

Chippenham Newsletter

December 2015/January 2016

Merry Christmas &

- See page 3 for the local holiday fun line-up!!!
- Included events range from Christmas markets to Christmas Carol services!
- On December 4 check out Chippenham's Candlelit Christmas Market to begin enjoying the holiday spirit

Happy New Year!

- Ring in the new year with celebrations, including the Tharp Arms' New Year's Eve night with live music (see the Tharp Arms page)!
- Other January fun to be had: Chippenham Cricket Club's Sunday Morning Winter Programme starts up on the 3rd, and join the Burns Night festivities with the 23rd's Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh AND the 30th's Whiskey Tasting!
 - See inside for all the details

Next newsletter submissions deadline: 7 January 2016

Diary Dates

December 2015

- 4 Chippenham Candlelit Xmas Market, St Margaret's Church, 6-9pm
- 6 Quiz Night, Tharp Arms, 7.30pm
- 9 MU Xmas lunch, Walnut Tree (Worlington), 12pm
- 11 Mums +Plus Meet-Up, Fordham Garden Centre, 9.15am
- 11 Xmas Bonus deadline
- 12/13 La Hogue's Father Xmas Grotto
- 13 Three Rivers Messy Church, Fordham Church, 3.30-5.30pm
- 14 Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7pm
- 16 Oil Co-Op deadline
- 17 Open Mic Night, Tharp Arms, 7.30pm
- 19 Xmas Quiz, Tharp Arms, 7.30pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Carol Service, St Margaret's Church, 6pm
- 25 Christmas Day Service, Snailwell at 9.30am & Chippenham at 11am
- 27 Ride & Stride at Fordham Church at 10.30am, service at 11.15am
- 31 New Years Eve at the Tharp Arms with live music

January 2016

- 3 Chippenham Cricket Club's Sunday Morning Winter Programme begins, 10am
- 3 Quiz Night, Tharp Arms, 7.30pm
- 10 Three Rivers Messy Church, Fordham Church, 3.30-5.30pm
- 11 MU Coffee & Craft morning, 10am-12pm
- 11 Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7pm
- 15 Mums +Plus Meet-Up, Fordham Garden Centre, 9.15am
- 21 MU Coffee Morning Meet-Up, Fordham Garden Centre, 10.30am
- 23 Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh, Village Hall, 7pm
- 28 Open Mic Night, Tharp Arms, 7.30pm
- 30 Whiskey Tasting, Tharp Arms

Other local events

With so much going on during this busy time of year, please use this newsletter as a resource so you don't miss out on the festivities!

Turn to page 3 for all the holiday happenings, and toward the last pages for the Tharp Arms' line-up and Freckenham's events, too.

Happy Christmas and here's to a wonderful New Year!!!

Your Chippenham Newsletter contributors:

Lauren Hohorst.....Newsletter Editor

Andrew Munro.....Website Editor

Fiona Maxwell.....Advertising

Contact at newsletter@chippenhamcambs.info

Please visit:

www.chippenhamcambs.info

www.facebook.com/ChippenhamCambs

Chippenham Village Hall 100 Club

Join Today!

Prizes are drawn monthly, when three winners are chosen at random from all the participating numbers. First prize is £40, second prize is £20, third prize is £10, and additionally there are two bonus prizes of £60 each drawn three times a year. The cost of membership is £24 a year and all profits help maintain the Village Hall.

There are still spare numbers available!

For more details please contact Chris Mason, 01638 720427.

Winners for September 2015:

1st Kath Doyle: £40 2nd Darren Hughes: £20

3rd Julie Andrews: £10

Winners for October 2015:

1st Ruth McCormack: £40 2nd Fiona Maxwell: £20

3rd Howard Froment: £10

Bonus Prizes:

Barbara Cox: £60 Brian Barrow: £60

Save the date:

**Chippenham Candlelit
Christmas Market
Friday, 4 December 2015**

- ~ St Margaret's Church, 6-9pm, FREE entry
- ~ Fabulous stalls for all your Christmas gifts, many new ones included
- ~ Enjoy hotdogs, mince pies, mulled wine, tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- ~ GRAND RAFFLE - SUPERB PRIZES, come join the festivities!

Local Holiday Fun!

- 12 Dec.: **Snailwell Christmas Fayre** fundraising event, St Peter's Church, 2-4pm: Fantastic stalls with items at affordable prices, Grand Draw with great prizes, refreshments. We can make use of anyone's items they wish to pass on (i.e. Christmas/birthday present received but never opened) & children's toys in good condition but no longer wanted. Please contact Maureen Howes, 01638 577456; items could be collect if need be.
- 12/13 Dec.: **Father Christmas' Grotto at La Hogue:**
<http://www.lahogue.co.uk/christmas-at-the-farm/>
- 16 Dec.: **Christmas Farmers & Crafts Market**, Freckenham Village Hall, 7-9pm (See Freckenham Events page for more info.)
- 19 Dec.: **Christmas Quiz at the Tharp Arms**, 7.30pm start, all welcome!
- 20 Dec.: **St Peter's Church Carol Service**, Snailwell, 6pm:
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies!
- 5/19/20 Dec.: **A Victorian Christmas at Moyse's Hall Museum**
with Father Christmas' Grotto, Bury St Edmunds: For opening times and more details, please see www.whatsonwestsuffolk.co.uk
- 24 Dec., CHRISTMAS EVE:
- **St Margaret's Church Carol Service**, Chippenham, 6pm
 - **Christmas Prize Draw at the Tharp Arms**, 7.30pm
- 25 Dec., CHRISTMAS DAY:
- **Service at St Peter's**, Snailwell, 9.30am
 - **Service at St Margaret's**, Chippenham, 11am
- 27 Dec.: **Ride & Stride Service**, Fordham Church:
10.30am walk around Fordham, followed by the 11.15am carol service in the church (Fordham) after. Meeting up at the church 10.15am for the walk. This is a lovely way to gently walk off the festive excess, and to meet 'n' greet with others!
- 31 Dec.: **New Years Eve at the Tharp Arms:**
Live music from Adam & George with the Tin Pot Disco!

The Villager Recipe Swap

The villager recipe swap was an idea that came about when five Chippenham ladies had a weekend away on the Norfolk coast. There must be numerous tried-and-tested recipes out there, and it would be nice to use the newsletter as a way of sharing them. *Could anybody who wishes to share a recipe please send its details to the newsletter email for future editions (newsletter@chippenhamcamb.info).*

We (Jane, Michelle, Wendy, Debbie & Sandra) thought the first recipe could be pertinent to the holiday season, hence a Christmas Cake recipe!

“Please find below a recipe I use every Christmas, it is very easy and seems to always come out well for me.” - Michelle Kerr

Dorothy Sleightholme's Christmas Cake

225g butter	225g soft brown sugar
1 tablespoon dark treacle	Grated rind and juice of one lemon
250g plain white flour	1 level tsp baking powder
1 level tsp mixed spice	A little grated nutmeg
5 eggs, A pinch of salt	225g currants
225g sultanas	225g raisins
125g glazed cherries	125g candied peel
50g chopped whole almonds	50g ground almonds

Preheat oven to moderate, Gas 3, 325°F/160°C.

- 1) Line a 20cm/8inch square or round tin with a layer of foil and a layer of grease-proof paper lightly greased on both sides. Allow both the foil and grease-proof paper to extend above sides of tin. Tie a double thickness of brown paper around outside of tin.
- 2) Cream together butter, sugar, treacle and lemon rind.
- 3) Sift flour, baking powder, spice, nutmeg and salt. Add fruit and both the chopped and the ground almonds.
- 4) Beat eggs until frothy.
- 5) Add half of beaten egg and 4 tablespoons flour-and-fruit mixture to the butter-and-sugar mixture, beat together.
- 6) Add remaining egg and the remaining dry ingredients, gradually mixing in strained lemon juice. Do not beat, but mix thoroughly.
- 7) Spoon into prepared tin.
- 8) Place cake in centre of oven and turn heat down immediately to Gas 2, 300°F/150°C and bake for 1¼ hours. Over next half hour reduce heat to quite cool, Gas 1 275°F/140°C. If at this stage the cake is browning too quickly, cover loosely with foil. Total time 4¼ hours, or until firm.
- 9) Leave to cool in tin.
- 10) When cool wrap in foil and store. I tend to feed the fruit for a couple of days before starting on the cake, alternatively you can feed the cake once it has been cooked with your tipple.

CHIPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Your Councillors:

Nick Parsons (Chair) - 18 Scotland End, 721791

Fiona Maxwell (Vice Chair) - 49 High Street, 720677

Paul Fishpool - 3 Scotland End, 07850 369883

Wendy Parsons - 18 Scotland End, 721791

Kevin Pallant - Coach House, High Street, 07711 402080

Nick Bennett - 14 Tharp Way, 721335

Nick Wright - Badlingham Manor, 07831 883881

Clerk: Sally Hughes - 44b High Street, 720915

Email: chippenhamparishcouncil@hotmail.com

*****Parish Council Monthly Meeting*****

The Parish Council meets on the second Monday of the month at 7pm in the Village Hall. All meetings are open to the public:

Monday, 14 December 2015

Monday, 11 January 2016

Bonfire Night 2015 News & Thank You

Even with the postponement from Thursday (5th) to Friday (6th) due to the bad weather, we had the largest attendance ever. Terry and I were very grateful to be setting up and lighting the fireworks in drier & safer conditions! The event was a huge success and there are too many people to thank but sharing the workload of the event, from sorting the funding to organising the bonfire, food, collections has been a great help to me.

Sophie Hughes and her friends did a great job with "Penny for the Guy" raising £58.81! And with £426.61 in the collection tins, the grand total raised to go forward to next year's display is £485.52.

This is a true village event and let's hope we can continue with ours whilst other villages seem to be losing theirs. Very best wishes, I'll start planning next years display!

Kevin Pallant

CHIPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Monday, 14 September 2015, Chippenham Village Hall, 7pm
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting

District Council Report

Cllr Huffer reported that the Ely bypass is definitely going ahead and has a target completion date of September 2017. Cllr Schumann reported on the re-writing of the Local Plan. The final plan should be signed off in 18-24 months.

County Council Report

JS reported that the Chief Executive of the County Council has resigned. This has given the council the opportunity to look at the possibility of re-structuring. They are considering sharing services, including that of the Chief Executive, with Peterborough Unitary Authority. Network Rail has pulled out of the project to dual the rail line between Soham and Ely. The idea has not been cancelled but is not being considered at the current time.

Police Report

None

Matters Arising

A. Schooling - The Clerk has submitted the response from the county council to the editor for inclusion in the next newsletter. She has asked for feedback from residents on their views for future school places for children from the village. JS reported that Fordham School will be looking to move to a two-class-per-year model to accommodate local growth. It is unlikely that the school will move to a new location. The council, along with Fordham Parish Council and the school, are looking at ways to accommodate the extra capacity which is needed.

B. Under 12s Play Area – The wooden balance beam on the trail has rotted. FLP has provided a quote of £228 to replace the beam. The council voted to accept this quotation. NB reported that both sets of gates need attention as the posts have moved and therefore shutting the gates is becoming a problem. The use of a lockable cabinet to house the inspection log was discussed. The log will be completed each week. The council voted to buy two cabinets (one for each play area) at a cost of £38 each. Turners will cut back the Leylandii trees which border the play area. NB has made them aware that they will need to take safety precautions because of the play area and footpath.

C. Staggered gates - The staggered gates at the New Street are now installed.

D. Street lights - The removal of the street light from the Vicarage garden has created a dark spot at the corner of New Street. SH will speak to Balfour Beatty about getting the light re-instated. WP reported that the lights in Scotland End are still too bright and that Balfour Beatty has not done any work to fit baffles to direct the light downwards.

E. Parkside Corner - Highways will not be resurfacing the corner this year. The Clerk has asked for it to be included in the schedule for 2016.

F. Village Hall - WP reported that the flooring in the chair store-room was being renewed. New toilet seats are also being installed.

G. Phone Box/BHF - BHF has confirmed that they will provide 50% funding for a defibrillator for the village. The meeting voted to pay the remaining 50% for the kit. The council needs to identify a suitable person to lead the project for installation and training.

H. New Councillor Training - The Clerk has booked a training session for all councillors for 20th October.

September 2015 Meeting's Minutes cont.

I. BT phone line at allotment track - The Clerk has called BT to report the potential hazard of the line breaking due to trees/branches etc. However BT will only attend a broken line and do not carry out pre-emptive work.

Highway Matters

The council discussed potential ideas for the Minor Highways Improvement grant. JS pointed out that schemes which offer improved road safety or benefit to the community are marked higher than just general maintenance issues. The council agreed to report the noise issue relating to the sunken manhole cover on the High Street near the junction with Scotland End. The Clerk will report the broken 'horses' sign on Isleham Road.

CHIPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Monday, 12 October 2015, Chippenham Village Hall, 7pm

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting

District Council Report

None

County Council Report

None

Police Report

None

Planning

Community Land Trust - Nick Bennett (NB) updated the meeting regarding CLTs (Community Land Trusts). He had attended a meeting hosted by ECDC and has also spoken to their CLT Advisor. ECDC are encouraging groups to set up CLTs to help towards delivering their quota of new housing (as set by central government). A CLT allows the community to shape any further development. Whilst the Local Plan is in review, the district council is in a vulnerable position as it has been proven that the current plan does not have the five year capacity required. CLTs can be set up by any interested party and it is not necessarily the Parish Council that needs to be driving the development. Funding in the form of grants and loans is available to help groups establish a CLT. NW is aware of a scheme at Stretham and Wilburton and will email their council for more information.

Matters Arising

A. Under 12s Play Area - NB and KP (Kevin Pallant) had inspected the U12 play area. They both agreed that both sets of gates need attention. However this is not urgent and could be incorporated into the plan to replace some of the older equipment at a later date.

B. Phase 3 of Play Area - NP (Nick Parsons) reported that the installation of the new equipment had gone well. The project had been well communicated with the community via the newsletter, a leaflet drop and notices for those residents adjacent to the site. Representatives from both the PC and CYP were on site each day during installation.

October 2015 Meeting's Minutes cont.

(B. continued:) There is an outstanding query regarding one piece of equipment; the combo pull down/chest press. There is a query regarding the resting level of the handlebar. It was noted that some of the labels were peeling off, although it was also acknowledged that the equipment was installed on a particularly wet day. RK will source more labels. An independent post installation inspection will take place in the next few days. The balance of the cost will be settled when these issues are resolved. WP mentioned that RK would like to erect signs to show which organisations have funded the three phases of the park redevelopment.

C. Play Area Inspection Log - NB will install the new cases for both play areas. They will be used to log the weekly inspection.

D. Street lights - SH (Sally Hughes) had emailed Balfour Beatty and Josh Schumann (JS) regarding the lack of light at the junction of New Street. As yet she had not received a response from JS. SH will email JS again.

E. Parkside corner - The road surface will be dressed with Fibregrip in 2016.

F. Village Hall - WP (Wendy Parsons) reported that the chair store room has been re-floored. The committee is still planning to approach village clubs that use the hall to ask them to sponsor a picture for the main hall.

G. New Councillor Training - New councillor training (for all councillors and the clerk) will take place on Monday, 19 October.

H. Website - SH has met with Andrew Munro, who maintains the website, to discuss updating the style and content. SH has carried out an audit of the content to identify pages and items that are no longer relevant. AM has given an estimate of end October for the new website.

I. Primary School Places - A copy of the email from Cambs County Council regarding provision of primary school places has been published in the newsletter.

Highway Matters

The council discussed potential ideas for the Minor Highways Improvement grant. It was agreed that a request will be made for traffic calming solutions for the Fordham end of the High Street. SH will submit the grant application.

Village Matters

A. Risk Assessment - None

B. Village Maintenance Working Group - KP had submitted draft Terms of Reference for the proposed VMWG. It was decided that a 'village audit' should be carried out to identify areas where improvements could be made. These would then be prioritised based on need and cost.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Proposal: North porch extension

Location: St Margaret's Church, Reference: 15/01375/FUL

Proposal: Proposed 2 storey extension at the rear of the property

Location: 56 High Street, Reference: 15/01219/FUL

Neighbourhood Safety Advice from Ely Police

Look After Your Heating Oil

Theft of heating oil has been an issue in rural areas for some time, but it can be a particular problem at this time of year as home owners get their supplies for the winter months. Coupled with rises in the cost of fuel, oil has become a much more attractive target for thieves.



**Creating a safer
Cambridgeshire**

Consider the position of the tank: can it be viewed easily from the house? If it is close to a road or pathway, it is more at risk. Think about using prickly, thorny plants to hide the tank from view; traces of blood or ripped clothing may help to identify the offender.

Be aware of your oil levels and check them regularly. Remote oil-level gauge alarms are available and cost between £60 - £85; they will set off an audible alarm if the oil level in the tank suddenly drops or falls below a quarter full.

Use good quality padlocks, and lockable fuel caps, a thief will not want to spend a long time trying to attack your tank. Look for closed shackle padlocks, as they will be more difficult to break. Look for quality marks and attack-tested products (see www.soldsecure.com).

If you have a plastic tank, consider screening it with a barrier. According to OFTEC advice, any screening hedge or trellis must be spaced 600mm from the tank or 760mm if it is part of a boundary and no fire barrier is erected (see <http://www.oftec.co.uk/consumer/faqs-on-oil-storage-tanks>). Other options include a metal cage or grill with lockable access point across the top. A specialist product called 'Tank guard' surrounds the tank with a metal enclosure, and the sheet metal enclosure has lockable access doors to allow filling and maintenance, plus internal anchorage points fixing it to the concrete base. A tank guard costs less than one tank full of oil and will last many years.

CCTV may help to deter thieves if there is very little natural surveillance, but before you spend money on equipment you should make an assessment of your needs. If you have outside security lighting, ensure that the system works and that the light sensors have been adjusted correctly to detect movement. Deter thieves from entering your property by using optimal perimeter security, such as good fencing and strong lockable gates. Maintain boundaries and perimeter fencing/hedges.

Be vigilant by noting unusual or out of place vehicle registration numbers, and report suspicious activity to the Police. OFTEC also offer advice and guidance to those using and storing oil (contact www.oftec.org).

From the Three Rivers Rector, the Rev'd Mike Banyard

01638 721616, banyardmg1@yahoo.co.uk

I was delighted to be at our school in Fordham on Armistice Day, 11 November, to lead collective worship and then to take part with all the school in the silence at 11 am. I was especially moved at the superb behaviour of our children in maintaining the silence. We had just shared something of the story of why November 11th is such a special day, and, later on Wednesday and Thursday, each child was presented with a commemorative mug from the Three Rivers Group of churches to mark the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. A very generous benefactor came forward and donated the costs of the mugs, which were also given to primary children at Isleham and Kennett schools, too. Thank you.

The poppy appeal in Fordham in particular raised over £3600, some £700 more than last year. A huge thank you to all who contributed, and to Jean Carlton and others who work so hard for the appeal.

Then at the time of my writing this piece I heard the terrible news about Paris, of so many murdered in a short space of time in mid-November while out enjoying the end of the week at football, a concert and in cafes. And to learn all that after a large number of people were murdered in Beirut, AND after the crash of the Russian air liner in the Sinai desert this month. Violence has been appearing to have the upper hand, spreading mayhem, terror and confusion around the globe. What radicalises some people to carry out such terrifying and terrible acts on others? For that is clearly not what religion is all about.

For me, it reinforces a real desire to ensure our young people hear and understand basic tenets of Christianity and so many other faiths that love for God, neighbour and self should be at the heart of all that we believe and then put into effect in our daily lives. But we have to know it, and what it means, in order to avoid knee-jerk responses, which seem to reinforce the negatives and the evil in our midst.

As we prepare for the arrival of the Prince of Peace, Jesus himself, at Christmas, let's all reflect on what we can do to make our villages and God's world a safer place where we can all flourish.

God bless.
Mike

С Д И Е Д И А Т А

Mark 13: 24 – 27

Snailwell 9.30am

Sun 6th December Advent 2 (P)

Luke 3: 1-6

Snailwell 9.30 am

Chippenham 11am

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 7-18

Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist

Chippenham 11am

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55)

Carol Service

Snailwell 6.00pm

Sung Eucharist

Chippenham 11am

CAROL SERVICE: CHIPPENHAM 6PM

Hebrews 1: 1-12

John 1: 1-14

Holy Communion

Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist

Chippenham 11am

RIDE & STRIDE FORDHAM 10.30AM.

service at 11.15am

No other services in the Group today

1 John 1

John 21: 19b-end

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

Holy Communion

Snailwell 9.30am

Family Service

Chippenham 11am

Acts 8: 14-17

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Holy Communion

Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist

Chippenham 11am

Sun 17th January Epiphany 2 (W)

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
Family Service
Sung Eucharist

John 2: 1-11
Snailwell 9.30am
Chippenham 11am

Sun 24th January Epiphany 3 (W)

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a
Holy Communion
Evensong

Luke 4: 14-21
Snailwell 9.30am
Chippenham 6.30pm

Sun 31st Jan. Presentation of Christ in the Temple (W)

Hebrews 2: 14 – end
Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist

Luke 2: 22-40
Snailwell 9.30am
Chippenham 11am

~~~~~

## ***Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh***

23 January, Saturday, 7pm  
At the Chippenham Village Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend!  
For details contact Yvonne Lomas on 01638 721676



| Chippenham Church Rota |                    |        |                |                        |                   |        |         |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
|                        | Sidesmen           | Reader | Wine           | Flowers                | Cleaning          | Coffee | Prayers |
|                        |                    |        |                |                        |                   |        | Locking |
| Dec 6th                | Felix              | Lucy   | Nick& Wendy    | No Flowers Advent      | Lomas Girls       | Lucy   | Peter   |
| Dec 13th               | James              | Terry  | Peter & Fiona  | No Flowers Advent      | James & Paul      | Fiona  | Peter   |
| Dec 20th               | Jennifer           | Isabel | John Bridges   | No Flowers Advent      | Fiona & Lucy      | Eileen | Tony    |
| Dec 27th               | Service in Fordham |        |                | Christmas Flowers      | Jan, Yvette, Mary |        | Tony    |
| Jan 3rd                | Lucy               | Fen    | Jennifer       | all help from 25th dec | Lomas Girls       | Lucy   | Kevin   |
| Jan 10th               | Tony & Eileen      | Fiona  | Ralph          | Wendy                  | James & Paul      | Fiona  | Kevin   |
| Jan 17th               | James              | Jan    | Jan & James    | Wendy                  | Fiona & Lucy      | Eileen | David   |
| Jan 24th               | Evensong Jan       | Terry  | Tony           | Jean                   | Jan, Yvette, Mary | Lucy   | David   |
| Jan 31st               | Jennifer           | Isabel | Paul & Isobel  | Jean                   | Lomas Girls       | Fiona  | Peter   |
| Feb 7th                | Fen                | Felix  | Terry & Isabel | Helen                  | James & Paul      | Eileen | Peter   |
| Feb 14th               | James              | Fiona  | Nick& Wendy    | Lent No Flowers        | Fiona & Lucy      | Lucy   | Tony    |

If dates do not suit please swap

# Three Rivers Mothers Union



The Annual General Meeting was held in September. It had been another busy and successful year with the Lent Lunches, Coffee Mornings, formal meetings and social get-togethers, all being well supported. The Officers and Committee remain unchanged and were unanimously re-elected for a further three years. We were delighted to welcome our Mothers Union Chaplain, Valerie Kilner, to our October meeting. Her subject was "Praying" and she made it a most interesting and thought-provoking talk.

## Forthcoming Events:

### **Monday, 7 December:**

Christmas Lunch at The Walnut Tree, Worlington; 12.00pm meet-up for 12.30pm reservation.

### **Monday, 11 January, 10am-12pm:**

Coffee and Craft morning at Gaynor Ryan's, 1 Manor Farm Barns, Snailwell.

### **Thursday, 21 January, 10.30am:**

Coffee morning meet-up at Fordham Garden Centre.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Visitors and new members are most welcome at any of our meetings/events. For further information on the above or the MU generally, please telephone either Helen (01638 721616), Jenny (01638 720820), Gaynor (01638 577703) or Eileen (01638 720125).

## ***Mums +Plus***

Join us for a monthly coffee morning for fun, conversation and sharing our questions of life, faith and parenthood; all are welcome! For more information, contact Helen Banyard (01638 721616) or Laura Cox-Watson (01638 724839).

### Friday Morning Meet-Ups:

- 11 December 2015, 9.15am, at the Fordham Garden Centre
- 15 January 2016, 9.15am, at the Fordham Garden Centre

## Three Rivers Messy Church

Held on the second Sunday of every month; crafts, story/song session and a simple meal at Fordham Church, 3.30-5.30pm!

- 13 December 2015
- 10 January 2016

# CHIPPENHAM

## TENNIS CLUB



The Tennis Club would like to thank Chippenham Lodge Stud, Becca Nicolle and the Parish Council for their generosity towards the new courtside club house. The autumn opening event brought together around 45 people from the local community for juniors' coaching (including an under 5s session), a children's art competition, an adult tournament and courtside socialising.

The coaching sessions planned for 2016 include more free juniors' coaching (two 4-day 'clinics' in the Spring and Summer holidays) and adults sessions. For more information please email: [coaching@chippenhamtennisclub.co.uk](mailto:coaching@chippenhamtennisclub.co.uk)

### Mark your diaries for...

To learn more about all the 2016 plans and contribute to the club's Development Plan, please come to the AGM (A General Meeting) on **24 February** at **7.30pm** at the Tharp Arms.



## Chippenham Cricket Club

### **Chippenham Cricket Club – Winter Programme**

Nets will take place at the ground on Sunday mornings from 10am, starting on the **first Sunday in January**. New players are welcome. Contact Alan Wright: 07989 526295.

### **Chippenham Juniors**

We will run some cricket clinics on weekends during the winter and then return to Monday night coaching next March. If you have a child interested in getting involved with the club, please contact Darren Hughes for more information (07881 818047 or [dhughes@alphacrc.com](mailto:dhughes@alphacrc.com)).

For more about the club, including latest news and results,  
see our website & follow us on Twitter!

<http://chippenham-cricket-club.eschools.co.uk/website>, @chippenhamcamcc



# WHAT'S ON IN FRECKENHAM...

FIRST FRIDAY FILMS AT FRECKENHAM: First Friday of the month, £5 tickets (no need to book)! Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm screening. Upcoming titles include (please see village website for full film details):

- **4 December** – *Billy Elliot* (15), this feel-good movie will get the festivities started!
- NO FILM NIGHT for 1 January 2016 (New Years Day)

CHRISTMAS FARMERS & CRAFTS MARKET: **16 December, Wednesday** at the Freckenham Village Hall. 7-9pm; Stalls with the autumn veg from Plantation Farm & meat from Culford Flock; also preserves, pickles, chutneys, honey, eggs and homemade Christmas goodies. Cheese stall and Ely Gin Company, waiting for more to confirm. Refreshments include mince pies and mulled wine, as well as hot drinks and a bar! Monthly market day returns to the usual last Saturday of the month on **30 January, Saturday**.

TALK ON WICKEN FEN: **January 2016**, date tbc. The topic chosen is 'Wicken Fen: Past, Present & Future.' FREE ENTRY, donations go to Wicken Fen National Trust. Doors open 7pm/talk starts 7.30pm, and the bar will be available! (Please see the village website for this event's date.)

QUIZ NIGHT & POTLUCK SUPPER: **22 January, Friday** at 7.30pm held at the Freckenham Village Hall. This event is presented by the Mildenhall and District Twinning Association, there is no entry fee but there will be a raffle held to cover costs. Teams will have 4-6 people, but teams can be put together on the night so everyone will be welcome. Please bring finger food to share! Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided but if you would like alcohol, please bring your own. Raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated.

Check the website [www.freckenham.onesuffolk.net](http://www.freckenham.onesuffolk.net) for our weekly activities and do check in case of any changes and the Christmas holiday break. Ballroom is having a break till 2016. Table Tennis on Tuesdays could do with more people attending; 7.30pm, £2-a-person just a fun night out! Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and healthy New Year. Thank you for your support during 2015 and we look forward to seeing old and new faces in 2016.

# THE THARP ARMS

## Opening Hours

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Monday:                 | 5pm - Close  |
| Tuesday through Friday: | 4pm - Close  |
| Saturday & Sunday:      | 12pm - Close |

## Food Served

(Bar meals)

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Wednesday through Friday: | 6.30pm - 8.30pm             |
| Saturday:                 | 12pm - 2pm, 6.30pm - 8.30pm |

For updates on events/information: 01638 720234, [www.thetharparms.com](http://www.thetharparms.com)

---

## **December Events**

|                     |                                                                    |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6th, Sunday         | QUIZ NIGHT 7:30pm start                                            |
| 17th, Thursday      | OPEN MIC NIGHT 7:30pm start, all welcome                           |
| 19th, Saturday      | CHRISTMAS QUIZ 7:30pm start                                        |
| 24th, Thursday      | CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW 7:30pm                                        |
| 25th, Christmas Day | Open 12-2pm                                                        |
| 26th, Boxing Day    | Open 12-5pm                                                        |
| 31st, Thursday      | NEW YEAR'S EVE Music from Adam & George<br>with the Tin Pot Disco! |

## **January Events**

|                     |                                             |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1st, New Year's Day | Open 12-5pm                                 |
| 3rd, Sunday         | QUIZ NIGHT 7:30pm start                     |
| 28th, Thursday      | OPEN MIC NIGHT 7:30pm start, all welcome    |
| 30th, Saturday      | WHISKEY TASTING (Speak to Rick for details) |

## **February Events**

|                |                                          |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|
| 7th, Sunday    | QUIZ NIGHT 7:30pm start                  |
| 25th, Thursday | OPEN MIC NIGHT 7:30pm start, all welcome |

# CHIPPENHAM AND SNAILWELL OIL BUYING CO-OP

## **Oil order DEADLINE: Midnight, WED. 16 December**

If you would like some oil in December, please send in your order by card or e-mail by the deadline above. The next order deadline will be in February. If you are not yet an Oil Buying Co-Op member, you live in either Chippenham or Snailwell, and would like to join, please let me have your:

1. Name
2. Phone number for the oil company to call you for payment
3. Address **including postcode**
4. Any special instructions like:
  - a. Aga additive required
  - b. Oil tank through the gate at left of house
5. And of course how many litres you want, and whether you want just that quantity or a fill up (if possible)

Thank you for your support of this community money-saving-scheme! Please send your orders to:

**James.hurst@winkhaus.co.uk** or a card to **47 High Street**



### 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 would 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 (in 2015) are eligible to apply. Please return this form to the Clerk at 44b High Street, Chippenham by Friday 11th December.

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

Name (please print) : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTICE BOARD

### Three Rivers Social Car Scheme

Volunteer-based door-to-door lifts for people who lack transport services, **NEEDS another team member to man the phone from time to time.**

If you are interested and would like to know more please phone **Muriel, 01638 666722**



### Village Hall Activities

#### **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:**

3rd Wed of month -  
7.00pm onwards -  
Contact Ginette Hawes  
01638 781127

#### **CHIPMUNKS:**

Mother and Toddler Group:  
Thursday - 10.00am to  
11.00am, 0-4years  
Tel: Ruth 07775911033  
and Lucy 07768874081

#### **CARPET BOWLS:**

Thursday 7.30 to 10.00pm  
Contact : Hazel Drake  
01638 717000

## ***We'd like to hear from you!***

Email the Editor, Lauren Hohorst, at:

[newsletter@chippenhamcambbs.info](mailto:newsletter@chippenhamcambbs.info)

To discuss the latest advertising offers in the Newsletter & linking to the village website, contact:  
Fiona Maxwell, 01638 720677

[fionajmaxwell@gmail.com](mailto:fionajmaxwell@gmail.com)

Full Page £30    1/2 page £16

1/4 page £8    1/8 page £4

## NOTICE BOARD

### Babysitter for Hire

\*\*\*\*\*

17-year-old experienced  
babysitter available in  
Chippenham.

Please call or text Anna  
on 07473 434000

### **New Residents!**

If you are new to the village and would like to know more about what is going on, please contact Sally Hughes for a welcome pack.  
01638 720915,  
[chippenhamparishcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:chippenhamparishcouncil@hotmail.com)

### Chippenham Village Hall

- Private Meeting Room •
- Fully Functional Kitchen •
- Integrated Sound System •

*For availability please call:*  
**01638 721324**

£15-an-hour/£12-an-hour for villagers  
£85-a-night OR £120-a-wedding-reception  
£6-an-hour for Committee Room



### **Mobile Library**

**Snailwell - Roman Way**  
**: 10.40am - 11am**  
**Chippenham, High Street**  
**: 11.15am - 11.45am**

**The mobile library calls  
on the first Thursday  
of the month**

**Free to Join Service**  
**Video/DVD rental - £2.50 for  
2 weeks**

**Enquires Call**  
**- 0845 045 5225**

## **3 Bed House To Let**

3 bed semi detached house to let within Chippenham village.  
Kitchen, bathroom, living room and dining room.  
Oil fired central heating.  
Large garden and off-street parking.  
Available early 2016.

The Parish Council would prefer to let this house to a family who has links to Chippenham. If you are interested, please send your expression of interest to the Clerk at [chippenhamparishcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:chippenhamparishcouncil@hotmail.com) or 44b High Street, Chippenham.

### ***Local Foodbank Needs***

Please bring your contributions to St Magaret's in Chippenham or to the Fordham Co-Op in order to continue support for the Soham Foodbank. They need support especially during the holiday season.

Thank you for helping take care of those in need in our nearby community.

*Paul Braybrooke*

### **OIL FIRED BOILER ENGINEER**

*Boiler Servicing & Breakdown Service*

**TELEPHONE:**

**01353 777788**

**07946 735691**

- *Commissions*
- *Tank Replacements*



# Free Property Fitness Check!

Get your Property in Perfect Shape for Market  
and **Maximise its Value!**



Find out how with just one call  
to your local property expert



**Andrew Berry & Anna-Marie Grant**  
**HomeXperts East Anglia**

**T:** 0333 444 0041

**M:** 07584 070151

**E:** [andrew.berry@hxea.co.uk](mailto:andrew.berry@hxea.co.uk)

[www.estateagentsineastanglia.co.uk](http://www.estateagentsineastanglia.co.uk)



**HomeXperts®**  
Exceptional Estate Agents



*Gold*  
**TheNegotiator**  
**AWARDS 2013**  
Franchisee of the Year

# Chippenham Candlelit Christmas Market

FREE ENTRY

Friday 4th December

6.00pm - 9.00pm

St. Margaret's Church Chippenham

Many fabulous stalls for all your Christmas Gifts,  
including lots of new ones this year.

Hot Dogs, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine, Tea, Coffee &

Hot Chocolate

Grand Raffle superb prizes

**"Come & meet Elsa in her  
Frozen Grotto"**