

The couple both loved Chipperfield Common and walking their dogs in the woods. Tony continued to enjoy his daily walks for as long as he was able. Valerie had experienced orthopaedic problems since her forties and eventually her mobility declined. She spent 18 months in hospital and a care home, which was a worrying time for Tony, who had barely been apart from Valerie in over 60 years. However, Valerie was able to return home for her last 9 months, where they spent their last summer back together and Valerie was again able to enjoy her garden.



Tony's health declined rapidly in the second half of 2025 and he died at the beginning of January, with Valerie joining him 11 days later. Tony and Valerie had been

married for 65 years and lived in Chipperfield for most of them. They had a long and happy marriage and lived in a place to which they contributed enormously and which gave them great pleasure in return. It is fitting that they are now buried together in the village that they loved, just as they had wished.

A career in garden design-and-build

James Scott marks 35 years in business

This year marks a remarkable milestone for James Scott, Managing Director of The Garden Company, based at Chipperfield Garden Centre, who is celebrating 35 years of running his own business.

James began working in forestry at 16 and then 'drifted into' garden design after discovering a college course that sparked his interest. That decision proved pivotal, setting him on a career path that would lead to setting up his own company at just 23. Armed with some leaflets, he began knocking on doors - some of those early clients are still with him today.

His company has grown from these modest beginnings and won many national awards along the way. Today, the business has a thriving team of around 20 people, delivering projects from garden transformations to public realm and commercial work, including Temple Gardens in London and the National Trust's Cliveden estate: **The Long Garden, Cliveden - The Garden Company**

With a strong focus on sustainability, James is dedicated to creating places that celebrate nature - where people love to spend time and that contribute to their wellbeing. Today, he is an Accreditor for the Society of Garden and Landscape Designers and Head Judge for their national awards scheme.

James enjoys being based in the Chipperfield area, employing local people, working with local suppliers and serving many clients nearby. For many in Chipperfield, James's work will already feel familiar - not just in gardens he's helped shape, but in the way his business has quietly supported the local community over the years. For example, this summer, The Garden Company was the headline sponsor for the Flower Festival at Sarratt.

Overall, what matters most to James is seeing his team thrive and hearing clients say, 'My garden makes me happy every day' - a powerful message that sums up a career built on beautiful landscapes and lasting connections.

Helen Scott



Chipperfield Horticultural Society

Our first talk of the year was held on Tuesday, 19 May when our speaker was Dr Twigs Way, a garden historian who gave us an interesting talk on 'Poison in the Borders, Death in the Beds'.

We learnt that many plants have toxins to protect themselves, including narcissus and rhododendron flowers, and she warned our members to be careful buying honey in National Trust properties where their rhododendrons have been in flower, as the bees may have taken toxins back to the beehive! However, she assured us that gardening was a safe and enjoyable hobby, as long as gloves are worn, and warned us not to mix up narcissus bulbs and onions! The talk was followed by refreshments and a chance to catch up with friends old and new.

Our next talk takes place in the **Parish Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 30 June** when our speaker will be **Maria Coote**, who will talk on the subject of pruning - a vital skill for many purposes, including protecting plant health, promoting vigorous blooms and harvests, shaping growth and mitigating safety hazards.

Our **Members Only Summer Garden Party** takes place on **Saturday, 15 August**. More information will be emailed to members.

Looking further ahead, our **Autumn Show** takes place on **Saturday, 19 September**. Flowers, Fruit and vegetables will all be on display as well as the usual handicraft, domestic and junior classes. **Photography classes will be:** The Golden Hour, Close Up Veg, and View Through an Open Gate. We hope there will be some lovely weather in the weeks ahead for all the growers and the photographers too!

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There will be no tickets - just come and listen for as long as it appeals to you and pay whatever suits you when you leave.

Stephen Morrill



Chipperfield Sings in Bath Abbey

Chipperfield Choral Society doesn't sing only in

Chipperfield. We have ventured into the wilds of Amersham, Chorleywood and Hemel Hempstead. At the end of May, we travelled even further afield along the M4 to the beautiful city



'A bee rested in one of our fabric flowers!' Photo by Lyn Hug

of Bath and had the great privilege of giving a lunchtime concert in Bath Abbey - a stunning venue with marvellous but challenging acoustics. The programme (entitled 'Look at the World') was crafted by our Musical Director **Sheila Cornall** and explored all aspects

of the world around us, including *Let All the World* by Vaughn Williams, Eric Whitacre's *The Seal Lullaby*, *Give Us This Day* by Ward Swingle, Madrigals and more. The concert was received

enthusiastically by the visitors to the Abbey, and the choir thoroughly enjoyed their day out too! You too can hear this gorgeous music, with the addition of items such as a medley from 'My Fair Lady', in **St Paul's Church Chipperfield at 7pm on Saturday, 20 June**. Tickets are available online at www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk, via the box office **07869 135320** or from choir members. Sue Gervaise-Jones



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Memories of Chipperfield

The Windmill pub regular **Bill Congdon** (31 December 1922 - 13 August 2007) drinks with his fox Ootsie. Bill was a hunting and shooting man and rescued Ootsie as a cub, although he never domesticated it. The fox would follow him around everywhere, including into the pub to share a pint. The photo was taken in the far corner of The Windmill.

(Information and photo from Bill's granddaughter)



Visitors from Far Away Places

During the May heatwave I have been enjoying my breakfast out on the terrace, watching the bees feasting on nectar from a Viper's Bugloss. I love the blue colour of these native wild plants and tried for years to get them to grow in the garden, but now I have a lot. They don't grow where I tried to put them and prefer to choose their own spot: between paving slabs, on my alpine beds, or in the gravel by the pond. The plants are quite big, the flower spikes growing chest high, so they look a bit out of place with the alpenes, but I love them!



Another wildflower that I love (and let have its way in the garden) is the Ox Eye Daisy. It started out in my wildflower meadows but now it is everywhere. It was on one of these flowers that I spotted my first Painted Lady butterfly of the season. Painted Lady has the longest migration of any butterfly; it winters in North Africa, the Middle East and Asia, then in early spring starts to fly north. The butterflies stop along the way, lay eggs, become caterpillars, pupate and then the next generation will fly north again and so on. Those that arrive here may be 5 or 6 generations on from the ones that originally set off! They may produce a couple of generations here before taking on the long journey back to where they started. The butterflies will make

that trip in one go, flying at an altitude of over 500 meters, often reaching 30 miles an hour in good conditions.

They use southerly winds to help them across the Channel, and I think this will be a good year for them. I must have seen 7 or 8 Painted Lady butterflies in the garden already. One of their caterpillars' food plants is the Viper's Bugloss, so they should be happy here - another good reason not to weed them out of the paving stones! *Wendy Bathurst*

SANG and Friends of Chipperfield Common

Over the last month we have completed a few key tasks on the Common:

- Tree safety works – thank you for your consideration whilst these took place.
- A visit with Herts Amphibian and Reptile Group to plan surveys for Grass Snakes, Lizards, Slow Worms, Frogs, Newts, etc. on the Common.

During our visit we saw at least six Smooth Newts bobbing up and down, and also spotted what could be Great-Crested Newt eggs on Apostle's Pond. Further testing next spring will confirm if they have made a successful return!

We also have some important works progressing over the next few months:

- Design of a 'Welcome Area' at the far end of the cricket ground car park, to include picnic tables and the planting of specimen trees – further ideas welcome!
- Finalising the contract for the surfaced path upgrade and installation – due to commence August/September.
- Pond maintenance works on Apostles Pond – removal of invading plants in the open water.

The Friends of Chipperfield Common continue to run practical conservation sessions each month, alternating between **Thursdays** and **Saturdays**. Volunteers meet at the cricket ground car park at 9am. Tools, gloves, hi-vis clothing, plus tea, coffee and biscuits are all provided. Anyone interested in joining this welcoming group can simply come along or contact me, Steven, for more details.

Our final session for this season was on Thursday, 18 June and was the last before the new rota begins in **September**.

The Chipperfield Common Working Group meets every two months to discuss plans for the Common. For more information, please contact Steven Werrell at steven.werrell@dacorum.gov.uk or get in touch with Chipperfield Parish Council.

Steven Werrell, SANG Officer



Possible Great-Crested Newt egg (white dot) from Apostles Pond.

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