



Remembrance Sunday - 8 November 2026

We will start our Remembrance Service with the procession leaving from St. Paul's Church at 10.40, arriving at the War Memorial on the Common at 10.45. Organisations that flourish in our village will then lay wreaths, and this includes children from St. Paul's School, Brownies, and from our Pre-School. We will sound the Last Post, and the traditional two minute silence will follow before the Reveille, a prayer, and then the church choir will lead us all in a hymn. As is customary, we will have a road closure of the crossroads with The Street, Kings Lane and the road to Bucks Hill during 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. 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 selection of young people have kindly agreed to carry out some of the key parts of this special church service, along with members of the church and serving RAF personnel.

Please come and help us to make this a day to remember. Wear the poppy with pride, take a moment to think of those who came before us as well as those who currently serve, and we hope that the weather will be kind to us on the day.

Marcus Rees-Whybrow



Chipperfield Choral Society
Patrons: Emma Bell, Delia Meehan
Musical Director: Sheila Cornall

Chipperfield Sings Christmas

Saturday 5th December 2026
3pm and 7pm
St Paul's Church,
Chipperfield WD4 9BQ

Conductor Sheila Cornall	Soprano Alice Martin
Piano Rosemary Venner	Organ Jonathan Lee

TICKETS: £20 (under 17: £5)
Online: www.trybooking.com/uk/GZJN or QR code
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Reg. Charity No.: 288170 www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk



Poppy Appeal Collection 2026

The poppy collectors will be out again in the village centre on **Saturday, 31 October from 9am - 3pm**. If you were not able to see them on the previous **Saturday, 24 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 mobile phone with you. We do still enjoy counting cash, of course! Sue Walker

On Wednesday, 16 September twenty four poppy collectors sat outside The Two Brewers in brilliant sunshine for a glass of wine and to say "hi" to friends, many of whom they had not seen since the poppy collection last year. It was a very jolly afternoon!



Photo by Mike Brankin



Making a Splash at St Paul's school!

A temporary swimming pool is in residence on our playground for October and part of November, giving our pupils the chance to learn an essential life skill without the need to take time out from learning to travel to a local leisure centre.

Swimming is not only a fun and enjoyable activity, but it can also help children stay safe in and around water. Having a pool on site allows our pupils to develop their swimming abilities, build confidence and learn valuable water safety skills in a familiar and supportive environment.

The temporary pool enables us to make swimming more accessible to all pupils, providing lessons for children of different ages and abilities, from complete beginners taking their first steps in the water to more confident swimmers looking to improve their technique.

This is an incredible opportunity that enables our pupils to make a positive splash and celebrate their swimming achievements! We hope the experience inspires them to enjoy swimming, stay active and develop skills that will last a lifetime. *Luke Varney, Headteacher*



Chipperfield Village Hall AGM 2026

The Village Hall Committee welcomed a number of friends of the Hall to the AGM on Tuesday, 29 September.

Chair Paul Elkin gave an overview of the year to March 2026. The most important objective for the Hall remained a robust income stream, enabling operating expenses to be met and incremental improvements to facilities to continue. Paul expressed his gratitude to the Parish Council for the grant of £1500 to support the latter. He advised attendees that the Committee was organising a number of events in the Hall over the coming year, with the aim of offering the village opportunities to meet and socialise as well as generating income. The Treasurer noted

that, while letting income for 2025/26 was slightly up on the previous year, indications were that it would be down for 2026/27. Despite an unsurprising increase in outgoings (heating, lighting, cleaning and insurance) over the previous year, finances remained healthy overall, due in no small part to careful use and investment of the generous bequest received in 2024. The accounts were formally signed off and a vote of thanks made to the Chair for his work and leadership during the year.

Would you be interested in joining the Committee? We're looking for people who would like to get involved. To find out more, please contact the Secretary on andrea.j.thornton@gmail.com. *Andrea Thornton*



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A very big thank you to everyone for your support for the Macmillan coffee morning we held on Saturday, 26 September: to all who came to the event, baked the wonderful cakes, helped on the day and with setting up the Parish room, donated prizes for the raffle and the tombola or were simply a fantastic help in general.

And another very big thank you to the local businesses who so very kindly and generously contributed to the raffle: **Tower Hill Garage, Osteria, British Garden Centre, The Cricketers in Sarratt, The Boot in Sarratt, The Windmill Pub and The Plough in Belsize.**

The morning was a great success, thanks to all of you, and we raised **£1,504.29** for this wonderful charity that does so much for people who are living with cancer. *Ann Soanes*



50 Years in the Choir!

On Sunday 4th October members of the congregation and choir of the Benefice of St Paul's and Holy Cross gathered in the sunshine to celebrate 50 years of choral service by soprano **Linda Clough**.

Linda was presented with a commemorative medal, a bouquet of flowers, and a cake representing the Holy Cross choir robes. Linda's family joined in this celebration at Holy Cross where her late husband David had been a much-loved organist and choir master - he would have been proud. *Jane Deal*

Warmth, Community, and Wool: The Story of the Knatty Knitters

As you walk by St Paul's parish room on any Wednesday afternoon, you will hear the steady rhythm of clicking needles punctuated by laughter, lively chatter, and the clinking of teacups. This is the heart of the Knatty Knitters, a thriving community craft group where wool, generosity, and good cake come together in equal measure.

What began as a simple gathering to knit and catch up has grown into a wonderful community of generous hearts, supporting communities both near and far. While the tea is always hot and the cake delicious, the true magic of the Knatty Knitters lies in what their hands accomplish together. Over the past three years, this dedicated group has turned balls of wool into thousands of reasons to smile.

Stitching Hope at Home and Abroad

When the call went out to ensure every primary school child across our villages could receive a hand-knitted Easter chick and egg after completing the first Easter trail, the Knatty Knitters was born. Without hesitation ladies rallied, bringing pure delight to young faces throughout our community.

In one of the most breathtaking visual displays our village has seen, the group spent many months creating just under 2,500 hand-crafted poppies. Cascading down from the St Paul's Bell Tower, this stunning tribute stood as a deeply moving symbol of remembrance and unity, built one stitch at a time.

Looking beyond our borders, members regularly knit colourful yarn squares that are stitched into warm blankets for a charity providing shelter to homeless children in South Africa.



A Teddy for Baby Sanad: Chain of Hope's 30th Anniversary

Most recently, the group turned their talents toward their most heart touching project yet, crafting comfort teddies for children who are to receive lifesaving heart surgery through the fantastic charity, Chain of Hope. This international medical charity was founded in 1996 by the legendary Sir Magdi Yacoub, the famous pioneering heart surgeon who established the world's largest heart and lung transplantation programme at Harefield Hospital.

Thousands of children overseas needlessly die from treatable heart conditions simply because specialised care is out of reach. Chain of Hope has a chain of volunteer surgeons and medical teams ready to provide urgent treatment, but they rely on communities like ours to complete the chain that brings hope.

As Chain of Hope marks its landmark 30th anniversary, the local



connection could not feel more real. Our first batch of teddies, carried all the way to Jordan by Millie Cortizo (who recently ran the London Marathon to raise vital funds for this fabulous charity), reached the hands of the beautiful children waiting for surgery. Among those children was 10-month old Sanad from Gaza. Sanad would not have survived his heart condition had Chain of Hope not intervened

alongside humanitarian agencies to secure his birth certificate and passport out of Gaza in time for the surgery.

Today little Sanad is recovering, holding a teddy bear handcrafted right here by the Chipperfield community. For this little boy it was his very first toy. For the ladies of Knatty Knitters hearts overflowed as they received photos and a video message of thanks from a grateful mother on the other side of the world. These wonderful little teddies that our ladies create are so much more than a toy. They are love shared across a great divide; they are a symbol of hope and a sign of generous compassion.

Behind every poppy, blanket and teddy bear is a neighbour who took the time to craft it. But as much as the Knatty Knitters give to others, the group offers just as much to its members - a welcoming haven to learn a new skill, pick up dropped stitches, share local news or simply enjoy friendly company over a warm drink (and cake). Whether you are a master crafter or have never held a crochet hook or knitting needle, there is always a place for you at the table.

Finally, it is really quite remarkable that a single Chain of Hope medical mission, capable of saving the lives of 12 to 15 children,



costs just £5,000. At St Paul's and Holy Cross, we have gifted our harvest collection to this charity. I will also be looking to work with Millie, who also spends her time documenting Chain of Hope's vital work with refugee and disadvantaged children, capturing stories like Sanad's first-hand, to organise a fun, fund-raising evening in the new year. My prayer is that, together with the help of this wonderful community, we can raise enough to fund another life-saving mission. If you would like to help us in planning this event or give to this appeal, do please contact one of us through the church office.

Every Blessing

Rev'd Sarah



Chipperfield Corinthians Football Club

While the first team was achieving the unprecedented quadruple, we knew that their manager and a number of players would no longer be involved in future. Some players retired, others wanted to try playing at a higher level and there were also a couple of bad injuries in the team. Last season's successful reserve team managers, Roy Danks and Jason Ward, were promoted to form the first team's new management team.

The first team has started well in the league and currently sits in 2nd place, one point behind leaders Ware, although long term rivals Cuffley sit two points behind them with two games still in hand. In the cups, the club travelled for two successive weeks to Westmill (a 40 mile drive) only to lose both games on penalty shoot outs.

With the reserve management team taking a step up, a new manager was needed also for the reserves and he is Chak Rogers. Chak is a local lad who grew up on the Croft Estate and has played for Chipperfield for many years. The reserves were promoted to Division One after an excellent year last season. However, as a number of their players have now moved up to the first team, this was always going to be a tough new season for the reserves. In the early fixtures they played against all the top teams. Although they lost all but one of the first six games, they remained competitive and last week secured their second win. In the next three weeks they will play teams near the bottom of the league and hope to gain some much needed points.

With players progressing upwards, a few players from the third team have now joined the reserves. Regrettably this didn't leave enough players to keep the third team running, and the sad decision was made not to run a third team.

Running grass roots football is challenging, both financially with escalating costs and operationally with the many different activities that are needed to keep the club running. If anyone would like to assist in either area please contact me martyn.dicker2@btinternet.com / 07763 114097.

Games are played at Queen Street almost every Saturday, with kick off at 2pm. All support would be very welcome – and you can come and see the newly extended club house!!

Martyn Dicker, President



Chipperfield Tennis Club

The 2026 Ladies Doubles Final was won by **Olivia Fields** and **Camilla Hogan**, beating **Angie Moxey** and **Shirley Broadbridge**.

In the Ladies Plate Final, **Amy Cheshire** and **Sarah Hunt** beat **Lisa Welling** and **Justine Wood**, turning round the same match in the group stage.

Congratulations to all of the ladies who participated in this year's tournament.

The Ladies Hot Rackets team had a really fun season with many close matches. Despite a limited number of players, we did very well to win two out of five matches - enough to stay in the same league. The ladies are now looking forward to participating in the Hertfordshire winter league.

Over thirty members and guests participated in our September Fun Sunday Social. The Singles Ladder, Doubles Box League and Pickle Ball continue throughout the winter, together with a full programme of adult and children's coaching.

Alan Rees, Chair



Chipperfield Corinthians Youth Football Club

The 2026/27 football season is now well under way, with our boys, mixed and girls teams once again proudly representing Chipperfield Corinthians Youth FC across their respective leagues.

As always, none of this would be possible without the incredible commitment of our volunteer managers, coaches and committee members, together with the continued support of our players' families. A huge thank you to everyone who gives their time each week to help our young players enjoy their football.

We are also extremely grateful to the local businesses that support the club through sponsorship. This season, Taylor Wimpey has generously agreed to sponsor our U14 Mixed team for both the 2026/27 and 2027/28 seasons.

There are still plenty of opportunities for local businesses and individuals to support CCYFC, with sponsorship packages starting from just £25. Sponsorship helps us continue to provide football opportunities for children within our community while giving local businesses recognition across the club.

We are also currently looking for a volunteer Sponsorship Officer to help us develop relationships with local businesses and coordinate sponsorship opportunities. If you think this is something you could help with, we would love to hear from you.

Looking ahead to November, CCYFC will once again be proud to support the Chipperfield Remembrance Sunday service, with representatives from both our mixed and girls sections laying a wreath on behalf of the club.

Whether you are interested in playing, volunteering or sponsoring CCYFC, please get in touch: chipperfieldfc@gmail.com.

Chipperfield Corinthians Youth FC

Chipperfield Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club



A friendly mixed group, our short mat indoor bowls club has been a part of Chipperfield for over 40 years.

We play in the **Village Hall on Tuesday evenings from 7pm and on Friday afternoons from 2pm**, enjoying each other's company and some friendly competition.

New members are always welcome.

No experience is needed. Simply drop in during one of our sessions, wearing comfortable clothing and ideally flat or minimum tread footwear. Our experienced bowlers provide coaching and support as needed, and light refreshments are available during the session.

Come and join us - everyone is welcome!

Contact John Theobald on 07761 256462

Churchyard Tidy

From 9am to 1pm on Saturday, 31 October, we will be tidying up St Paul's churchyard ahead of Remembrance Sunday. Bacon rolls, tea and coffee will be served to the workers. All help welcome!



Parish Council Update - November 2026

Dear Villagers

I'm pleased to observe that our two new Speed Indicator Devices are installed and both are working. We all hope that they will play their part in moderating drivers' behaviour through the village. I'm less pleased to share that one of our new village fingerposts has been vandalised. These posts took time and village funds to install. Do let the authorities know if you have any relevant information about this incident.

The most significant activity in the Parish this month has been the path work on the Common as part of the Dacorum Borough Council's Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) initiative. This has created significant public comment as well as feedback to CPC. Do please refer to the latest DBC Frequently Asked Questions, which seek to address the key issues raised, and which are now available on DBC's Chipperfield Common web page.

Pragmatically, CPC would add that this SANG work stems from a legal requirement placed on DBC given its need to build new housing stock across the borough, something which has otherwise impacted Chipperfield little so far. In addition, following consultation by DBC with CPC and villagers, much positive work has also been undertaken via SANG, notably on the ponds and trees on the Common, while much of the Common remains largely unaffected. Over time it is expected that the beneficial management of the Common by DBC will continue, while the new accessible paths will slowly and surely blend in with their surroundings.

Regarding the next six months under SANG, DBC aims to create a picnic area on the unused ground near the cricket car park, with benches and new trees. They will also renew or add litter and dog-waste bins and woodland benches on the Common and install a limited number of signs for the permissive bridleway and for notable trees. Work to improve Apostles Pond and Pill Pond for wildlife and the clearing of regrowth from open glades to help restore rare acidic grassland will also be undertaken.

CPC continues to meet on a regular basis on both planning and general village matters. Meetings are open to the public and dates and agendas are available online on the CPC web site and on village notice boards. If you have any matters to raise, please contact Usha our parish clerk and/or join us at one of our meetings.

Paul Foxall, Parish Council Chair

SANG and Friends of Chipperfield Common

The path upgrades on the Common are now complete. Thank you for your understanding while our contractors worked on site to deliver these improvements. We hope that the resurfaced paths will provide year-round accessible routes for you to enjoy.

We recognise that the works have prompted a range of views and that some residents have raised concerns. To provide further information and respond to common questions, we have published Frequently Asked Questions on Dacorum Borough Council's Chipperfield Common web page.

Over the coming months, our work on the Common will include:

- **Pond and habitat management works around Pill Pond and Apostles Pond**
- **Clearing the invasive understorey of Laurel and Holly in the woods**
- **Creating the 'welcome area' with additional picnic benches and tree planting**
- **Installing several new seated benches and replacing litter bins**
- **Tree safety and woodland management works**

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, high-vis clothing, tea, coffee and biscuits are all provided. Anyone interested in joining this welcoming group can simply come along or contact Steven Werrell for more details. Our next session will be on Thursday, 19 November.

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 Delivery Manager

Planning

The volume of applications made, approved or currently being determined within Chipperfield is showing a slight increase after the summer lull.

Applications

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| Ref 26/02114/VAR | Didsbury Cottage Chapel Croft Chipperfield - Deed of variation to S106 relating to 4/01078/04/FUL |
| Ref 26/01941/MFA | Longfield Langley Road Chipperfield - Demolition of outbuilding and construction of 11 dwellings and modified access to Langley Rd |
| Ref 26/02155/AGD | Frenches Farm, Tower Hill - Creation of an access track |
| Ref 26/01636/PIP | Tuffs Farm, Tower Hill - Permission in principle for up to nine dwellings |
| Ref 26/01010/FUL | Land Northwest of The Paddocks and the Old Stables, Croft Lane - Construction of 1 x 2 bed dwelling and 3 x 4 bed detached dwellings, with associated parking, refuse facilities, and hard and soft landscaping |
| Ref 26/00828/FUL | Chipperfield Tennis Club, The Common - Creation of a new tennis court with associated floodlights and modifications to existing back court floodlights |

Decisions

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| Ref 26/02033/TCA | Old Oak, The Common - Works to tree - Granted |
| Ref 26/01928/TCA | Saddlebow, The Common - Works to tree - Granted |
| Ref 26/01935/TCA | Little Braziers, Tower Hill - Fell and works to tree - Granted |
| Ref 26/01653/LDP | Mariette, Chapel Croft - Outbuilding in garden - Granted |
| Ref 26/01550/FHA | The Shires, Chapel Croft - Single storey extension - Granted |
| Ref 26/01548/FHA | Badgerdell House, Tower Hill - Alterations and modification to the annex structure - Withdrawn |

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, 17 November	10.30am to 12.30pm	Village Hall
Chipperfield Choral Society	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
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
Christian Congregation in the UK	6 & 20 November	6.30pm to 10.30pm	Village Hall
Church Choir	Friday	7.45pm	Parish Room
Drumming	Tuesday monthly	7.00pm	Parish Room
Eurythmy, followed by coffee	Monday	10.15am to 12.15pm	Parish Room
Gentle Yoga	Monday	1.30pm to 3.00pm	Village Hall
Inspire (ladies group)	Tuesday, 10 November	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	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 - US Bird Migration by Bill Coster	Tuesday, 3 November	7.45pm to 9.45pm	Parish Room
Selah Church	Sunday	9.30am to 1.30pm	Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls	Friday	2.00pm to 4.30pm	Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls	Tuesday	7.00pm to 9.30pm	Village Hall
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 (5, 12 & 19 November)	10.30am to 11.30am	Village Hall
Zumba	Friday (6, 13 & 20 November)	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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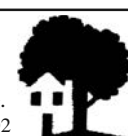
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Praying with Birds

As we enter into November, a time of Remembrance and reflection, it is good to pause and to find that space where you feel close to God and can remember those who have departed. As I sat watching the birds in my garden, I realised that there is so much we can learn from them. I feel close to God in nature, and birds declare to us every day that there is freedom in dependence on God's provision and wisdom.

'...come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.' Mark 6:31

As I look around my garden or on my walks, I am reminded that, by sitting and taking time, we can find that 'quiet place', that place where we can feel close to God and find peace.

There are many birds referenced in various stories in the Bible and for different reasons. When I see white pigeons and collared doves, they remind me of the white doves in the Bible - a symbol of the Holy Spirit, Peace and Reconciliation. They are a prompt to give thanks and pray for peace in our nation and around the world.

We observe smaller birds such as sparrows, finches, bluetits, wrens and many others, as they busy themselves in the hedges, bushes and trees. Sometimes they will make nests or feed their young nearby. They are constantly busy and, as Jesus tells us in Matthew's Gospel, they do not worry about what they will eat or how they look, yet they still provide for their young. I feel joyful when I see a family of young birds fledge, when they discover that new freedom of flight. It encourages me to give thanks for the freedom we have where we live, and for all our blessings.

Research shows that birdsong is one of the most calming sounds for the

human nervous system. It can reduce anxiety, lower blood pressure and ease mental fatigue. I am blessed to have some robins and blackbirds who regularly visit. It is an absolute pleasure to listen to the birds singing and makes me think that they are joyfully singing their thanks and praise to God each day and that I should take time to do the same.

My bird table has become dominated by the corvids, especially jackdaws and magpies, and a rather large and handsome crow. These birds have often been maligned in history because of their appearance, yet their intelligence is unrivalled in the bird world. They remind me that we should not judge people by their appearances or suggested reputations and that we should accept people for themselves.

'The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.' 1 Samuel 16:7

The jackdaws and magpies are generally in groups and apparently a group of magpies can be called a 'mischief', which describes them perfectly. However, they have a definite sense of community amongst them, which reminds me of how important our communities are, and that we should encourage and support each other.

'...encouraging one another and not neglecting to meet together, stirring up love and good works.' Heb.10:24-25

For me, birds always promote a sense of joy and peace, they encourage me to stop and take time, to find that quiet space, to be close to God with nature and to take time to remember and pray. *Yvonne Collette*

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"November's sky is chill and drear; November's leaf is red and sear."

Well, that's a quote from Sir Walter Scott - a reminder that the vibrant colours of the leaves in autumn will soon give way to the arrival of winter. Have I cheered you all up? In the church we tend to think of November as the month of remembrance. We begin the month with All Saints' Day (Nov 1st) and All Souls' Day (Nov 2nd). Much of our life is shaped by the people we meet and those whose lives we read about, isn't it? They can affect us in all sorts of ways. On All Saints' Day we remember the example, witness, and prayer of the holy men and women who have been identified by the Church as Saints. Many were distressingly martyred for their faith. Yet we also celebrate and recognise the goodness and holiness of those men and women who brought God and his love into our lives and our community. On All Souls' Day we remember and particularly treasure the memories of our own loved ones who have passed away, and we offer our prayers for God's mercy and peace upon them and for all the souls of the faithful departed.

Our country observes Remembrance Day (Armistice Day) on November 11th to honour those members of the armed forces who have given their lives in the service of their country. (Remembrance Sunday falls on the Sunday nearest to 11th November). The First World War ended at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. Out of respect many people still observe a two-minute silence at 11.00 am on the 11th November. There is no one left who would have witnessed the horrors of, say, the Somme or Ypres, but the anniversary is used to also remember all the people who have died in all the wars since then, including World War Two and the Falklands war. There are battles still ongoing in parts of our world in 2026. The news we hear every day reminds us all too well of the dreadful harm and pain connected with

war. Laurence Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen' is often recited at memorial services and expresses the emotion - "Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn..." Let us all strive for peace and pray for a fair future for all humankind.

A classic and comforting Catholic prayer for the dead is this: "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." Sue Croucher



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The Garden Company Wins BALI Award for National Trust's Long Garden at Cliveden

The Garden Company Ltd, led by James Scott (FSGLD MBALI), has been honoured with a prestigious Design Excellence Award from the British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI) for its transformative work on the Long Garden at Cliveden, one of the National Trust's most iconic formal gardens.

The award recognises a project that demanded design insight, horticultural expertise and deep sensitivity to heritage. Working closely with the National Trust's gardens team, including Head Gardener Anthony Mason, The Garden Company has re-established the Long Garden as a biodiverse, climate-resilient and fully accessible landscape that honours its historic roots while meeting the needs of modern visitors.

A Redesign Rooted in Heritage and Shaped for the Future

Commissioned in 2024, the Long Garden redesign set out to honour the garden's heritage while addressing the challenges of a changing climate, year-round visitor appeal and improved accessibility. Inspiration was drawn from Norah Lindsay, the influential early 20th-century garden designer whose original planting scheme combined bold structure with soft, romantic planting. Around 20% of the new palette directly references Lindsay's choices, while the remainder introduces resilient, biodiverse selections designed to evolve gracefully through the seasons.

The National Trust's priorities included replacing unsustainable annual bedding with long-term planting, improving accessibility through new Yorkstone paths and automated gates, enhancing wildlife value, and adopting future-focused gardening practices that respond to environmental change. The redesigned garden now reflects both its historic roots and the Trust's commitment to sustainable, inspirational landscapes for generations to come.

The garden also carries the legacy of Lady Nancy Astor and the Astor family, whose influence shaped Cliveden's 20th-century history. Today, the revitalised Long Garden offers visitors a space that feels both steeped in heritage and alive with contemporary character - a place to wander, pause and reconnect with nature.



The project was delivered through a highly collaborative effort. The Garden Company's design role was supported by partners including Allgreen - suppliers of the UK-sourced Yorkstone - and Rocon, providing skilled landscape construction. Their contribution played an important role in realising the design to the standard recognised by this award.

The success of the Long Garden project also reflects the ongoing care of the National Trust's gardening team. Head Gardener Anthony Mason and his colleagues continue to nurture the garden as it matures, ensuring that the planting settles, strengthens and flourishes in the years ahead.

The BALI judging panel described the garden as: A strong, accomplished & thoughtful design, executed to perfection. Carefully balancing conservation with the adaptation necessary for modern public enjoyment & sustainability. It is a credit to your company and will be the envy of your peers for years to come'.

Celebrating Excellence

The Garden Company has a strong track record of winning BALI Awards over the last 35 years. This latest accolade highlights the significance of the Long Garden as a model for sustainable, heritage-led public planting - and celebrates the collaborative spirit behind its transformation.

Helen Scott



THE GARDEN CO



Barn Dance delights in Chipperfield Village Hall

Wow, what a corker! This year's first annual* Barn Dance took place at the Village Hall on Saturday, 3 October, attended by 80 guests.

Music was provided by the fabulous Aldbrickham Band, whose caller Alan talked us through the steps as the music played. There were no penalties for getting any of the steps or movements wrong, thank goodness - it was all part of the experience.

Although the event was based around English Folk (rather than Line) dancing, the various Western outfits on show provided colour and interest. Barn Dancing is sociability itself, with some dances involving a frequent change of partner. Needless to say, a fantastic time was had by all!

Our committee is keen to promote the Village Hall as a community asset, and forthcoming events include:



- **The Tailor of Gloucester for younger members of the community (6th March 2027)**
- **A 50s/60s/70s live disco to re-live our youth club days (20th February 2027)**
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Hugh Clifford *(we hope)

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Chipperfield Horticultural Society

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Autumn Show. Despite the very hot summer, it was wonderful to see such a good display of flowers and vegetables on the show tables and it was particularly pleasing to see more of our allotment holders joining in.

Special congratulations to all of this year's cup winners:

- **The Silver Rose Bowl** – Most Points Vegetables, Fruit & Flowers: **Mike Leon**
- **The W. Bates Cup** – Runner-up in Vegetables, Fruit & Flowers: **Nick Richards**
- **The G.A. Usher Challenge Bowl** – Most Points All Flowers: **Andrea Dunsby & Kathy Ward**
- **The Timberlake Cup** – Best Onions in Show: **John Brown**
- **The Peter Franz Cup** – Most Points Domestic, Spring, Summer & Autumn Shows: **Elise Tyler**
- **The Junior Challenge Trophy** – Most Points Spring, Summer & Autumn Shows: **Cecilia Morrow**
- **The Mrs C.P. Brousson Challenge Trophy** – Most Points – Floral Art, Spring, Summer & Autumn Shows: **Bethan Rees-Whybrow**
- **The Handicraft Trophy** – Most Points Spring, Summer & Autumn Shows: **Jackie Simmons**
- **The Liz Holliday Cup** – Most Points Photography Spring, Summer & Autumn Shows: **Jules Miller**
- **The National Dahlia Society's Medal** – Best Exhibit: **Lucy Bridger**
- **The Win Fairclough Award** – Most Points for Preserves in Spring, Summer & Autumn Shows: **Mike Leon**
- **The RHS Banksian Medal** – Most Points for Flowers in Spring, Summer & Autumn Shows: **Andrea Dunsby**

It was great to see so many local people attending, having a chat and catching up with friends and family over a cup of tea and some delicious homemade cakes.

Thank you to everyone who entered, helped, baked, judged, served refreshments, set up and cleared away, and to everyone who simply came along to enjoy the afternoon. It is your enthusiasm and support that makes our shows such a success.

Our AGM takes place on Monday, 8 February 2027 in the Parish Room at 7.30pm.

Looking ahead to our Spring Show in March, the photography classes are "BURSTING", "PATTERNS" and "OPPOSITES".

Members should be receiving emails updating them of our plans. If not, then please contact us at chipperfieldhortsoc@hotmail.com.

Mo Barton/Gail Compton





It's Not Just Fire Wood!

Sometimes, however much you love trees, they grow in the wrong place and have to be taken down. I couldn't believe my eyes when I went behind the front garage to "do a bit of pruning".

A seedling Walnut, which was probably planted by a squirrel, was growing right over the roof, and a young Ash, showing signs of Ash Dieback, was just the same. A Goat Willow had lost one trunk to rot and the other was leaning over the footpath. Add to that some conifers from the hedge that had escaped the hedge cutter for a few years and it was quite a thicket! I like to do as much tree work as I can myself but these had gone well past my capabilities; I didn't want a "skylight" in the garage roof! Time to send for Joe, my tree surgeon friend.

As an enthusiastic woodworker I look at trees with the idea that I might be able to make something from them and this lot was no different. I have never turned any Walnut on my lathe so we cut the trunk up into blanks for bowls, shallow dishes and one big bit for a lamp base. I am really looking forward to the dark evenings when I can get the lathe spinning.

The Ash had a good length of straight trunk, ideal for table legs or hurdle making, so I have

split some of that into quarters and will work that on the shave horse. What I hadn't noticed was a young Oak in the middle of the thicket, tall and straight - just perfect for the legs on a small table. Last winter I started planing and sanding a bit of Oak that I had milled a few years ago, but it was a slow job, and I didn't have any Oak to make its legs, until now. Some of the Goat Willow branches were fed to my sheep - it's supposed to be good for cobalt deficiency. The tops went through Joe's chipper and a few odds and ends went in the log store. The wood chip will go on the paths in my vegetable garden. No waste!

You see, it's not all firewood! *Wendy Bathurst*



HEMEL HEMPSTEAD LOCAL GROUP

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 3 November** and will be held in **St Paul's Church Parish Room**. Please note that the following meeting (**on Monday, 7 December**) will be held in **Chipperfield Village Hall** as will all subsequent meetings for the remainder of the season.

Bill Coster, a new speaker to our group, will give a talk entitled '**US Bird Migration**'. Bill will share with us the wonders of the migration of millions of birds, from cranes to hummingbirds.

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, 14 November** to the **Millenium Country Park, Bedfordshire** and the **Floodplain Forest, Milton Keynes**. The Country Park features three bird hides (one a tower hide), with a café & toilet facilities. The Floodplain Forest, formerly a sand/gravel pit, is now periodically flooded by the Great Ouse river providing a variable habitat of interest to numerous bird species.

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*



Bay Breasted Warbler. Copyright is with Bill Coster

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