

Chippenham Newsletter

December 2016/January 2017

Merry Christmas &

- See page 3 for the local holiday fun line-up!!!
Events range from Xmas markets to Xmas Carol services
- Check out Chippenham's Candlelit Christmas Market on December 2nd 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
(see the Tharp Arms page)!
- Other January fun to be had:
Join the Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh festivities
See inside for all the details

Next newsletter submissions deadline: 6 January 2017

Diary Dates

December 2016

- 2 Ch'ham Candlelit Xmas Market, St Margaret's, 6-9pm
- 4 Quiz Night, Tharp Arms
- 5 MU Xmas lunch, Walnut Tree (Worlington), 12pm
- 7 Oil Co-Op deadline
- 9 Xmas Bonus deadline
- 10/11 La Hogue's Father Christmas Grotto
- 11 Three Rivers Messy Church, Fordham Church, 3.30-5.30pm
- 12 Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7pm
- 22 Xmas Open Mic Night, Tharp Arms, 7.30pm
- 23 Xmas Quiz, Tharp Arms, 7.30pm
- 24 Xmas Eve Carol Service, St Margaret's, 6pm
- 25 Xmas Day Service, Snailwell at 9.30am and Chippenham at 11am
- 31 New Year's Eve at the Tharp Arms

January 2017

- 1 Ride & Stride in Fordham: meet 10.15am, service at 11.15am
- 6 'Newsletter' submissions deadline by midnight
- 8 Three Rivers Messy Church, Fordham Church, 3.30-5.30pm
- 9 MU Coffee Morning, Snailwell, 10am-12pm
- 9 Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7pm
- 20 Mums +Plus Meet-Up, Fordham Garden Centre, 9.15am
- 21 Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 26 MU tea & coffee, Simpsons Nursery (Fordham), 2.30pm
- 26 Open Mic Night, Tharp Arms, 7.30pm

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! Have a Merry Christmas and here's to a wonderful New Year!!!

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CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Christmas Eve 9am-4pm
Closed 25-27th December
28th 9-4.30pm
29th 9-4.30pm
30th 9-4.30pm
31st 9-4.30pm
Closed New Years Day
Monday 2nd January—business as usual

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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 2016:

1st Natalia Doyle: £40 2nd Terry Cross: £20

3rd Andy Warburton: £10

Winners for October 2016:

1st Graham Colbert: £40 2nd Scott Blazey: £20

3rd Fiona Maxwell: £10

Bonus Winners:

Bridget Miller: £60 Elaine Brown: £60

Chippenham Candlelit Christmas Market

Friday, 2 December 2016

- ~ 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 in December!

10th: **Snailwell Christmas Fayre & Grand Draw**, St Peter's Church,
2-4pm: Fantastic stalls with items at affordable prices, Grand Draw with great prizes, refreshments. See page 4 for more information.

10/11th: **Father Christmas' Grotto at La Hogue:**

<http://www.lahogue.co.uk/christmas-at-the-farm/>

14th: **Christmas Farmers & Crafts Market**, Freckenham Village Hall,
7-9pm (see Freckenham Events page for more info.)

22nd: **Christmas Open Mic Night**, Tharp Arms, 7.30pm start

23rd: **Christmas Quiz & Prize Draw**, Tharp Arms, 7.30pm start

18th: **St Peter's Church Carol Service**, Snailwell, 6pm:

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies!

24th, CHRISTMAS EVE:

- **St Margaret's Church Carol Service**, Chippenham, 6pm

25th, CHRISTMAS DAY:

- **Service at St Peter's**, Snailwell, 9.30am
- **Service at St Margaret's**, Chippenham, 11am

31st: **New Years Eve at the Tharp Arms:**

Music (hosted by George) and dancing, all welcome!

1st January: **Ride & Stride Service**, Fordham Church:

10.30am walk around Fordham, followed by the 11.15am 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!



Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh

21 January, Saturday, 7.30pm
Chippenham Village Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend!

*Note: there is no licensed bar,
please bring your own drinks*

SNAILWELL HAPPENINGS

10 December, Saturday: Snailwell Christmas Fayre & Grand Draw at 2-4pm.
We still need items to sell, examples: books, jewellery, scarfs, Christmas decorations, bottles (not necessarily spirits) for Tombola. Toys/Games (good condition only please), Christmas/birthday presents you have received and are never likely to be used; we can and would gladly take them off your hands, making room for your next lot! Please drop things off at Snailwell church, or items can be collected if required by contacting Maureen at 01638 577456.

18 December, Sunday: Carol Service at 6pm, St Peter's Church. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies!

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 2016) are eligible to apply. Please return this form to the Clerk at 44b High Street, Chippenham by Friday 9th December.

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

Name (please print) : _____

Address : _____

CHIPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Your Councillors

Nick Parsons (Chair) - 5 Manor Farm Barns, 721791

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

Paul Fishpool - 3 Scotland End, 07850 369883

Wendy Parsons - 5 Manor Farm Barns, 721791

Nick Bennett - 14 Tharp Way, 721335

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Len Byatt - Fiennes House, Chippenham Park, 07760 993063

Clerk: Sally Hughes - 44b High Street, 720915

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, 12 December 2016 • Monday, 9 January 2017

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Proposal: Change of use of land to provide satellite training facility for construction-related skills to include parking area, improved access, temporary classroom and buildings, training areas, security fencing, plant compound and associated works

Location: Land to northwest and adjacent A11 Norwich Road, Kennett, Suffolk

Reference: 16/01401/FUL

Proposal: Provide and use a park homes-type temporary dwelling for occupation in connection with Nerries Farm

Location: 9 Norwich Road, Kennett, CB8

Reference: 16/01421/OUT

Please note: There is now a direct link to the East Cambs Planning Portal on our website at:

<http://chippenhamcambs.info/planning-applications/>. This link can be used to access past and present planning applications.

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting

12 September 2016, Monday, Chippenham Village Hall, 7pm

Public Participation

One member of the public attended. It was suggested that the council may like to make more use of social media, especially Instagram. A visual depiction of the village and events, such as the Christmas market and Horticultural Show, may help to promote activities within the village. This suggestion will be carried forward for further discussion at the next meeting.

District Council Report

The waste review is in progress. An online survey will be conducted and requests for feedback for improvements to the service sought.

County Council Report

No report.

Planning

No planning.

Matters Arising

A. Defibrillator Project - There is a question outstanding regarding the electricity supply in the bus shelter. It may be that the equipment needs to be installed at the Village Hall. WP explained that Mrs Starkey has requested that a notice is included with the Emergency Plan letter asking for First Responders to come forward.

B. Emergency Plan - Mrs Parsons circulated two letters regarding the emergency plan; the first one is an insert for the next newsletter and explains the plan and asks for help from the community. The second one is to local businesses. Both will go out in early October.

Highway Matters

The Clerk has written a piece for the newsletter regarding formation of a working group for highway improvements and safety.

The annual grant request from Cambs CC has been received and has a return deadline of 30 November. The Clerk will also send information regarding white line drive markings to the two visitors from last month's meeting.

Village Matters

A. Risk Assessment

- Chippenham Park Fireworks: The council had received an email from a resident regarding the frequency of firework displays at weddings held at Chippenham Park. The Clerk has asked the Park how many displays have taken place this year, to which the answer was four. The council did not think this excessive, but recognised that the noise and disruption could be a nuisance for people living close to the Park. The Clerk has asked the Park to put a notice in the newsletter to ask if any residents would like prior notice (by email) of forthcoming displays.

B. Welcome Pack - The Clerk has updated the Welcome Pack and will bring a supply to each meeting so that councillors can give out copies to any new residents in their part of the village.

Full-length versions of the Minutes are available on the village website:
<http://chippenhamcambs.info/agendas-and-minutes/>

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting

10 October 2016, Monday, Chippenham Village Hall, 7pm

Planning

• 16/01211/FUL – Replacement cricket pavilion: The meeting was attended by T Hedger and J Broad from the Chippenham Cricket Club. It was explained that because of the growth of the club that the existing pavilion (built in 1998) was now not fit for purpose. The proposed new pavilion would give more changing facilities for male/female/umpires together with better storage and accessible facilities. There were no objections. The council fully supports this initiative and sees the benefit that it will bring for the village and wider community. NP also congratulated the Cricket Club on hosting a very enjoyable end-of-season event which was attended by many people from the village and further afield.

A. Call for Sites - The council will hold a public consultation meeting if either of the proposed sites in the Call for Sites initiative are taken forward to the next round. The Clerk will put a notice in the December newsletter to inform all residents about the meeting.

Matters Arising

A. Play Areas - The Clerk has received reports of rotting timbers on some of the play area equipment. She has asked ECDC to inspect the area and quote for repairs. She is awaiting their report. NB has fitted cross braces on the pergola uprights make them more secure. NP has not yet met with the playground maintenance contractor.

B. Defibrillator Project - NB has asked ECDC, Cambs CC and Balfour Beatty if they are responsible for the light in the bus shelter, all have said it is the responsibility of the parish council. Therefore the electricity source may be available for the defibrillator project. NB to discuss with Helen Starkey. The Clerk has received a few responses to the defibrillator notice that was in the last newsletter.

C. Charity Accounts - The Clerk had produced a list of bank account and share balances for the charity accounts which are managed by the council. It was proposed that the three small charities which can be used for older residents should be combined into one account. One of the accounts is shared with Snailwell. The Clerk will talk to their Clerk about splitting the proceeds of the account. The other accounts which can be used for young residents will remain as is.

D. Emergency Plan - The notices have now gone out in the newsletter to ask for interest in the event of an emergency. WP will collate these responses.

Highway Matters

The Local Highways Grant has a deadline in November. The council decided to bid for an upgrade to the 30mph interactive sign to show actual speed rather than just the speed limit. The Clerk will complete the paperwork. The Clerk has spoken to the Highways Dept and whilst they are happy to come to a meeting with either the PC or its working group, they will only do this during office hours.

Village Matters

A. Village Hall - There will be a 'Murder Mystery' village production in 2017. The funds raised will be split between the Village Hall and the Cricket Club.

B. Welcome Pack - Several council members took packs to deliver to new residents near them.

C. Village Grass Cutting - The council had previously agreed to six cuts for the season. These have now been completed. The council approved one final cut if necessary.

Correspondence and Financial Matters

A. Audit and Accounts - The audit has now been signed off by PKF Littlejohn. The Clerk has uploaded the final report to the village website.

An update from the Parish Council Chairman

• ***ECDC local plan and potential development sites in Chippenham:***

I am pleased to announce that two potential development sites within our Parish **have not been put forward** as part of East Cambridgeshire District Council's (ECDC) Local Plan. The Parish Council was first made aware of the potential sites in June, one on land adjacent to Scotland End (approximately 16 houses) and the other on the boundary with Red Lodge (approximately 400 houses). We discussed the matter at our June and July council meetings, with further discussion with ECDC councillors at our August meeting. As part of ECDC consultations with Parish Councils, we submitted our comments and objections within the required timeframe. We understood at that stage that the final choice of sites would be made by the Council in November, and would then be subject to usual scrutiny and public consultation. If the sites in Chippenham had been selected, we had plans in place to hold public meetings in the village during January and February.

ECDC will consider the Local Plan and potential development sites at the next full council meeting, and the list of sites to be taken forward will be confirmed. A period of public consultation will follow, and it may be that the final list of sites changes. At this point however, the two Chippenham sites are not being put forward. This means that any new building within the Parish will most likely be developed on suitable 'in-fill sites,' but there can be little doubt that, in line with current Government policy, we will be under pressure to consider development within the village in the coming years.

If you have any question or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Sally Hughes (our Clerk) or one of the Parish Councillors.

• ***Fireworks:***

It is with great regret that I announce that Kevin Pallant will be retiring as the village "Master of Fireworks." Over the last sixteen years or so, Kevin has provided some fantastic displays for the village, whatever the weather conditions, and always with health and safety at the forefront. Kevin's first performance, following a course with Kimbolton Fireworks, was for the Millennium celebrations and since then he has fired over 25 displays, including bonfire nights, weddings and birthday celebrations. I am sure you will agree that his last show was a spectacular finale to his career as the village 'pyro-technician,' I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Kevin (and all his helpers over the years including Terry Cross, assistant pyro-technician; James Broad, funding; Steve Procter, bonfires, and many others, too many to mention) for all his hard work, and for the pleasure and excitement he has given the whole village over the years. Thank you, Kevin; you can now put away your 'lighting stick,' relax and put your feet up in November!

At this point we are unclear if we will be able to continue with the annual village fireworks, as the costs have been escalating in recent years. The cost of fireworks for this year's display was over £1600, although over £500 was recouped through the collection buckets on the night. Whilst the Parish Council also makes a sizeable contribution, it is becoming increasingly difficult to fund the event. If anyone has any ideas or proposals on how we might continue with the annual fireworks in a sustainable way, we would be delighted to hear from you either directly to Sally Hughes or alternatively to James Broad.

• ***And finally:***

As the festive season approaches, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of the Parish Council. I would also like to offer my personal thanks to Sally, our clerk, all our councillors (Fiona, Nick, Nick, Paul, Len and Wendy), our newsletter editor, Lauren, all our various newsletter distributors, and finally our webmaster, Andrew, for their help and support over the last year. A lot of hard work and effort goes on behind the scenes.

Nick Parsons
Chairman of Chippenham Parish

CHIPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL: Play Area Hazards

- 1) It has been brought to the council's attention that people are exercising their dogs in the large play area. We have had reports of children falling into dog mess at the play area and this is not only unhygienic, but a health and safety concern, too. The play area is strictly no dogs allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - 2) Please do not dispose of your dog waste in the bins in the play areas. There are dog bins at either end of the allotment path.
 - 3) Finally, there have also been reports of broken glass in the grass in the large play area. We have tried to clear up all that we can see but please be vigilant.
- Thank you for your support in these community matters.

RECYCLING SERVICE SURVEY

East Cambridgeshire District Council is currently running a survey asking for feedback on the existing recycling service and how it may change in future. All residents of our community are invited to look through and respond to the survey accordingly.

The survey is shown on the front page of the Councils website:

<http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk>,

or you can go directly to the survey via:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3YJVKY3>.

Any questions or enquiries may be submitted to Darren Hughes,
Client Officer (Waste), at 01353 665555.

Thank you ahead of time for your participation.

A Thank-You from the Family of Terry Pinder

The family of the late Terry Pinder would like to thank everyone for their letters, cards, kind words and support during their sad loss in July.

Thank you to everyone who attended the service and for donations received for the Arthur Rank Hospice.

Many thanks also to Rev'd Mike Banyard and funeral directors Southgate of Newmarket.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CHIPPENHAM FEN NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

Would you be willing to offer some of your free time to help look after the special wildlife of Chippenham Fen? Do you like being active? Working outside? Not afraid of getting your hands dirty?

Chippenham Fen National Nature Reserve is tucked away between the villages of Snailwell, Fordham and Chippenham. Natural England manages the site, but we are struggling to maintain all the work needed for the reserve to be in tip-top condition.

We are seeking volunteers to help on a regular basis with raking, scrub clearance, coppicing, fencing and livestock checking. We also have other opportunities to assist with data management, infrastructure checks and event management. Wednesday is the usual working day for volunteers, in addition we are looking to start some Sunday sessions for people who have other commitments during the week.

While working as part of a team with the reserve staff and other volunteers, you will be giving important support to the conservation of special habitats and species. You will have the opportunity to use existing skills and learn new ones. Working in the outdoors also offers many health benefits, such as keeping active and reducing stress. At Natural England we value our volunteers and offer a package of support, including an induction programme, appropriate training and out of pocket expenses.

If you would like to offer your time, even for a few hours or as a one-off to help maintain this special national nature reserve, please contact us at brecklandnnr@naturalengland.org.uk or ring Lynda Foster during office hours on 02080 265789. Thank you.

Are you new to the Chippenham area?

Do you have a new neighbour or know someone moving into the village soon?

If so, please help yourself to the village Welcome Pack online, filled with great information about our community. Visit www.chippenhamcambis.info, find the *Local Information* tab and download the 'Village Welcome Pack' PDF file.

Welcome to Chippenham!

THE THARP ARMS

Winter Hours

Tuesday through Thursday:	4pm - 10pm
Friday:	4pm - 11pm
Saturday:	12pm - 11pm
Sunday:	12pm - 10pm
Monday:	Closed, open on Bank Holidays 12pm-10pm
• Traditional Sunday Roast:	1pm-3pm •

Bookings advisable due to limited seating, call to pre-book. Vegetarian option available! Come browse a selection artwork for sale by local artists.

December Events

4th, Sunday	QUIZ NIGHT Hosted by Alan Wright!
22nd, Thursday	CHRISTMAS OPEN MIC NIGHT, 7.30pm start A very friendly and lighthearted evening of music. If you wish to join in, we'd love to see you! It doesn't matter how good you are, you're more than welcome.
23rd, Friday	CHRISTMAS QUIZ & PRIZE DRAW, 7:30pm start Hosted by Paul Mangell!
31st, Saturday	NEW YEARS EVE PARTY With music hosted by George; a fun evening of dancing and celebration!

HOLIDAY HOURS

Xmas Eve: 12pm-11pm, Xmas Day: 12pm-2pm, Boxing Day: 12pm-10pm,
27 Dec: 12pm-8pm, NYE: 12pm-till late, NYD: 12pm-6pm

January Events

26th, Thursday	OPEN MIC NIGHT 7:30pm start, All are welcome!
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Starting in the new year will be our Supper Clubs/Pop-Up Restaurant! Mark your diaries: 3 February there will be an Italian restaurant coming over from Northampton to run Supper Club, and it will be a tickets-only event. More details to follow on Facebook; other future events include a Thai and a Indian night! Thank you for all your support over the last year, and we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Bev and Charlotte

FOR UPDATES ON EVENTS & BOOKINGS:
01638 720234,

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THETHARPARMS

CHIPPENHAM AND SNAILWELL OIL BUYING CO-OP

Oil order DEADLINE: Midnight, WED. 7 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 early February 2017. 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 how many litres you want, and whether you want just that quantity or a fill up (if possible). Please remember that the legal minimum per address is 500 litres (trading standards rules).
6. It is **your** responsibility to ensure that you get a response from me. If you do not, then I did NOT receive your order, and it cannot be included in the Co-op order.

Thank you for supporting of this community money-saving-scheme! And thank you to the 45 people who have paid the administration charge of £5 per year, which covers all the orders that are placed throughout the year, until March 2017. Any residue left over after ICT costs will be given to the Chippenham Church building fund.

Please send your orders to:

jamesghurst@outlook.com or a card to **47 High Street**



NEWS FROM THE

We have had several events throughout this season, including our mini tournaments. Our final tournament, usually held early September, eventually took place mid-October due to the weather and was won by Isobel Mangell. We have a lot planned for next year with coaching lessons, mini tournaments, club nights and social events. Check the website for more information: www.chippenhamtennisclub.co.uk.

As we come to the end of another year, we would like to thank everyone who has supported the Club and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mark your diaries for...

We are holding our Annual General Meeting on **8 February 2017**, Wednesday, at the Tharp Arms, 7.30pm!

And 'free' LTA Junior coaching returns in the spring with new coach Michael Billson! These handful of sessions will probably occur about April, and are part of a new initiative by LTA to encourage young people to play tennis. Please stay posted via this publication and/or the Club's website!

Notice: If you are either no longer a member OR leaving the village, and you still have a key to the courts, please remember to return your gate keys.



Chippenham Cricket Club

New Pavilion

We heard on 8 November that our plans have been approved! We have now asked Peter Heather, our architect, to start work on the detailed drawings which will be needed for interested builders to give us their quotes. These will take about five weeks to produce.

Arrangements for the charity event of a ***Dawn to Dusk Cricket Match*** are in progress by Darren Hughes, details of which are below:

- Date of match: Sunday, 18 June 2017
- Venue: Chippenham Park Cricket Ground
- Key times:

4.30am:	All players, umpires & scorers need to be at the ground for the toss
5am:	Match starts (Session 1)
8-9am:	<i>breakfast</i>
9am-12.30pm:	Session 2
12.30-1.30pm:	<i>lunch</i>
1.30-4.30pm:	Session 3
4.30-5.30pm:	<i>tea</i>
5.30-7.45pm:	Session 4
7.45-8.15pm:	Raffle
8.15-9.15pm:	Final Session

Proceeds from this event will be shared between the new pavilion and JDRE, a charity looking for a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. If you would like to take part, please contact Darren on 07881 818047 or dhughes@alphacrc.com.

* DOG FOULING *

The dog fouling is seemingly worse during the winter months. People cleaning up after pets is very good during the summer, but this needs to continue all-year round as it is important for maintenance. Thank you.

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

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

01638 721616, banyardmg1@yahoo.co.uk

Gifts, gifts, gifts. What shall I buy this year? Will I leave it until Christmas Eve, as usual, and dash out to purchase in a couple of hours what should really take much more effort, care and attention to detail? A real challenge then. And the reminders seem to start even earlier each year. Carols everywhere, noise, bustle and distraction, just when I need time to stop and think. Sounds a bit like life for some people, especially if you have young children. But for others there is too much silence, and they long for company and human interaction.

Well, I wonder what God thought, when he sent us all the greatest gift of all. A baby, silent (mostly) and in a manger, in a borrowed space because there was no room elsewhere. No frills, no wrappings...just the baby, fragile and vulnerable and needing his parents as all our new born do. And then they grow, develop minds of their own, become their own people, and, we hope and pray, flourish in our communities. Grow into the people God intended them to be. Individuals. Loved. Cherished. Encouraged.

It starts at home, of course, and with the love between parents and wider families that assist, then at school and further education, apprenticeships or employment. And will those of us watching and helping in this growth have moments of concern, of anguish, as we watch mistakes being made? For this messy mix is what life is all about. We can marvel at it too, as we all do at the new baby in our midst.

Jesus arrived and grew in our human society; His short life on earth, just some 33 years, and then rising from the dead to give us all hope for the present and the future. 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.

Have a tremendous Christmas, take some time to give thanks.

God bless.

Mike

Sunday 4 December, Advent 2 (P)

Romans 15:4-13
Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist

Matthew 3:1-12
Snailwell 9.30am
Chippenham 11am

Sunday 11 December, Advent 3 (P)

James 5:7-10
Family Service
Sung Eucharist

Matthew 11:2-11
Snailwell 9.30am
Chippenham 11am

Sunday 18 December, Advent 4 (P)

Romans 1:1-7
Carol Service
Sung Eucharist

Matthew 1:18-end
Snailwell 6pm
Chippenham 11am

Saturday 24 December, CHRISTMAS EVE (P)

Carol Service @ Chippenham 6pm

Sunday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY (W)

Titus 2:11-14
Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist

Luke 2:1-20
Snailwell 9.30am
Chippenham 11am

Sunday 1 January, Naming of Jesus (W)

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:15-21

'Ride & Stride' @ Fordham 10.30am, Service at 11.15

No other services in the Group today

Sunday 8 January, EPIPHANY (W)

Ephesians 3:1-12
Holy Communion
Family Service

Matthew 2:1-12
Snailwell 9.30am
Chippenham 11am

Sunday 15 January, Baptism of Christ (W)

Acts 10:34-43
Family Service
Sung Eucharist

Matthew 3:13-end
Snailwell 9.30am
Chippenham 11am

Sunday 22 January, Epiphany 3 (W)

1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Holy Communion
Evensong

Matthew 4:12-23
Snailwell 9.30am
Chippenham 6.30pm

Sunday 29 January, Presentation of Christ in the Temple (W)

Hebrews 2:14 - end
Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist

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

Chippenham Church Rota							
	Sidesmen	Reader	Wine	Flowers	Cleaning	Coffee	Prayers
							Locking
Dec 4th	Jennifer		Ralph	advent	Lomas Girls	Lucy	Kevin
Dec 11th	Jan	Isabel	Jan & James	advent	James & Paul	Peter Ellis	Kevin
Dec 18th	Tony & Eileen	Fiona	Tony	advent	Fiona & Lucy	Fiona	David
Dec 25th	James	Jan		ALL Help	Jan, Yvette, Mary		David
Jan 1st	Jennifer		Paul & Isobel		Lomas Girls	Eileen	Peter
Jan 8th	Jan	Terry	Terry & Isabel	Victoria	James & Paul	Lucy	Peter
Jan 15th	Tony & Eileen	Isabel	Nick & Wendy	Victoria	Fiona & Lucy	Peter Ellis	Tony
Jan 22nd	James Evensong	Fiona	Peter & Fiona	Wendy	Jan, Yvette, Mary	Fiona	Tony
Jan 29th	Jennifer	Jan	John Bridges	Wendy	Lomas Girls	Eileen	Kevin
Feb 5th	Jan		Jennifer	Helen	James & Paul	Lucy	Kevin
Feb 12th	Tony & Eileen	Terry	Ralph	Helen	Fiona & Lucy	Peter Ellis	David

If dates do not suit please swap

Three Rivers Mothers Union



Our Annual General Meeting was held in September at the Chippenham Village Hall. Helen, our Leader, reported a very full and busy year. The meetings have been well attended, and we were very pleased to welcome two new members to our midst. Speakers at our formal meetings covered a diverse range of topics (e.g. foodbanks, praying, working with special needs etc.), each giving us food for thought.

We met from time to time at the local Garden Centres for coffee or afternoon tea, and there were visits to Suffolk churches, Elveden and the Ely Cathedral Christmas Food & Gift Fair. Fundraising events (e.g. Lent Lunches, Coffee Mornings) were very successful, and all monies raised were donated to MU projects both local and overseas.

The Committee for the year remains unchanged, but this was Helen's final report as our Leader as she and Mike retire in 2017. Jenny, on behalf of the members, thanked Helen for her tireless work and support she has given to us all. We will surely miss her.

Forthcoming Events:

Thursday, 1 December, 11am-12pm:

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence silent vigil, Ely Cathedral.

Monday, 5 December, 12pm:

Christmas lunch at The Walnut Tree, Worlington.

Monday, 9 January, 10am-12pm:

Coffee Morning at Gaynor Ryan's, 1 Manor Farm Barns, Snailwell.

Thursday, 26 January, 2.30pm:

Tea at Simpsons Nursery, Fordham.

Visitors and/or new members will be welcome at any of our meetings or events. If you require any further information on the above, or the MU generally, please contact either Jenny (01638 720820), Gaynor (01638 577703) or Eileen (01638 20125).

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:

• NO DECEMBER MEET-UP

- 20 January 2017, 9.15am, at Fordham Garden Centre (Scotsdales)

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!

- 11 December 2016
- 8 January 2017

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, refreshments and snacks available from the cash bar. Upcoming titles include (please see village website for full film details):

- **No Film Night for December**

- **6 January** – *I, Daniel Blake* (15), When an ill carpenter finds himself in need of state welfare for the first time at age 59, he meets a desperate single mother who needs the same thing. Together, the duo discovers that negotiating through the red tape is a challenge. Running time: 1 hour 40 minutes.

COFFEE CARAVAN: **6 December, Tuesday**; Coffee Caravan visits continue during the winter at the Freckenham Village Hall, 2-4pm. Free cuppa, chat and advice.

COFFEE & CAROLS: **12 December, Monday**, come join the fun from 2.30-3.30pm at the Freckenham Village Hall.

CHRISTMAS FARMERS & CRAFTS MARKET: **14 December, Wednesday** at the Freckenham Village Hall. 7-9pm; With many of our regular stalls in attendance, plus some extra ones! A shopping experience not to be missed. Mulled wine & mince pies, as well as hot & cold drinks. Monthly market day returns to the usual last Saturday of the month on **28 January, Saturday**. The January market day will include FREE ENTRY and seasonal produce and local eggs and honey, alongside goods from The Pie Kitchen, meat from Deersbrook Farm with gluten-free options, The Friendly Loaf Company, delicious dairy from Mrs H's Cheese Stall, a variety of handmade preserves, pickles. Crafts include knitting, crochet, cards, needlework, jewellery.

COFFEE CARAVAN: **10 January, Tuesday**; Coffee Caravan visits continue during the winter at the Freckenham Village Hall, 2-4pm. Free cuppa, chat and advice.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy, peaceful 2017
from everyone in Freckenham!

NEW website: <http://freckenham.suffolk.cloud> for updates and more details of our weekly activities, as most will take a winter break.

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Village Hall Activities

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:

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Contact Ginette Hawes
01638 781127

CHIPMUNKS:

Mother and Toddler Group:
Thursday - 10.00am to
11.00am, 0-4years
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