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Village News!

Chippenham & Snailwell

Village News

December 2006 ~ January 2007

Village Diary :

December

3rd December

Advent Carol Service @ Chip-
penham Church 6pm

9th December

Christmas Fayre @ Snailwell
Church 2.30pm
&

Last Orders for Turkeys @ La
Hogue

10th December

Christmas Draw @ Snailwell
Church 12noon

16th December

Santa visits Chippenham

17th December

Carol Service @ Snailwell
Church 6pm

23rd December

Christmas Quiz & Draw night
@ The Sharp Arms

24th December

Carol Service @ Chippenham
Church 6pm
&

Midnight Mass @ Snailwell
Church @ 11.30pm

31st December

New Years Eve "Panto" Fancy
Dress Party @ The Sharp Arms

January

17th January

Deadline for next Village news

19th January

Care Network Open even @
Chippenham Village Hall
2.30pm

100 CLUB

November Winners :

- 1st Prize
- Terry Pinder -
- 2nd Prize
- Ted Cole -
- 3rd Prize
- Frankie Wilson -

October Winners :

- 1st Prize
- Martina Rasinova -
- 2nd Prize
- Christine Harmer -
- 3rd Prize
- Mike Hosking -

Bonus Prize Winners :

Maribel Doyle
Julie Rivers

Why not join in !

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

ADVANCE WARNING SANTA CLAUS IS ON HIS WAY !!!



Santa Claus will be paying us his usual annual visit to Chippenham on **Saturday December 16th around 12 noon**. He will be coming along the High Street finishing at the Coach House Stable, where he will have gifts for all the children. Everyone is welcome to come back to the stables to see Santa.

Please make a note of this date in your diary so you can come to cheer Santa on his way!

Chippenham Choir At Christmas.



This is a very busy time for the choir with some very wonderful services, don't miss the real start to Christmas at our candle lit Advent carol service, December 3rd 6pm.

The Choir will be singing carols at La Hogue on the morning of Sat 16th December from 10am. So come along do your shopping with some festive carols to get you in the mood for Christmas.



Carol Singing in the village.

This year we will be carol singing around the village on Thursday 21st December, all are welcome to come along and help sing, children must be with an adult, we also need dedicated collectors, so if you want to come but don't want to sing give me a ring and help by collecting for me. We will meet at the village hall at 6.30pm and will finish at the Park for some refreshment.

Then when you need a break from all the hassle of Christmas, come to our Carol service 6pm 24 December where you will get the real calm of the meaning of Christmas.

Terry Cross 721549

So the holiday season is with us once again, starting as it did with the usual japey and good-natured fun of Halloween followed swiftly by the explosive delights of Guy Fawkes' Night, and the responsibility of filling our night sky with pretty colours once more fell to the delights of our resident pyromaniacs, Kevin Pallant and Terry Cross, who did a superb job — even if sparks from the bonfire did, at one point, threaten to undo all their hard work and treat you all to one climactic feast of fireworks rather than the twenty-five minute display that we all ultimately enjoyed!

It's a shame that during all this good fun some people find it necessary to try and spoil it for others and, during the evening of October 31st, the pub was subject to some vandalism in the toilets. Whilst it might have started out as a bit of a prank, ultimately the damage caused escalated to be something much worse and certainly leaves a sour taste in the mouths of all who work hard for us to provide a fun place to be as the season gets underway. It has to be said that we are extremely grateful to plumber Tony Jullion, who contributed his services to repair the damage quickly.

Now the November rains are falling, the sky has turned grey, the woolly jumpers have been brought down from the attic and Christmas looms ahead of us all. We hope you'll join us for Christmas and the New Year — it's a busy month ahead and we'll be working hard to make it as enjoyable for you as we can. Greene King have produced a special beer in support of The Ashes called LBW and that will be on the pumps the first weekend in December to commemorate our own cricket club too. I'm sure that will go down well with the cricketers! For the month of December we'll be offering a special Christmas Menu for you all to enjoy and, if you're a beer drinker, then as a special treat we have a Christmas Ale from the Hardys & Hansons brewery that's sure to turn your nose bright red. *The Rocking Rudolph* will be here from early December and throughout the holiday.

Mark J Daniels – The Tharp Arms - 01638 720234 - beer@thetharparms.com

President - Ginette Hawes
Vice President - Dorothy Kidd
Secretary - Gaynor Ryan
Correspondence Secretary - Dorothy Kidd

Megan's Pet Sitting Service

If you are going away on holiday or out for the day and need someone to look after your pets please call me on 07879 054570 I would love to help!



Would you like an allotment?

There is current a vacant plot on the allotments just off of New Street.

If you are interested in taking it on or would like to put your

name on a waiting list for any future vacancies please contact Lucinda Clifford of Carter Jonas on 01223 346642.



CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S LIFELINE

Next February sees another visit to our area by a group of children from Belarus. These are children whose health is affected by the continuing contamination caused by the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power station 20 years ago.

We are looking for local volunteers who would like to help us in the following ways:

☺ donating second hand children's clothing (in good condition). Also toys and games that are not too bulky (the children take these back to Belarus with them).

☺ volunteering to help out with the children while they are here. We arrange an itinerary of outings and need more adults who would like to accompany the children. Most of the trips are good fun, to places like Centerparcs and Shepreth Wildlife Park.

☺ volunteering to be a host family.

☺ helping us with fundraising. It costs around £350 to bring each child to the UK, and this is funded entirely by voluntary contributions.

If you can help with any of the the above, or would simply like more information about the work of the charity, please contact

Fiona Maxwell on 01638 720677.

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* LOOBY LOOS FUNTIME *

Messy Play
Monday 1-2pm
at Chippenham Village Hall
Age 1 - School Age £2.50
(wear play clothes)

Toddler Group
Wednesday 9.30-11 am
at Working Mans Club, Exning Rd, Newmarket
0 - School Age £1.50 Under 1yr £3.00 Over 1yr



Messy Play
Wednesday 2-3pm
at The Stable, High St, Newmarket
Age 1 - School Age £2.50
(wear play clothes)

For all enquiries phone Lucy
on 07768 874081

Christmas Fun



I'm sure the mathematicians and statisticians amongst you will find fault in this piece of festive fun found on the Internet, but its fun so we thought we'd share it with you anyway! BUT DON'T LET THE KIDS READ IT !

There are about 2 billion children in the world. An average of 3.5 children per household makes 108 million houses in total. We assume that every household has at least 1 good child. Santa has 31 hours to deliver the presents, because of the time zones and the rotation of the earth, at least, if he travels from east to west. This makes 3.48 million houses per hour, or 9.68 houses per second.

In turn, this means he has - per household - 133 milliseconds to park, jump out of the sleigh, climb through the chimney, put the presents under the Christmas tree, climb back through the chimney, start the sleigh and go to the next house. If we assume that all the households are spread over the world, it's approximately 1.3 kilometres from household to household. That makes a total of 140.4 million kilometres that Old Santa has to drive. That means Santa's sleigh travels with a speed of 1258 kilometres per second, which is 4194 times the speed of sound. A normal reindeer runs about 60 kilometres per hour.

Another interesting thing: the weight of the sleigh. If every household was to get about a kilo's weight of presents it means the sleigh has a weight of 108 million kilos, without Santa Claus himself, who – let's face it – isn't that thin either. On land, reindeers can't pull more than 160 kilos. Even if a flying reindeer could pull 10 times that weight, 8 reindeers are useless. We would need 675 thousand of them. The total weight is now 148.5 million kilos, which gives enormous friction. 148.5 million kilos with a speed of 1285 kilometres per second. The reindeers will be heated in the same way as a space probe returning through the atmosphere of the earth.

The first two reindeers will absorb about 14.3 billion kilo joules per second. This will probably cause them to explode, leaving the two reindeers behind them exposed to the friction. There will be amazingly loud sounds to hear because of this and, in 0.426 seconds, the whole reindeer team will have exploded. Meanwhile, Santa is exposed to 17500 times the normal gravity. If he weighs 300 kilos, he will be thrown into the air with a force of 443155 Newton.

Conclusion: If Santa *has* ever brought presents on Christmas Eve, he's probably dead now.

Of course, that's all just poppycock and Christmas fun – we all know that Santa and Rudolph use a combination of magic and Elf Dust to slow down time and travel around the world, but just in case he is getting a little hot under the collar don't forget to leave them both some sherry and mince pies for Santa and milk and carrots for Rudolph by the fireplace to help cool them down and fuel them through their long night.

Merry Christmas!

One to share with the Children :

Watch Santa in progress, log on to
<http://www.noradsanta.org>

Play along with the games and fun offered

And watch the countdown till Santa begins his journey,

Then when he does leave track him as he travels around the world on the "Santa Cam"

The children will love the magic on Christmas Eve !

Celebrate Christmas in Style at

Chippenham
Lodge Estate

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PARTY NIGHTS

Saturday 9th

and

Saturday 16th

December 2006

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- 3 course Christmas Dinner
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- Christmas decorations
- Resident disco

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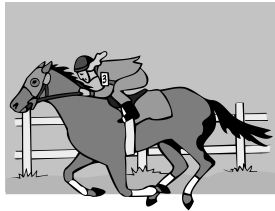
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Minimum booking of 8 people

Gemini update.

The pony race final at Aintree seemed to loom up really quickly; we did have some last minute hitches, as Noel took his good horse Frank Sonata to France, on the same weekend, and most inconsiderately took his own lorry complete with Sarah, who usually leads Gem up, Megan, and her friend Catherine, who are arch supporters, with him! We ended up having to hire a lorry, which worked out well in the end.



Kevin, Mark, who was thrilled because he got to lead Gem up, Jack, our friend Jacqui & me set off at the crack of dawn to be at Aintree for the course walk at 11am, and Jo, with a much depleted entourage, followed on in the lorry with the pony. Although it was a bit blustery, the rain held off until after racing was over, which was a great bonus. Charles Owen, the pony race series sponsors, hosted a marvellous day out, and spoilt us with a superb buffet, and lots of drink for those fortunate enough not to have to drive home!

Both pony races were very exciting; there are loads of photos on www.ponyracing.info/. The child jockeys have so improved since the start of this series, and there was some really first class race riding; I think a huge thank you to the sponsors & both the racing schools for their enormous input which clearly is helping to educate our future jockeys. Gemini did not run particularly well, as he dislikes the soft going, and 9 furlongs is a bit far for him, but having said that we were all really proud of Jack, who rode an excellent race; Jack has now made the decision that he will not pony race again, as he wants to make a career of race riding, so he is going to Ireland to ride out for the summer to gain experience on that side of racing. I am positive that this is because of the influence of pony racing, as Jack was about to give up riding when pony racing first started, so, let's wish Jack luck & watch this space!

Gemini is now having a well earned rest back in Chippenham, and in December he will be taken over by Mark Marris, who is a keen rider, from a totally non horse background, and has been helped on his way by Charles Owen. Mark will qualify him for the Point to Point series, hunting with the Newmarket & Thurlow, and hopefully, all being well, will be able to race him next year, and as Mark is an active member of Soham Pony Club, will I'm sure be doing other Pony Club activities with him too.

We will see how it goes, as Gem is now a senior citizen at 14 years old; and anyway, who knows what is round the corner, that's what keeps life interesting!

Linda

*"One test
of the
correctness
of the
educational
procedure
is the
happiness
of the child"*

Maria Montessori,
1870-1952



MONTESORRI NURSERY SCHOOL
Bury Road, Newmarket CB8 7BT
01638 561568

A word of thanks from Isleham C of E Primary School.

We would like thank everyone who handed in their Tesco Sports for School vouchers to the Tharp Arms, in total they have collected nearly 1000 vouchers which will go along way to helping us get more sports equipment for the school.

Thank you.

Do you have a service to advertise or an item to sell, if you live in Chippenham or Snailwell you can advertise for free in the Village News. Even if you are not with in Chippenham or Snailwell then the cost starts at only £10 per advert.

The News is published every other month, and the next issue is due to be delivered to your doors in time for the 1st February 2007. So if you think of anything you wish to advertise please email the details to us by 17th January in time for it going to the printer. In the meantime Merry Christmas and may you all have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year, or in other words,

EAT DRINK AND BE MERRY !

The George and Dragon,
Snailwell
Whist Drive
Every Thursday



A message from your local police officers :-

What Is

Distraction Burglary?

Distraction Burglary is crime where the burglar aims to get access to your home by seemingly legitimate means, to con or burgle you. Burglars won't always go to the trouble of breaking in if they can knock and be invited in. Frequently callers will claim to be from one of the public utilities - gas, electricity, for example. Sometimes they will claim that their car has broken down nearby and need to use your phone. Whatever they say, they have one motive in mind: to trick their victim into allowing them inside so they can steal their purse/wallet or other valuable items. The Bogus Caller comes in many disguises: Workmen may call at your door saying that they were in the neighbourhood and noticed that you need urgent repairs. They may ask for money in advance or even offer to drive you to the bank, to withdraw the money to pay them. Always get two or more quotes and ask family and friends for recommendations. Never use builders who were just passing by. They will simply disappear or do a poor job very expensively. Some bogus callers may say they have broken down or they need urgent help. They may ask you to come and help them or ask to come in to use the phone or get a glass of water. Bogus officials from a utility company or the council may call trying to gain access under the pretence they are here to read the meter or check your water. In all cases if the person is genuine they will have ID to prove who they are. Even if they claim to be from the police, ask to see some ID in the form of a laminated card with a photo and signature - do not accept business cards. Distraction burglaries are often not reported because victims feel embarrassed that they have been tricked, worried that they

will lose their independence or do not realise they have been robbed for several days or weeks. Bogus callers are very clever in their approach and can be very persuasive! If you think a bogus caller has called at your door or you witness something suspicious, report it to the police immediately. Dial 999 and tell them what has happened. Try to give the police a description of the person/vehicle/s. While they are on their way, tell a neighbour or neighbourhood watch representative just in case they try at other homes in the area. The earlier the police know that bogus callers are working in the area, the quicker they can investigate.

I hope you find this information useful and if I can be of further help, please feel free to contact me.

Refuse & Recycling Collections **Christmas & New Year 2006/07**

Refuse Collection

Christmas Day
Boxing Day
27/12
28/12
29/12

New Years Day
2/1
3/1
4/1
5/1

Black Box Recycling

Christmas Day
Boxing Day
27/12
28/12
29/12

Normal

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Normal

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Revised

Wednesday
Thursday
(no change)
(no change)
(no change)

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Revised

Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Sunday collections will only affect Littleport – Church services will be respected

Christmas week no organic/green waste or bulky waste collections

Waste Recycling Centres

Grunty Fen, Pools Road, Witchford. CB6 2JE Tel: 01353 668728. open 9am to 4pm
Milton, Butt Lane, Milton. CB4 6DQ Tel: 01223 860674. open 9am to 4pm

Milton & Grunty Fen Centres open 9.00am to 1.00pm on Christmas Eve
closed on Christmas, Boxing and New Years Day.

Unwanted Gifts

Branching Out, Charity Shop, Ely Road, Littleport. Tel: 01353 863561

Don't forget to recycle your

Turkey/Chicken carcass and Christmas tree

Swap and Sell - visit -
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Reduce – Re-use - Recycle

Many thanks, Gaynor Foster (P.C.S.O 7105) Cambridgeshire Police

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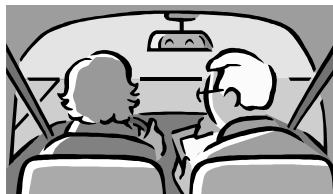
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We're thinking about starting a new social car scheme here, to offer occasional lifts to people who need them. Friends

and family already do this, but they can't always help and some people have no-one to call on.

Would you use a car scheme? Local drivers would, if available, take you to friends, the shops, the doctor, etc. There would be a charge per mile to cover the driver's petrol.

Or could you offer a lift sometimes?

You'd join a pool of volunteers, and wouldn't have to make a regular commitment. You'd be paid an affordable fee by the passenger, and get a subsidy from the County Council.



Or could you co-ordinate?

You'd take phone requests for journeys, and arrange a driver for each trip. The scheme would pay for your phone calls. Once a month or quarter you'd send the drivers' claims for subsidy to the County Council.

Pilates

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Care Network
invites you to tea !
Come & hear more
Friday 19th January at 2.45pm
Afternoon tea & cakes
Chippenham Village Hall.
All welcome.



Please let Helen Randall know if you're coming, so we have enough cakes! If you need a lift, please say. If you can't come, Helen would still like to hear what you think - ring

01353-772169 or write to Mrs H Randall, Care Network, 41e Forehill, ELY, CB7 4AA.

(Charity no 1041524 - we support volunteers to help elderly, isolated and vulnerable people remain independent.)

EAST CAMBS DISTRICT COUNCIL **NEWS**

The Government White Paper on Local Government has now been published. Much media publicity was given to the suggestion that more Councils should have Mayors or Leaders elected for a term of 4 years. However this does not apply to Councils like East Cambs (the 'fourth option councils'), who still operate a committee system. There may be more powers devolved to local councils (County, District & Parish Councils) from central government.

Further to the Housing Figures we published in October's magazine, national figures released recently show 3,210 VAT registered businesses in East Cambs. These are recognised as an important performance indicator of the district's economy. An increase of 4% over the previous year, they are further proof of the continued growth of this district.

Work continues on the preparation of the new Local Development Framework, which will replace the former county Structure Plan and district Local Plan, which determine Planning and Development for the area. Suggestions from across the District for new housing, retail and employment sites have now been received. After a review of their appropriateness they will be published for public consultation towards the middle of next year. All proposals are closely monitored by the Government Office for the East of England.

Stephen Clements, Executive Director for Environmental Services, retired at the end of October, after some 31 years service with the authority, joining only a year after the Council's formation. Eleanor Hoggart, Executive Director for Legal Services, (District Solicitor) also left the Council and joined a Lincolnshire council.

Did you know that you can attend council meetings and you can also speak and ask questions? If you do not feel like making a public appearance then by all means write, email or fax your question.

So why not contact us :

Cllr Michael Allan - Tel: 01638 744050

or Cllr John Abbott - Tel: 01638 720706

Planning Applications

Plans currently under consideration by Chippenham & Snailwell PC

06/01238/FUL & 06/01008/LBC

47 High St

Mr Hurst

Installation of small wind turbine

06/01073/FUL

6 Palace Lane Mrs S Bidwell

Proposed extension to form dining room, bedroom, en-suite and bathroom

06/01070/FUL

6 Palace Lane Mrs S Bidwell

Garden store/workshop

County, District and Parish Councils

Below are the contact details for the County, District and Parish Councils. Please feel free to contact them on any issues that interest or concern you.

County Councillor

John Powley,

Kyte End, 70A Brook Street, Soham, Ely, Cambs, CB7 5AE.

Tel and Fax 01353-624552.

Mobile Tel 07711127832.

E.Mail. john.powley@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

County Councillor

Judy Broadway

Dagwood Farmhouse

Ashfield Road, Elmswell, Bury St Edmunds, IP30 9HJ

Email: judy.broadway@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Tel: 01359 244047

District Councillor

John Abbott

Rose Cottage, 50 Mildenhall Road, Fordham. CB7 5NR

Tel: 01638 720706

Email: johnabbott@cix.co.uk

Member of Planning Committee; Strategic Development Committee; Appeals & Complaints Committee; Overview & Scrutiny Committee; Licensing Committee; and Traffic Management Area Joint Committee.

Represents ECDC on the County Supporting People Members Group; the County Archives Advisory Group; Middle Fen & Mere Internal Drainage Board; and Cawdle Fen Internal Drainage Board.

District Councillor

Michael Allan

24 Bloomsfield, Burwell, Cambridge, CB5 0RA

Tel: 01638 744050

Email: michael.allan@eastcambs.gov.uk

Parish Council Chairman

Mr Kevin Pallant

The Coach House, Chippenham, Ely, Cambs

CB7 5PP

Tel : 01638 720415 or 07711 402080

Email : kevin@coachhousriding.co.uk

Parish Council Clerk

Mrs Sally Hughes

44b High Street, Chippenham, Ely, Cambs

CB7 5PR

Tel : 01638 720915

Email : chippenhamparishcouncil@hotmail.com or
snailwellparishcouncil@hotmail.com

A reminder to all...

A new dog waste bin has been installed in the High Street. It is located on the verge just past the church.

RECYCLING

Chippenham Parish Council ask that no one leaves items outside the recycling banks in the Village Hall car park, as these will not be collected by the lorries.

Thank you.



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Message of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the
cards and letters and kind wishes I received when I was in
hospital. Also thank you all for the support you gave Brian. I
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Many thanks once again,

Diana Drake.

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*Found in Snailwell - Gold Rimmed Spectacles in
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If you find anything, let us know and we will add it

Village Website and Newsletter

The newsletter is now available online @

www.chippenhamcambs.info

Visit the website to sign up for regular updates and find
out what is happening in your community.

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 this form to the Clerk at 44b High Street, Chippenham by **Monday 4th December.**

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 and Snailwell

From the Three Rivers Curate:

Mike Banyard (tel :721616.)

(Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham, Kennett and Snailwell).

Remembrance Sunday, November 12th, was a powerful moment for our communities. Though the Royal British Legion Standard may no longer be paraded, *(the Legion has laid up its Standard in the two churches, St Margaret's and St Peter's, and it is moved each year between the two villages)* many more attended the service this year. Though also the number of folk living who served in the Second World War may be fewer than in the past, several were at the service who have fought or been involved in conflict, or have served in the Armed Forces of either the United Kingdom or the United States of America. It's a difficult time for many. Many remember friends who have died in the service of their country, and it brings back painful memories. Memories sometimes we wish we did not have.

But the day itself is more than that. Its about all those memories, for sure, and all that selfless service, but its also about our own understanding of human nature, and of the fact that we all have the possibilities of violence within us, and that we need to strive continuously to make sure that we do not give in to those forces within. Its about looking forward to a time when war and violence have no place in God's world, and where peace and harmony reign. Not a distant hope, but one within our grasp, if we have the will and the desire to take God at his word, trust in Him and make for peace within ourselves and with our neighbours.

Looking forward at this time of year, means Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas, and the bustle and busy-ness of preparation, of making sure that there is something for everyone and that no one is left out. Taking time to think about what Christmas is all about seems to pass most of us by, in the rush towards the festival. Maybe we are helped this year by the fact that Christmas Day is on a Monday, so we have an extended weekend to make sure everything works.

And yet. Christmas is about that wonderful gift of God to humankind. Of himself. Of that complete self-giving that we all experience in deep relationships with others. We too experience that for ourselves in so many ways. And yet. God comes to earth as a helpless baby, in a city, Bethlehem, torn apart today by yet more violence. God comes among us, in complete dependence on us, in the midst of this mess. In dependence on the obedience of Mary his mother, and of the hospitality of the stranger at the inn. As for all helpless and dependent babies. As we all were and are. May we all this Christmas experience that love of God for us, which demonstrates a love beyond our wildest dreams.

May we all have a Blessed and peaceful Christmas.
Join us on Sundays! God Bless.

Mike.



Snailwell

Church News

Christmas Fayre, Snailwell Church

Saturday 9th December

2.30pm

Do you have any articles, which we could use. Would you have the time to run a stall or assist on one. We are always in need of extra hands, you would be most welcome. Contact Maureen 577456.

Produce – Cakes, Biscuits, Puddings, Toffees, Sweets, Jams, Pickles, Eggs, fresh Fruit & Veg. etc. Best on the day, but a promise of something would be wonderful.

Books. Jewellery – anything you no longer require. Toiletries – Unopened please.

Toys – Games, Puzzles, Soft Toys, (good condition please) Bric-a-brac – Anything, but good condition please.

Christmas Stall – Candles, Artificial Flowers and arrangements, Plants, Decorations,

Christmas and Birthday presents you have received but will never use. (we all have some of those!) The Grand Raffle has some wonderful Prizes and the Books of Tickets are available now. The Draw will take place on Sunday 10. December in the Church 12pm.

Contact numbers:– Grand Raffle – Charlie 578296 (evenings) Maureen and Bryan also have tickets to sell. Produce – Gaynor 577703. Toiletries – Hannah 666074. Other enquires – Maureen 577456. Articles can be collected.

All proceeds to the church restoration fund.

CHIPPENHAM SUNDAY ROTA

	Sidesmen	Reader	Wine	Flowers	Cleaning
December 3rd	Ian	Curate	PCC	Advent (No Flowers)	Fiona & Mandy
December 10th	Brian	Brian	John & Helen	Advent (No Flowers)	Julie
December 17th	Jan	Chris	Paul & Isobel	Advent (No Flowers)	James & Paul
December 24th	Brian/Peter	Curate		ALL	ALL
December 25th	Anne	Anne			
January 7th	Jan	Jan	Brian & Jennifer	Helen	Eileen & Mary
January 14th	Ian	Eileen	Fiona & Peter	Helen	Fiona & Mandy
January 21st	Brian	Chris	Jan & James	Nicola	Julie
January 28th	Anne	James	Kevin & Linda	Nicola	Paul & James
February 4th	Jan	Brian	Isabel & Terry	Sam	Eileen & Mary

The Parish Churches of Chippenham and Snailwell

Church Diary 2006

DECEMBER

Sun 3rd ADVENT SUNDAY (P)

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end Luke 21: 25-36

Holy Communion Chippenham 8 am

Family Service Snailwell 9.30 – 10.15 am

ADVENT CAROLS CHIPPENHAM 6 pm

Sun 10th Second Sunday of Advent (P)

Philippians 1: 3-11 Luke 3: 1-6

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11 am

Sun 17th Third Sunday of Advent (P)

Isaiah 25: 1-9 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5

Choral Mattins Chippenham 11 am

CAROL SERVICE SNAILWELL 6 pm

Sunday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE (P/W)

Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-45

Holy Communion Chippenham 8 am

CAROL SERVICE CHIPPENHAM 6 pm

MIDNIGHT MASS SNAILWELL 11.30 pm

Mon 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

Hebrews 1: 1-4 John 1: 1-14

HOLY COMMUNION SNAILWELL 9.30 am

SUNG EUCHARIST CHIPPENHAM 11 am

Sunday 31st First Sunday of Christmas (W)

Three Rivers Group Eucharist Service at KENNETT - 10 am

No service at Snailwell or Chippenham

Church Diary 2007

JANUARY

Sun 7th EPIPHANY (W)

Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12

Holy Communion Chippenham 8 am

Family Service Snailwell 9.30 - 10.15 am

Family Service Chippenham 11 - 11.45 am

Sun 14th Second Sunday of Epiphany (W)

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11 am

Sun 21st Third Sunday of Epiphany (W)

Deuteronomy 30: 11-15 3 John 1: 5-8

Mattins Snailwell 9.30 am

Choral Mattins Chippenham 11 am

Sunday 28th CANDLEMAS (W)

Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11 am

FEBRUARY

Sun 4th Third Sunday before Lent (G)

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11

Holy Communion Chippenham 8 am

Family Service Snailwell 9.30 - 10.15 am

Family Service Chippenham 11 - 11.45 am

St. Peters, Snailwell Christmas Draw 2006

First Prize - Quality Hamper

Other prizes include :

Whisky Wines Racing Tie

Family Game Round of Golf with Maureen

Haircut & Blow Dry at Venus Hair & Beauty



Tickets available from The George & Dragon
or Charles Richmond (tel:01638 578296)

Draw takes place 12 noon on 10th December
at St Peters, Snailwell

Counterfoils to be returned by
9.30pm 9th December to 7 The Green.

Prizes Donated by :

Sherringtons White Hart Hotel Goldings
Moons Toy Store Waitrose Venus Hair & Beauty

SNAILWELL SUNDAY ROTA

	Sidesman /	Cleaning / Flowers
December 3rd	Betty	Hannah - Liz
December 10th	Muriel	Muriel/Maureen
December 17th	Maureen	Muriel/Maureen
December 24th	Michael	Gaynor - Sue
December 25th	Charlie	
January 7th	Helen	Bryan/Betty
January 14th	Gaynor	Bryan/Betty
January 21st	Betty	Hannah/Liz
January 28th	Muriel	Hannah/Liz
February 4th	Charlie	Muriel/Maureen

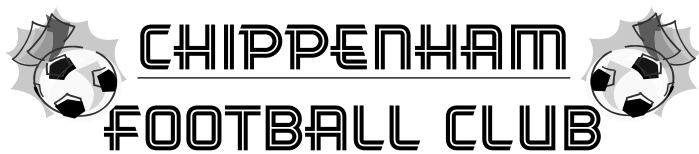


Regular Weekday Services

Snailwell - Wednesday 6 pm
Chippenham - Wednesday 8.30 pm



The Sports Page



This season is progressing nicely for Chippenham F.C. in Division 3A of the Cambs. Sunday League. They are currently third in the Division and remain in one cup competition having won a cracking tie at Meldreth last Sunday.

Results To Date

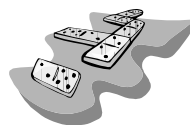
24th September : Shelford Energy Cup
Kitsonians 4 - Chippenham F.C. 3

29th October : League
Chippenham F.C. 5 - Grove 4

5th November : League
Cherry Hinton Five Bells 5 - Chippenham F.C. 2

12th November : V.B. Trophies League Cup Round 2
Meldreth Utd 2 - Chippenham F.C. 2
(Chippenham won on penalties 4-2 after extra time)

Training continues through the winter at Fordham Recreation Ground on a Thursday evening. Anyone wishing to come along please contact on 01638723978
Jim Smith (Chairman)



Pub Team Games

CALLING ALL DARTS PLAYERS
CALLING ALL DOMINO PLAYERS
CALLING ALL CRIBBAGE PLAYERS

YOUR PUB NEEDS YOU !!!!!

The Tharp Arms in Chippenham has several Pub Teams which take part in various Pub Games throughout the year. With the Winter season now underway we are still short on players for our pub teams. The pub has 4 teams, 2 Domino teams, 1 Cribbage and 1 Darts. Monday nights sees both the Domino teams in action and the Darts team, and on Wednesday nights the Cribbage team play. All teams are looking for more players who can either join in regularly or act as a reserve and be called on every now and then.

Go on have a night out, a few drinks and a friendly laugh with fellow villagers. Call in at the Pub and give us your name and contact telephone number and the team captain will be in touch.

Chippenham Cricket Club

The new season starts on Sunday April 24th. All fixtures have been arranged *and a list of these is attached.*

Anyone wishing to join the club should contact Darren Hughes on 720915.

Club practice nights are on Tuesday at the ground and will start on April 12th (weather permitting). Please ring Philip Wright 07734059928 for further details.

Junior coaching will start on May 5th at the ground from 6pm. This is for boys and girls age 5-14.

Spectators are very welcome at all games and feel free to come and ask for a cup of tea at tea time.

Following the success of our family Kwik Cricket evening last year we will be running these every week from May to July (excluding half term). All villages are welcome, Please see separate advert for further details.

A work party will be up at the ground on 9th April (AM) preparing everything for the start of the season. If you would like to help please call Alan Wright on 01638 720948.

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.

Thanks and we hope to see you at the ground during the summer



Darren Hughes

NEXT ISSUE ; Please send all notices and news for featuring in the February-March issue of the Chippenham and Snailwell Village News to news@thetharparms.com or drop them in at The Tharp Arms, High Street, Chippenham, by Wednesday 17th January. Many thanks, Ali & Mark Daniels