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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have you got something to announce -
a Birth, a Christening, a Birthday, a Wedding whatever,
do you need to say thanks to someone or have you just got something to sell
well let us know and we'll announce it !

BIRTHDAY TIME !



4th
Birthday -
February 1st
Jacob
Daniels



18th
Birthday -
February 4th
Caroline Twite



February
19th
Shaun
Bridgeman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL !



7th
Birthday -
February 22nd
Owen Gilbert



7th
Birthday -
March 4th
Malachy
Daniels



March
13th
George
Dumphreys

Also Happy Birthday to :
January 31st - Claire Twite
February 4th - John Tanton
February 7th - Tony Jullion
February 10th - Roger Brown
March 4th - Christine Harmer
March 6th - Betty Walker

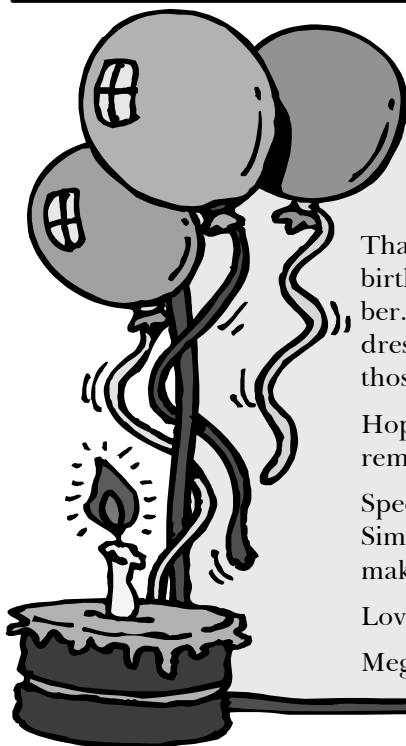


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Interested contact
Maureen on 577456.



A Huge Thank You !!!

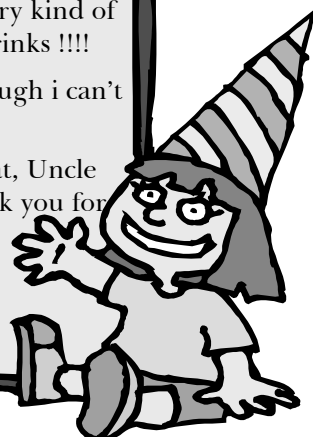
Thank you so much to everyone who celebrated my 21st birthday party down at The Tharp Arms on the 16th December. Thank you to everyone who made such an effort to dress up for the 1920's themed party and it was very kind of those of you who bought me cards, presents and drinks !!!!

Hope everyone had as much fun as I did (even though i can't remember all of the night!!!!)

Special thank you to Mum, Dad, Bryony, Auntie Pat, Uncle Simon, Joseph, Bec, Ad-am, Alison and Mark thank you for making my day so special

Love and best wishes for the new year

Megan xx



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I would love to help!

* LOOBY LOOS FUNTIME *

Does your child enjoy cutting, sticking, painting and making a mess...?

Then come along to Messy Play

For all enquiries phone Lucy on 07768 874081

Monday 1-2pm

At Chippenham Village Hall

Age 1 - School Age £2.50

(wear play clothes)

Wednesday 2-3pm

At The Stable, High St, Newmarket

Age 1 - School Age £2.50

(wear play clothes)



Fridays 1.30-2.30pm

At The Reading Rooms, Weston Colville

Age 1 - School Age £2.50

(wear play clothes)



A Helping Hand



A FREE easy to use guide to community transport

What is a dial-a-ride service or a voluntary car scheme and am I eligible? If you've ever thought this then help is at hand. Cambridgeshire County Council has just published their indispensable Community Transport Guide for 2006 / 2007. And it's completely FREE.

The guide explains exactly what community transport is and who can use it; how it works alongside conventional public transport; and lists by district details of all community transport schemes operating throughout Cambridgeshire.

Laid out in an accessible reference format the guide is easy to read and understand. Three sections provide clear and concise information.

The first section describes the various types of community transport schemes throughout Cambridgeshire. Covering how they meet the needs of the communities they serve, how they operate and who can use such schemes. The section also has useful information on other modes of transport throughout Cambridgeshire. For example how to get information on bus and rail services and how to obtain a bus pass. It also has a full explanation of the concessionary fare scheme.

The second section lists schemes by district and the type of scheme available. The third and final section lists details of other agencies involved in community transport. It also provides advice on transport for those with mobility difficulties.

A community transport scheme may serve your area and you may be eligible to use it. For instance it can be used to transport you to a medical appointment, or to the nearest post office or shop. The Community Transport Guide 2006 / 2007 is designed to provide you with information in an easy way.

For a **FREE** copy of the guide contact Gavin Moulton on 01223 717755. Or write to him at Cambridgeshire County Council, ET1015, Castle Court, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP. Or email him at gavin.moulton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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.

A message from your local police officers :-

Register Report and Reunite...

That is the message going out in a new initiative Cambridgeshire Constabulary has joined to encourage people to safeguard their property.

Called "Immobilise" it aims to help reduce mobile phone crime and robbery. Immobilise is a secure database service that allows you to register your mobile phones, lap tops, ipods, sat navs, in-car music systems, cycles (frame numbers) or any other valuables that have a unique serial number.

Registering is free, quick and easy. Once a phone is registered, should the phone be lost or stolen, it can be reported online and the phone immobilised immediately by all service providers. It also enables police officers to search the database for the rightful owner of any recovered property and quickly re-unite them with their property.

Ellen Muirhead, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, comments "The use of this database is an excellent tool in fighting robbery as it takes the value out of anything stolen. We would therefore encourage people to log on to the site and register their property". Other forces using the scheme have significantly reduced the false reporting of theft and street robbery for phones.

The service is supported by amongst others The Home Office, The Mobile Industry Crime Action Forum, The Metropolitan Police, Transport For London, The National Mobile Phone Crime Unit, and almost all the major UK Police forces.

Anyone wishing to enter the details of their mobile phone, or other property, onto the database should log on to www.immobilise.com for more information. To find your unique mobile IMEI number just enter *#06# into the phone and the number will appear.

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

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

Need an Extra Pair of Hands?

My name is Anna.

I am a 23 years old au-pair living in Chippenham looking for extra work.

I can Clean, Iron, Babysit etc.

I am Honest, Responsible and Hardworking.

I love children.

Please contact me on :

Mobile - 07845 789481 / Home - 724105



100 CLUB

December 2006 Winners :

1st Prize - David Smyth -

2nd Prize - Mary Conrod -

3rd Prize - George Hawes -

January 2007 Winners :

1st Prize - Daphne Lagley -

2nd Prize - Adrian Kidd -

3rd Prize - Nancy Neal -

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

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The Landlord Says.....

Let me be the last to wish you a Happy New Year and I'll start 2007 with a bit of an apology. It seems that I hadn't realised my column was a touch too long for the space allotted it in the last newsletter and so, just as I was getting you excited with a big announcement about our Christmas ale, the printing machine ran out of space. My fault, but despite that we did offer up a festive beer from the Hardys & Hansons brewery over the holidays and it seemed that the "*Rockin' Rudolph*" was a favourite with many of you.

Christmas was good fun here and while Rudolph rocked away on the bar, Santa managed to drop off a *Toys R Us* warehouse in the living room. Malachy and Jacob naturally took it in their stride, devastating the house with tornado-like precision and generally trying to play with every present received in less than five minutes.

Frustratingly, the manufacturers like to tie their products in to place these days with a plethora of plastic ties, which are then held down with copious amounts of sticky tape using adhesiveness that even Uhu would be proud of – and then, once you've managed to get that all off and believed success to be in sight, you discover that they've screwed the toy to the bottom of its container just for good measure. I still haven't managed to get a single toy open and by the time I do Christmas will be here. Again.

I hope that your Christmas was far more peaceful and civilised and that your New Year celebrations were enjoyable and entertaining and if you joined us here at The Tharp Arms for the panto-themed disco I hope you had a great time. As always, it's time for the annual thanks to George Dumphneys and Adam Shipp for their DJ-prowess on the night and to Megan, Tracy, Sharon and Becca for their help throughout the Christmas and New Year period, and to all the other boys and girls who worked in the background to help make it a special and enjoyable time for everyone.

2007 is going to be a big year for us. We've got the garden to get finished, we'll finally get round to decorating and the date for the smoking ban has finally been announced. It's going to be fun. Government legislation still hasn't been finalised on what does or does not count as a smoking area, what signage must be displayed or what penalties will be imposed on both publicans and smokers who get caught breaking the law, but all of that is now rapidly coming together and we are working with the brewery to see what we can do to make the transition easier for both smokers and non-smokers alike.

The year has got under way with some of the strongest winds seen in the last twenty years, according to the Met Office. I hope the January storms haven't caused you too much damage but I did wince as I saw one of our fence panels get blown from its posts and miss scratching our car by centimetres. Braving the gales, I went out and pulled the panel back to safety, grateful for my luck. Contemplating how I could secure the panel back in to place, I watched as Mother Nature got under the panel, lifted it, then slung it defiantly back through the gap it had just vacated and into the side of the car and as I stood there listening to the wind smash the swinging, squeaking sign on the front of the pub upwards into the lights above it, I wondered what I could possibly have done to deserve such wrath.

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The Tharp Arms

High Street, Chippenham

Tel - 01638 720234

www.thetharparms.com

Email - beer@thetharparms.com

OPEN ALL DAY ON SATURDAYS

*** FORTHCOMING EVENTS ***

Tuesday 6th March

- Virgin Vie party for the Ladies @ 8pm -

Saturday 7th April

- Easter Party -

Thursday night is

PIZZA 'n' PINT Night

Enjoy a 12" Stone Baked Italian Pizza

with a Pint* for just £6.00

* = pint of Carling, Foster, IPA,

Strongbow, Coke, Diet Coke or Lemonade

Food Served

Wednesday - 12 till 1.30pm

Thursday & Friday - 12 till 1.30pm & 6pm till 8pm

Saturday - 12 till 3pm & 6pm till 8pm

Pizza available to eat-in or take away

Thursday to Saturday 6pm till 10.30pm

Sunday 7pm till 10pm

Outside Catering also available

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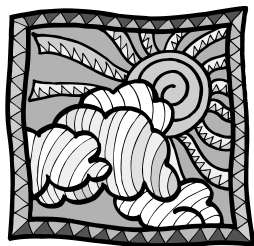
Mark J Daniels, Landlord of The Tharp Arms.

Pam Harris

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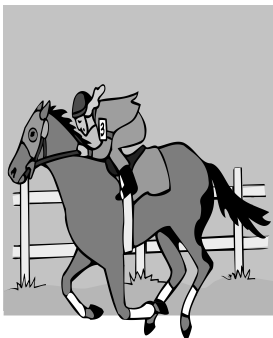
Mobile - 07737 746182

Email - pottypam@tiscali.co.uk

If using email please use the word
"THERAPY" in your subject line.

Gemini Update

Gemini is keeping very well this winter, and is getting fit for his first race which will hopefully be at High Easter Point to Point, in Essex, on March 24th followed by Cottenham April 7th & then High-am 15th April



Mark Marris, Gemini's new young jockey, is riding him most days, and has been to the British Racing School for a training course. Mark has no racing connections, & is a total novice to racing, only having previously ridden here at my riding school for about 3 years - he is the sort person that Charles Owen, who sponsor Pony Racing are hoping to encourage into the racing industry, so lets keep our fingers crossed for young Mark.

Linda

Do You Need HELP ?



My name is Asia
and I am an au-pair currently working in Fordham.

If you need help with

- ✓ Cleaning,
- ✓ Ironing,
- ✓ Baby sitting,
- ✓ Dog walking

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CHESS CLUB



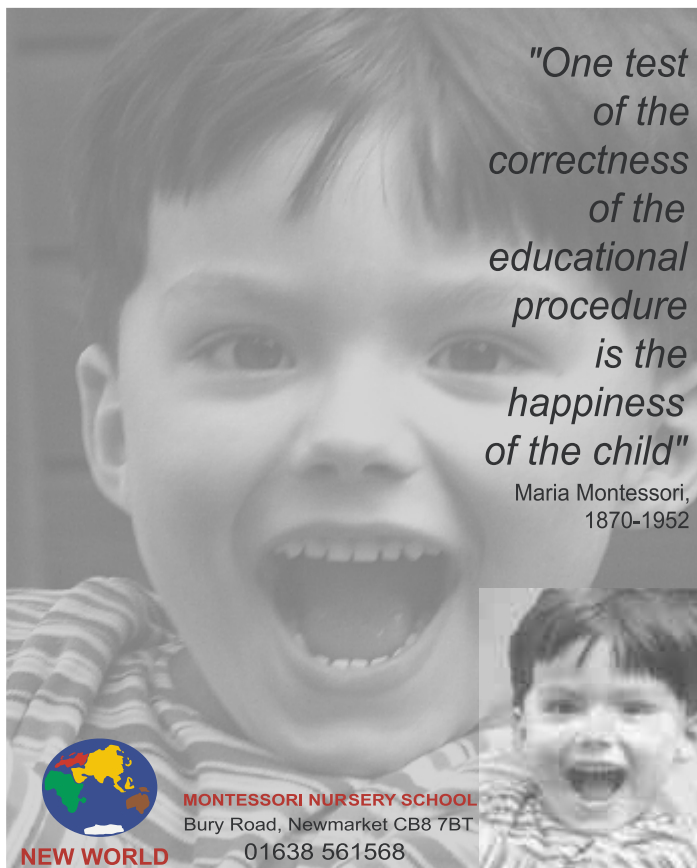
The local chess club meets on Tuesday
evenings at 7.30 at The Forresters in
Newmarket.

We are always looking for new members,
and due to a number of players leaving the area in the last
couple of years we need new players in order to field two teams
again next season in the Bury League.

What ever your level of chess you will have a warm welcome.
For more information ring Charles on 578296.

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

Maria Montessori,
1870-1952



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It's your neighbourhood. Have your say!

East Cambridgeshire Strategic Partnership would like to invite you to a public meeting to discuss the issues that affect your area. Simply come along to the meeting where there will be a chance to share your views. Local representatives from the Parish, District and County Councils will be present. Have your say on all issues affecting your area including: Policing / Health / Housing / Children's Priorities

Come along to :- Soham Pavilion on 21st March at 7pm and have your say.

For further information please contact Jane Fletcher or Annette Fontaine on 01353 616352 or email jane.fletcher@eastcambs.gov.uk

Hair by Hannah

Don't have time to go to the Salon?

Why not have your hair done in your own home?



- ↳ Blow Dry's
- ↳ Cuts
- ↳ Ladies, Gents & Children

To book an appointment with me to visit you at home, call me on 07756 878288 or 01638 720230



The Local Network Fund for Children & Young People in Cambridgeshire



local network fund
for children and young people

& Peterborough

The Fund supports small voluntary and community groups to improve the lives of children and young people aged 0-19 (up to 25 for young people with learning disabilities).

Groups throughout Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can apply for grants of between £250 and £7,000 to develop projects and activities for children and young people. You will need to give a good reason why the children and young people involved in your activity need particular help.

The Local Network Fund enables local voluntary and community groups working with children and young people to provide opportunities and increased access to activities and facilities.

Last year the Local Network Fund in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough awarded over £360,000 to deserving groups throughout the county. This money went towards a wide range of projects including starting up mother and toddler groups, youth councils and sports projects.

Applications are invited under the five Every Child Matters themes, which are:

- Being Healthy - Activities that promote a healthy lifestyle so that children and young people are able to enjoy good health.
- Staying Safe - Activities that contribute to children and young people being protected from harm and neglect and growing up able to look after themselves.
- Enjoying and Achieving - Activities that help children and young people to maximise their potential and develop skills for adulthood.
- Making a Positive Contribution - Activities that enable children and young people to use their own skills and abilities in ways to enhance their own lives and the lives of their communities.
- Achieving Economic Well-being - Activities that help children and young people overcome barriers and achieve their full potential.

Advice and support on filling out the application form is available to all groups from the Local Network Development Officer, Fleur Kerrecoc on 01353 860850 or email lnf@cambsacre.org.uk

Cambridgeshire ACRE is the Local Administrator for the Fund in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

FOR UP TO DATE NEWS AND INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT IS ON IN YOUR AREA PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE <http://www.lnf-cambsacre.org.uk/>

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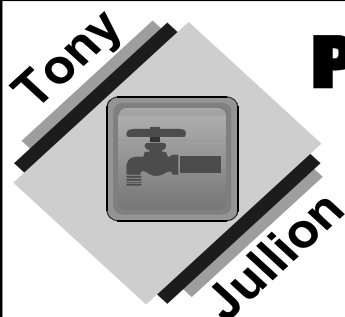
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YOUTH BANKS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

Winter 2006- Spring 2007

The four new Cambridgeshire YouthBanks are now inviting applications from 13-19 year olds living in South Cambs, Cambridge City, Hunts and East Cambs/Fenland.

The money the YouthBanks have to give out is from the Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund. The money is to fund projects led by young people that give them and other young people "things to do". This could be anything from sport activities, art projects, youth projects to DJ'ing and the money covers equipment costs as well as running costs.

The projects /activities must encourage one or more of the following for the young people :

- ☺ to be healthy
- ☺ stay safe
- ☺ to enjoy and achieve
- ☺ to make a positive contribution
- ☺ to achieve economic well being

For more information and to get an application form visit www.cambsyouthbanks.org or call 01223 421588.

Ely Museum

The Old Gaol, Market Street,
Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 4LS

tel 01353 666655 - Email info@elymuseum.org.uk

Events & Activities

Living History days, finds identification afternoons, a programme of talks and many children's activities are just some of the fun activities and events that are held throughout the year

Wednesday 14th February, 2007

Valentine crafts

Suitable for ages 8-14, £1.50 per child, accompanying adult free. From 2pm - 4pm

Friday 16th February, 2007

Fenland Craft Activity

Suitable for ages 8-14, £1.50 per child, accompanying adult free. From 2pm - 4pm

March, 2007

Science Week Activities

Visit our website for more details.

Saturday 17th March, 2007

St Patrick's Day Event

Visit our website for more details.

'Local Hypnotherapists, Debbie Dyason and Steve Marshall are pleased to announce the opening of the

'AAA Hypnotherapy Advice Helpline'

With over 12 years of experience between them in both Hypnosis and the new Emotional Freedom Therapy technique of tapping, EFT for short.

Advice is now available to help people overcome a whole range of difficulties ranging including

- ▶ stopping smoking,
- ▶ weight loss
- ▶ overcoming stress
- ▶ phobias

Help will be on offer for individual or group sessions for stopping smoking or weight management programmes (not dieting). For students taking exams or for driving tests, stress can close the avenues to your mind making memory difficult. Stress release sessions can open these avenues therefore helping you to remember what you already know, making it easier to concentrate and answer questions. In exams, this can mean the difference between a fail and a pass! Relieving stress with deep relaxation helps stress related conditions like migraine headaches, frozen shoulders and many other ailments. After many years of suffering from depression or phobias, working with a client can bring immense relief in a very short time. Overcome compulsive or obsessive disorders!

Maybe you want to learn self-hypnosis or the tapping technique so that you can use them any time that you need! Why not release yourself from those panic attacks! Well, help is now available.

If you would like to know how to improve your life, please call either Debbie or Steve on tel: 01223 473886.

Step towards a brighter future...'



Freckenham
Open Gardens

June 17th

&

Flower Festival 2007

"Hats"

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th September

EAST CAMBS DISTRICT COUNCIL
NEWS

Tax Again

Can I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year?

The first important task of the Council is to set the budget for the following year's council tax. May I remind readers that ECDC collects tax on behalf of the County Council, the Police, the Fire Brigade and Parish Councils. Only about 10% of your tax goes to East Cambs DC.

This year the Policy and Resource Committee has recommended an increase of 2.5%. We believe this; together with £310,000 of efficiency savings, will enable the Council to meet its ongoing commitments.

Some of the new initiatives recommended are:

- Prevention of fly-tipping
- The management of anti-social behaviour
- Prevention of homelessness
- Management and maintenance of open spaces
- New leisure facilities for the District

These new initiatives will be funded from underspends during the coming financial year together with sums contributed to the Council from Developers through planning agreements. (Section 106)

Waste and Minerals Plan

The Strategic Development Committee supports the Core Strategy setting out the strategic vision, objectives and development control policies to guide the future management of Waste and Minerals across the County. The strategy should provide robust environmental protection policies aimed at protecting residents from noise, odour and traffic nuisance.

The Council will only support the development of a state-of-the-art Household Waste Recycling Centre at Witchford subject to the protection of local residents and adjoining businesses.

On the other hand, the Council objects to the proposals for an inert waste landfill at Kennet and the proposal at Fordham unless environmental mitigation measures are in place to protect local residents.

Cllr Michael Allan
Tel: 01638 744050

Isleham Church
of
England Primary
School



Isleham Church of England School is the catchment school for all children aged 4 to 11 from Chippenham and Isleham. In November of last year we had an excellent Ofsted report. Should you have a child who wishes to go to the school or wish to find our further information please see our website www.isleham.cambs.sch.uk or contact our Mrs Barrett in school office on 780336

P.T.A.

On behalf of the PTA at Isleham Primary School, may I wish everyone in Chippenham a very Happy New Year and thank you for all the various ways many of you support our school.

Over the last school term many of you helped by collecting the Tesco Sports vouchers for us. In total the school collected over 19,000 of which 1,000 came from the collection pot in The Tharp Arms. For the school we have managed to buy lots of new equipment for use in PE. Some of the items we have ordered include 2 free standing Tennis Nets, 6 Folding Hurdles, 2 CD Players, and much much more. The children will have great fun using this equipment so thank you so much for all your vouchers

Our next fundraising event will be a QUIZ NIGHT on the evening of Friday February 23rd. These evening have always been a lot of fun in the past and well supported by both Isleham and Chippenham, so please do come along. The price is £16 per team of four people. Please hand in your entry fund to the school office as soon as possible. A hot supper will be provided. This year we plan to have a barbeque along with a selection of Salads. Please let us know if you require a vegetarian option when paying your entry fee. As in previous years please bring your own drinks, plates and cutlery.

The big event for the PTA in the spring term is always the end of term Pantomime and this years looks better than ever. Tickets for ALADDIN will go on sale to the public on the 18th March at 3.30pm in the school Library. Prices are £6 per adult and £3 per children. All children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. If you are able to get involved, there are many ways in which you can help. Make up, behind the scenes, recoding performances, etc we would love to hear from you, please contact myself, the school office or any member of the PTA.

If you are able to help the PTA in any way or wish to pass any comments on to us, please do so. You can contact us via our page on the schools website www.isleham.cambs.sch.uk, the school office or telephone me on 781390.

Julie Porter - Secretary

From the Three Rivers Priest Rev'd Mike Banyard (tel :721616.)

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



Have you ever had to give something up? A treasured possession, something you really valued, something which caused you real heart-ache?

February sees the start of Lent, with Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day on the 20th; *(There will be pancake racing at Scotland End once the children have returned from school! Watch a space for more information. Leaflets will appear.)* Then the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, on the 21st. Traditionally it is a time to give something up. Chocolate, or alcohol, or sugar in your tea. Something that will make you stop and think about what you do. Which will cause you some difficulty, some minor discomfort. Then you have to keep that going for the whole of Lent, until Easter dawns and you can go back to your old ways.

But life isn't always that simple is it? New Year's resolutions look increasingly impossible after a couple of days, and all those visits to the gym, those diets, that clear out of the cupboards, merge into the business of everyday life and we go on as usual, falling back into our old ways.

Until, that is, something either really appalling, or something truly wonderful comes our way. Some disease strikes, some unexpected tragedy hits you right in the middle of your life. Something new happens. You are caught up in a terrorist outrage. A new child is born. You can add your own happening.

My brother reported that last week, on his way to London on the train, it hit a landslide at 80 mph, and was derailed. The carriages stayed upright, fortunately, and though shaken about, he and his wife were unharmed. It could have been so much worse. A brush with the fragility of life can hit us all from time to time. Creep up on us unawares, and make us think deeply about what life is all about.

Then we have to think again. To assess what we really believe. What we think is truly important in our lives. Where our relationships are taking us, and how much we mean to each other.

We see both extremes all the time. Extreme tragedy on the one hand, and, at the other end of the spectrum, new life and new beginnings. All cause challenge. Challenge to our way of life, for, after both kinds of experience, nothing can be quite the same again.

Lent reminds us of the journey of Jesus Christ to the cross. A path which took him to the extremes of suffering, of a painful and tragic death on that Good Friday, in that lonely city, Jerusalem, all those years ago. But it was not the end. There was, and is, new life. There is hope. We can live in new times. Death is not the end. However hard to understand, and we are all on that journey of discovery, Jesus came to show us that our God cares deeply for us, he loves us with an intensity it is hard to contemplate.

What will you do this Lent? What would make a difference for you?

God Bless. Do join us on Wednesdays or Sundays!

Mike.

CHIPPENHAM SUNDAY ROTA

	Sidesmen	Reader	Wine	Flowers	Cleaning
Feb 4 th	Jan	Curate	Peter & Fiona	Sam	Eileen & Mary
Feb 11 th	Brian	Brian	John & Helen	Sam	Fiona & Mandy
Feb 18 th	Jan	Chris	Paul & Isobel	Jennifer	Julie
Feb 25 ^h	Ian	Curate	Mike & Helen	NO Flowers - Lent	James & Paul
Mar 4 th	Anne	Jan	Brian & Jennifer	NO Flowers - Lent	Eileen & Mary
Mar 11 th	Jan	Eileen	Fiona & Peter	NO Flowers - Lent	Fiona & Mandy
Mar 18 th	Ian	Chris	Jan & James	NO Flowers - Lent	Julie
Mar 25 th	Brian	James	Kevin & Linda	NO Flowers - Lent	Paul & James
Apr 1 st	Anne	Brian	Isabel & Terry	NO Flowers - Lent	Eileen & Mary

Church Diary

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

Sun 11th Second Sunday before Lent (G)

Revelation 4 Luke 8: 22 - 25

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am
Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11 am

Sun 18th Sunday next before Lent (G)

Exodus 33 - 17 - end 1 John 3 : 1 - 3

Mattins Snailwell 9.30 am
Choral Mattins Chippenham 11 am

Wednesday 21st ASH WEDNESDAY (P)

Three Rivers Group CHIPPENHAM - 7.30 pm
Eucharist & Ashing

Sun 25th First Sunday of Lent (P)

Romans 10 : 8b - 13 Luke 4 : 1 - 13

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am
Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11 am

MARCH

Sun 4th Second Sunday of Lent (P)

Philippians 3 : 17 - 4:1 Luke 13: 31 - end

Holy Communion Chippenham 8 am
Family Service Snailwell 9.30 - 10.15 am
Family Service Chippenham 11 - 11.45 am

Sun 11th Third Sunday of Lent (P)

1 Corinthians 10 : 1 - 13 Luke 13: 1 - 9

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am
Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11 am

Sun 18th MOTHERING SUNDAY (P)

1 Samuel 1 : 20 - end John 19 : 25b - 27

Mattins Snailwell 9.30 am

FAMILY SERVICE Chippenham 11 - 11.45

Sun 25th Fifth Sunday of Lent (P)

Philippians 3 : 4b - 14 John 12 : 1 - 8

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am
Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11 am

APRIL

Sun 1st PALM SUNDAY (R)

Philippians 2 : 5 - 11 Luke 23 : 1 - 49

Holy Communion Chippenham 8 am
Family Service Snailwell 9.30 - 10.15 am
Procession : Chippenham Village Hall 10.45 am
Family Service Chippenham 11 - 11.45 am

Snailwell Church News




Many thanks to all who came and supported our Christmas Fayre, we hope you enjoyed your visit and found some bargains. As always there was an amazing selection of items, and we appreciate all the articles which were donated. Although numbers through the door were down on previous years everyone spent well.

The biggest input to our record breaking outcome was the Grand Raffle organized and run by Charlie, the Prizes that he had managed to obtain made for a wonderful display. The Raffle alone made over £500.00, the Grand Total for the Event came to just under £1,200.00. Fantastic. A very big thank you to the army of helpers that we had this year, it made such a difference and made the day so much easier. We couldn't have managed without you.

Flowers for Easter : on Saturday 7th April -
All helpers are very welcome.


SNAILWELL SUNDAY ROTA

	Sidesman / Reader	Cleaning	Flowers
Feb 4 th	Charles	Muriel / Maureen	Muriel / Maureen
Feb 11 th	Helen	Muriel / Maureen	Muriel / Maureen
Feb 18 th	Gaynor	Gaynor / Sue	Gaynor / Sue
Feb 25 th	Betty	Lent - no flowers	Gaynor / Sue
Mar 4 th	Muriel	Lent - no flowers	Bryan / Betty
Mar 11 th	Maureen	Lent - no flowers	Bryan / Betty
Mar 18 th	Michael	Lent - no flowers	Hannah / Liz
Mar 25 th	Charles	Lent - no flowers	Hannah / Liz
Apr 1 st	Helen	Lent - no flowers	Muriel / Maureen



Regular Weekday Services

Snailwell - Wednesday 6 pm
Chippenham - Wednesday 8.30 pm



The Sports Page



CHIPPENHAM FOOTBALL CLUB



Chippenham F.C. continues to have a decent season, although a number of games have been postponed due to water logged pitches. The team are currently fifth in Division 3A of the Cambs. Sunday League with games in hand. It makes for an interesting second half of the season. As can be seen from results Chippenham continue to give a good account of themselves in all their games, Phil Wright scoring 4 goals against Newmarket Albion.

In the VB Trophies League Cup the team are in the last 16, the next round being away to Gamlingay on Sunday 21st January.

The next two games are both away on the 28th January and 4th February to Brinkley Red Lion and Newnham Rangers respectively. Home games continue to be played at Fordham Recreation Ground.

Results to date

19th November Little Downham 4 Chippenham 3
10th December Cherry Hinton Five Bells 0 Chippenham
14th January Chippenham 7 Newmarket Albion Reserves 3

Training continues at Fordham through the winter on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm. This normally includes a good session of 5 a side. Anyone thinking about coming along please give me a ring Jim Smith, Chairman on 01638723978



Pub Team Games

CALLING ALL PLAYERS OF
**DARTS - DOMINOES - CRIBBAGE
& PETANQUE**
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 still continuing we are still looking for players of all games, even if they are unable to commit to playing until the next season. The winter league teams consist of 2 Dominoes, 1 Darts and 1 Cribbage. However the Summer season will soon be upon us and we would like to recruit more players for all our teams. In this season we have 2 Pentaque (French Boules) and 1 Darts team.

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

Chippenham Cricket Club

The 2007 Annual General Meeting of Chippenham Village Cricket Club takes place at the Tharp Arms on Wednesday February 7th, starting at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome, especially playing members, non-playing members, supporters and sponsors, and it would be great if all players could come along as this is the meeting when officers get elected and numerous important announcements are made. It should not drag on too long and it tends to be an informative and - aided by the odd pint of IPA - amusing evening.



The next day, February 8th, is the final deadline for all players and supporters who wish to attend the seventh annual Cricket Tour to pay their deposit. The Tour will take place between Bank Holiday Monday May 28th and Friday June 1 and will as usual be based at some very well appointed converted farm building holiday units a couple of miles outside Ross-on-Wye in Herefordshire.

Henry Olonga, the former Zimbabwe international who ended his career in protest at the political regime in his native country, has been booked to speak at the Cricket Club Dinner at the Village Hall on Saturday March 3.

Tickets for the event, which sees doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start, are virtually sold out. However, if you phone Chop Heather on 01638 720892 there is a chance that a couple may have become available.

NEXT ISSUE ; Please send all notices and news for featuring in the April-May 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 14th March**. Many thanks, Ali & Mark Daniels