

Choral Society takes a musical 'Look at the world'

Our summer concert, designed by our Musical Director Sheila Cornall, encouraged us to think about the wonders and beauty of the earth in which we live and to explore the way in which musicians have responded to the natural world.

The evening was an eclectic tour that began with the rousing 'Let all the World in Every Corner Sing' by Vaughan Williams and concluded with a lively rendition of excerpts from My Fair Lady, featuring our Chairman Tom Hyatt as Professor Higgins. The programme included madrigals, the beautiful 'Sure on This Shining



Night' by Morten Laurensen and the very appropriate 'What a Wonderful World', with its message of peace and hope amidst the current turbulence.

We were delighted to welcome Isabel Hulbert, our captivating soprano soloist, who sang four

operatic arias so lyrically. A special and unusual treat was Jack Izard playing the marimba, an instrument many of us had neither seen or heard before - it was mesmerising. Rosemary Venner accompanied everyone with her usual panache and virtuoso display of musical flexibility.

The next concert will be our Christmas performances on Saturday, 5 December at 3pm and 7pm. Tickets will be available nearer the time from all the usual sources. Please check with the website for the tickets on sale date.

John Morrish

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Celebrating Another Incredible Year at Our School

With another academic year completed successfully, we reflect on what has been a truly memorable twelve months. Our school community has once again demonstrated what can be achieved when children, families, staff,



governors and volunteers work together with a shared commitment to providing the very best opportunities for every child.

The year has been filled with exciting enrichment experiences that have brought learning to life beyond the classroom. Our children enjoyed a fantastic trip to the theatre to watch Hercules, where they were captivated by the outstanding performances and inspired by the magic of live theatre. Visits such as

these help to nurture creativity, imagination and a lifelong appreciation of the arts.

Developing children's understanding of how to stay safe has been a priority this year. Our visit to Hazard Alley gave pupils valuable opportunities to explore a range of real-life scenarios, helping them to develop their knowledge of personal safety and make informed choices in everyday situations.

The Year 6 residential visit to PGL in May was one of the year's highlights. The children challenged themselves through adventurous outdoor activities, built confidence, demonstrated resilience and strengthened friendships that will stay with them as they prepare for the exciting transition to secondary school.

Our whole school trip to Phasels Wood was another unforgettable experience. Every child embraced the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, work together and create lasting memories. Years 4 and Year 5 spent the night under canvas, developing independence, teamwork and a love of adventure in a beautiful natural setting.

One of our most exciting curriculum developments this year has been the introduction of Forest School. Under the expert guidance of Mrs Hodgson, this has quickly become a much-loved part of school life. The Year 3 children have flourished through regular outdoor learning experiences, developing confidence, resilience, curiosity and teamwork whilst enjoying hands-on opportunities to learn in nature. Mrs Hodgson's passion and dedication have made Forest School an outstanding success, and we are excited to expand this provision in the future.

Our Gardening Club has gone from strength to strength. The enthusiasm and commitment shown by our young gardeners has been remarkable. It

has been wonderful to see their hard work recognised through the awards they have received this year, having created beautiful spaces around the school whilst learning valuable skills about sustainability, teamwork and care for the environment.

This year has been nothing short of extraordinary, with the PTA raising an astonishing £30,000 towards our brand-new playground equipment, which will be installed during the summer holidays. The PTA's tireless commitment, creativity and generosity have made a lasting difference to our school, and we are so grateful to every volunteer, family and supporter who has contributed.

One of the standout fundraising events was our Colour Run, which was a fantastic day filled with laughter, excitement and an explosion of colour as children, parents and staff came together to enjoy this wonderful community event. The smiles on everyone's faces said it all. The event not only raised valuable funds but also created long-lasting memories.

Behind every achievement this year is the dedication of our exceptional staff team. Every single day our teachers and support staff work tirelessly to provide engaging lessons, nurture every child and ensure that school is a place where children feel happy, safe and inspired to learn. Their commitment, care and enthusiasm are at the heart of everything we do, and we are immensely proud of the difference they make to the lives of our pupils.

We are also incredibly fortunate to have such a committed and forward-thinking Governing Board. Their strategic leadership continues to play a vital role in shaping the future of our school. This year governors have maintained a relentless focus on securing the installation of new solar panels, an exciting development that reflects our commitment to environmental sustainability while helping to reduce energy costs and protect our world for future generations.

As we look ahead to the 2026–2027 academic year, we are excited to continue building on this year's successes. A key focus will be preparing for our forthcoming SIAMS* inspection, providing an opportunity to celebrate the distinctive Christian vision that underpins all that we do. We look forward to reflecting on how our vision shapes every aspect of school life, enabling us to nurture children who are not only successful learners but also compassionate, courageous and loving individuals who are well prepared to make a positive difference in the world.

Luke Varney, Headteacher.

** Explained on page 12*



Morris Men at The Windmill

They came, they danced, they drank beer. The Morris Men came to The Windmill on Saturday, 11 July as the finale of their tour of the local area. This year the regular Greensleeves Side from Wimbledon (who have been coming to Chipperfield since 1961) were joined by their friends the Dolphin side from Nottingham. There were two sessions in the late afternoon at The Windy on a very hot day. How did they manage it? I was told that they also walked from The Brewers to the Cricketers in Sarratt, then on to the Cock, followed by the Plough and finally back to The Windmill! I hope that next year we might have the morning church service in the car park again... *Mike Joseph*



Chipperfield Preschool

A heartfelt thank you from Chipperfield Preschool to Sarratt Ducklings.

We were saddened to hear that Sarratt Ducklings would be closing at the end of the summer term after supporting families in Sarratt and the surrounding villages for 40 years.

Although this has been an extremely difficult time for Ducklings' Manager **Debra Ingram** and her daughter and Lead Practitioner **Emily Brand**, they have generously offered us a choice of their furniture and resources. We are



truly grateful for their kindness and can assure them that these items will be well used and enjoyed by local children for many years to come.

St Paul's School Fair

Once again Chipperfield Preschool ran a stall at this year's St Paul's School Summer Fair. We are grateful to Leila Doherty and the Friends of St Paul's committee for waiving the stall fee and to all the families who came along to support us. With the sun mostly shining and a lively atmosphere, our games -

including Hook a Duck, Beanbag Throwing and Name the Bear - proved very popular.

In total, we raised **£108.00**, which will go towards replacing the soft surface in our playground. It is now quite worn and in need of an upgrade.

For more

information about Chipperfield Preschool or our Wraparound Care, please call us on **01923 262830**, email chipperfieldpreschool@gmail.com, or visit us at The Small Hall on The Common in Chipperfield. We would love to meet you.

Juliette Cresswell, Manager, Chipperfield Preschool

Inspire

7th September meeting
Parish Room 1.30-3pm

Have time away from your busy lives and join us for activities, conversations and talks over tea, coffee and cake.

In September, Wendy Bathurst will be talking to us about the Wildlife in our Gardens.

Do come and join us.

For more info contact Fay on fay.dent@live.co.uk

BINGO

THURSDAYS at BLACKWELL'S

Eyes down at 8.30pm.

Have a chat, a drink and something to eat with friends

Chipperfield Care Summer Tea Party

On 16 July, the Chipperfield Care team were delighted to welcome clients to their annual Summer Tea Party. It was a wonderful afternoon, bringing everyone together to enjoy great company, delicious food, and plenty of conversation and laughter.

It was especially lovely to catch up with so many familiar faces whilst also welcoming new clients to the event. Seeing everyone relaxing, chatting, and enjoying themselves made the afternoon truly special and reminded us how important these opportunities are for bringing our community together.

A heartfelt thank you goes to **Nahida Barr**, who led the team and organised such a fantastic spread. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the delicious selection of baked treats and refreshments which helped make the afternoon such a success.

The hot July weather certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirit. Thanks to the Parish Room's many fans, the venue remained pleasantly cool and comfortable, allowing everyone to sit back, relax, and make the most of a wonderful summer celebration.

Chipperfield Care is a dedicated team of local volunteers who provide transport for residents who are unable to make their own way to essential appointments, including hospitals, GP surgeries, dental appointments, medical clinics and the fortnightly Sainsbury's shopping trip. If you, or someone you know, is finding it difficult to get to these appointments and cannot use public transport or rely on family or friends, please contact the **Chipperfield Care Help Line** on **01923 264700** on weekdays between 9.30am and 12.30pm. The team will always do its very best to help.

Emily Renier, Volunteer



Community Urged to Support Summer Care for Hospice Patients

The Hospice of St Francis is asking the public to support their **Summer of Care Appeal** as they deliver relief and comfort to patients with **life-limiting illnesses during the warmer months**. The Hospice's care services, which support over 2,000 patients and their families every year, face unique challenges during the summer. Hot weather can exacerbate symptoms and create additional physical, emotional and practical challenges for patients.

While the Hospice's services are available year-round, summer is the time of year when donations to their free care often drop. That's why they're now appealing to the public to support their services through the Summer of Care Appeal.

Community Team Lead and Nurse, **Hannah Smith**, shared some of the challenges hospice patients may face: "The hot weather can make changes happen quite rapidly with a patient's condition. Any change in the atmosphere can alter someone's breathing status. We look out for dehydration which could lead to deterioration, and we always adapt to what they need."



Donations to the Summer of Care Appeal will help ensure local patients and families continue to receive expert care, practical support and relief throughout the summer months. A donation of £40 could fund around six hours of medication on the Hospice's Inpatient Unit, providing immediate symptom relief and peace of mind.

You can donate and find out more here: stfrancis.org.uk/appeal



It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: **St Paul's Parish Room**
Date: **26th September 2026**
Time: **10.00am to 12.30pm**
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Parish Council Update - September 2026

Dear Villagers

I hope you are all enjoying the summer and that the unusual heat is not proving too much to bear. It has certainly challenged outdoor activities, but fortunately we have our lovely shady Common for early and late walks. Speaking of which, "Ann Droid" is now on TV and BBC iPlayer. Some scenes were filmed on the Common last year; episode 5 features some of these, including Apostles Pond.



Underlining how important filming is to the local economy, there has been more activity in the village recently, linked to a major film release in 2028. While this has been on private property, it has at times impacted on village parking, traffic and local noise levels. However, the film company has been professional in their approach and responded well to feedback. In recognition of the cooperation shown by the village, they have offered a voluntary goodwill payment to the Parish Council.

At Council, we face potential turnover as a much-valued member plans their departure. Given this, if anyone is interested in joining us, do contact me or Usha. The Council continues to meet on a regular basis. Meetings are open to the public and dates and agendas are available online on the Council web site and on village notice boards. If you have matters to raise, do contact Usha or join us at one of our meetings.

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 as of 1 September:

Applications

26/01653	Mariette, Chapel Croft, -Outbuilding in Garden
26/16367	Tuffs Farm, Tower Hill - Permission in principle for up to 9 dwellings
26/01628	Tuffs Farm. Tower Hill - Non-material amendment to planning permission 25/01704
26/01550	The Shires, Chapel Croft - Single storey rear extension
26/01915	Martlets, The Common - Garden outbuilding
25/01916	Magnolia Cottage, The Common - Garden outbuilding
25/01548	Badgerdell House, Tower Hill, Chipperfield - Alterations and modification to the annex structure

Decisions

26/01176/LDP	The Firs, Megg Lane - Construction of single storey outbuilding - Granted
26/01181	Ackwell Simmonds Yard, Chapel Croft -Variation of Condition 5 to Planning permission 26/01181 - Granted
26/01126/FHA	Brambles, The Common - Demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement garage - Granted
26/00466/DRC & 580/DRC	Tuffs Farm, Tower Hill - Discharge of conditions to planning permission 25/01704/FUL - Granted
26/03011/DRC	The Woodlands, Wayside - Discharge of condition 10 to planning permission 25/02482/ROC - Granted



Chipperfield Village Hall AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Chipperfield Village Hall

will take place in the Village Hall at **7pm** on **Tuesday, 29 September**. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to receive an agenda when it is ready, please drop me a line and let me know at

andrea.j.thornton@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there!

Andrea Thornton, Secretary, Village Hall Committee

Chipperfield Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club



We are all looking forward so much to the start of our next season of indoor bowling on Friday, 2 October at 2pm in the Village Hall, when we will see friends and talk about our holidays (and the weather!), and especially to that first roll up on the mat.

Why not come and join up? Everyone is welcome. Playing bowls is easy. There's good company and companionship if you're on your own. After that first Friday session, play will continue every Friday afternoon at 2pm and every Tuesday evening at 7pm. Come and see for yourself and I promise you won't look back!

Contact: John Theobald on 07761 256462



Chipperfield Corinthians Youth FC - Welcome Back!

We hope all of our players and families have enjoyed a wonderful summer. Our players have been enjoying a well-earned break from both school and the football pitch and, as the new season fast approaches, excitement is building across the club.

We're delighted to welcome all new and returning players, parents, coaches and volunteers to CCYFC, including several new teams joining us for the 2026/27 season. We can't wait to see everyone back enjoying football, making new friends and having fun.

Our clubhouse is currently undergoing some much-needed renovation work, and we're looking forward to celebrating its official reopening on Saturday, 5 September. Further details about our Grand Opening celebrations will be announced soon, so keep an eye on our social media channels for updates.

If you are a young player interested in joining Chipperfield Corinthians Youth FC, or if you would like to get involved as a volunteer, coach, manager or supporter, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact chipperfieldfc@gmail.com.

Enjoy the remainder of a glorious summer!

Jennifer Hibberd, CCYFC Secretary

CHIPPERFIELD CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES

EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Adult Dance Class with Diana	Monday	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, 15 September	10.30am to 12.30pm	Village Hall
Chipperfield Choral Society	Thursday	7.30pm to 9.30pm	Village Hall
Chipperfield Horticultural Society Autumn Show	Saturday, 19 September	2.30pm to 5.00pm	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+)	Monday	4.30pm to 5.15pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Grade 3/4 Ballet (9yrs+)	Monday	5.15pm to 6.00pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Senior Tap Dance (13yrs+)	Monday	6.00pm to 6.45pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Senior Acro Dance (11yrs+)	Monday	6.45pm to 7.45pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Junior Commercial Jazz (7yrs+)	Wednesday	4.30pm to 5.30pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Inter Commercial Jazz (13yrs+)	Wednesday	5.30pm to 6.30pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Primary Tap Dance (6yrs+)	Thursday	4.00pm to 4.30pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Grade 1/2 Ballet (6yrs+)	Thursday	4.30pm to 5.00pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Grade 5 Ballet (10-14yrs+)	Thursday	5.00pm to 6.00pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Grade 6+ Ballet (15yrs+)	Thursday	6.00pm to 7.00pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - PrePreliminary Tap (2.5yrs+)	Saturday	11.30am to 12.00pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - PrePreliminary Ballet (2.5yrs+)	Saturday	12.00pm to 12.30pm	St Paul's School Gym
Collective Dance - Mini/Junior Acro Dance (5yrs+)	Saturday	12.30 to 1.30pm	St Paul's School Gym
Church Choir	Friday	7.45pm	Parish Room
Christian Congregation in the UK	1st and 3rd Friday of the month (from 4 Sept) (excluding 18 Sept)	8.00pm	Village Hall
Drumming	Tuesday monthly	7.00pm	Parish Room
Eurythmy, followed by coffee	Monday	10.15am to 12.15pm	Parish Room
Gentle Yoga	Monday (restarts 14 Sept)	1.30pm to 3.00pm	Village Hall
Inspire (ladies group)	Monday, 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 (restarts 9 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 - The World of Fungi by John Tyler	Tuesday, 8 September	7.45pm to 9.45pm	Parish Room
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	10.45am to 11.45am	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

Rectors Ramblings

Seasons, Constants, and the Global Rhythm of Prayer

As September arrives, there is a distinct shift in the air. For many of us, September feels much more like a true "new year" than January ever does. It's a season of fresh starts: the crisp morning air hinting at autumn, children and young people heading back to school or university and our routines shifting to reflect the new seasons in our lives. At this time of the year life gets busy very quickly.

Change is a natural part of God's design. Just as the seasons transition reliably from summer to autumn, our lives move through distinct chapters. But in the middle of rapidly filling diaries, new classrooms, and changing environments, it is wonderful to remember the things that remain constant.

One of those unchanging constants is prayer.

People have turned to God in prayer since the very beginning of time. It is our direct line to the Creator of the universe—a constant, reliable anchor when everything else around us is shifting.

This September, we aren't just praying in our own quiet corners; we are joining a massive, beautiful global movement. Christians from all over the world are uniting with 24-7 Prayer for the Global Week of Prayer, placing Jesus firmly at the centre of our lives and communities.

Over the history of the 24-7 Prayer movement, more than 25,000 prayer rooms have been hosted across over half the nations on earth, with thousands of communities continuously lifting up prayer night and day. It was indeed in one of these prayer rooms in a small Leicestershire village that my life (along with that of many others) was changed for good. As we join together with other Christians both near and far, we are reminded in a wonderfully powerful way that we are part of a global family, keeping the fire

of prayer burning across every time zone.

Here at St Paul's, we are thrilled to be taking part by running our own dedicated week of prayer, linking arms with believers worldwide.

Our prayer room will be a specially prepared, welcoming space, designed to help you step away from the noise and demands of daily life. Whether you prefer quiet reflection, journaling, creative expression through art & music, or simply sitting in stillness, there will be a variety of interactive and engaging ways to pray and reconnect with God.

If we are honest, an hour can feel like a long time in our busy week, and an hour for ourselves can fall to the bottom of the to-do lists we keep, but the feedback I hear time and time again is how that hour felt like 10 minutes and what an incredible gift it had been. So, as we move into our new seasons in life, why not make a season of prayer one of your blessings too, carve out just sixty minutes to step away from your inbox, your studies, or your housework, put down your screens and spend some intentional time with the Creator of the universe?

As we step into this new season together, let's make prayer our first response, not our last resort. We look forward to seeing what God will do in us - and through us - this September.

Blessings, Revd Sarah

If you would like to hear more about our week of prayer why not join us at Café Church, St Paul's Parish room on Sunday 30th August or give me a call.

Our Week of Prayer begins Sunday 6th September and runs through to the 13th September. To book a slot during this time please call on 07525491496 or pop into the parish room to view the sign up sheet.

Blessings, Revd Sarah

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

The hot, dry school summer holidays have finally come to a close and the young ones have returned to school for the Autumn term, which runs until mid-December, leading up to the Christmas holiday! Why is the year going so fast? Apparently, feeling that the year is passing quickly is common for people of my age! That's me told! When someone of my age is trying to think of an article to write for say September, they often look at the Sunday readings. The readings for 6th September are for what is termed 'The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A'. The readings remind us that conversations and shared love are the best methods to encourage reconciliation. Conflicts are inevitable in our families, relationships and communities. The question is how do we settle them amicably?

In the first reading, Ezekiel is told to be a watchman. His responsibility is to speak up when others go astray. We ought to behave likewise. We are asked to speak out bravely, even when we know it's going to be hard. It takes love to warn, support and advise someone in the wrong. In the gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus teaches us how to deal with someone who has done wrong. The reading begins - "Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or more others along with you.'" If we see all sorts of distressing conduct among people we know, we should try to correct one another in love and with respect. So basically, if we feel someone has wronged us, or perhaps

a friend is making bad choices we shouldn't brood on it - that can harm our minds. Nor should we ignore it in the hope it just goes away. Rather we should seek a personal, face to face meeting where things can be ironed out. It's not easy. Letters aren't the best forms of communication as they are open to misinterpretation - we often speak more expressively with our eyes and our body language, don't we? The meeting should be held calmly and with love. This isn't about judging people - it's about caring for them. If the private meeting fails to work, then take another person with you, not to gang up or to prove a point, but to help effect a reconciliation. In a new atmosphere, often a third party quietly can defuse the disagreement and help heal any wounds or differences.

Relationships aren't always smooth sailing, are they? I know of two sisters who didn't speak for years, but at last they spoke with one another and made it up. (Their Mum is overjoyed!) I am reminded whilst writing this of the song "Sorry Seems to Be the Hardest Word" by Elton John. It is a sad song about a broken love affair and a person who wants to resolve things but just can't find the right words. Perhaps he needed a third party to help him.

What I have taken from these readings is never to give up on a reconciliation after a big quarrel or clash, because love, time, and honest talking can really heal old wounds.

Sue Croucher

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9.30am	Morning Worship for Holy Cross Day	Holy Cross
10.30am	Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's
Sunday 20	3rd Sunday of the month	16th Sunday after Trinity
9.30am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	St Paul's
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10.30am	All Together Informal Worship	St Paul's
6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayer)	Holy Cross
Sunday 27	4th Sunday of the month	17th Sunday after Trinity
9.30am	Morning Worship	Holy Cross
10.30am	Chipperfield Harvest Festival Eucharist	St Paul's

OCTOBER 2026 (first part of month)

Sunday 4	1st Sunday of the month	18th Sunday after Trinity
10.30am	Benefice Eucharist	Holy Cross
3.30pm	Forest Church	St Paul's
Sunday 11	2nd Sunday of the month	19th Sunday after Trinity
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Paul's
10.30am	Sarratt Harvest Festival Eucharist	Holy Cross

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Pints of View, 21 September

The first of this autumn's Pints Of View informal get-togethers will
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8pm. Other POV autumn dates for the 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 is welcome to attend. *John Guy*



Chipperfield Horticultural Society

Thank you to all who helped make our Summer Show on Saturday, 20 June a great success. All who visited were treated to displays of beautiful roses, together with wonderful exhibits of flowers, ferns and grasses. The floral art classes were exceptional, with arrangements of such a high standard that some could easily have been mistaken for professional work.

We were also delighted by the variety and quality of the handicraft entries. These included a beautiful knitted blanket, a charming fox and hedgehog in a basket, a delightful bee cushion, a child's T-shirt and a knitted vase of flowers. The vegetable classes were well supported and the artwork on display demonstrated just how talented our village is.

Congratulations to all our cup winners:

- **Cottagers Challenge Cup and The Pettit Cup - Andrea Dunsby**
- **Baldwin Cup - Bethan Rees-Whybrow**
- **T.J Denny Trophy - John Hopkins**

Of course, no Summer Show would be complete without refreshments. Our thanks go to the committee members and volunteers who provided and served the delicious homemade cream teas, along with tea, coffee and a lovely refreshing cold drink on a very warm day.

It was particularly pleasing to welcome visitors who wandered in from the Common to enjoy the displays and learn a little more about our society. We received many positive comments about the quality of the exhibits and the friendly atmosphere.

Thank you once again to everyone who exhibited, volunteered, baked, helped set up and clear away, donated raffle prizes and came along to support the event. Your enthusiasm and involvement are what make our horticultural shows such a special part of village life.

The Summer Show was quickly followed by our latest talk on 30 June, when Maria Coote delivered an excellent and interesting talk on the subject of pruning: a vital skill for many purposes in the garden. Thank you to Maria who is always willing to give her time and share her expertise with us all.

Looking ahead, our final Show of the year is the **Autumn Show 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 are THE GOLDEN HOUR, CLOSE UP VEG, and VIEW THROUGH AN OPEN GATE. We hope that the hot dry summer has not been too challenging for our growers and has provided inspiration for the photographers!

Our final event of the year is a talk by **Rebecca Fincham**, Director of Programmes, on **Tuesday, 13 October** on **The Serge Hill Project for Gardening, Creativity and Health**. Based in an old orchard in Bedmond, Hertfordshire, this is a not-for-profit initiative based on the understanding that working with nature can radically

transform people's lives. Whether you have already visited the project or are yet to do so this will be a unique insight to this wonderful initiative.

Members should be receiving emails updating them of our plans. If not, then please contact us at chipperfieldhortsoc@hotmail.com. *Mo Barton/Gail Compton*



SANG and Friends of Chipperfield Common

This Autumn we are due to undertake one of the biggest tasks on Chipperfield Common. We will be resurfacing the existing Easy Access Route and constructing additional surfaced paths to the Spanish Chestnut and linking to Blackwells Café and the Queen Street car park. The aim is to improve year-round access and expand areas for those less mobile.

Works are expected to begin in mid-September and will last for approximately 4-6 weeks. During this time large machinery will be on site and paths will be temporarily closed in sections. We greatly appreciate your understanding whilst we make these

improvements.

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, and tools, gloves, high-vis clothing, plus tea, coffee and biscuits are all provided. Our first session of the new schedule will be on Thursday, 17 September.

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

Steven Werrell, SANG Officer



Rennie Hospice Events in September

Chilterns 3 Peaks Challenge

Date: 20 September 2026

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Sustainable September

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DENS Appeal

Local charity urges community to fund ordinary items that will create an extraordinary impact

Hertfordshire-based homelessness charity, DENS, has launched the More Than Appeal to enable their life-changing services to move into new headquarters. Construction work is well underway for the new DENS Centre, developed in partnership with Dacorum Borough Council.



The charity is relying on the generosity of its community to fund items like mugs, laptops and chairs, which may seem very ordinary at first glance. However, these items will help to create valuable opportunities that empower local people to take their next positive steps.

Wendy Lewington, DENS CEO, said: "We want everyone who walks through our doors to feel a sense of worth and belonging. Our services include therapy, financial literacy courses, tenancy sustainment support, employability skills training and our Foodbank, but we can't provide this without the support of our community."



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Puffing Park Official Re-Opening

The Puffing Park Track, affectionately known by locals as "the Puffing Field", was built by the Watford & District Model Engineering Society on private land and was officially opened on 3 July 1949. After the Watford club's closure in 2001, the site was acquired and renovated by members of the St Alban's Model Engineering Society, and facilities were improved further in 2016.

The track is a loop, approximately 820' long and there is a small station, tunnel and gentle incline along the back straight.

Owing to the track being private property it's exact location is not publicised other than that it is in Chipperfield.

Members occasionally host events and open days for the community, such as during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022.

The site was officially re-opened on Sunday, 17 May 2026 following work to install anti-tip rails. Locomotive Eva May broke the ribbon, just as she had done back in 1949 at the original opening - still going strong!

Mike Joseph



Formal opening 1949



Re-opening May 2026



The Daria Kulesh Trio - a local treat!

Thank you to SoozEvents for another live music evening in our village Parish Room!

I admit that I didn't know what to expect when I bought a ticket to see The Daria Kulesh Trio on 26 June. I had not heard of Daria, even though she's local, but I thoroughly enjoyed the evening; we all did. Daria sang beautifully and told stories of her relatives' plight which inspired her songs. Marina and Katrina were superb on the piano and violin. There was also a bar, so we could sit and listen to the music with a drink or two! A relaxed atmosphere in a lovely setting. Well done to Sue and her team for all the hard work in putting this show together.

The next event is on **10 October** - a special performance of new songs by another local musician, **Craig Joiner**. Tickets can be purchased from

www.ticketsource.com/soozevents. (See the front page advert). Buying tickets in advance helps with planning and they are cheaper and available until 26 September.

Sue started the SoozEvents project to bring professional musicians to our Parish Room for the local community to enjoy quality music without the hassle of going to town venues. It's a retirement hobby and relies on ticket sales to cover the costs. If Sue can make a profit, it will be spent on equipment to make future shows even better. Sue Walker



Summer's Winners and Losers

As I write these notes, we are in the grip of a drought. With luck, by the time you read them it will have rained! Everywhere is brown and crisp, trees are shedding their leaves in a desperate attempt to save water and there's still no sign of rain. I sent my lambs in 3 weeks earlier than usual, and now I am cutting ivy and hazel stems for the 2 ewes. They have hay, but they don't want to eat it, so they shout at me for more greenery - the garden is rather noisy at the moment!

The only winners seem to be the butterflies and moths; Marbled Whites were on the nap weed in late June, then a pair of lovely Silver-washed Fritillaries were flitting about the garden in early July, and now there are Red Admirals on the buddleias along with dozens of Meadow Browns.

Moths have been coming in through the open windows in the late evenings, but I have also seen more daytime moths, too. A Hummingbird Hawk moth was taking nectar from the flowers round the terrace, brightening up my breakfast, but the star sighting is the Jersey Tiger, a striking black and white moth when resting but, as it flies away, you get a flash of its red under wing. My book says it's only found on the south coast but, with temperatures rising, it's able to expand its range. I keep seeing a bright orange

moth, but it's too quick for me. Although there are quite a few orange ones in my book, it's definitely one I haven't seen before.

This morning I saw 2 roe deer stags having a fight. They are the first deer to rut, and there will be a few battles to get the best territories and the most does! Perhaps that's the first sign of Autumn, I hope it's a wet one! *Wendy Bathurst*



HEMEL HEMPSTEAD LOCAL GROUP

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 8 September** and will be held in **St Paul's Parish Room, Chipperfield**. **John Tyler**, who has worked in nature conservation for over 25 years, returns to give us a talk entitled: **'The World of Fungi'**. As well as being colourful, beautiful and in some cases edible, fungi are the ultimate recyclers. Without them, most of the world's habitats would soon collapse. John's talk will explore the diversity of the fungal kingdom, look at the often bizarre lives of fungi and describe some that can be found locally.

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, 10 September** to **Farmoor Reservoir** and **RSPB Otmoor**, both near Oxford. Farmoor Reservoir is a large man-made water storage site and is a premier spot for wildfowl, gulls, and rare migratory birds. It is also close to a number of nearby wetland habitats including Pinkmill, Shrike and Buckthorn meadows.

RSPB Otmoor provides a habitat for Lapwings, Redshanks, Snipe, and Curlew. A visitor trail around the large grazing marsh is home to wading birds and wildfowl all year round. The facilities are limited to two viewing screens and a lookout tower.

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

So, please come along and/or visit our website at <https://group.rspb.org.uk/hemel Hempstead/> or 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*



*Scarlet Hood Fungi
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