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Village News!

Chippenham & Snailwell

Village News

April - May 2008

Village Diary :

April

Sunday 27 th
National Quiz
@ Tharp Arms 7.45pm

May

Monday 5 th
Reach Fair @ 12 noon

12 - 16 th
Traffic Sensus Week

Friday 16 th
Newsletter Deadline !

Sunday 25 th
National Quiz
@ Tharp Arms 7.45pm

June

Saturday 14th
Music in the Park
7 pm

July

Saturday 12th
Chippenham Church Fete
2 - 5 pm

August

Sunday 24th
Tharp Arms Village Fun
Day



St Margaret's Church Fete Chippenham Park Saturday July 12th, 2 - 5pm

A traditional village fete

Music from the City of Ely Military Band

Bric à brac ~ Produce ~ Raffle ~ Bottle stall ~ Toys ~ Books ~ Teas
Children's 5-a-side Football ~ Tug of War ~ Fancy Dress Competition
plus many other stalls and games

Offers of help, bottles, prizes, etc, to Scott at
The Red House, New Street, tel: 721460.

(Please take Bric à brac directly to the Park, or ring 720221 for collection)

Music in the Park *June 14th - 7pm*

This year we have the Ely Sinfonia with soloists and local chorus. The programme will have well known choruses from opera and choral works with a traditional last night 'prom' second half and a fantastic firework finale.

We have limited tickets so make sure you get yours early.

Tickets are available from La Hogue farm shop, on the Internet
www.musicinthepark.co.uk or from Terry at 41 New Street.

Tickets are £15.00 each,

children under 10 are free but must be supervised at all times.

We have some space still for sponsors if you have an interest for business or private party please contact Terry on 721549.

All profits to St Margaret's Church Chippenham restoration fund.

ANNOUNC E M E N T S

BIRTHDAY TIME!

Happy Birthday to :
March 31st - Glynis Simpson

April 3rd - Pete Underhill

April 15th - Casper McCormack

April 17th - Mark Daniels

April 22nd - Keith Lomas

April 29th Lorraine Clark

May 9th Cara Twite

May 15th - Anne McCormack.

May 25th - Mike Hosking

May 27th - Shaun "999" Cross,

Chris Mason &

Michael "Mick the Grass" Ransome

May 31st - Hannah Ranner

Chippenham Cherubs (Junior Choir)



The Junior Choir has relaunched, now known as the Chippenham Cherubs. We meet at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesdays during term time at 49 High Street, Chippenham. Refreshments are provided. We aim to sing at the family services at St Margaret's, on the first Sunday of each month.

All school-aged children are welcome - all that's needed is enthusiasm and a willingness to sing! Come along and join us. The next practice will be on 8th April, after the Easter Holidays.

For more information, please call 01638 720677.

Fiona Maxwell and Isobel Mangell

THANKYOU

Just to say thank you to everyone who came to the first Chippenham Dinner and Dance, it was a great evening.

Without the help and support of the following people it would not have been such a success: The Reverbs, Andy Tiley, Nicola Heather, Michelle Kerr, Wendy Parsons, Julie Ransome, La Hogue, The Sharp, Fordham Hat Hire.

One more huge thankyou to my fellow organisers - Sandra and Darren.

Looking forward to the next one?!!!!

Jane Vandepeer.

Do you have an hour or two free each week ?

Do you like Gardening ?

Would you like to pass your gardening knowledge onto others ?

Answered YES to these questions Then we NEED YOU !

At Isleham Primary school we are trying to set up a vegetable garden for children aged 4 to 11 to discover all about gardening. But help is needed - if you think you can help, either every week, or occasionally, I would love to hear from you .

Please pop in and see me at The Sharp Arms, or contact me on 01638 720234 or email - ali@thesharparms.com to find out more.

Ali Daniels - Foundation Governor for Isleham C of E Primary School.

Chippenham Play Park

Since our article in the last newsletter, we are delighted to see a great response to the new equipment in the Play Park with plenty of enthusiastic children of all ages making the most of our mild weather. A new wooden border has delineated the bark chip area from the grass, and the rubber safety matting is beginning to be less visible as grass shoots take hold. We're hoping that the barrow and mound will prove similarly attractive to grass and various wild plants - although they may struggle to take hold as, naturally, there's a lot of wear and tear going on. When we feel that the mounds have been pummelled into their definitive shapes, they will probably have to be cordoned off and seeded to allow a covering of grass to establish itself.

Many thanks to Mark & Alison for making space for our rather large Easter Raffle prizes in the Tharp Arms, and to staff and customers for selling and buying so many tickets.

Also, thank you to all those children who filled in our questionnaire, the winner of the Moon's toymaster token will have been notified by the time this newsletter reaches you.

The willow planting day has been postponed as we have yet to decide where the best place for it is to be. More seating, and other additions - mainly plants - will be taking place in the next few weeks.

The Play Park Committee



Its that time again

Tescos & Sainsburys

are offering their Vouchers' for Schools

If you are offered them please accept them and drop them in at The Tharp Arms, who in turn are collecting them for Isleham Church of England Primary School, which is our catchment school for children aged 4 to 11 living in the village.

Thank you !

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A logo for Phoenix Cards, featuring a stylized phoenix bird and the text 'Phoenix CARDS'.

Traffic through the village

One of the main concerns expressed through the Village Appraisal was of the volume, speed and noise of traffic through the village. We are not alone in this: many other villages in our area have similar complaints, and Ken Grimes has located some websites where these complaints are aired. One village is trying desperately to stop sat-navs directing traffic through their village. (The Observer headline was "Village pleads to be wiped off sat-nav map".)

Another very helpful article, entitled Traffic is Killing Our Village, can be found at www.speedlimit.org.uk/villagetraffic.html. In this article, the writer says that "one of the first things that should always be done when looking at traffic problems in a village is to carry out a proper survey to establish both the volume and speed of the traffic." The police have recently spent several hours monitoring the speed of traffic through the village, and so our main concern at this time is to monitor the volume. It is possible for example that, if we are experiencing a disproportionate amount of lorry traffic from outside our local area, we could apply for a weight limit, and thus limit the volume.

We are therefore wanting to organise a survey of traffic, and have chosen the week **12-16 May** in which to attempt this. During that week, ideally from 6 am – 6 pm, we will record the number of cars and lorries going through the village; also the size of lorries, and - if possible - whether they are local or from outside our area. **What we are going to need is volunteers!** If you would be willing to help in this survey, please can you contact me (721393), and let me know when you might be available in that week, and for how long. What nicer way to spend a May morning

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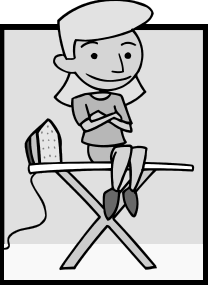
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The Landlord Says...

It seems that everywhere you turn these days there's something or somebody willing to give you their opinion on climate change, the effects of carbon emissions on our planet and the fact that, very soon, we'll all be building igloo-kennels in our back gardens to house homeless polar bears. Regardless of your opinion on the matter, one thing is for certain: the government think it's real and therefore they're going to tax you on it.



Recently, Ken Livingstone set in place an even higher charge for driving smelly lorries in to London and the price of petrol is becoming ever more farcical. Diesel's even more expensive and don't get me started on the lunacy of hybrid vehicles. Commercial premises - like The Tharp Arms - are charged a 'climate change levy' on their electricity bills to pay for their carbon footprint and you can now visit several websites that will give you advice on how to cut your greenhouse gasses and make the place cleaner for everybody. I used one of these sites the other day, filled in the details about our appliances and the amount of kilowatts per hour of electricity we use and it told me to plant forty trees.

But there are lots of other things we can do to help and, although I'm a petrol head and will admit to being a little bit "Jeremy Clarksonian" in my approach to many things environmental, I'm not adverse to doing my bit to keep the air clean. Long before Ali and I ran the pub the glass bottle wastage was always recycled and we have continued to do this, including now the plastic bottle wastage too. On top of this, last year we put in place a second Biffa bin to collect cardboard waste which allows us to separate our general refuse from recyclable. And now we've gone one step further by adding a collection point for the pub's vegetable oil waste. Rather than simply dispose of the kitchen's used vegetable oil, a company with rather brightly painted green vans pops around occasionally and takes the stuff away for us, which they then turn into penguin-friendly bio-diesel.

And here's the bit that sort of irks me: we're all doing our little bit to keep the planet clean and every time I open

a news page on the Internet or read a newspaper or switch to one of the television channels I get bombarded with more information on the environment. Yet we seem to have forgotten something even more important than snow on Easter Sunday: dog poo.

Many people have come to me since the last issue and asked if we can make sure a new note is put in this newsletter to highlight the fact that dog mess is becoming a bit of a problem in the village again and so can I please ask that, if you're out and about walking the dog after you've read this, you could do your little bit for the local environment and use the dog poo collection boxes that have been littered around the village for your convenience?

Meanwhile, we're going to continue to do our bit for the environment and some of the changes we've made mean we no longer have to use the car once a week to do trips to the cash and carry. Instead, five different lorries will arrive with the deliveries.

You've got to love the irony of climate change.

Mark J Daniels
- Landlord - The Tharp Arms.

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Forthcoming Events

May is National Burger Month -

Watch out of specials !

24th August - Village Family Fun Day

George & Dragon

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Tel - 01638 577241

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Quiz Evenings last Sunday in every month.
starting at 8pm

Karaoke every other Wednesday

next one 12th March

Whist every Thursday night starting 7.30pm

We are also planning to hold a St George's week starting from 21st April -27th April all week long in the evenings we will have different entertainment on. On Saturday 26th April we are planning a Real Ale Festive Hog Roast, Tug of War and Live Bands, Bouncy Castle, Raffles etc etc. On Sunday 27th April we will have a Real Festive and live Bands. All money raise will go to Addamsbrooke Hospital to buy a piece of Equipment for the Baby Unit

A Warm Welcome will greet you at the George & Dragon - Les and Eileen Legate.



Reach Fair

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2008 - 12 noon

Grand opening by the Mayor of Cambridge

Traditional Fairground Rides

Music and Dancing / Country Crafts

Stalls / Arts and Crafts / Children's Entertainment

Hog Roast / BBQ / Bar.....Plus lots more

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Events at Ely Museum

3rd March - 27th April

999 - A new exhibition looking at the history of the emergency services in Ely and the surrounding area.

Normal admission charges

Thursday 6th March 7.30pm

Fenland Funerals - a talk by Reg Brown presented by the friends of Ely Museum. The talk will take place in the Vernon Cross room at the museum (entry at the rear via East Cambs District Council Car Park.)

Members £1.00, Non-member £1.50

Easter Holidays

Thursday 27th March 11am - 12.30pm

Spring Craft Activities - suitable for ages 7-12 years (under 8's must be accompanied by an adult). Tickets cost £1.50 - please book in advance.

Week commencing 4th April - **children's activities** related to the 999 exhibition - please contact the museum for more details.

Thursday 3rd April 7.30pm

Farm tools & Implements - a talk by Lorna Delaney presented by the friends of Ely Museum. The talk will take place in the Vernon Cross room at the museum (entry at the rear via East Cambs District Council Car Park.)

Members £1.00, Non-member £1.50

Ely Museum, The Old Gaol, Market Street, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4LS

Tel 01353 666655 - www.elymuseum.org.uk. e-mail admin@elymuseum.org.uk

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NEW WORLD

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01638 561568



Calling Community Nurses:

If you are an experienced Community Nurse and have the capacity to take on occasional extra work, Medical Entomology Centre would like to hear from you.

We are building up a bank of nurses with community health experience who can undertake home visits within the area as part of our trials programme. The work is intermittent when the trials are in progress, payment is per visit. Most of the visits take place after school hours (late afternoons or early evenings).

Own transport is essential, for which travelling expenses are payable.

If you would like to know more, please contact Ian Burgess (Director) at Medical Entomology Centre on 0845 4300 300.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Just a reminder that work is due to be carried out to repair the damaged areas on the village hall car park surface in the near future. Whilst work is underway the car park will be out of use. Notices will be put up when dates are known.

Chippenham Parish Council

Don't fall foul of the law

Are you a responsible dog owner who cleans up after their dog? If yes you should be congratulated for not only helping to keep the towns and villages of East Cambridgeshire free of this offensive mess, and helping to prevent the spread of rather nasty diseases, but you should also feel rather smug in the knowledge that you are complying with the law and avoiding an unnecessary fine.

If however you are one of those irresponsible residents who believes it is not their role to pick up their own dogs mess then this warning is for you.

Walking your dog on the majority of footpaths, verges, village greens, public car parks and other such open spaces within the District means that you have to clear up after your dog. Spot checks of Parish areas known to experience a problem with law breaking dog walkers will be made over the coming months and we will enforce against anyone who is witnessed not clearing up after their dog. The maximum fine currently stands at £1000. Alternatively if you are seen allowing your dog to foul by either a member of the parish council or even if a member of the public reports you to us, then it is now a relatively straightforward procedure to issue you with a fixed penalty notice of £50. As more and more people become aware of the illegal nature of this rather dirty business and of the ease with which fines can be handed out, your actions could become an expensive bad habit you need to break!

If you would like to find out more then please contact either your local Parish Council or the District Council on 01353 665555, and ask to speak to the Dog Warden.



News from your Local Police

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

Metal Theft

Please report any activity that you believe is suspicious. We would rather have these reports and then send staff to investigate than miss the opportunity. If you think a crime is in progress please dial 999. Do not feel that you are wasting our time, we need to catch the people committing these crimes. Some offenders will try to use cover stories to explain their presence for being somewhere and committing crime. Do not be deterred by this if it is still suspicious. For example If it's the school holidays or you know a building has been targeted before and you see people upon the roof or around the property, even if they may look the part, and the activity appears on this basis not to be suspicious, then report this to the Police.

In one incident the Police were called to suspicious men on a roof in Histon. Officers were deployed to the scene and three young people arrested for attempting to steal lead from the roof. They will be charged. This would not have been possible without a call to the police.

Cable Theft

If you see people driving around very slowly during the day in rural locations and they appear to be paying attention to the side of the road then please report this to the Police. They may be looking for places to steal from. The Police suspect the use of 4 x 4 vehicles being used to assist in the theft of cable. If you see these near a roadside cabinet or manhole cover report this as soon as possible. Thefts of cabling occurs late evening into the early hours of the morning. If you notice your phones have gone down and you live a village environment then please use your mobile if you have one to report this to the Police. We will then be able to react properly. In Cambridge BT manhole covers were lifted between 3.30pm and 4.30pm one afternoon by men in yellow jackets posing as workman. They were not challenged, but fortunately only stole a small quantity of cable affecting no local households. BT will not routinely work on sites beyond 4pm, and only in real emergencies during the hours of darkness. Challenge suspicious behaviour by calling the police. We would rather have the information and check out an authentic workman, than not have the knowledge and suffer the theft like the one in Cambridge.

Vulnerable Locations.

The Police have identified a number of vulnerable locations. These include Churches and Schools, some of which have been targeted more than once in the past. Officers from the Neighbourhood Teams visit these locations, crime prevention advice is given, increased patrolling undertaken and overlooking properties visited to encourage suspicious activity to be reported.

You may not receive one of these visits, but may well live close to a vulnerable premises. Any Church or School with lead on the roof is a potential target. If you see workman ask the question if they should really be there and call the police if you are unsure.

On a lighter note, if you or anyone you know is interested in setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme in your area, then please contact me so I can arrange to deliver an information pack out to you and answer any queries you may have.

Any problems? Please feel free to stop me if you see me out & about or I can be contacted on 07736086870 or by email on barb.neill@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Police Surgeries are held on
Sundays at
4.30pm in Chippenham,
outside the village hall
and at
5.30pm in Snailwell,
outside the church.

Dates :

6th Apr / 18th May / 8th Jun

100 CLUB

Why not join in !

January Winners

1st - Martina Rasinova :

2nd - Mary Conrod :

3rd - Michael Starling

February Winners

1st - Lee Desborough :

2nd - Ian Garget :

3rd - Linda Porter-Cohen

February Bonus prizes -

Neil Doyle : Brian Doyle

The 100 Club is drawn once a month when all 150 numbers are put in a hat and three pulled out, there are still about 30 numbers without owners, so plenty of winning chances. Its costs £12 per year to have a number and you keep the same number all the time. Three prizes of £20, £10 and £5 are drawn each month and in February, June and October two bonus prizes of £30 are also drawn. All profits raised go towards the Village Hall

Want more information or want to have a go, then please call Mike Baynard on 721616

Mobile Library

Snailwell, Roman Way :

10am - 10.20am

Chippenham, Tharp Arms :

10.35am - 10.50am

The mobile library calls alternate
Thursdays from April 10th

Your Local Council Officials

The Parish Councillors for Chippenham are:

James Broad (Chair) - 8 Badlingham, 721393

Jennifer Wilson (Vice Chair) - 5 Manor Farm Barns, 720649

Fiona Maxwell - 49 High Street, 720677

Lucinda Wright - Badlingham Manor, 720043

Nick Parsons - 18 Scotland End, 721791

Ken Grimes - The Old Bakery, 721185

Linda Porter-Cohen - Coach House Stables, 720415

The Parish Councillors for Snailwell are:

Gaynor Ryan (Vice Chair) - 1 Manor Farm Barns, 577703

Virginia Richmond - 7 The Green, 578296

Sue Donnelly - Raffles, 8 Newmarket Road, 665105

Clive Sutton - The Old School, 10 The Street, 578677

Joe Pattison - 22 The Green, 577077

St. John Collier - River Cottage, 29 The Street, 578441

The Clerk for both Parish Councils is :

Sally Hughes, 44b High St, Chippenham 720915

Email: chippenhamparishcouncil@hotmail.com ;

snailwellparishcouncil@hotmail.com

The District Councillors are :-

John Abbott - 50 Mildenhall Rd, Fordham, 720607

Michael Allan - 24 Bloomsfield, Burwell, 744050

The County Councillors are :-

Judy Broadway - Dagwood Farmhouse, Ashfield Road, Elm-swell, Bury St Edmunds, 01359 244047 Email:

Judy.Broadway@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

John Powley - Kyte End, 70A Brook Street, Soham, Ely, Cambs, CB7 5AE, 01353-624552, Mobile 07711127832 Email: john.powley@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :

Ref:08/00238/FUL

Location: Main Barn Unit 1a Church Farm Barns

Applicant: Eurobourne Properties Ltd

Proposal: Construction of single garage and carport/store lean-to

Ref: 08/00110/FUL

Location : Land SE of 17 to 21 The Green, Snailwell

Applicant: Godolphin Management Company

Description: Part retrospective and part change of use of land from agriculture to equine training facility and minor extension to collection ring and wax basalt access track

Ref:App Number: E/03002/08/CW

Proposal: Variation of conditions 1 and 9 of planning permission E/3016/03/Cw to allow permanent use for composting source-separated green household and commercial waste and including other waste suitable for open windrow composting.

Location: Land at Red Lodge Waste Transfer/Recycling Facility, THE CARROPS, RED LODGE IP28

Ref: 08/00252/FUM

Location: Land West of Stannel Wood Low Park Corner Chippenham

Applicant: RF Turner & Son

Proposal: Construction of agricultural buildings and dwelling for agricultural worker

**From the Three Rivers Group Associate Priest
Rev'd Kate Peacock
(Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham, Kennett and Snailwell).**



I love the spring – the lighter evenings, the flowers, the warmer air and the feeling of renewal, energy and freshness are everywhere. As we wake up after the long heavy nights of winter, we leave the cold darkness behind and embrace the newness and the dawning of spring. I love not having to wear several layers of clothing to keep warm, wearing sandals for the first time this year, feeling a welcome breeze on my face. The world takes on a more positive glow in April – and if we are to believe everything we read, it is also the month we should begin our new year's resolutions – as we are statistically much more likely to stick to them if we begin now, as opposed to the traditional time of the first of January.

So, what should we all resolve to do? Well, in church we begin this month having experienced the renewal of Easter – the resurrection of Christ, when we celebrate and recommit ourselves to walk as people of Christ. So we begin April, with joy and light in our hearts that Christ not only died for each of, but rose again, so that we can live. And we live in that knowledge in joy and love; love of God, love of neighbour and love of our community.

So as Christians, as Easter people, we could maybe resolve to love with joy in our hearts, but not a joy we want to keep to ourselves, but to share with the world. That there is Good News and it is

for us all.

THREE RIVERS GROUP

The Three Rivers Group of parishes, comprises Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham, Kennett and Snailwell.

At Chippenham and Snailwell the main Sunday services will still be at

9.30 am - Snailwell
11.00 am - Chippenham

The pattern of services will be:

Snailwell 1st, 2nd 4th Sundays Holy Communion
3rd Sunday Family Service
Chippenham 1st Sunday Family Service
2nd Sunday Sung Eucharist
3rd Sunday Choral Matins
4th Sunday Sung Eucharist

Please join us on Sundays!

So if I were to make a Spring New Year's resolution, it would be to keep this joy in my heart always – trying not to let the stresses and strains of the world get me down, to fight the sarcasm and cynicism that creeps up on us – and to live as though it were Easter and Spring everyday. And, just maybe I should reconsider starting my January New Year's Resolution, but not until I have eaten the last of my Easter Eggs....

Wishing you all Easter Blessings,
Kate

CHIPPENHAM SUNDAY ROTA

	Sidesmen	Reader	Wine	Flowers	Cleaning
April 6th	Jan	Jan	Sophie & Scott	Wendy	Julie
April 13th	Ian	James	Peter & Fiona	Wendy	James & Paul
April 20th	Tony & Eileen	Chris	Paul & Isobel	Joyce	Eileen, Mary & Betty
April 27th	Jennifer	Eileen	Jan & James	Joyce	Fiona & Mandy
May 4th	Anne	Anne	John & Helen	Helen	Julie
May 11th	Megan & Nicola	Nicola	Jennifer Anne & Eustace	Helen	James & Paul
May 18th	Jan	Jan	Terry & Isabel	Nicola	Eileen, Mary & Betty
May 25th	Ian	James	Jeff & Michelle	Nicola	Fiona & Mandy

Church Diary

April

Sun 6th Easter 3 (W)

Acts 2 : 14a, 36-41 Luke 24 : 13-35

Holy Communion Chippenham 8 am
Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am
Family Service Chippenham 11 - 11.45 am

Sun 13th Easter 4 (W)

Acts 2 : 42-end John 10 : 1-10

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am
Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11 am

Sun 20th Easter 5 (W)

Acts 7 : 55-end John 14 : 1-14

Family Service Snailwell 9.30 - 10.15am
Choral Matins Chippenham 11 am

Sun 27th Easter 6 (W)

Acts 17 : 22-31 John 14 : 15-21

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am
Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11 am

May

Thursday 1st May ASCENSION DAY

Regular Weekday Services

Snailwell - Wednesday 6 pm
Chippenham - Wednesday 5 pm



May cont/d

Sun 4th Easter 7 (W)

Acts 1 : 6-14 John 17 : 1-11

Holy Communion Chippenham 8 am
Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am
Family Service Chippenham 11 - 11.45 am

Sun 11th PENTECOST (R)

Acts 2 : 1-21 John 20 : 19-23

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am
Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11 am

Sun 18th TRINITY SUNDAY (W)

2 Corinthians 13 : 11-end Matthew 28 : 16-20

Family Service Snailwell 9.30 - 10.15am
Choral Matins Chippenham 11 am

Sun 25th Trinity 1 (G)

1 Corinthians 3 : 10,11, 16-end Matthew 5 : 38-end

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am
Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11 am

June

Sun 1st Trinity 2 (G)

Romans 1 : 16,17, 3: 22b-28 Matthew 7 : 21-end

Holy Communion Chippenham 8 am
Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am
Family Service Chippenham 11 - 11.45 am

SNAILWELL SUNDAY ROTA

	Sidesman / Reader	Cleaning/Flowers
April 6th	Gaynor	Hannah/Jean
April 13th	Betty	Muriel/Maureen
April 20th	Muriel	Muriel/Maureen
April 27th	Maureen	Muriel/Maureen
May 4th	Michael	Gaynor/Sue
May 11th	Charles	Gaynor/Sue
May 18th	Gaynor	Gaynor/Sue
May 25th	Betty	Muriel/Maureen
June 1st	Muriel	Muriel/Maureen
I know the Cleaning-Flower Rota is a little weird this time but it will sort out next time. The dates wished for are covered. But if others times don't suit please swap. Thank you Maureen		

Snailwell Church News

The Big Church Clean was a great success, many thanks to all who came and worked so hard. The morning went very quickly and much was accomplished. The Church hasn't looked so clean for a long time. It was a privilege to work with you all. It was suggested to do this twice a year, which would be wonderful, certainly very good for the building. How about booking a date for the end of November!!!!

Coffee after the Services is wonderful, the smell of real coffee drifting through the church and people having the time to talk and the goodies that arrive for eating are a delight. Well done Muriel for bringing about.

Dates for the Diary :-

Sunday 18th May 'Start the Ball Rolling' 12 mid day start. several races different age groups. Fun and Prizes. £5 Entry Fee £2.50 for 4year olds and under. further information from Maureen 577456..

Saturday 7th June Dancing and Barbeque at Church Farm Barn. details to be finalised.

Sunday 22nd June Snailwell PCC and Snailwell & Chippenham WI providing Teas-Refreshments at Chippenham Park Gardens Open Day.

Maureen

The Sports Page



Chippenham Football Club

The season is drawing to a close and Chippenham F.C. has achieved some results shown below which hopefully will allow them to remain in this competitive Division 2A. As a Chairman I am not happy with the teams disciplinary record this season, which is something the club may eventually be penalised for.

Results to date

27th Jan	Edward Jolly Boys	3	Chippenham	1 (Cup game)
3rd Feb	QPR Ely	6	Chippenham	0
10th Feb	Chippenham	4	Over Crusaders	1
17th Feb	Village Inn Witchford	2	Chippenham	3
9th Mar	Chippenham	0	QPR Ely	1

Training continues at Fordham through the winter on a Thursday evening at 7.00pm. This includes a good session of 5 a side. Anyone thinking about coming along please ring Phil Wright on 07734059928, or myself Jim Smith, Chairman on 01638723978.



Chippenham Cricket Club



Cricket Club Dinner

Saturday 12 April at the Village Hall.
The speaker is ex England wicket keeper Bob Taylor, who played in 57 test matches. Nick-named "Chat" by his team-mates: clearly an experienced speaker! For the few remaining tickets, phone Darren Hughes on 01638 720915.

Junior Cricket Coaching

If you have children interested in joining in please phone Darren on 01638 720915.

Working Party

Urgent pre-season work is needed on the pavilion and the ground. Please come and help on Saturday 5 April, from 9.30 – 12.30.

The Club's first home fixture will be on **20 April**. If you would like to play for Chippenham this season, please call Alan Wright on 01638 720948.

And finally **Kwik Cricket** will be starting on Monday evenings in May. If you and/or your children are interested, call Tim Hedger on 01638 780051 for details.



Pub Team Games

CALLING ALL PLAYERS OF
- DOMINOES - CRIBBAGE -
PETANQUE



The Tharp Arms in Chippenham has several Pub Teams which take part in various Pub Games throughout the year. With the summer season about to start we are looking for players who would be interested in playing Petanque, even if they are unable to commit to playing for the full season.

If you are interested in any of the teams and want to find out more, call in at the Pub and give us your name and contact telephone number and the team captain will be in touch. We would like to get as many players as possible, so that we are always able to have a full team. So even if you are unable to commit every week but would still like to play occasionally, let us know.

Due to Space constraints in this issue not all local adverts could be included, please accept my apologies for this, and I hope to include them in the next issue.

NEXT ISSUE

Please send all notices and news for the **June - July 2008** issue of the Chippenham and Snailwell Village News to news@thetharparms.com or drop them in at The Tharp Arms, High Street, Chippenham, by **9 am Friday 16th May**. Many thanks, Ali Daniels

Chippenham Bowls Club



Following the successful open Fridays held in 2007 we look forward again to welcoming local residents of Chippenham and Snailwell to be members of the bowls club.

With the new season nearly upon us, nows the time to join us. Please contact Chairman Jim Davenport on 01638 724150 or Secretary Richard Athey 01638 663184 for details and membership application. As well as an extensive club and league programme we will be holding the open Friday nights again during the season, so please come along and join a local thriving club