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Village News!

Chippenham & Snailwell

Village News

February - March 2008

Village Diary :

February

3rd February

National Quiz

@ Tharp Arms 7.45pm

5th February

Pancake Race

@ Chippenham Park 4pm

6th February

Ash Wednesday

17th February

National Quiz

@ Tharp Arms 7.45pm

March

2nd March

Mothering Sunday &

National Quiz

@ Tharp Arms 7.45pm

16th March

Palm Sunday Procession

@ 10.45 am

Chippenham Village Hall

&

National Quiz

@ Tharp Arms 7.45pm

23rd March

Easter Sunday

30th March

Daffodil Sunday

@ Chippenham Park

&

National Quiz

@ Tharp Arms 7.45pm

ADVANCE NOTICE

Work will be carried out to repair the damaged areas on the village hall car park surface in the near future. Whilst work is underway the car park will be out of use. Exact dates are not available yet as the work is weather dependent. Notices will be put up nearer the time.

In the spring the whole surface area will be re-tarred and chipped. The car park will be out of use for approximately two days whilst this happening.

Chippenham Parish Council

Chippenham Park Open Gardens

Daffodil Sunday

30th March 2008

10am-5pm



Refreshments being provided by

Chippenham Tennis Club

We need your donations of cakes & biscuits

All gratefully received

Please deliver to 5 Manor Farm Barns Chippenham

Chippenham Annual Pancake Race

On

Shrove Tuesday, 5th February

Chippenham Park Gates

At 4 pm

Races for all ages from

Toddler to Granny !

Bring your own frying pan

Spring Wedding Fayre

Wednesday 20th February 2008

5:30-9:30pm

Chippenham Lodge Estate welcomes you to join us for our Spring Wedding Fayre. On arrival you will be welcomed with a complimentary drink before taking the opportunity to visit our many exhibitors who will be joining us for the evening.

If you have any questions regarding the above event, or would like to reserve an exhibition stand please feel free to [contact us](#).

Chippenham Lodge Estate

T: 01638 724089 / F: 01638 723146

E: amanda@chippenhamlodge.com - W: www.chippenhamlodge.com



A BIRTHDAY TIME!

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Happy Birthday to :

1st February - Jacob Daniels
7th February - Tony Jullion
10th February - Roger Brown
19th February - Shaun Bridgeman
22nd February - Owen Gilbert
4th March - Malachy Daniels
4th March - Christine Harmer
5th March - Betty Walker
13th March - George Dumphreys

Exchange Opportunity

I have a 3 year old 2 bed semi detached house in **Fordham**, driveway for 2 vehicles, large kitchen diner, downstairs toilet, good size bedrooms and bathroom,. Front aspect overlooks a field, small front garden, about 27ft rear garden, situated on a no through road, residents use only, close to local co-op shop

I'm looking for a similar sized property in the village of Snailwell,

Interested? Then please call Terry for more details on

07969 121788 or 01638 720279 after 6pm



Congratulations to
Kenny & Dona Nobbs
who celebrate their 40th



Wedding Anniversary this February

FOR SALE :

Little Tikes Log Cabin Playhouse - Good Outside Condition - £50

Hornby Battle Zone Train Set - Boxed - £40

Yamaha Electronic Keyboard PSR185 with Stand - Boxed - £25

Sony DVD/Cdi Video CD Recorder with Remote - £20

Contact 01638 720065 after 3.30pm

HOUSECLEANER WANTED

3-4 hours weekly (flexible on what day/time) for couple in Snailwell.

Must be RELIABLE and mature

£10/hr for right person

Please contact Dr. or Mrs. Collier

29 The Street, Snailwell - Tel: 578441

Please leave message if not at home

For sale:

5 rolls of attic insulation - £15

BT Voyager 2100 wireless ADSL router - never used (unfortunately, is compatible with my US computer) - £15

- 64 and 128 bit WEP encryption/WPA protected access
- compatible with 802.11g/802.11b
- includes 4 RJ45 ethernet ports for wired network

Complete 1/8 violin outfit - like new condition - £45

- Gruskin handcarved, solid spruce top, maple back and rib, ebony pegs/chin rest/tail piece, fingerboard, inlaid purfling, 4 fine tuners
- Brazil wood bow with unbleached horsehair, rosin
- Lightweight case with shoulder strap
- Kun adjustable chin rest (for sizes 1/16 to 1/4) - these chinrests sell for over £20 in music stores

Please contact Pierre on
01638721534 or pdauby@yahoo.com

As some of you may know Daniel and Kerry are getting married in Chippenham Church on February 16th at 4pm, if any one would like to come to the Church they would be very welcome.

On Sunday 17th February we will celebrate by singing a Mozart mass at the 11am service followed by a glass of bubbles, please feel free to come and join us on this occasion, Dan and Kerry will be at the service.

Terry Cross.



A Close Shave

After 15 years with a beard Keith Pearson decided it was time for a change and a new look. Keith offered to have a sponsored shave to rid him of his beard and donate the funds to play park project. Many thanks to

Keith for thinking of the group and raising a tidy sum towards the project. For more details of this exciting project please see the centre pages.



FORTHCOMING NATIONAL BUS PASS SCHEME

The Government's 2006 Budget statement announced a new national Concessionary Bus Travel scheme would be introduced in April 2008. The scheme will allow eligible residents (over 60s and people with certain disabilities) to use their bus pass after 9.30am until the last bus Monday to Friday and all day on weekends and bank holidays in any part of England for the first time. Everyone will need to reapply for a new bus pass. To receive your new bus pass on time, complete an application form today. Contact your District Council for more information.

Snailwell Council Officials :

Parish Councillors for Snailwell are:

Gaynor Ryan (Vice Chairman) - 1 Manor Farm Barns, 577703

Virginia Richmond - 7 The Green, 578296

Sue Donnelly - Raffles, 8 Newmarket Road, 665105

Clive Sutton - The Old School, 10 The Street, 578677

Joe Pattison - 22 The Green, 577077

St. John Collier - River Cottage, 29 The Street, 578441

The Clerk for Parish Councils is :

Sally Hughes, 44b High St, Chippenham 720915

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

Village Noticeboard

The Parish Council are considering the option of purchasing one large noticeboard to hold all village and Parish Council information in one place rather than using the numerous noticeboards around the village.

The Parish Council are asking for the views of the residents before proceeding with this idea. If you have an opinion then please contact the Parish Clerk on 720915 or chippenhamparishcouncil@hotmail.com.

Village Appraisal

Two years ago we completed our Village Appraisal, which gave us Chippenham's views on matters concerning our local environment, transport, law and order, planning, village amenities and communication. Ultimately, on the advice of Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England), we upgraded our findings into a Village Plan, and put this to the East Cambridgeshire Strategic Partnership. This is one of five Local Strategic Partnerships in Cambridgeshire, which have been set up to bring together representatives from services such as health care, community safety, transport, education and environmental protection, with the aim of improving the quality of life in Cambridgeshire.

Our Appraisal showed that the main area of concern is with the volume and speed of traffic - and in particular of lorries - through the village. The Strategic Partnership have commented that "there is an escalating problem of HGVs using the villages as short cuts as directed by satnavs." Their suggestion is that the County Council should work with the major hauliers in the area, to ask them to instruct their drivers to avoid certain routes; and that we should think of conducting our own survey, to establish how many lorries are coming through the village on a daily basis. We plan to organise this in the spring, and are also looking into a survey of hauliers within our area, to establish how many actually need to use our High Street. More news in two months...

You may also have noticed the police doing speed checks in Chippenham during December. This is part of a plan to target specific villages for a period of time, to see if this is an effective way of tackling the problem. Results from Chippenham: 12 drivers stopped; one found to have no insurance. Also one vehicle failed to stop and drove at the police officer - the police would welcome information regarding a K-Reg red Mondeo car, as this matter is an ongoing enquiry.

James Broad
Chippenham Parish Council

Coach House Stables News.

We were thrilled to have so many villagers following Santa to the Coach House in December; it really does make all the effort worthwhile. The weather was kind to us, although I'm sure Santa would have preferred some snow! He will be back again this year, we will advise you with the date when he sends us his list of venues, and hope you can all come again.

The ponies are all wintering well and now have a new field shelter, which we are hoping they will use to keep warm and dry, but really are more likely to use in the summer to keep away from the flies!

Gemini is on good form, and is enjoying his winter hacking round the Heath & going on the occasional hunt. He is keeping everyone on their toes, as he may be 15 years old but he is still very sprightly.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year
Linda and Kevin

E & P Building Design

You don't have to move- you can extend or improve!
Thinking of extending or improving your home?
For free advice on all planning and building regulations
Contact us on

01638 717379 or 07802 314538

We are both RIBA and RTPI members
APS Planning and H & S Consultants



Chess club

Newmarket Chess Club has managed to keep two teams running so far this season, although the results haven't been kind. The Colts had a head to head with Stowmarket for their last game of the first half of the season, which allowed them to stay off the bottom in a 2 - 2 draw. The Stallions were vying to get into the top half of division, however Linton fielded a stronger team than normal, and in a match where the team was strongly outgraded, Alan Paris and Charles Richmond managed commendable draws on boards 1 and 3, in match where they lost 3-1.

We continue to meet in the Foresters Club at 7.30 on Tuesdays, and are always keen to welcome more players whatever their strength. Contact Charles on 578296 if you wish to have more details.

Charles Richmond

Les and Eileen at the
George & Dragon, 31 The Street, Snailwell
Tel. 01638 577241

Monday / Saturday open 11am- 11pm

Sunday - open 11am-1030pm

Food now being served

Monday-Saturday 11am-9pm

Sunday 11am-3pm.

Sunday Roast Dinner from 12.30pm only £6.95

Whist Games Night every Thursday Refreshments provided.

A Friendly pub with a warm welcome awaits you here.

Disability Cambridgeshire – Can we help you or anyone you know?

Disability Cambridgeshire (previously known as Directions Plus) is a registered charity working for disabled/older people and carers living in Cambridgeshire. We provide **free, confidential and impartial information and advice** on all disability and access issues including:-

- * Discrimination *
- * Direct payments and independent living *
- * Entitlements, including challenging decisions *
- * Holiday and leisure * Residential care, respite etc. *

We also provide:-

Advice to companies and individuals about employment

Disability Discrimination Act and
Disability Equality training

Information in factsheets, newsletters and
on our websites

Start up and infrastructure services for
Forums of Disabled people
Work experience and training.

We are always looking for volunteers to help in our Cambridge office. We would hope that some of these volunteers, with training, could represent us and disabled people at meetings throughout Cambridgeshire.

Contact us at:- 1 Orwell Furlong, Cowley Road, Cambridge CB4 0WY

Telephone advice line: 01223 569 600

E-mail: info@disability-cambridgeshire.org.uk
www.directions-plus : inadvisability

Naturally, by now we're all quietly trying to forget the resolutions that we made to ourselves over a glass of Bucks Fizz at midnight and if, as we have, you've got young children then you're probably still trying to undo the four thousand plastic

Feb 14, Feb 28,
Mar 13 and Mar 27

News from your Local Police

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

For those that I haven't met yet, I am the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for your village and my name is Barb Neill. I cover Fordham, Isleham, Chippenham, Snailwell, Kennett, Badlingham, Wicken, Upware and Padney and work full time on a shift rotation which covers days, nights and weekends. In case you are unaware PCSO's do not have the same powers as Police Officers and our roles are quite different as we are there more to engage with the community and conduct high visibility patrols within our beat areas. We also endeavour to work closely with both schools and sheltered housing schemes, and to tackle anti-social behaviour and minor traffic offences. More often than not we are the first point of contact for

your villages, so next time you see me please feel free to stop me for a chat or to discuss any concerns you may have or alternatively you can contact us direct by either phone or email using the details shown beneath. I look forward to meeting you. PCSO Barb Neill South Neighbourhood Policing Team

To contact me directly you can call 07736086870 or email barb.neill@cambs.pnn.police.uk if you would like to report a non-urgent issue then please call 0845 456 456 4 or for an emergency 999

Police Surgeries are held on
Sundays at

4.30pm in Chippenham,
outside the village hall
and at

5.30pm in Snailwell,
outside the church.

Dates :

13th Jan / 3rd Feb / 16th Mar
6th Apr / 18th May / 8th Jun

HEAD LICE TRIAL TARGETS - CHIPPENHAM AREA -

Chippenham and surrounding villages have been selected by Medical Entomology Centre (MEC) as a target area for carrying out head lice treatment trials. The trials are to prove the effectiveness of a newly formulated treatment for combating the problem of head lice, a common condition that affects most children at some point during their schooling.

Senior Entomologist and Trials Manager, Elizabeth Kidmann says: "We would like to hear from parents of children with head lice who are willing to let them take part in our trial. The process is simple. We come along and treat the problem, returning on specific days to check that the treatment has worked effectively. Visits are quick and discreet."

Contact MEC on 01763 263011 or 0845 4300 300

Head lice have been the bane of parents with school-age children in recent years. Although lice cannot fly, jump, hop or swim they do love to crawl from head to head. The lice like nothing better than the opportunity to move around from host to host when children are playing together.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :

Snailwell

Ref: 08/00003/FUL

Location: Chippenham

Gallops, Snailwell Road

Proposal: New implement
storage barn with staff
rest room

Applicant: Goldolpin Man-
agement Company Ltd

W.I.

December : We had a very enjoyable get together at our Annual Dinner at the Roseary in Exning.

January : The Bottisham Hand Bell Ringers were excellent and our members also tried their hands with the bells causing much laughter.

February : First Aid - Mr Cunningham

March : A.G.M. And the return of Mr Mison, with some more slides and interesting talk on the Tsunami in Sri Lanka (the after effects).

April : Mrs Paula Dolan with her poems, this will again be a laughable evening.

Keith Pearson

**"Your Local
Handyman!"**

No job to big or small !

31 High Street, Chippenham



Due to Space constraints in this issue not all local adverts could be included, please accept my apologies for this, and I hope to include them in the next issue.

News from your Local Police

Distraction Burglaries – from PCSO Barb Neill

Could I just make you aware of a series of distraction burglaries that have occurred recently in our area, I'm sure you remember the 3 we had in December in Kennett? We had a similar set of circumstances happen in Fordham and Soham recently, too. It is possible that they are linked but could I just make you all aware as the message still does not seem to be getting home to our elderly residents that they mustn't let complete strangers into their homes and to keep their homes as secure as they can. Anybody with any queries, concerns or information about these burglaries should contact me, PCSO Barb Neill, on the Southern Team 0845 456 456 4

I am sure you have heard most of this information before but this type of crime keeps happening so please be aware of anything, anybody or any vehicle that you see in our area that looks suspect and report it to us on 0845 456 456 4. On most occasions these people will have scouted the area and planned their crime so this is our chance to get one step ahead of them. In the last spate of burglaries on doing house-to-house enquiries many people recalled seeing a silver vehicle parked nearby & a group of young males; however this was not reported and could offer no further description of either the vehicle or the people. I cannot stress how important it is to get as much information as you can as the more knowledge we have the more chance we have of catching the people that do this type of crime. Crime against older people is rare, but when it happens it can be deeply shocking, especially when it occurs on the doorstep. Most people who call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes callers will turn up unannounced, with their intention of tricking their way into people's homes. These are known as 'distraction burglars' and 'bogus callers'. They may work alone, in pairs and could be either male or female. Even children have sometimes been known to trick their way in to people's houses.

Every member of the community can help reduce Distraction Burglary. By following the simple LOCK, STOP, CHAIN, CHECK message, we can all be sure that the people who enter our homes are who they claim to be: Ensure you keep exterior doors locked; Before you answer the door, stop and think whether you are expecting anyone; Put the door bar or chain on. Look through the spyhole or the window to see who it is. Always keep the bar or chain on while you are talking to the person on the doorstep; Ask for and carefully check their ID card, even if they have a pre-arranged appointment (all genuine callers will carry one). If you are not expecting them and they do not carry an ID card. DO NOT LET THEM IN.

To check a caller is genuine you can, look up the number in the phone book and check it against the card the caller has given you. Do not be tempted to just ring the number on the card, it may be fake. If they claim they are from a utility company, look at a recent bill to check the phone number.

If you have any doubts at all as to whether the caller is genuine, ask them to leave and come back at a time that is convenient to you and when you have had a chance to ask someone to be with you.

REMEMBER IF IN DOUBT: KEEP THEM OUT!

The descriptions of the people involved in these recent burglaries vary but in the main are: Three white males, in their late teens to early twenties, dark hair some say straight and greasy, slim/medium build in general all wearing predominantly dark clothing - coats, zip up tops, some partly covering their faces. Sometimes described as wearing hats; a trilby style is described in one job, wool hat in another. Varied heights for the suspects but none described as being any more than 5'10" tall. Local accents.

In one of the jobs they said they'd lost their dog in the resident's garden. Force was used on the residents in some jobs in order to steal cash from them.

The Community Safety Unit at Parkside Police Station have a supply of door stickers, leaflets etc. If you would like some leaflets or stickers please call Cambridge 358966 and ask for the Community Safety Unit in Cambridge who will be happy to send some to you in the post.

Whilst we are on the subject of crime I am looking to revamp the local Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and set up new ones. I think that in our rural locations the scheme is an asset to all and will fully support them. If you or anyone you know is interested in setting up a scheme or has one already if you could let me know, I will do what I can to help. My contact details are: 07736086870 or by email on barb.neill@cambs.pnn.police.uk Regards PCSO Barb Neill South Neighbourhood Policing Team

**From the Three Rivers Group Associate Priest
Rev'd Kate Peacock
(Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham, Kennett and Snailwell).**



It is very good to be writing to you all at what I always think of as a rather odd time of year. We are all still recovering from Christmas, and many of us are trying to stick to our New Year's Resolutions, whereas in Church we have been continuing to celebrate Christmas and the coming of God to earth during this season of Epiphany – or God made manifest here on earth. So our church celebrations have felt a little at odds with our 'belt tightening' (be it either literally or figuratively!) attitude to the beginning of the year.

But, this will all end with the coming of Lent on Ash Wednesday, 6th February – the earliest it could possibly be. And by the time many of you will read this Lent will already have begun. We will have all eaten our pancakes (probably too many of them!) and had a few thoughts about what to give up for this year – traditional things to abstain from include, alcohol, chocolate, biscuits, cakes, sweets etc – this is probably a familiar list! I too have tried, (and failed I have to admit), for countless years to give up most things on this list. But, why do I bother? If I am honest with myself most of my reasons for giving these goodies up are selfish – I want to loose a few pounds, I want to feel virtuous, I want to be able to decline these things publicly so every one will know that I am 'being good' this year! But surely these reasons are not what Lent is about. God does not want us to use this time to get in shape and be publicly virtuous! So what *is* Lent for? Well, we have this gift of 5 weeks to set aside some time for God. Lent is indeed a gift, not a time of denial, dullness and dieting. I now prefer to think of Lent as a time for taking something up, for doing something positive, for making a change. This is not to say that some self-discipline every so often is a bad thing, but as Christians we need to try and engage in the true meaning of Lent and use this time wisely.

So how do we do this? How do we try and spend more time with God? What new things should we try and take up this Lent? Well, these aren't easy questions. For some of us trying to spend some time in silence and prayer each day is too much, other demands on our time make us feel guilty and hopeless (and these feeling do not bring us closer to God). But for others of us, this could be exactly what we need, 20 minutes a day in quiet, dwelling on God, reading or meditating on scripture. Others of us (and I hope that many of you will) might take part in one of the Lent courses being run across the Parish, using our time for fellowship and sharing in a group as a way of finding and discovering more of God. Our topic for this year is 'How to Pray' and we are following a book of the same name. The aim being that through trying different types of prayer we can come closer to God and more in tune with his will for our lives. (Do contact Mike or me if you are interested – 721616 or 723960) The course is being run at three different times and venues so that as many as possible will be able to come. Tuesday afternoon 2.30 - 4 at Wither's Place, Wednesday evening 8 - 9.30 Badlingham, Thursday evenings 7.30 - 9 at the Social Centre in Isleham. All are welcome.

Whichever path we choose this Lent, do remember that above all it is a time of preparation. Without *some* preparation a celebration is impossible. We need this time of Lent to prepare for the realisation that Christ died and is raised, and this is a miracle so phenomenal that we need to prepare again each year. Any celebration will be a failure if no time and thought have gone into it. A wedding would not be a wedding without friends and family, Christmas would not be Christmas without gifts, parties and hearing the story of the birth of Christ. And likewise, Easter cannot be celebrated if we don't think and pray about Maundy Thursday and Good Friday – for without them there is no Easter Celebration. There is no rising from the dead and there is no salvation for all. And when the time comes may you all have a very Happy and Joy Filled Easter.

Kate.

**Regular Weekday
Services**

Snailwell - Wednesday 6 pm

Chippenham - Wednesday 5 pm



CHIPPENHAM SUNDAY ROTA

	Sidesmen	Reader	Wine	Flowers	Cleaning
February 3rd	Megan	Nicola	Jennifer Anne & Eustace	Jennifer	Fiona & Mandy
February 10th	Jan	Jan	Jeff & Michelle	LENT - No Flowers	Julie
February 17th	Ian	Chris	Terry & Isabel	LENT - No Flowers	James & Paul
February 24th	Anne	Anne	Sophie & Scott	LENT - No Flowers	Eileen, Mary & Betty
March 2nd	Megan	Eileen	Paul & Isobel	LENT - No Flowers	Fiona & Mandy
March 9th	Jan	James	James & Jan	LENT - No Flowers	Julie
March 16th	Anne	Anne	Jennifer Anne & Eustace	LENT - No Flowers	James & Paul
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Snailwell Church News

Ivy Cole and family wish to thank Rev'D. Mike Banyard and Rev'd Kate for conducting Philip's funeral service. Also, the choir, Dorothy the organist, Sophie for the lovely flowers and Darryl for the use of his home and all who helped with the catering. Philip was always cheerful and didn't want his funeral to be sad and the occasion was as he would have wished it to be. Finally, the cards, letters and messages of sympathy are too numerous to reply to individually but we are very grateful to everyone for their kindness. Donations for the church in Philip's memory have reached £600.00 and the generosity shown is much appreciated. God Bless, Ivy.

Flowers for Easter - Saturday please 10am onward. New helpers always welcome, come and have a go.

Christmas Fayre - Great Result considering the appalling weather, although there didn't appear to be the usual amount of people, we still raised £1,431.16. Many thanks to every one who came up with ideas and helped in any way, it wouldn't have happened without you! We hope you all found some bargains and will come again. The money raise was for the Church Restoration Fund and was immediately put to good use as the guttering & down pipes had just been attended to. Again Thank you.

Whist nights are again in full flow at the George & Dragon Thursday evenings 7.30pm. New comers welcome this is a fun night please be aware we are not serious players (just very competitive) Small prizes for winner and the lowest score gets a booby prize. All good fun.

Maureen.

The Sports Page

Chippenham Cricket Club



Cricket Club Dinner

The Annual Cricket Club Dinner will take place this year on Saturday April 12th at the village hall. We are very pleased to announce this year's guest speaker is ex England Wicket Keeper Bob Taylor. Bob represented England in 57 test matches and 27 one-day internationals. He also played a major part in the Botham Ashes series of 1981 series when England turned the tables on the Australians. Nick-named "Chat" by team-mates due to his willingness to talk we fully expect Bob to add to what is always enjoyable evening. Lat year we sold out so please book early to avoid disappointment. You can book your tickets by calling Darren Hughes on 01638 720915.

Cricket Club AGM

The Cricket Club AGM will take place on Tuesday February 12th at the Sharp Arms. Everyone is welcome and it starts at 7.30pm

Junior Cricket Coaching

We are planning to re-start cricket coaching after half term. If you have children interested in joining in please call Darren on 01638 720915

Are you interested in playing Cricket this Summer?

We are always trying to get as many people as possible from the village playing and would like to hear from you if you are interested. Our unique approach to selection means you can enjoy a regular game whatever your ability. Please call Alan Wright on 01638 720948 if you are interested



Pub Team Games



CALLING ALL PLAYERS OF
- DOMINOES - CRIBBAGE - PETANQUE -

The Sharp Arms in Chippenham has several Pub Teams which take part in various Pub Games throughout the year. With the winter season under way we are looking for additional players of all games, even if they are unable to commit to playing for the full season. We are also looking for players who would be interested in playing Cribbage or Petanque in the forthcoming summer season

The winter league teams consist of 2 Dominoes and 1 Cribbage.

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. So even if you are unable to commit every week but would still like to play occasionally, let us know.



Chippenham Football Club



The Football Club has only played two games during the remainder of November and December. Neither was in Chippenham's favour and the Club lies currently second from bottom of Division 2A. Enough games remain to avoid relegation, and the spirit is strong within the Club.

As can be seen from below Chippenham won their third round cup tie and are through to the quarter finals of the V.B. Trophies League Cup. Ed Waites scored two goals on his first full start, with Phil Wright netting another.

Mike Davis has returned to play for the Club this season and is enjoying his football and representing the village. As I have mentioned in an earlier newsletter it is difficult for any village to produce a team of home grown players, especially at a decent standard. It has been pleasing of late to see more familiar Chippenham names on the team sheet, with the potential of one or two youngsters to come.

Results to date

18th November
Chippenham 1 Village Inn 3
9th December
Alma 3 Chippenham 1
6th January
V.B. Trophies League Cup 3rd Round
Chippenham 5 Fowlmere Bostocks 2

Training continues at Fordham through the winter on a Thursday evening at 7.00pm. This includes a good session of 5 a side.

Anyone thinking about coming along please ring Phil Wright on 07734059928, or myself Jim Smith, Chairman on 01638723978.

NEXT ISSUE

Please send all notices and news for the April - May 2008 issue of the Chippenham and Snailwell Village News to news@thetharparms.com or drop them in at The Sharp Arms, High Street, Chippenham, by 9 am Monday 17th March
Many thanks, Ali Daniels