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Sunday 9th February

Village Hall, Chippenham

Doors open 9.30 – 11.30am

Tables £5 each, in aid of the Arthur Rank Hospice

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for information

Chippenham Quiz Night

Friday March 14th, 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. As usual a great variety of general knowledge and practical skill games will be devised for you to attempt. 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. We hope to have extra games now that we've got a bigger Hall, so more helpers are also very welcome.

Chippenham Cricket Club

Annual Dinner Saturday 5th April

Village Hall, 7.30pm for 8pm

Tickets £20 each

Speaker to be announced later

Please contact Darren Hughes

on 720915 to book your place

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 4th February, 7.30pm, Tharp Arms

All members welcome

First Aid course for parents

and child-carers

Saturday March 15th, 9am – 1.30pm

Village Hall

St John's Ambulance are coming to run a special course teaching first aid

techniques for babies and children.

The cost will be £12.50 per person.

For more information and to reserve your place, please call Fiona Maxwell on 720677



Soham Comrades Band

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St Margaret's Church, Chippenham

Saturday 29th March, 7.30pm

Tickets £5, £3 concessions

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Saturday 22nd February



Chippenham Talent & Music Night

Village Hall starting at 7.30pm

Doors open 7pm

Music, Comedy and Wild Entertainment

Tickets £3 adults, £1.50 concessions, Under 16s free

available in advance from The Tharp Arms,

Paul Mangell (721211) or Judy Broadway (720619)

and on the door. Proceeds to the Cricket Club and

Chippenham Poetry Book

Don't miss it!

Chippenham Cricket Club

Pre-season Club Practice has started each Monday at Newmarket Sports Centre. All welcome. Also Junior Practice (Under 10s) starts on Wednesday 5th February. Please contact Darren Hughes on 720915 if you are interested in either of these.

New Year's Eve - Thank You

My thanks to everyone who supported our dance on New Year's Eve. It was a tremendous success and raised over £500 for Village Hall funds. I hope the money will go towards buying some new furniture for the Hall. We are very grateful for all the draw prizes, well done to Margie for getting so many for us. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Happy New Year to all.

Diana, Dawn and Margie

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee I'd like to thank Diane, Dawn, Margie and all their helpers for putting on such a well-supported event. It just proves how right we were to get the Hall extended: the extra space makes all the difference. Well done everyone.

Anne Crawley, Village Hall Chairman

Chippenham Football Club

Forthcoming Fixtures

9th Feb	The Bull (home)
16th Feb	Manor Park Rangers (home)
23rd Feb	JEB Reserves (away)
2nd March	Cambs Cosmos Reserves (away)
9th March	Prince of Wales (home)
23rd March	Cambs Cosmos Reserves (home)
6th April	JEB Reserves (home)

We've had a lot of matches cancelled because of the weather, so no results this time. Please contact me for any other information.

Peter Alexander, Tel: 07729 507196

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We're having a new noticeboard installed at the shop which will be available for notices about events in Chippenham. It's due to arrive in a couple of weeks time, so you can find out what's on while you shop. Looking forward to seeing you at La Hogue soon

Please note our new opening times on Saturdays

Meggie's Pet Sitting

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year. If you're going away or out for the day and have pets that need walking or feeding or a little TLC, then I'm the person for you. Please call me on 01638 720062 or pop in @ 9 Tharp Way, Chippenham.



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CARERS NEEDED TO CRADLE BABIES

Cambridgeshire Social Services is looking for foster carers who can offer care and support to very young children. The youngsters are expected to be in the care of Social Services for varying lengths of time before returning to their birth parents, they are not available for adoption. Currently Social Services is looking for carers for babies aged from newborn to two years old after an increase in the number of very young children coming into care and the retirement of two long-serving and very experienced foster carers.

Cambridgeshire Fostering and Adoption Service Manager Lorraine Lofting, said: "We have a real shortage of foster carers to look after new born babies and small children aged up to two years – some of whom have special needs. "We urgently need people to come forward who have the space and skills to foster these babies. We particularly need people who could care for babies with special health needs – ideally, they might come from a nursing background."

Anyone interested in becoming a foster carer (for children of any age) should contact the County Council's freephone information line on 0800 052 0078.

Village Hall 100 Club January Winners

1st Prize: Daphne Hamer £20

2nd Prize: Sue Paskell £10

3rd Prize: Brian Doyle £5

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Chippenham & Snailwell Horticultural Society

Our programme of talks starts again in March when we welcome back Barry Gayton from Santon Downham to give us another interesting evening. The subject has not yet been decided, but we know from past experience that it will be well worth listening to. The meeting is on Tuesday March 11th at 7.30pm. In April we meet on Tuesday 8th at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Mrs Pauline Miller, again making a return visit to demonstrate flower arranging. Pauline is a popular speaker so we urge all flower arrangers in the village to come along. All meetings are in the Village Hall.

Daphne Hamer

Chippenham Women's Institute

Our next meeting is on Wednesday February 19th when Mrs Jill Mansell is coming to show us some of her wide range of hand-made costumes. The competition is for the prettiest tablet of soap. In March we hold our AGM on Wednesday 19th with a social evening and election of the committee. All members and friends are very welcome. Meetings all start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. *GINETTE HAWES, President (781127)*

Eileen Smalley, Secretary (720453)



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Chippenham Youth Club

The Youth Club is starting to meet regularly again now that Christmas is over and the Village Hall extension is finished. We'll be meeting on Friday evenings from 8 – 10pm except for half-term week. Our enthusiastic leader, John Butler, is still with us and has lots of ideas for activities and events.

Our thanks to the Parish Council for paying for the Hall hire for our meetings.

New members or helpers please contact me for information.

Lynn Miller, 40 High Street, Tel: 720755

HealthWise

I hope that you all had a good Christmas and New Year and managed to keep free from stress, infections etc. I heard someone who was suffering with a heavy cold saying to a friend recently that she was lucky not to have caught it. Well maybe she was, but maybe she works harder at keeping fit. Good health is not just a matter of luck it needs constant attention both in terms of diet, exercise and lifestyle to maintain it.

I have been asked to return to my teaching this term with the same groups which I mentioned in my last column. One of the reasons for this is that after the last course they are finding that they are all feeling better and are generally more fit. This term we are concentrating on natural remedies to keep coughs and colds at bay by drinking hot water with a slice of lemon first thing in the morning to cleanse the system, adding honey and cider vinegar sometimes for variation and for extra protection (and to ease the aches and pains of arthritis). We shall explore and create some recipes for healthy soups using garlic and onion to fight infection and lots of vegetables to bring as many different vitamins into the meal as possible. In winter it is harder to drink lots of cold water and easier and more beneficial to keep fluid levels up with warm drinks and soups. Keep the stress levels in check as well this time of the year. We need more sleep during the winter time and use more energy keeping warm and fighting off germs so our stress levels can sometimes be higher if we try to do too much.

If you are interested in learning more about managing stress I am presenting a one-day course at Bottisham Village College on Saturday 8th March as part of their adult education programme. If you are interested and would like further information do contact me. If you would like some one-day courses locally on stress management, healthy living, nutrition or any allied topics do let me know. Perhaps we could hold some in the village hall.

As always if you have any comments or questions or would like information on the ranges of nutritional drinks, supplements and magnetic products which I sell, please contact me, Maureen Penney tel: 01638 750475 or email maureen@jancis-harvey.co.uk.

For Sale: Boy's bike in good condition. Red with mudguards and bike stand. Would suit 6 – 9 year old. £45 o.n.o. Please apply to Judy Gear on 721081.

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The Parish Churches of Chippenham & Snailwell

Pastoral Letter from the Vicar of Fordham

One of Aesop's Fables tells the story of the sun and the wind having a contest to see which one was the stronger. The wind, of course, was very good at bluster and he went on arguing and boasting and saying that there was no one who was stronger than he was. The sun just sat quietly in the sky saying very little. At last he said to the wind, "Well, then, let's see. There's a man down there with his coat on, digging his garden. Shall we see who can take the coat off him?"

Of course, the wind decided to go first. He thought the contest would be over pretty quickly. He huffed and puffed, but the man just pulled his coat more tightly around him. He blew a gale, and the man buttoned up all his buttons around his neck. No matter what he did, he couldn't remove the man's coat.

The sun went next. He filled the whole sky with his light and warmth and soon the man unbuttoned a few of his coat buttons. The sun kept shining, the air grew warmer and warmer, and the man, eventually took off his coat and laid it on the fence. The sun had won. The positive had overcome the negative. A power bent on destruction was overcome by a power which seemed much more gentle.

But I'm sure you knew the outcome already. It's a very old story. But is it always true? Can those of a gentle spirit really overcome those bent on destruction? Can the meek really inherit the earth? It doesn't always appear to be so.

Certainly, those bent on destruction seem to be in the ascendancy at the moment. On the news recently we have seen pictures of millions of North Koreans turning out to hear the hate-filled rhetoric of their leader. Israelis and Palestinians, Muslims and Christians in Sudan, young gang members in our own cities, all seem to think that violence is the answer to their problems.

And our own government is considering joining the United States in a campaign to use force to overcome the evil regime of Saddam Hussein. No one could deny that there is a good deal of evil in our world to overcome. The question is, how do we overcome it? We have recently celebrated the birth of one whom great sages travelled long distances to come and see. They visited a king on the way who was terrified that this child would overthrow him and so he sent his soldiers to kill all the young children in Bethlehem in order to avoid that happening. The young child grew up and was proclaimed by some as the King of the Jews. The great powers of the day were rattled and they, too, determined to have him killed. Great crowds followed this man. Could he not have turned them into an army and overthrown the evil powers that ruled his world? Perhaps he could have, but if he had, I suppose he would have been remembered as just another great general, another who stirred up a great wind and blew away one power, only to have it replaced by another. But, in fact, he didn't do this. Like the sun, he sent out instead warmth and love and when his enemies nailed him to a cross, he forgave them.

As I write this, the top news story is of a policeman with a young family who was killed in an attempt to arrest suspected terrorists. The newspapers, not surprisingly, are full of anger over this. But the policeman who was killed was a Christian and his father, also a Christian, was interviewed on the news. "I am praying very hard to forgive," he said, "because that is what I have to do." I don't suppose for a moment it was easy for him to say that, but I suspect he also knows, as Jesus knew that hatred is purely a negative force. In the end, only the power of love can change things for the better.

With my love and prayers, Revd Anne Haselhurst

Caring for St Peter's churchyard

Is there anyone in Snailwell recently retired or about to retire who would consider taking on the general upkeep of St Peter's churchyard?

There is an honorarium paid throughout the year for this work. A lawnmower and strimmer are provided.

If you are interested in helping us, please contact Maureen Howes on 577456.

St Margaret's Choir

Thanks to everyone who came carol singing with us on two evenings before Christmas. We raised around £200 from the two nights, thanks to some very generous donations and hospitality. This will be shared between the choir funds and the church Restoration Fund.

Choir practice starts again on Wednesday February 5th. We will be starting to look at Easter music. Anyone interested in joining please contact me.

Terry Cross, 721549

Chippenham Sunday Rota

SUNDAY	Feb 2nd	Feb 9th	Feb 16th	Feb 23rd	March 2nd	March 9th	March 16th 6pm	March 23rd	March 30th	April 6th
SIDESMEN	Alan	Brian	Ian	Jan	Alan	Brian	Jan	Ian	Alan	Brian
READERS	Chris	Jan	Anne	Eileen	Anne	Brian	James	Chris	Jan	Anne
WINE	Anne	James & Jan	Chris	Brian & Jennifer	Isabel & Terry	Peter & Fiona	Alan	Mandy & Ian	Paul & Isobel	Sean & Moira
CLEANING	Julie	Paul & James	Fiona & Mandy	Judy Eileen & Mary	Julie	Paul & James	Fiona & Mandy	Judy Eileen & Mary	Julie	Paul & James
FLOWERS	Sam		Jennifer		Nicola		<i>Lent starts March 5th, no flowers</i>			

Parish Council News

Fireworks in Chippenham

On several occasions recently fireworks have been let off in the village to celebrate various events such as New Year and Christmas. Please can I remind anyone who is intending to do this to warn the local stables, as fireworks and horses do not mix. We had an incident not long ago when a young rider only narrowly escaped injury as her horse was startled by a firework. It's not just the horses we have to think about, but their young or disabled riders, as well as household pets. Please phone me, Kevin Pallant, at the Coach House Stables on 720415 if you are planning a fireworks party. I can then warn other horse-owners in the area.

Thanks to those who have spoken to me recently about this: it is much appreciated.
Kevin

Current Planning Applications

Plans recently received by Chippenham PC:

- Erection of pit garages with leisure facilities and one wholesale unit, Red Lodge Karting, E/03/00004 for Mr G Beighton
- Erection of satellite dish, Enoch's Cottage, 63 High Street, E/0200433 for Mrs A Galliano
- Single storey rear extension and front lean-to to games room, 56 High Street, E/02/01228 for Mr & Mrs B Trushell

Plans recently considered by Snailwell PC:

- Fordham bypass, revised plans, E/03019/02 for Cambs County Council

Chippenham & Snailwell Parish Councils

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Both Parish Councils have recently adopted the Freedom of Information Act model publication scheme. This part of the Act covers the types of information which Parish Councils are obliged to make available to the public on request.

The types of information we hold which are open to public inspection are:

- Council meetings minutes
- Parish Meeting minutes
- Members' Code of Conduct declarations
- Register of members' interests
- Planning documents and the Councils' responses
- Annual audit return and report by auditor
- Precept and payment books, bank statements and VAT records from the last financial year
- Assets register

Anyone wishing to inspect any of the above items is asked to contact the Clerk to both Councils, Judy Broadway, at 50 High Street Chippenham, Tel: 720619. A charge for photocopying any item will be made if necessary.

THE NEXT MEETING of Chippenham Parish Council is on Wednesday February 26th at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall (please note new starting time from this month). Snailwell Parish Council's next meeting will be held in St Peter's Church on Wednesday March 19th at 7.45pm.

Village Hall extension

Those who have used the newly-extended Hall are very pleased with the extra space it's provided. The builders have now almost completed the store room next to the stage area, which will be useful as a dressing room as well as for storage. The new Hall will receive its first major test on February 22nd for Paul Mangell's Music and Talent Night. The stage and full theatrical lighting will be used and we look forward to a really professional show.

A lot of residents have commented on the colour of the extension roof. The roof tiles are very bright red at the moment but we have been repeatedly assured by the architect that they will 'tone down' to match the originals. Unfortunately the original tile colours are no longer available and the Parish Council was not given a choice for a matching tile.

Loose dogs in Snailwell

The Parish Council has received calls from people concerned about dogs straying loose in Snailwell. One resident is suffering from repeated bouts of dog fouling in her garden during the daytime. If you think it could be your dog wandering, please remember to keep it in. Otherwise the East Cambs Dog Warden may have to come and catch it and you could end up paying a fine.

Skateboard plans for the playing field

The skateboard half-pipe has been put on hold temporarily while the Parish Council seeks some legal advice. A requirement of the insurance on the skateboard park would be that the area is inspected weekly for damage, litter and safety hazards. The Council wants to make sure it is fully covered in event of an accident and claim, so it is taking advice as to whether the risk is acceptable before going ahead.

Judy Broadway

Snailwell Police Report

PC Kevin Humble came to the last Parish Council meeting at Snailwell to report on the local crime figures. Snailwell has been very quiet with an average of only 2 crimes per month since last August. This includes incidents reported at the industrial sites by the A142 which are in the parish.

A reminder that the Community Police mobile phone number is 0773 4815024. You can also contact the local Police on 01480 456111 extension 6630 (Ely Police Station).

Parish and District Council Elections

A reminder that this year we have elections for the Parish Council and District Council on Thursday May 1st. There are seven members of each Parish Council and two District Councillors to be elected.

Nomination forms will be available from East Cambs at the end of March.

The Parish Churches of Chippenham & Snailwell

Church Diary

February

Sun 2nd *Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)*

Malachi 3:1-5 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 9th *Fifth Sunday of Epiphany*

Isaiah 40:21-31 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

Matins Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 16th *Sixth Sunday of Epiphany*

2 Kings 5:1-14 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 23rd *Seventh Sunday of Epiphany*

Isaiah 43:18-25 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 Mark 2:1-12

Matins Snailwell 9.30am

Matins Chippenham 11am

March

Sun 2nd *Sunday next before Lent*

2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 9th *First Sunday of Lent*

Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15

Matins Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 16th *Second Sunday of Lent*

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Evensong Chippenham 6pm

Sun 23rd *Third Sunday of Lent*

Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

Matins Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 30th *Mothering Sunday*

Exodus 2:1-10 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Luke 2:33-35

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Family Service Chippenham 11am

Snailwell Church News

Christmas Fayre

The grand total raised at the Fayre was £750, a great result. Many thanks for everyone's help, the articles and donations, the wonderful cakes, buns, biscuits and other goodies on the produce stall. They were all very quickly snapped up. There are some good hardback books still in the church: they're worth having a look at. If anyone would like to purchase some please leave the money in the tin in the porch.

Christmas Party

Everyone enjoyed the lovely dinner put on by Tina and Rob at the George & Dragon. Dr. Stephen Taylor was a great hit playing the piano, despite its need for tuning. The sing-along was a great success: I'm really sorry I missed it.

Carol Service

Many thanks to Carol Taylor for leading our service, Chippenham Choir for their lovely voices, and all the flower arrangers for decorating the church. A special thank-you must go to Bryan for attending to all the candelabra and candles. The service was well-attended and the collection, as always, went to charities.

Summer Fete: July

If you can think of any novel ideas, ways to bring in the crowds, don't be shy, let's hear them! A meeting to form a Fete Committee will be arranged in the near future.

Maureen Howes, 6 The Street, Tel: 577456

Snailwell Sunday Rota

	<u>Readers/sidesmen</u>	<u>Flowers & Cleaning</u>
February 2nd	Muriel	Gaynor & Sue
February 9th	Maureen	"
February 16th	Gaynor	Sophie & Jane
February 23rd	Betty	"
March 2nd	Michael	Terry, Muriel, Maureen
March 9th	Muriel	<i>Lent</i> "
March 16th	Maureen	<i>no</i> Bryan & Betty
March 23rd	Gaynor	<i>flowers</i> "
March 30th	Betty	Gaynor & Sue
April 6th	Michael	"
If these dates don't suit, please swap or contact me.		
Thank you.		Maureen Howes 577456

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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 24th. News stories always welcome. You can e-mail me items at:

j.broadway@dial.pipex.com.