

Chippenham Park Gardens Open

Sunday October 20th, 11am - 5pm

Beautiful autumn gardens, many plant stalls

Refreshments all day

(proceeds to the Cricket Club)

Entry £2.50 per adult, children free

A great chance to stock up on unusual plants for your garden this Autumn

Raising funds for the National Gardens Scheme charities

St Peter's Church, Snailwell



Flower Festival



"A celebration of harvest and life"

Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th October

11 – 5.30pm

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday October 20th, 6pm

Chippenham Bonfire Night

Fireworks & Barbecue

Saturday 2nd November

behind the Tharp Arms



Pub opens 6pm, fireworks start 7pm

Free admission ~ Barbecue

Please bring a firework to add to the display

Date for your diary

Snailwell Church Christmas Fayre

Saturday 7th December, 2pm



Harvest Festival Service

St Margaret's Church, Chippenham

Sunday September 29th, 6pm

followed by Harvest Supper

in Church

All welcome

Coach House Stables

Part-time help required at the stables.

6 to 8 hours per week, very flexible, mostly tractor driving and some general maintenance.

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Village Hall 100 Club September Winners

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2nd Prize: Brian Martin £10

3rd Prize: Betty Walker £5



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Chippenham Football Club

The season is under way but we have found it hard going in our first 3 league games. We have joined the Halls Cambridge Sunday League this season and the standard seems to be a lot higher than we have been used to. All home games are at Fordham recreation ground and kick-off is at 10.30am, your support is always welcome.

Results so far:

Newnham Rangers 2 Chippenham 1

Scorer: Steve Dalby

Chippenham 2 South Cambs Eagles 3

Scorer: Tom Thatcher (2)

Chippenham 1 Newnham Rangers 1

Scorer: Karl Dixon

Any queries or for information please contact:

Peter Alexander, Tel:

720806

Chippenham Cricket Club

Despite the disappointing summer in terms of weather, we have not missed many games and have managed to play throughout September. Recent results have been very good with wins over Lidgate, Six Mile Bottom and Strange Fruit, plus coming close to victory in drawn games against the Pimlico Strollers and Kirtling. Ed Waites broke the club bowling record with 7-30 in our win against Old Wilhads and Cess Robinson took 5-16 against a strong Exning side where we performed well but slipped to defeat with two overs to go.

Jo 'Chop' Heather has been in good form with the bat, hitting an excellent 81 against Strange Fruit. In the same game Simon Heather scored 90. Alan Wright has produced his normal end-of-season run of big scores, with a hundred against Lidgate being the highlight.

On behalf of all the players I would like to thank all the Tea Ladies who have ensured that our teas remain number 1 on the circuit. Also a big thank-you to all the villagers who have supported us at games this year. The players really appreciate the atmosphere you have created and it has added to our enjoyment of the game. Many thanks,

Darren Hughes

The Holly & Jessica Fund benefited from a collection made in the Tharp Arms after the Strange Fruit cricket match recently. May I thank everyone who contributed: we raised £40.
Simon Gibson

Meggie's Pet Sitting

If you are going away and you have animals that need looking after for a weekend or longer, I can help!

Please call me on 01638 720062.

Thank you.

Megan Dumphreys



Community Buzz Dial-a-ride scheme

Did you know there's a door to door scheme available for residents of villages like ours who don't have regular bus services. Community Buzz operates from Newmarket and will take you to the shops, to the hospital for visiting and on a wide selection of outings. Fares for those holding East Cambs bus passes are half price. There's a small annual membership fee to join. Ring 01638 608080 for further information.

Albert Emmerson

We have been overwhelmed by all the phone calls, kind words, flowers and so many cards sent on the very sad passing of our dad Albert Emmerson.

We feel very privileged to have had such a wonderful, kind-hearted man as our dad and granddad, but we didn't realise how special he was to so many other people.

Donations received came to £400, which will be spent on equipment for the ambulance service.

Thank you all for your kindness and concern, it is a great comfort to us all.

Tina, Angela, Lorinda, Sylvia and families

Chippenham Tennis Club

Norfolk & Suffolk Tennis League Division 3					
Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Chippenham	14	13	1	0	27
Risby B	14	10	1	3	21
Woolpit B	14	9	1	4	19
Wickhambrook A	14	8	1	5	17
Burwell B	14	7	0	7	14
Brandon	14	4	0	10	8
Watton	14	2	0	12	4
Wickhambrook B	14	1	0	13	2

The 2002 Tennis Tournament was another great success with 20 players competing for the Millennium Challenge Cup, this time won by both Van de Peers, with Sean Newell and Alan Broadway runners-up. Congratulations Jane and Jon. Sadly, we had no junior entrants this year, but lots of spectators and a good barbecue: thanks to Simon for the cooking and to Jon for organising a very successful event.

I think the league table above speaks for itself: we hope to be playing in the next Division in 2003.

Alan Broadway

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Chippenham Women's Institute

As the Village Hall looks likely to be out of action for the next few months while the extension is being built, we have re-arranged our programme and will be meeting at The Bowls Club. Many thanks to the Club for letting us use their premises.

In October we meet there on Wednesday 16th for a Social Evening, when all members and their friends will be very welcome. On Wednesday November 20th we are having a talk by Fran Saltmarsh, one of our Committee members from Moulton, who will tell us about lace making. Both meetings start at 7.30pm.

As usual, visitors and new members are most welcome. Ginette Hawes, President (781127)

Eileen Smalley, Secretary (720453)

Chippenham & Snailwell Horticultural Society

Gardens & Containers Competitions

At our Autumn Show in September we announced the winners of our two competitions:

Best hanging baskets or tubs:

- 1st: Carole Smyth, 79 New Street
- 2nd: Diana Drake, 10 Palace Lane
- 3rd: Pam and Tom Paschier, The Tharp Arms

Best front garden:

- 1st: Jennifer Wilson, 5 Manor Farm Barns
- 2nd: Daphne Hamer, 6 Manor Farm Barns
- 3rd: Adrian Kidd, 24 High Street

Village Hall Extension

The builders were due to start work on the new extension on September 23rd. As well as extending the Hall towards the street we now have planning consent for an extra store room on the side. This will be used as a dressing-room for the stage and a store room for the staging equipment when not in use. The Parish Council has kindly agreed to pay half the cost of this extra room, the balance coming from Village Hall funds.

Fred Fuller

HEALTHY LIVING - EAST CAMBS PROJECT

Cookery Demonstration

**Wednesday 2nd October 2002, 7.00 pm
at The Maltings, Ely**

Local chef Barry Smith will be cooking up some healthy delights showing us all that food can taste good and be healthy for us as well. The evening is an opportunity to find out more about the Healthy Living Initiative which covers five main groups: Fitness and Food; Community Development; Families, Children and Young People; Older & Isolated People and Information & Outreach. All the Projects involved in these groups will have promotional stands on the evening.

To book your **free** seat at this event, please contact Tracey Harding, East Cambs District Council on 01353 616377 or email: tracey.harding@eastcambs.gov.uk

HealthWise

"Over a lifetime few people are left unaffected by the complications caused by an ageing, unhealthy body." Strong words but in so many cases true. We often do not worry about our health at all until it all starts to go wrong; then the task is huge. How much more sensible to work from a preventative angle and try to avoid the problems in later life. I have found a company who can help you to do just that - Neways.

Neways have a personal care range of products which are safe, non-toxic and remove the potentially harmful ingredients contained in most soaps, shampoos, tooth gels, bath preparations and deodorants. The good news is that there are small trial sizes of products to try to see if you like them without spending a fortune. There are so many products in this range which are all chosen because they have no substances which have been found to be cancer forming. Neways also has a household section where you can choose washing-up liquid, laundry detergent, cleaning creams, disinfectant and air-fresheners. If you would like to try one or two lines first let me know and I can supply you or if you wish to open an account with the company it costs only £10 which then enables you to order your own products at wholesale prices. For further information please contact Maureen Penney tel: 01638 750475

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Historic Churches Trust Annual Cycle Ride

Four intrepid cyclists set off in different directions from Chippenham on 14th September to cycle round churches in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk. We must have covered over 100 miles between us and visited over 50 churches. The cool weather was unexpected but at least it was dry and not windy.

In past years we have raised around £300 with 2 riders. This year we were joined by James Broad who has raised over £250 and Chris Coldrey, who worked incredibly hard at getting sponsors and hopes to achieve £600. So all together we hope to be sending around £1,250 to the Historic Churches Trust. Of this, Chippenham will receive half back, i.e. £625. This is a tremendous result – well done everyone and especially Chris. *Judy Broadway*

The Bishop's visit to Chippenham

Bishop Anthony, the Bishop of Ely, is coming to Chippenham in November to dedicate a beautiful new processional cross in church. He will preside over a Choral Evensong at 6pm on Sunday November 24th at which the cross will be dedicated. We are extremely grateful to the Revd Bob Torrens and to Andy Williams, both very much missed in our church life, who have jointly donated the new cross to us. Bob and Andy will both be coming to the service and we very much hope to see a good congregation to welcome the Bishop to Chippenham.

Chippenham Church / Churchyard Clean-Up Saturday November 16th, 10 am – 12 noon

Please come along and help us tidy up the churchyard (mainly leaf-sweeping) and carry out some annual cleaning jobs in church. Rakes and wheelbarrows will be very useful. Refreshments usually appear towards the end of the session. Peter & James, Churchwardens

Remembrance Sunday

Our annual Service of Remembrance this year takes place at Snailwell Church on Sunday November 10th, starting at 10.45am.

Thank you Audrey

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you very much to Audrey Rooks for all her help and support over the last few years. We are sorry to see you and Vic leaving us. We wish you both every happiness in your new home. May everything go smoothly when you move.

God Bless,

Maureen Howes

Snailwell Church News

Flower Festival & Harvest Thanksgiving

We are holding a Flower Festival over the Harvest weekend, that is Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October. The Church is always open but it will be manned from 11am to 5.30pm over that weekend.

The Flower Festival is a Celebration of Harvest and Life. If anyone would like to do an arrangement to celebrate something special in their life, please do come along and join in. If you have never done any flower arranging but would like to try, you are more than welcome. Children, teenagers, we would love to have your ideas and displays, so do come and help us.

There should be someone around in church on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the Flower Festival, during the day. If you can only manage the evening, please let me know and I will delay locking-up.

We are hoping to incorporate a Produce Stall at the Flower Festival. There is always a demand for home-made produce in Snailwell so if you can contribute something for the stall it would be an added bonus to our funds. All monies raised at this years Harvest will go towards the Restoration Fund. Work is about to begin rewiring and lighting the church.

*The theme of our Harvest Service will be "Harvests Past". If anyone has any old farming photographs or implements that could be put in the church please contact me. David Ball will be leading the service: don't miss it! *Maureen Howes, 6 The Street, Tel: 577456**

Snailwell Sunday Rota		
	<u>Readers/sidesmen</u>	<u>Flowers & Cleaning</u>
Sept 29th	Gaynor	Bryan & Betty
October 6th	Michael	"
October 13th	Muriel	Gaynor & Sue
October 20th	Maureen	"
	<i>Harvest, 6pm</i>	
October 27th	Gaynor	Sophie & Jane
November 3rd	Betty	"
November 10th	<i>Remembrance 10.45am</i>	Terry, Maureen & Muriel
November 17th	Michael	"
November 24th	Muriel	Bryan & Betty
December 1st	Maureen	"
If these dates don't suit, please swap or contact me. We're always happy to add people to our rota, so if you are interested please let me know.		
Thank you.		Maureen Howes 577456

Chippenham Sunday Rota

SUNDAY	Sept 29th	Oct 6th	Oct 13th	Oct 20th	Oct 27th	Nov 3rd	Nov 10th	Nov 17th	Nov 24th <i>6pm</i>
SIDESMEN	Brian	Jan	Ian	Alan	Brian	Jan	<i>service at Snailwell</i>	Alan	Ian
READERS	Chris	Eileen	Anne	Brian	James	Jan		Brian	Chris
FLOWERS	<i>Harvest: all</i>	Jennifer	Jan	Jan	Nicola	Nicola	Joyce	Joyce	Sam
CLEANING	Judy Eileen & Mary	Fiona & Mandy	Julie	Paul & James	Fiona & Mandy	Judy Eileen & Mary	Julie	Paul & James	Fiona & Mandy
WINE	<i>Harvest Festival</i>	Linda	Sean & Moira	Alan	Isabel & Terry	Paul & Isobel	Mandy & Ian	Peter & Fiona	James & Jan

Parish Council News

Police News

Following the recent tragic events in Soham the number of Community Officers covering our area has been increased from 2 to 4. There will also be a manned Police Station operating from the Weatheralls Health Centre in Soham starting very soon. Obviously a lot of police time is still being concentrated on Soham itself but at least we are in the same area and will be covered by more officers.

Crime statistics

There were no recorded crimes in July for Chippenham. In Snailwell there was one reported offence of criminal damage to a barn (spray painted). In Chippenham in August there were 3 reported crimes. A fuel tank and generator were stolen from La Hogue Rd, a mobile phone was taken from Chippenham Park and a handbag was stolen from a car parked in New Street. In August there were two reported crimes in Snailwell, both on the A142. One was criminal damage to a car (two windows smashed) and the other was the theft of a caravan from a storage area.

PC Kevin Humble has a new mobile phone, number 07734-815024. A new Community Contact officer has also been appointed, Kate Kent, who works from Ely Police Station. She is the main communication link to the Police for community issues and may be contacted on 07764-446034. Ely Police Station is on 01353 656643.

Neighbourhood Watch

We have received reports that elderly people in the North of our district have been targeted by door-to-door salesmen offering security alarms and other products at very high prices. These include a simple alarm which may be attached to a handbag or door which gives out a loud noise if activated. The alarms are available from Neighbourhood Watch for only £7 but are being sold by these con-men at up to £50. Watch out and if in doubt SHUT THE DOOR.

Adrian Kidd, 24 High Street, Tel:

720342

Current Planning Applications

Plans recently received by Chippenham PC:

- New store to side of Village Hall, 02/00725
- Extension, 18 Scotland End, 02/00869, for Mr & Mrs Parsons
- New fence to front of site, 3 Scotland End, 02/00876, for Miss B Vallance
- Renewal of change of use to light industrial, Sounds Farm, Waterhall, 97/0275, for Mrs Crawley

Plans recently considered by Snailwell PC:

- Change of use to office and storage, land off Fordham Road, 02/00868 for Godfrey & Hicks
- Conversion of grain store to residential, Snailwell Stud, 02/00767 for Mr Angus-Smith

Chippenham Youth Club

I am very pleased to report the Youth Club has had two very successful meetings so far. We now have 25 members and 9 parent helpers. Our professional youth leader, John Butler, has been really great. Becky Shipp has very kindly offered to help every week, so we only need one parent volunteer each time. Even so, more volunteers will be very welcome, please contact Lynn for details and a form.

Will all helpers please remember to fill in and return their police check forms as soon as possible.

The members have enjoyed individual games and crafts plus an indoor hockey match so far. When the Village Hall is out of action with building works we are trying to arrange to have a Friday evening out to go swimming, bowling etc. and trips are being planned to Alton Towers and The Clothes Show. This will probably be during half-term week. Ideas are welcome.

We haven't had a lot of success with equipment donations although we have been given a basket ball, table skittles and a computerised chess set. Many thanks to those who donated them. Any other donations welcome.

Youth Club membership is 30p an evening. The membership forms must be signed by parents and returned as soon as possible. Drinks, sweets and crisps are available to buy at the Club. Times are Fridays: 8pm - 10pm.

Lynn Miller, 40 High Street, Tel: 720755

Skateboard plans for the playing field

As there seems to be a big demand for skateboarding facilities in the village, the Parish Council is looking at funding the building of a 'half-pipe' for skateboarders and BMX bikers. This would be erected at the far end of the football field, with the goal posts moved to accommodate it. We have found someone who has plans and can build the structure for us and we are trying to sort out insurance. I hope we will get the go-ahead from the insurers and the land-owners soon so that construction can start.

Judy Broadway

THE NEXT MEETING of Chippenham Parish Council is a planning meeting on Monday September 30th at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. The next ordinary meeting is on Tuesday October 15th at 7pm, also in the Village Hall (builders permitting). **Snailwell** Parish Council's next meeting will be held in St Peter's Church on Thursday November 21st at 7.45pm.

Christmas Bonus for Chippenham Pensioners

The Parish Council looks after two village charity funds which are used to give a Christmas bonus to pensioners in the parish. **If you received the bonus last year, you need not re-apply.** If you'd like to apply and are not already on our list, please fill in the form below. Ladies of 60 or over and gentlemen 65 or over are eligible to join.

Please return the form to the Clerk at 50 High Street by Friday November 22nd.

I/We would like to receive the Chippenham Christmas Bonus. Please add my/our name(s) to the list.

Name (please print):

Address:

The Parish Churches of Chippenham & Snailwell

Church Diary

September

Sun 29th *Trinity 18*

Ezekiel 18:1-4, Philipians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32
25-32

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

HARVEST FESTIVAL Chippenham **6pm**

October

Sun 6th *Trinity 19*

Isaiah 5:1-7 Philipians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

Matins Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 13th *Trinity 20*

Isaiah 25:1-9 Philipians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 20th *Trinity 21*

Isaiah 45:1-7 1 Thessalonians Matthew 22:15-22
1:1-10

HARVEST FESTIVAL Snailwell **6pm**

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 27th *Trinity 22*

Leviticus 19:1-2, 1 Thessalonians Matthew 22:34-46
15-18 2:1-8

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Matins Chippenham 11am

November

Sun 3rd *All Saints' Sunday*

Revelation 7:9-17 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 10th *Remembrance Sunday*

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE Snailwell **10.45am**

Sun 17th *2nd before Advent*

Zephaniah 1:7, 1 Thessalonians Matthew 25:14-30
12-18 5:1-11

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 24th *Sunday next before Advent*

Ezekiel 34:11-16, Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46
20-24

Matins Snailwell 9.30am

Evensong & Dedication of the Chippenham **6pm**

Processional Cross, led by Bishop

Anthony

December

Sun 1st *Advent Sunday*

Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

CANDLELIT ADVENT CAROLS Chippenham **6pm**

Pastoral Letter from the Vicar of Fordham

No doubt others will disagree, but October is my favourite month of the year. I love the cool, crisp, sunny days we often get and all the autumn colours. Unlike summer, when I often long for it to be cooler, or winter, when I wish it would snow instead of being just grey and rainy, autumn is the time when I am most often content with how things are and enjoy my surroundings. But this October it is more difficult, for my thoughts are drawn away by fear of what the wider world is facing, and not knowing what any of us can do to secure peace in the Middle East.

Every morning I say Morning Prayer with one or two other people. At the end of the Office we have a time of intercessory prayers, amongst which are always prayers for peace and reconciliation. There is always a long list of places to pray for which often increases and rarely seems to diminish and I often wonder at the end of it all whether I've used the right words; whether what I'm asking for is in any way possible. We pray, in particular, for Israelis and Palestinians. The word 'reconciliation' is one which is often on my lips. But how can I pray for that when I can have no idea, really, just how deep the wounds go on each side. Often these prayers will come after we have a read a passage from the Old Testament which was written in the light of divisions and hurts which were already old nearly three thousand years ago. The story of Abraham's two sons, Ishmael and Isaac seems almost to be written in order to explain why the Jews and the Arabs don't get on. After the Exodus the Israelites are commanded to conduct a holy war against the inhabitants of Canaan. For me these are old stories, for Israelis and Palestinians they are today's news. Even looking no further than the events of the last eighteen months, it is hard to see how reconciliation can come about.

And at the moment, at the top of our list, are prayers for Iraq and for the whole situation there. We still don't know what will be decided about Iraq. Is Saddam Hussein serious about allowing the weapons inspectors back in or is he just stringing everyone along? Would getting rid of him lessen terrorism or simply harden attitudes throughout the Middle East? Parliament has reluctantly sanctioned the use of force against the Iraqi leader, and the catalogue of what he may have prepared in the way of weaponry looks chilling. And yet we cannot know the consequences of war. They could be equally chilling.

Beauty and ugliness, peace and conflict have always existed side by side in God's world, mostly because human beings have such a talent for destroying what is beautiful and peaceful in the search for wealth and power. You and I may not have much power over major world conflicts, but we can, and must, continue to pray for those who do.

With my love and prayers, *Revd Anne Haselhurst*