# <u>Chippenham Tennis Club</u> <u>Autumn Tennis Tournament</u> <u>Saturday September 3rd</u>

The successful pairing and handicapping system used at the Spring Tournament will be used again as we compete for the Millennium Challenge Cup. You don't need a partner but it would be very helpful if you could contact Jon Van de Peer at 20 Scotland End, Tel: 721783, if you'd like to take part. Members and non-members both very welcome. Your £5 entrance fee, £1 for juniors, includes a hot dog at the barbeque which will be serving from 1pm. Please note the new starting times: Juniors - 11am, Adults - 1.30pm.

# Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride

## Saturday September 10th, 10am - 6pm

Cyclists of all ages and abilities are welcome to join in the Historic Churches Trust ride in September. Many churches throughout Cambridgeshire and Suffolk will be open on that day, providing a great opportunity to get out and about on your bike and raise money for the central fund and your local church at the same time. You choose your own route and go at your own pace.

Sponsorship forms and full information are available from Judy Broadway, 50 High Street, Chippenham, and Maureen Howes, 6 The Street, Snailwell.

#### Family tree help wanted

I am doing research on the family trees of several local families in the East Cambs area: the names are Morley, Fordham, Pollard, Hills, Brown and Fitches. The last two families are local to Snailwell and Chippenham. In particular, I'm looking for anyone descended from or related to <a href="Emma Fitches">Emma Fitches</a> (1856-?) born in Chippenham and her husband <a href="David Brown">David Brown</a> (1854-1894) born in Snailwell. All responses will be replied to.

Please contact Sarah Morley, 33 Millbank, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 0EQ or e-mail sairhug@hotmail.com

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Coffee, tea & cakes will be served during the day.

#### Festival Programme:

Saturday 17th - Open Viewing from 2.00 to 6.00 pm Evening Reception & Concert for ticket holders 6.30 to 8.00 pm

<u>Sunday 18th</u> - Open Viewing from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm Choral Evensong, everyone welcome, 6.30pm

#### Can you help us?

We need help with the flowers & displays, making cakes, serving refreshments and assisting visitors.

Do you have any interesting photographs or memorabilia connected with Chippenham School?

For further information regarding the Festival events, & offers of help please contact the Revd. Mike Banyard, Tel.721616, or Jennifer Wilson, Tel.720649.

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# Chippenham & Snailwell Horticultural Society Autumn Show



## Saturday September 10th, 2.30 - 5pm Village Hall, Chippenham

#### **Vegetables** ~ **Flowers** ~ **Cookery** ~ **Floral Art**

All entries are very welcome. There are classes for vegetables, cut flowers and pot plants, cookery, preserves, floral arrangements and a children's section.

This year the Show is being held as a tribute to Fred Fuller, Show Secretary for many years.

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In September we start our autumn series of talks, beginning on Weds 21st when we welcome back Jean Oldman for a talk about her holiday adventures. The competition is for the longest runner bean. Visitors welcome.

Our meetings all start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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### Lost a bunch of keys?

A bunch of keys was left at the cricket ground after the Chippenham versus La Hogue match on August 2nd. Please contact Kevin Pallant on 720915 to claim them.

#### Ely Museum Special Events

## Saturday 27th August-3rd September Happy Holiday Hunt

Family Trail around the Museum. £1 per child, no need to book.

Thursday 1st September "Prickwillow" 7.30pm

The Friends of Ely Museum present a talk by Chris Jakes on Prickwillow. Held in the Vernon Cross Room at the Museum (entry at the rear via the Car Park) £1.50 non-members, £1.00 members.

#### Sunday 11th Sept 1-5pm Heritage Open Day

Ely Museum will be open free of charge as part of the Heritage Open Days Scheme.

Telephone 01353 666655 for further details

# Saturday 24th September "Ancient Egypt" 2pm

A fascinating talk on Ancient Egypt by Will Schenck. £2.00 & £1.50 for friends of Ely Museum.

#### Saturday 24th September-mid November

## War Time Memories from King's School Ely

An exhibition of Second World War time memories of Ely and the King's School, not to be missed. Normal admission charges.

#### Thursday 6th October "Ely Cemetery" 7.30pm

The Friends of Ely Museum present a talk by Tony Fulford on Ely Cemetery. Held in the Vernon Cross Room at the Museum (entry at the rear via the Car Park) £1.50 non-members, £1.00 members.

Ely Museum, Old Gaol, Market Street, Ely, CB7 4LS Tel 01353 666655 www.elymuseum.org.uk

# **Chippenham Cricket Club**

The Cricket Club has been enjoying another successful season, with the Paul Fishpool-organised tour of Ross-on-Wye being a definite highlight. Now an annual event in its fifth year, the three-match tour began with a narrow 7-run loss to Wormelow, followed by a rain-affected thrashing by Brockhampton, then a well-paced winning run chase against Goodrich. Kevin Pallant's incredible dropped dolly-drop catch off Brockhampton's best batsman, complaining of the sun despite the fact that it was completely overcast, was the champagne moment. Many thanks to Paul, tour sponsor Badlingham Herefords and all the supporters who made the long journey and again gamely attempted to drink the Tump Inn dry!

#### **Kwik Cricket**

The Monday evening Kwik Cricket sessions, which ended on July 11th, proved a great success with around 40 kids, not to mention lots of mums and dads, taking part over the duration. Owing to this enthusiasm for a game which is more akin to rounders than cricket, an extra prize-giving event was organised for the morning of Sunday August 7th. Despite this clashing with the agonising denouement of the second Ashes Test, about 25 players took the field (and later feasted from a barbecue expertly-tended by Ted Gear) although the biggest cheer was reserved for Darren Hughes's relaying by radio that the Aussies had been beaten!

Participation rather than winning is the most important thing in Kwik Cricket but well done to these winners, who received their prizes from Club Chairman James Broad, resplendent in his MCC tie.

Top Batsman - Rhys Desborough 134 runs
2nd Tim Appleyard 131 runs
Top Bowler - William van de Peer 18 wickets
2nd Felix Mangell 16 wickets
Top Batswoman - Jessica Ransome 54 runs
Top Female Bowlers - Megan Desborough and Molly Kerr
8 wickets each

Top Mum - Sandra Desborough

Thank you to everyone who played/helped and we look forward to you bringing all your friends next summer.

#### Results

The Midweek League team topped division two of the Newmarket Journal League but under-performed in the final, held at Worlington, going down by eight wickets. Once more, a great turnout by supporters - much appreciated.

Outside of the Midweek League, 13 weekend fixtures have been played in the last couple of months, with 6 wins, three losses and four draws. August 7th's fixture against Lidgate was particularly memorable as not only did Johnny van der Peer (who was only converted to cricket some five years ago) score his second century of the season, but club captain Phil Wright broke the club record with a magnificent 140 not out.

Fixtures continue until the end of September. Spectators are very welcome at all games - please come and ask for a cup of tea at tea time.

Anyone wishing to join the club should contact Darren Hughes on 720915. Finally, for health and safety reasons can we ask all people walking their dog at the cricket ground to keep them off the cricket outfield at all times. *JC* 

# Megan's Pet Sitting Service

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# "HealthWise"

It was lovely to see so many familiar faces from Chippenham and the area all collected together one warm Saturday morning very recently to walk the Fordham Flyer - 4.4 miles - the week before the bypass opened. Our entry fee of £5 went to support the East Anglian Air Ambulance and all those who took part were encouraged to raise money for a charity of their choice.

For the weeks leading up to the walk we took the opportunity to walk more regularly until we were sure we would be able to do that distance in a reasonable time. Upon completion we were assessing just how much better we felt for being involved in the walk. On the day the atmosphere was superb with some 600 people having entered to either run or walk the distance, most for a charity of their choice, and there was a real community spirit. Money was raised for many good causes and families took part as a whole, including children and pets.

The real bonus for me though was to enjoy the exercise in the fresh air and in congenial company. In the days before people had cars everyone walked. Families were always setting off together at weekends to visit family and friends, sometimes quite long distances. Children grew up fit and strong and much healthier for it. Nowadays children rarely walk any distance and are more likely to sit in front of a computer or a television screen. We have a whole generation of young folk who are less fit and often more overweight than they should be. While diet is a huge contributory factor here (more about that in the next issue) exercise is the other part of the health equation. If children do not exercise sufficiently as they grow their bones will be less strong which could lead to all sorts of health problems later on; their lungs may never be as efficient as they should be because hard exercise causes them to breathe more deeply and expand their lungs more fully. Exercise, especially in the fresh air, is a great aid to sharpen the mind and improve achievement levels in education for children as well as a sense of well-being. In adults it is excellent for lifting the mood as well as improving general energy and fitness levels.

So during this lovely summer weather get out there and walk. Organise more charity events like the Fordham Flyer and raise some money for good causes. We did our walk for Newmarket Cats, our own cat charity, and are still receiving donations. If anyone would like to support our work in cat rescue it is not too late, you can send donations payable to Newmarket Cats, 24 Edgeborough Close, Kentford, Newmarket CB8 8QY or telephone me, Maureen Penney, on 01638 750475 for further details.

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# The Parish Churches of Chippenham & Snailwell

Chippenham Sunday Rota									
SUNDAY	August 14th	August 21st	August 28th	September 4th	September 11th	September 18th Flower Festival 6.30pm	September 25th	October 2nd Harvest Festival 6pm	
SIDESMEN	Anne	Jan	Ian	Brian	Anne	Jan	Ian	Brian	
READERS	Chris	Brian	Helen	Eileen	Nicola	James	Jan	Anne	
WINE	James & Jan	Anne	Brian & Jennifer	Isabel & Terry	Paul & Isobel	PCC	Sean & Moira	no wine	
CLEANING	Julie	Paul & James	Fiona & Mandy	Judy, Eileen & Mary	Julie	Paul & James	Fiona & Mandy	Judy, Eileen & Mary	
FLOWERS	Sam	,	Wendy	Joy	ce	all	Jennifer	all	

Snailwell Sunday Rota								
Readers/sidesmen Flowers & Cleaning								
August 14th	Helen Muriel &		Maureen					
August 21st	Gaynor	"						
August 28th	Betty	Bryan & Betty						
September 4th	Muriel	"						
September 11th	Charles	Gaynor & Sue						
September 18th	Michael	"						
September 25th	Maureen	Harvest	Sophie,					
Harvest Festival		flowers	Jane & Joan					
6pm		everyone						
October 2nd	Helen	"						
October 9th	Gaynor	Muriel & Maureen						
If these dates don't suit, please swap								

#### Park Open Day

Many thanks to everyone who helped us serve refreshments at the Park Open Day in June. In spite of there not being many visitors, we managed to make a profit of £832.61, which will go to general church funds. Our thanks also to the people who made cakes - we had only a couple left at the end. Once again we are very grateful to Anne and Eustace for letting us boost our funds in this way, thank you very much.

### The Fordham Flyer

On a cloudy but fine day in early July, we joined 600 walkers and runners from Fordham and surrounding areas to walk and/or run along the new bypass. It was great fun, well organised and not too challenging. Participants from St Margaret's included the Revd Banyard (in clerical black), Terry Cross (running!), Alan & Judy Broadway, Brian & Jennifer Wilson and the Maxwell family. Photos of the event will be displayed at the back of the church shortly. (These include one of the Vicar of Fordham in angel gear!)

We all had a good time and in the process raised around £250 for church funds. The original idea for the fun-run came from Mike Banyard, so we are very pleased it went so well and raised so much money for good causes, about £2500 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance alone. JB

## **Snailwell Harvest Festival**

Anyone who likes arranging flowers, you don't need to be an expert, please come along on Saturday morning, Sept 24th. Fruit and vegetables all make a wonderful display, do come and enjoy a couple of hours of therapeutic fun in a lovely peaceful atmosphere. Children are welcome, there's plenty of room for them to do a display, arrangement or painting. The Harvest Supper will be held in church after the service on Sept 25th, on a "bring and share" basis, as last year. It will be difficult to surpass the wonderful array of food we had last time but I wouldn't be surprised if we did so. All welcome, even if you can't or don't wish to make the service, the Supper is for all to celebrate Harvest.

For info please contact Gaynor on 577703 or Maureen on 577456.

## **Chippenham Harvest Festival & Supper**

We will be decorating the church as usual on the day before the Festival Service, i.e. on Saturday October 1st. Offers of help, flowers, fruit and vegetables are very welcome.

The Harvest Festival service is a Songs of Praise at 6pm on October 2nd. This will be followed by a Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. Tickets for the Supper are £5, which covers the meal, but you are asked to bring your own drinks.

To book your place please apply to the Revd Mike Banyard on 721616 or Peter Maxwell on 720677.

#### **Snailwell Church Fete**

Thank you to everyone who came to support our Summer Fete on 16th July. The day raised £1,753.18 but with donations and articles being sold after the event we have now reached a total of £1,930, our best yet. A very big thank-you to all the helpers, we could not have managed without your hard work and input. Many thanks to Tina and Robbie for allowing us the use of their grounds. Also to Richard Fox for opening the event and doing the commentary on the Racing Snails as only he could.

#### Raffle Winners

1st: Flight in light aircraft T Hawthorn, Snailwell 2nd: Vouchers for a meal at "The Old Fire Engine House"

P Close, Kirtling
A Kidd, Chippenham
J Homi, Snailwell
M J Rvan. Newmarket

6th: File-O-Fax G Baker, Snailwell 7th: Jigsaw puzzle E Murray, Snailwell

3rd: Wine decanter

4th: Wine

5th: Wine

8th: not yet claimed (Green 509). If not claimed this will go into the Christmas draw.

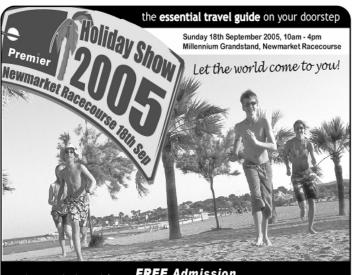
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#### Village Hall 100 Club latest winners

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The exhibition runs from Tuesday 30th August to Friday 21st October, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, at Ely Complementary Health Centre, Sextry House, 29a St Mary's Street Ely. Tel: 01353 664476 for information.



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# **Parish Council News**

# Chippenham Village Appraisal

Nick Parsons and I are just in the process of finalising the questionnaire to be used in this appraisal. Once this is completed, the Parish Council need to approve it, and we want to field-test it, before getting it out to the village in the first week of October. We hope to collect completed copies and carry out some follow-up interviews by the end of October, and then to publish the results at the beginning of January. More in the October Newsletter. *James Broad* 

#### A NEW NUMBER

#### FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONSTABULARY

Cambridgeshire Constabulary has introduced a new single non-emergency number as part of an on-going project to improve the service people get when they call the police.

The number, **0845 4564564**, was introduced in January and replaces the four switchboard numbers that were previously used.

Superintendent Mick Gipp, who is leading the project, said: "The new number should be used for all non-emergency calls to the police. If your call is not an emergency and you use '999' you may delay us in responding to a call that requires urgent assistance."

As well as the change in number the Constabulary will also launch a centralised Customer Service Centre, based at Thorpe Wood Police Station in Peterborough, at the end of the year. These changes are part of a longer-term national drive to maximise performance and improve the call handling and call-out service the public gets and deserves.

Superintendent Gipp said: "Our aim is to provide the public with a faster and more efficient service when they call. The project is improving the way in which calls are handled and improving the way we respond to calls. The new facility will enable staff to provide updates on crime investigations and keep callers better informed."

The project is based around the handling of nonemergency calls and will have no effect on the emergency service. It will look at how to redirect the 45% of non-emergency calls that currently come through on the '999' number.

## **Mobile Library timetable**

The County Council is proposing to re-arrange our mobile library service and are asking for comments before the end of August.

The mobile library stops at the moment in Snailwell on Wednesdays, 10-10.20am, then on to Chippenham for 10.35-10.55am. The changes mean that the library would call on a Tuesday, from 10.30-10.45am in Snailwell and 11-11.15am in Chippenham.

If you have any comment on the new proposed times, please contact David Allanach on 0785 0101479 or e-mail david.allanach@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or let me know . Judy Broadway, 50 High Street

#### **New Parish Clerk**

I am very pleased to report that Mrs Sally Hughes has been appointed as the new Parish Clerk for Chippenham and Snailwell Parish Councils. After over 16 years doing both jobs I was amazed at the amount of paperwork I had amassed: my office looks a lot clearer now. I am sure Sally will be a very capable and efficient Clerk and wish her all the best. Contact Sally at 5 Tharp Way, Chippenham, Tel: 01638 720915, e-mail:

chippenhamparishcouncil@eastcambs.gov.uk and snailwellparishcouncil@eastcambs.gov.uk

#### We need a new Plan and we need your views

The Local Development Framework (replacement for the old-style Local Plan) is being drawn up, and the District Council needs the public's views.

The first chance for comment began on 25th July this year, and the Council is asking for people's views on issues such as housing, economic development, community facilities and the environment. These will be used to draw up the options for the Council's new strategy. The Council will then go out again to public consultation early next year, when the Council will also be starting to identify the sites needed for development. A Statement of Community Involvement setting out how people can take part in the planning process is also available for public consultation.

Take a look at our website on www.eastcambs.gov.uk and follow the link to Local Development Framework – you can fill in a questionnaire on-line.

Call East Cambridgeshire District Council on 01353 616245 or 616263 for more information.

<u>THE NEXT MEETING</u> of **Chippenham** Parish Council will be held on Thursday September 1st at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Snailwell** Parish Council's next meeting is on Tuesday August 30th, at 7.45pm in St Peter's Church.

## **SpeedWatch survey**

Survey forms asking for comments on traffic problems in Chippenham were distributed to one in three households back in June. The response has shown that people are very concerned about speeding, but unfortunately only 26 forms (out of around 90) have been returned, quite a low result and possibly not enough for the project to be taken further. So to boost our total, and ensure we benefit from the scheme, please return your form as soon as possible to the Freepost address given.

# Telephone kiosk changes

The telephone kiosks in Chippenham and Snailwell are both due to be changed to 'cashless kiosks' at some time soon. This is an attempt by British Telecom to keep the kiosks going while at the same time to prevent the high number of break-ins which have seen the cash boxes ripped off. and the kiosks damaged. The old-fashioned kiosk boxes should remain.

# The Parish Churches of Chippenham & Snailwell

# **Church Diary**

#### August

Sun 14thTwelfth Sunday after Trinity (G)Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:10-28Family ServiceSnailwell 9.30-10.15amSung EucharistChippenham 11am

Sun 21stThirteenth Sunday after Trinity (G)Romans 12:1-8Matthew 16:13-20Holy CommunionSnailwell 9.30amSung EucharistChippenham 11am

Sun 28thFourteenth Sunday after Trinity (G)Romans 12:9-endMatthew 16:21-endMatinsSnailwell 9.30amMatinsChippenham 11am

## <u>September</u>

Sun 4thFifteenth Sunday after Trinity (G)Romans 13:8-endMatthew 18:15-20Holy CommunionChippenham 8amHoly CommunionSnailwell 9.30amFamily ServiceChippenham 11-11.45am

Sun 11thSixteenth Sunday after Trinity (G)Romans 14:1-12Matthew 18:21-35Family ServiceSnailwell 9.30-10.15amSung EucharistChippenham 11am

**Sun 18th** Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (G) Philippians 1:21-end Matthew 20:1-16
Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Flower Festival at Chippenham

Choral Evensong Chippenham 6.30pm

Sun 25th Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (G)
Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32
Matins Chippenham 11am
Harvest Songs of Praise Snailwell 6pm
followed by Harvest Supper in Church

#### <u>October</u>

Sun 2nd Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (G)
Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21: 33-end
Holy Communion Chippenham 8am
Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am
Harvest Songs of Praise Chippenham 6pm
followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall

## **Snailwell Church News**

We have already been asked to repeat the 'Start the Ball Rolling' event next year, and it will be a rule that only footballs can be used.

By the way, there was a "<u>Scoobie Doo" Football</u> left behind, it is at 6 The Street if you want to claim it.

Our Barn Dance in June was a wonderful turn-out. Lots of laughs, and an amazing number of left feet in evidence. The "Three Plus One" Dance Band were marvellous, we would recommend them if you should be considering arranging a Dance Night. We had the Old-Fashioned Barn Dance with a caller, Barry, who was fantastic, but the band will do anything you require. Contact Peter on 01842 860917.

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From the Three Rivers Curate, Mike Banyard Tel:721616

In the wake of the dreadful bombings and attempted bombings both here in London and elsewhere, in Egypt, Iraq and so on, there has been much talk of "values". There has been little discussion of what these are, or what they might mean for our response to this crisis in our midst. Fortunately, the Bible sets some out very clearly. At its heart, the Christian Gospel speaks of love, firstly of God, and then of neighbour. You can't have one without the other. The second flows naturally from the first. That great early Christian, St Paul writes, "Let love be genuine: hate what is evil. hold fast to what is good: love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers". That at least is a start. He writes elsewhere of the fruit of the Spirit "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control". These values, with love at their heart, surely are our starting points. As we meet at St Peter's and St Margaret's each week, we strive to live out these commands in our common life. It's not without its struggles, but these are the markers, the signs of our mutual

There is much to give thanks for in these two villages. The splendid fete at Snailwell, well supported and with tremendous community spirit, the joint service at Chippenham with a great party afterwards in the Vicarage Garden, are just two examples. Thanks to all who made them possible.

#### Flower Festival Weekend

The Flower Festival at Chippenham will be on the weekend of the 17/18 September. The theme is Childhood. If you would like to help please do get in touch with Jennifer Wilson or me. There will be displays of flowers, exhibitions and competitions. Bell Ringing

Bell Ringing at Chippenham has also started up again, with practice every Tuesday night between 7.30pm and 8.15pm. Eventually we shall have the bells ringing every Sunday before the services, but we need a much larger team. If you would like to learn, speak to me, or just turn up at the Bell Tower on Tuesday evenings. There will be a break in August, but sessions will start up again in September.

#### Whist Evenings

Regular Whist Evenings take place in Snailwell on Thursday evenings, usually at the George and Dragon. Again, everyone is welcome.

So do join us, as we seek to live out together the commands of Jesus Christ to love God and one another. It's a challenge, it's a joy, and brings with it great peace and fulfilment.

With every blessing, Mike.

# Dates for your Diary

Sunday 17th September
Fun Day, Picnic and Croquet by Snailwell village pond.
Just come and enjoy.

Saturday 19th November
Quiz Night at the George & Dragon, Snailwell, 7.30pm
Teams of 4 can enter.
This is for the Church Restoration Fund.
Quiz Master, Charlie Richmond.
More details nearer the time.