



Chippenham Toddlers

Table Top Sale
Sunday 3rd March
10am – 1pm

Chippenham Village Hall, £6 per table
Please show your support and join us at a sale in aid of
Chippenham Toddler Group. For further information please
ring 720148 or 723081

Chippenham Cricket Club
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 5th February
7.30pm at the Tharp Arms

Chippenham Park Gardens Open

Easter Sunday, March 31st, 11am - 5pm

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with Fordham School young musicians

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with Fordham Church Choir

The story of Sir Arthur Sullivan told by his music, directed by
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Tickets, £4 (afternoon), £6 (evening, including a glass of wine
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Newmarket, D N Jenkins TV & Radio, Carter St, Fordham, or
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Saturday 2nd February, 7.30pm

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Chippenham Cricket Club
Annual Dinner

Saturday 23rd February, 7.30 for 8pm
Chippenham Village Hall

Guest speaker ex-England player Derek Randall
Tickets £20 each, available from Darren Hughes (720915). A
week in April at Eustace and Anne Crawley's cottage in
Cornwall (which sleeps 10) will also be auctioned on the night
to raise funds for the Club. If you are interested in bidding but
not attending the dinner please let Darren have your bid before
the evening.

Viva Youth Theatre

presents

"Me & My Girl"

February 1st and 2nd

Beechurst Hall, Soham, 7.30pm

Tickets £5 & £3, available from Megan
Dumphreys, 9 Tharp Way, Tel: 720062

Chippenham Jubilee Quiz Night

Friday March 22nd in the Village Hall

Games start 7.30pm prompt

Quizzes * General Knowledge * Games of Skill

Prize Trophy for the winning team

All residents are invited to make up teams of 3 or 4 to
enter our annual Village Quiz evening. This year the Quiz
is celebrating its 25th anniversary: it started in the Silver
Jubilee year of 1977. As usual a great variety of general
knowledge and practical skill games will be devised for
you to attempt, some this time with a Jubilee or Royal
theme. Please notify Fred Fuller, 39b New Street, Tel
721234, if you'd like to enter a team, as soon as
possible. Entry fee is £1 per team member.

A Royal good time guaranteed!

Megan's Pets Corner

I hope all of my customers have had a lovely Christmas. Wishing you all a Happy New Year. If you are going away and need someone to look after your pets, please ring me on 01638 720062 or pop in to 9 Tharp Way, Chippenham. Thanks,
Megan Dumphreys



Mobile visits on request

Chippenham Toddlers

Mums and toddlers group meets every Monday,
10.30 – 11.30am in the Village Hall.

Fun for babies (newborn to two years of age)
and mums too! Only £1.50 per family.

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2nd Prize (£10): Walter Musk Alan Wren

3rd Prize (£5): Jenny Steele M. Green

To have a good chance of winning a monthly cash prize, why not join our club? Odds are much better than the Lottery, although we don't offer such high prizes! Contact Diana or Brian Drake at 10 Palace Lane, Tel: 720825. Tickets are only £1 per month.

Warning to Chippenham dog owners

On 1st January a cat was attacked by a greyhound who strayed onto agricultural land from a footpath. Fortunately the cat survived with the help of the owner and a neighbour but spent the rest of the day in deep shock and the next two days sedated after three visits to the vet. Landowners have a legal right to shoot any dogs who stray onto their land. Therefore dog owners, please keep your dogs on a lead. A dog is dangerous if not under control. Please be aware. *Concerned cat owner*

Chippenham Football Club

Sorry to report that since the last edition of the Newsletter we have only played one friendly match, due to the poor weather. We hope to get going again soon.

Peter Alexander, Tel: 720806

Cleaner Required

For family home in Chippenham, 4 hours per week to include ironing. Please Tel: 01638 721549.

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Volunteer Responders wanted for MAGPAS

The Mid-Anglia General Practitioner Accident Service (MAGPAS) has been providing emergency support to the Ambulance Service since 1971. This year we are launching the First Responder Scheme throughout Cambridgeshire and we urgently need your help.

All responders will be trained in first aid and in the use of specialised heart monitoring equipment (defibrillator) to shock a heart in the event of a cardiac arrest. Each team member on call would attend an incident after being activated via the ambulance service control room, and would be trained and equipped with a First Aid kit, oxygen, defibrillator, two-way radio, mobile phone or bleeper.

This is an exciting opportunity to become involved in your own community and to provide vital time to a casualty, often saving a life, until the ambulance arrives. The Community First Responder Scheme is designed to complement and work alongside the emergency Ambulance Service and will NOT replace services delivered by the Ambulance Service.

If you want to become a First Responder or know someone who does, please give us a call on 01480 371059. Ask for Rob Payne, Scheme Co-ordinator, who will be happy to discuss the project with you in detail.

Age Concern Cambridgeshire

Age Concern is constantly looking to develop the service it offers to older people in Cambridgeshire. Over the past year a number of people have contacted us looking for a handyman or gardener. At present we are unable to supply them with any contacts.

We would like to be able to put these people in touch with gardeners/handyman who will have been vetted by Age Concern by way of references and a police check. If you would like to appear on our gardener or handyman list, please contact us for an application form, on 01354 696677.

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Chippenham & Snailwell

Horticultural Society

We have two dates for the diaries of all current members (and of course we welcome potential new members):

In March, week 2, but on Wednesday 13th, instead of our customary Tuesday, Barry Gayton will visit us once more. His subject will be "ANNUALS AND BIENNIALS". Barry has proved over these recent years to be one of our most popular speakers, and we look forward to another very good evening.

The final talk in this 2001/2002 season on Tuesday April 9th will be given by Mark Williams (from Unwins Seeds) on the subject "SWEET PEAS".

Both meetings take place in the Village Hall of course, and commence at 7.30pm. Both will be illustrated by colour transparencies.

Daphne Hamer

Village pump flower containers

Our thanks are extended to Brian and Eileen Jamieson for the plants that have brought colour to this focal point, and pleasure to us all. Thank you.

COMPLIMENTARY THERAPIES

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These holistic therapies assist relaxation, and may be beneficial for stress, shoulder and neck tension, Headaches, Insomnia, and minor ailments,

or just as a special treat. Gift Vouchers available.

Contact Joanne Duffy, *Qualified Practitioner* 01638 721386

Chippenham Women's Institute

Our December trip to the pantomime in Bury was a great success, very enjoyable. At our January meeting we welcomed two new members, Gayna Ryan and Jean Pestonjamas from Snailwell. Our numbers are growing and we have 16 members at present. It was great to see Betty Snare back again at the last meeting after her operation.

For our February 20th meeting we welcome Carol Leonard from Soham Medical Centre to speak on "Women's Health". The competition is 'a posy in an egg cup'. Our March meeting, on Wednesday 20th, is the AGM. The competition is for a Pill Box.

All meetings take place in Chippenham Village Hall at 7.30pm and include refreshments and a raffle. Visitors are most welcome to attend any meeting.

Ginette Hawes, President (781127)

Eileen Smalley, Secretary (720453)

Thanks to Diana Drake, Margie Pammenter and their friends for organising the New Year's Eve Dance. The grand total of £204 was raised for Village Hall funds.
Fred Fuller

Snailwell Church News

Christmas Fayre

What a fantastic afternoon we had on 8th December. Lots of people came to support us. There were some terrific bargains to be had and most importantly so many helpers, which made everything so much easier. The total raised including a most generous donation was £738.52, all going to the Restoration Fund. Thank you to everyone.

Carol Service

HealthWise

Another year has come and gone and once more we emerge from the big freeze at Christmas and eagerly await the warmer days of spring. For those suffering from arthritis and other rheumatic conditions the cold, damp weather can bring even more misery.

To this end Forever Living Products has produced a new Aloe Vera drink which is specifically for the benefit of people with these conditions "Forever Freedom". Containing glucosamine sulphate and chondroitin which occur naturally in the body and which work to rebuild and maintain healthy cartilage, together with a naturally occurring organic sulphur compound with strong analgesic and anti-inflammatory properties, and Aloe Vera enhanced with Vitamin C which helps the body to absorb all of these components much more effectively than if they were taken individually, this product, Forever Freedom, should prove to be a revolutionary natural alternative to conventional drugs in the treatment of arthritis and muscular rheumatism and other joint and muscle problems. As with all the Forever Living Products there is a 90 day money back guarantee so why not give it a try.

Good news for ME/Chronic Fatigue sufferers this week too. A new Government report has finally declared that this condition does really exist. It is largely thanks to everyone who has campaigned so hard, both locally and nationally, to raise both awareness and understanding of this much misunderstood and frequently seriously debilitating condition, that we have progressed this far. With further research now planned we hope that this is just the beginning of finding an effective treatment and cure.

I am always pleased to hear from any of you who may have queries or comments on any of the information in this or previous columns. I am still available for courses or consultations on any health and nutritional matters including weight management, and I do give talks on any of the above subjects including the health properties of Aloe Vera and Magnetic Bracelets.

I shall be having a stall in Chippenham Village Hall on the morning of Sunday 3rd March for the Table Top Sale in support of the Mothers and Toddlers Group. I shall have my Aloe Vera Products and my Bioflow Magnetic Bracelets as well as information on the Nutritional side, including Food Diaries which you can purchase on the day. Please do come and support the event and talk to me there.

I hope too that we may have a stall for Newmarket Cats on that day as well with various items of information about the work we are doing caring for, fostering and re-homing cats in the area. We shall also have goods for sale on the day. Many thanks to Sharon and Caroline for their hard work and support for our Open Day in December which was a great success, and to Colin for his most generous donation of food for the cats in our care. Your help and support is much appreciated.

Happy New Year - Maureen Penney Tel: 01638 750475 or 07932 172365 or email:maureen@jancis-harvey.co.uk

A lovely service was led by David Ball. A big thank you to members of Chippenham Choir who came to sing for us, it was much appreciated by everyone. You helped to make this a special event. The young readers read their lessons beautifully and were rightly praised by David Ball. Well done. Many of the congregation stayed on to enjoy mince pies and mulled wine. It was lovely to see such a full church. The collection totalled £120, which added to the Harvest one of

£142 made a substantial amount to go to our chosen charities. Happy New Year everyone.

St Peter's AGM

The Church AGM will be held on Thursday 21st March at 7.30pm in Church. This is an important annual meeting, so please try to attend. Your support and votes are vital. *MH*

On the buses

Don't forget our new bus service to Newmarket on Saturdays from Chippenham at 10.05 and Snailwell at 10.10, returning from the Rookery at 13.45 or 16.00, also calling at Tesco's.

The service to Ely on Saturdays leaves Snailwell at 10.45, Chippenham at 10.50, and returns from Ely at 15.05. Cost is only £2 return to Newmarket from Chippenham, £1.50 from Snailwell, Ely £2.50 return. Tickets are available from Bryan and Betty Orme and Maureen Howes in Snailwell, The Tharp Arms, Fred Fuller and Eileen Smalley in Chippenham.

Snailwell Sunday Rota

	<u>Readers/sidesmen</u>	<u>Flowers & Cleaning</u>
February 3rd	Kurt	Terry, Maureen & Muriel
February 10th	Michael	"
February 17th	Audrey	Bryan & Betty
February 24th	Maureen	"
March 3rd	Betty	Gayna & Sue
March 10th	Kurt/Maureen	"
March 17th	Maureen	Sophie & Jane
March 24th	Audrey	"
March 28th	Maureen	"
March 31st	Betty	Easter flowers: ALL, Cleaning
April 7th	Kurt	Terry, Maureen & Muriel

Reserve cleaner: Audrey Rooks, Tel: 720130. If these dates don't suit, please swap or contact Maureen.

Jenny Torrens

It seems such a short time ago that Bob and Jenny first came to Chippenham. It was sad for us to say goodbye when they moved to Ousden last July, but infinitely more sad to say goodbye to Jenny at her funeral on December 11th. Jenny was such a vital part of Bob's ministry to us. She inspired us with her elegance and grace, her talent at singing and flower-arranging, her support for so many church activities. Our love and support for Bob continues and will continue in the months to come. We miss you so much, Jenny, we have faith that you are resting in peace, another perfect soul in Heaven. JB

Do you want to learn more about computers?

Wherever you live or work in the East Cambridgeshire district, there is no reason why you shouldn't get online today, develop computer skills and learn about the astonishing resources at your fingertips. As part of the Government's drive to 'bridge the digital divide' it pledged (in 2000) that within two years, everyone would have access to an online computer centre.

East Cambridgeshire District Council together with Cambridgeshire's County Library Service, Community Education and host organisations are providing a network of Computer Access Points throughout the area. Whether you want to shop on-line; find out more information about your hobbies, access sports fixtures, the weather, film listings, find a partner, look for a home, trace friends and family, or simply keep in touch through email contact, (the list is endless) - visit your local centre and find out how the Internet can help. Or, perhaps you just want to learn some basic IT skills, or follow a course that may give you the skills to proceed to an accredited qualification at a Learning Centre or a local College.

We are offering **FREE 3-hour sessions** as part of this East Cambridgeshire Online project.

Where? Chippenham Village Hall

When? Weds 13th & 27th February 12.00 – 3.00pm

We offer a wide range of training including Computers Don't Bite, Word Processing and the Internet. You learn at your own pace in your local area.

To book a place or to find out more call Irene at Soham Village College on 01353 724119.

Next issue Please send all notices and news for the next issue to the Editor, Judy Broadway, 50 High Street, Chippenham, Tel: 720619, by March 19th in time for publication by Easter. You can e-mail me items to j.broadway@dial.pipex.com

Chippenham Sunday Rota

SUNDAY	Feb 3rd	Feb 10th	Feb 17th	Feb 24th	March 3rd	March 10th	March 17th	March 24th	March 29th (Fri)	March 31st
SIDESMEN	Jan	Julie	Brian	Jan	Julie	Brian	Jan	Anne	Julie	Brian
READERS	Brian	Jan	James	Peter	Chris	Eileen	Brian	Jan	James	Peter
FLOWERS	Nicola	Nicola	Lent – no flowers							Easter - ALL
CLEANING	Julie	Paul & James	Fiona & Mandy	Judy Eileen & Mary	Julie	Paul & James	Fiona & Mandy	Judy Eileen & Mary	Julie	
WINE	Terry & Isabel	Paul & Isobel	Bonnie & Ian	Louize & James	Mandy & Steve	Anne	Peter & Fiona	James & Jan	Chris	

Parish Council News

The Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations

Many thanks to everyone who came to the meeting on 8th January to discuss the Jubilee celebrations in Chippenham this June. It was good to see around 25 people there, with lots of ideas and enthusiasm. A Committee was formed to plan the day, chaired by Kevin Pallant.

Chippenham Jubilee Day will take place on Sunday June 2nd at Chippenham Park, first around the Cricket Ground and moving into the Park gardens later. There will be lots of events for children and adults, with the aim of giving everyone a good time. We have extended the invitation to everyone in Snailwell too, as the villages are so closely linked.

A provisional timetable has been drawn up, which at present is as follows:

- 2pm Jubilee Day starts at Cricket ground
- 2.15pm Fancy Dress judging
- 2.30pm Children's games/sports, Bouncy Castle, Kwik-cricket etc.
- 4.30pm Children's tea party with Entertainer
- 5.30pm Treasure Hunt around the Park grounds
- 6.30pm Kid's Disco in marquee on the Park lawn
- 8.30pm Adult's Disco/Dance in marquee
Bar, barbecue and buffet food
- 10.30pm Fireworks over lake

Various village clubs are helping to organise the events, which look like proving a great family day out for Chippenham & Snailwell residents and friends.

The Parish Council has agreed to underwrite the cost of the marquee, fireworks, etc., with profits from the bar and refreshments offsetting expenditure.

The next meeting of the Jubilee Committee is on Monday February 11th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. If you have suggestions for events on the day, please contact Kevin Pallant at the Coach House Stables on 720415.

Jubilee mementoes for children

Chippenham Parish Council would like to present children in the village with a memento of some sort to mark the Jubilee, probably a mug or medal. We need to identify how many children might like to take advantage of this scheme. If you would like your children to receive something to mark the Golden Jubilee in June, could you please fill in the form below and return it to the Clerk at 50 High Street. The form will be repeated in the next Newsletter.

Anti-Waste land-fill site, Kennett 2

News just received is that Anti-Waste have at the last minute appealed against the County Council's decision to refuse planning permission for the huge land-fill site known as Kennett 2. The appeal will take the form of a Public Inquiry to be held later this year.

Jubilee Mementoes

I would like to register my child/children on Chippenham Parish Council's list to receive a Golden Jubilee memento.

Name(s)

(capital letters please)

Address

Signed

(parent or guardian)

Young people in Chippenham

The Parish Council has been concerned at reports of petty vandalism in the village and is trying to work with parents of teenage children to resolve the problems. Lately we have seen our new sundial broken, noticeboards smashed and a scooter vandalised.

The Police are aware of the problems and have promised to attend.

It's been suggested that some events aimed at young people could be arranged in the Village Hall, or perhaps a Youth Club. We are contacting the Youth Service at Soham Village College for advice.

If you have any suggestions for activities or events we could arrange, or if you would be interested in helping with a Youth Club, we would very much like to hear from you. Contact the Clerk, Judy Broadway on 720619, Chairman Anne Crawley on 720221, or Vice-Chairman Kevin Pallant on 720415.

Salt bins

Chippenham Parish Council has recently bought four salt bins to be positioned around the village, in Palace Lane, Tharp Way, New Street and by the Village Hall. They will be installed and filled with salt by the Highways Department soon. They are available to be used by anyone who wants to spread salt on the road or pavement surface in icy weather, as only the High Street gets gritted on a regular basis.

Current Planning Applications

Plans recently received by Snailwell PC:

- Erection of 4/5 bedroomed detached house and garage, Derby Cottage, Fordham Road, F/2002/013 (Exning parish), for R Robertson-Tierney.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Notice and application for renewal of
Public Entertainments Licence

I, F L Fuller, of 39b New Street, Chippenham, propose to make application for a Public Entertainments Licence for Chippenham Village Hall, to commence on 1st April 2002.

Any objections should be submitted in writing to:

The Environmental Services Manager, East Cambs District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambs, CB7 4PL.

THE NEXT MEETING of **Chippenham** Parish Council will be on Tuesday February 19th at 7pm in the Village Hall. **Snailwell** Parish Council's next meeting will be held in St Peter's Church on Thursday 14th February at 7.45pm.

Return to 50 High Street please.

The Parish Churches of Chippenham & Snailwell

Church Diary

February

Sun 3rd	Second Sunday before Lent	
<i>Genesis 1:1 - 2:3</i>	<i>Romans 8:18-25 Matthew 6:25-34</i>	
Matins	Snailwell	9.30am
Sung Eucharist	Chippenham	11am
Sun 10th	Sunday next before Lent	
<i>Exodus 24:12-18</i>	<i>2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9</i>	
Holy Communion	Snailwell	9.30am
Sung Eucharist	Chippenham	11am
Sun 17th	First Sunday of Lent	
<i>Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7</i>	<i>Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11</i>	
Matins	Snailwell	9.30am
Sung Eucharist	Chippenham	11am
Sun 24th	Second Sunday of Lent	
<i>Genesis 12:1-4a</i>	<i>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17</i>	
Holy Communion	Snailwell	9.30am
Matins	Chippenham	11am
<u>March</u>		
Sun 3rd	Third Sunday of Lent	
<i>Exodus 17:1-7</i>	<i>Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42</i>	
Matins	Snailwell	9.30am
Sung Eucharist	Chippenham	11am
Sun 10th	Mothering Sunday	
<i>Exodus 2:1-10</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Luke 2:33-35</i>	
Holy Communion	Snailwell	9.30am
Family Service	Chippenham	11am
Sun 17th	Passion Sunday	
<i>Ezekiel 37:1-14</i>	<i>Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45</i>	
Matins	Snailwell	9.30am
Sung Eucharist	Chippenham	11am
Sun 24th	Palm Sunday	
<i>Isaiah 50:4-9a</i>	<i>Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14 - 27:66</i>	
Holy Communion	Snailwell	9.30am
Matins	Chippenham	11am
Thurs 28th	Maunder Thursday	
<i>Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i>	<i>John 13:1-17, 31b-35</i>
Holy Communion	Snailwell	7pm
Friday 29th	Good Friday	
<i>Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12</i>	<i>Hebrews 10:16-25</i>	<i>John 18:1 - 19:42</i>
One Hour Devotion	Chippenham	2pm
Saturday 30th	Easter Eve	
Chippenham Choir sing the Fauré Requiem 7pm		
Sun 31st	Easter Day	
<i>Acts 10:34-43</i>	<i>Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18</i>	
Holy Communion	Snailwell	9.30am
Sung Eucharist	Chippenham	11am

Pastoral Letter from the Rural Dean

Dear Friends,

I hope that greeting is not too presumptuous, but having now 'presided' over two interregna at Chippenham & Snailwell as Rural Dean, I feel I know you very well! I had hoped to be able to announce the appointment of a new 'vicar' for you, but sadly the copy deadline is just too early for that. The person appointed will be a Group Priest with specific responsibility for Chippenham & Snailwell, within the new, informal, Three Rivers Group Ministry, which comprises the parishes of Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham, Kennett & Snailwell. (The three rivers being the Lark, Kennett and Snail). The idea of the group is that resources can be shared and some things done more easily e.g. church magazine, study groups, confirmation preparation, young peoples work, school involvement. To that end a group council will be set up, meeting three times per annum, in addition to the local parochial church councils. The 'staffing' of the group will be your new 'vicar', plus the Revd Anne Haslehurst (Vicar of Fordham & Priest-in-Charge of Kennett), the Revd Christopher Goodwins (Priest-in-Charge of Isleham), Mrs Carol Taylor (Reader), and Mr David Ball (Reader in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich at Freckenham).

The group comes into being with an official commissioning on Friday 26th April at 7.30pm in Isleham Church, when Bishop John Flack will lead the service. Please feel welcome to attend this important occasion.

With all good wishes for this new year, and a new chapter in the life of the Church here.

Yours sincerely, *Mark Haworth, Rural Dean of Fordham*

Letter from Bob Torrens

Dear friends,

Words cannot convey my gratitude to the people of Chippenham and especially the church community, for the wonderful support which you gave to Jenny and me during her illness and to me personally after her death. It has been a sad and bewildering time, but the unfailing love which you have shown throughout has made it much less hard to bear than I would have thought possible. Jenny's funeral was a demonstration of how in a Christian community it is possible for sorrow and joy to exist together and reminded me of William Blake's words, which I must have quoted before: "Joy and woe are woven fine, A clothing for the soul divine".

I am so glad that Jenny's ashes are buried in Chippenham churchyard where I hope they will be joined in due course by my own. We were richly blessed when we were led to Chippenham, which we both soon came to regard as our spiritual home.

It was heart-warming to see so many Chippenham people at Michele Williams' funeral at Brington. It really is true that "in the midst of life we are in death". Michele was almost exactly half Jenny's age and Andy needs all our prayers as he looks after Bobby and faces the days ahead without her. I shall always remember an American Evening at the Vicarage when Michele's quiet charm captivated us all.

2001 was a bad year, what with September 11th and many other unexpected deaths: but there must surely be quite a party going on in Heaven.

With love and sincere good wishes for 2002 from Bob.