

Something to sell ?
An event to
advertise ?
Need something ?
Make sure it's in the
Village News!

Chippenham & Snailwell

Village News

February - March 2009

Village Diary February

7th - 8th
Garden Open Day
Chippenham Park

14th
'Macca' LIVE
@ The Tharp Arms

14th - 15th
Garden Open Day
Chippenham Park

21st - 22nd
Garden Open Day
Chippenham Park

March

6th
Talent Night @
Chippenham Village Hall

28th
Cricket Club
Annual Dinner

April

24th
Tennis Club AGM @
Chippenham Village Hall

Chippenham Park

'Probably the first display of Snowdrops
in East Anglia'

GARDEN OPEN DAYS 2009

7th & 8th February
14th & 15th February
21st & 22nd February



Entrance £4 - children free
Homemade Soup & Bun £3 - Dogs very welcome on leads



Pilates

Mon-
days

7pm - 8pm
And 8pm - 9pm

Each course is

£30 & runs
for 5 weeks

For more infor-
mation

please call Nicola

on 720892

Beginners very
welcome

Do something different this
Valentine's Day ...



MACCA

Playing LIVE At
The Tharp Arms
Saturday 14th February
From 9pm

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BIRTHDAY TIME!

Happy Birthday to :

1st February - Jacob Daniels

6th February - Julie Ransome

7th February - Tony Jullion

10th February - Roger Brown

11th February - Michelle Heavens

11th February - Jessica Ransome

19th February - Shaun Bridgeman

22nd February - Owen Gilbert

4th March - Malachy Daniels

4th March - Christine Harmer

5th March - Betty Walker

13th March - George Dumphreys



Wedding Anniversary Congrautlations to :

10th February - Kenny & Dona Nobbs

FOR SALE

Various Baby Items

Solid Wood Cot Bed,
Musical Baby Swing,
Moses Basket with Stand.

Various Clothes,
Many Toys

For more information
Contact Alison on 720234

Stan Langley

Daphne, Christine and family wish to express their thanks to everyone who attended Stans funeral service, for cards and messages of sympathy and for the kind offers of help following their recent sad loss. It was reassuring to know that he had so many friends and acquaintances in the village.

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

THE 'ONE AND ONLY'

CHIPPENHAM Talent & MUSIC NIGHT

**The Usual Heady Mixture of Village Performers...
Music, Comedy & Wild Entertainment!!!!!!**

NOT TO BE MISSED!!!

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT -
The popular TV comedy 'Allo 'Allo will be this
year's finale**

DATE: Friday 6. March at 7.30pm Doors Open 7:00 pm

VENUE: THE VILLAGE HALL CHIPPENHAM - BAR

£4.00 Adults - £2.50 Concessions - Under 16s Free

**Tickets from Paul Mangell, Tharp Arms and on the door
Proceeds to Chippenham Cricket Club**

The Parish Churches of

*From the Three Rivers Group
Rector Mike Banyard
(Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham,
Kennett and Snailwell) Tel - 721616*



Ely Diocese is 900 years old. Our five parishes here are in the south east of the Diocese, which stretches in the north almost to the doors of Peterborough Cathedral, and beyond to the village of Water Newton on the A1, and in the south west to Gamlingay. It is a huge area with some 350 parish churches in all. Comprising mainly the county of Cambridgeshire, but with significant parts of west Norfolk too, it was founded in 1109, just one hundred years before the University of Cambridge, Christians here have been proclaiming God's love for all these nine centuries and well before that too. Augustine brought Christianity to the south of England, landing near Canterbury in 597 AD and Etheldreda founded her community of Christians at Ely in 673 AD.

There have been good times and turbulent times, and times when the cathedral itself was shut and no one could enter, but our cathedral, at the heart of the Diocese, and dating from the Norman era in the eleventh century, is a huge symbol of those eternal and God given values of love, justice, peace and harmony. And there are some excellent books published recently which describe in more detail what the various parts of our cathedral mean. The Diocese itself sponsors over 81 primary schools, including our primary schools at Fordham and Isleham, and a joint Roman Catholic and Anglican Secondary school in Cambridge.

The Archbishop of Canterbury visited Ely Diocese during the last weekend of January, and preached at a special service in Ely to mark the start of the celebrations of our 900 years. He also visited many parts of the Diocese, in the northern fens, Cambridge city, the new community of Camborne, and at the vegetable packing station near Soham, meeting migrant and other workers there. Looking to the past he said that our history taught us much, and that the sound foundations of all that prayer and worship over the centuries, provides a springboard for our own contribution in our own times. We have both to understand and learn from our history, but also look forward, meeting the challenges of today in the light of our faith in

Chippenham & Snailwell

Jesus Christ. And the Archbishop of York will visit in November to conclude our year of celebration.

And there are many challenges this year. Some may lose jobs, or houses, and feel the heavy burden of our present economic climate and the uncertainties of the times. Sometimes this too can seem daunting. Our buildings speak to us of those eternal values I mentioned earlier; our present congregations too seek to learn of God's will in all our lives. So.....

.....do join us on Sundays, and in the week, to discover more about how and what our loving God is calling us to be and to do. And have a great new year too.

God bless.

Mike

THREE RIVERS GROUP

At Chippenham & Snailwell the main Sunday services are held at

9.30 am - Snailwell
11.00 am - Chippenham

The pattern of Sunday services will be:

Snailwell

1st, 2nd 4th Holy Communion
3rd Family Service

Chippenham

1st Family Service
2nd Sung Eucharist
3rd Choral Matins
4th Sung Eucharist

Please join us on Sundays!

CHIPPENHAM SUNDAY ROTA

	Sidesmen	Reader	Wine	Flowers	Cleaning
February 1st	Jan & James	Nicola	Jan & James	Wendy	Eileen, Mary & Betty
February 8th	Tony & Eileen	Peter	Paul & Isobel	Joyce	Fiona
February 15th	Jennifer	Eileen	Terry & Isabel	Joyce	Julie
February 22nd	Peter	Anne	Sophie & Scott	Helen	James & Paul
March 1st	Jan & James	James	Kevin & Linda	No Flowers	Eileen, Mary & Betty
March 8th	Tony & Eileen	Nicola	Jam & James	No Flowers	Fiona
March 15th	Jennifer	Peter	Paul & Isobel	No Flowers	Julie
March 22nd	Peter	Eileen	Sophie & Scott	No Flowers	James & Paul
March 29th	Snailwell			No Flowers	

The Parish Churches of

Snailwell Church News



Flowers for Easter :

Please could these be done Saturday 11th April. Anyone who would like to come and do an arrangement is more than welcome to come along.

We have had an offer to join the cleaning rota, thank you Tonia, but we still need more helpers if possible. It really isn't hard work, and can be done at any time prior to Sunday. Just give me a call if you felt you could help.

Christmas Services all well attended and a joy to be part of. St Peters looked fantastic, thanks to every ones hard work. It really is a joint thing and everyone's input makes a huge difference. A special thank-you goes to Briar and Ashlyn for decorating the little tree on the windowsill for us with Emma's help. Chippenham Choir made our carol service very special. Their singing was much appreciated by all, many thanks. The Christmas Mass is always one with a wonderful atmosphere, and it was nice to see so many there. And there again on Christmas morning with lots of youngsters, was wonderful.

Dates of future events in next newsletter.

Maureen Tel : 577456

SNAILWELL SUNDAY ROTA

	Sidesman / Reader	Cleaning/Flowers
February 1st	Michael	Gaynor/Sue
February 8th	Charles	Gaynor/Sue
February 15th	Gaynor	Muriel/Maureen/Tonia
February 22nd	Muriel	Muriel/Maureen/Tonia
March 1st	Maureen	Hannah/Jean
March 8th	Michael	Hannah/Jean
March 15th	Charles	Gaynor/Sue
March 22nd	Gaynor	Gaynor/Sue
March 29th	Muriel	Muriel/Maureen/Tonia
April 5th	Maureen	Muriel/Maureen/Tonia
If dates suit please swap. Thank you Maureen		

Chippenham & Snailwell

Church Diary

<u><i>February</i></u>	<u><i>March</i></u>
Sun 1st Candlemas (W) <i>Hebrews 2: 14 – end Luke 2: 22 – 40</i> Holy Communion Chippenham 8 am Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am Family Service Chippenham 11 am	Sun 1st Lent 1 (P) <i>1 Peter 3: 18 - end Mark 1: 9 - 15</i> Holy Communion Chippenham 8 am Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am Family Service Chippenham 11 am
Sun 8th Education Sunday (G) <i>1 Corinthians 9: 16 - 23 Mark 1:29 - 39</i> Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11 am	Sun 8th Lent 2 (P) <i>Romans 4: 13 - end Mark 8: 31 - end</i> Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11 am
Sun 15th Second Sunday before Lent (G) <i>Colossians 1: 15 – 20 John 1: 1 - 14</i> Family Service Snailwell 9.30am Choral Matins Chippenham 11 am	Sun 15th Lent 3 (P) <i>1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 25 John 2: 13 - 22</i> Family Service Snailwell 9.30am Choral Matins Chippenham 11 am
Sun 22nd Sunday next before Lent (G) <i>2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 6 Mark 9: 2 - 9</i> Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11 am	Sun 22nd MOTHERING SUNDAY (P) <i>Exodus 2: 1 - 10 Luke 2: 33 - 35</i> Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30 am Family Service Chippenham 11 am
Weds. 25th ASH WEDNESDAY (P) GROUP EUCHARIST & ASHING @ FORDHAM 7.30 pm	Sun 29th Lent 5 Passion Sunday (P) GROUP EUCHARIST AT SNAILWELL 10.30 am <i>No service at Chippenham</i>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :

Ref: 08/01060/FUL

Location: Land rear 8 Tharp way

Applicant: Chippenham PC

Proposal: Change of use to be used as Under 12's play area

Ref: 08/01149/FUM

Location: Chippenham Hall, Chippenham Park

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Crawley

Proposal: Change of use of Chippenham Park to allow public to visit the park and gardens and associated ancillary works

Ref: 08/01151/LBC

Location: Chippenham Hall, Chippenham Park

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Crawley

Proposal: External and internal alterations to facilitate the conversion of the curtilage listed potting shed to provide visitor facilities

Ref: 08/01124/VAR

Location: Red Lodge Karting

Applicant: Mr Nigel Carter

Proposal: Additional use on existing site. Use for mini moto testing for driver with own bikes, one weekday per month

Parish Council Notices

The designated notice-board for Parish Council business is the one in the village hall car park.

Viewing and copies of Parish Council papers are available from the Clerk.

Appointment required.

Mobile Library

Snailwell,

Roman Way : 10am - 10.20am

Chippenham,

Tharp Arms : 10.35am -10.50am

The mobile library calls alternate thursdays

February - 12th & 26th

March - 12th & 26th

Free to Join Service

Video/DVD rental - £2.50 for 2 weeks

Enquires Call 0845 045 5225

Your Parish Council Officials are :

Chippenham:

James Broad (Chair)

- 8 Badlingham, 721393

Jennifer Wilson (Vice Chair)

- 5 Manor Farm Barns, 720649

Fiona Maxwell

- 49 High Street, 720677

Lucinda Wright

- Badlingham Manor, 720043

Nick Parsons

- 18 Scotland End, 721791

Ken Grimes

- The Old Bakery, 721185

Linda Porter-Cohen

- Coach House Stables, 720415

Clerk:- Sally Hughes

- 44b High St, Chippenham 720915

**Email: chippenhamparishcouncil
@hotmail.com**

Snailwell:

Gaynor Ryan (Chair)

- 1 Manor Farm Barns, 577703

Joe Pattison (Vice-Chair)

- 22 The Green, 577077

Virginia Richmond

- 7 The Green, 578296

Sue Donnelly

- Raffles, 8 Newmarket Road, 665105

St.John Collier

- River Cottage, 29 The Street, 578441

Tom Coates

- 23 The Green, Snailwell, 578712

Melanie Hood

- The Flint Barn, 39 The Street, Snailwell,
578366

Clerk:- Helen Sanders

- 52 Weston Way, Newmarket, CB8 7SB,
660726

Email: snailwellparishcouncil

The Credit Crunch

East Cambs. District Council has undertaken a review, in which my Fordham Villages colleague, Michael Allan, has played a major part, to see what steps need to be taken in the circumstances of the present financial difficulties. While much of this is to do with protecting the Council's finances and the services it provides, it is also concerned to help any of the residents of the District, who may face difficulties, especially financial. For many the first port of call for advice will be the Citizens Advice Bureaux in Ely, Newmarket or Cambridge, but Council officers can offer help, particularly if there are problems with paying Council Tax, but in other cases, possibly, too, such as housing costs. Benefits may be claimable in the case of redundancy. Any who foresee a problem should contact the Council at once and not wait till a crisis has developed and, for example, the Tax has been unpaid for some months. Any consultation will be completely confidential.

John Abbott - District Councillor - 01638 720706

News from your Local Police

Cannabis Factories

Over the past 12 months I'm sure most of you have heard through the local media about the discovery of cannabis factories in the local area. One of the questions I am often asked whilst talking about this subject is how would I know if I had one in my neighbourhood? So I have put together a top tips list on what to look out for:

- The windows of the property are permanently covered from the inside.
- Visits to the property occur at unusual times of the day or night.
- People often do not live at the properties but only visit to maintain them.
- There may be a vent protruding through the roof or a rear window.
- There may be a pungent smell coming from the property.
- There may be noise coming from the property, this due to the use of cooling fans.
- A large amount of pots and lighting may be moved into the property prior to the factory being set up.
- In terraced properties shared walls may appear to be wet to the touch.
- Large amounts of soil and pots may be stored in back gardens.

How to contact the police.

I have had some feedback that some of you are unsure of what numbers to call for help and advice from your local police force, to address this I have put together some useful information that should help: We always like to hear from local residents, so feel free to come and say hello when you see me out on patrol. You can also get in touch by calling 0845 456 456 4 and asking the operator to put you through to the Ely Neighbourhood Team. If you're calling to report a crime the switchboard operator will be able to put you through to someone who can help, do not ask for the NPT in this instance. If you just wish to pass general information feel free to do this via ecops.

IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS DIAL 999.

- **You should call 999 when** : A life is in danger / A serious offence is in progress
- / A suspect is at the scene / There is imminent likelihood of violence damage to persons or property
- / There is a serious road traffic collision / An alleged offender is identified at any location

FOR NON EMERGENCIES AND TO REPORT CRIMES PLEASE CALL 0845 456 456 4.

To provide information about crime anonymously to the police, please call Crimestoppers, an independent charity on 0800 555 111.

Barb Neill - PCSO 7237
Ely Neighbourhood Team - 0845 456 456 4

Chippenham Cherubs

We meet at 6.00 pm to 6.45 pm on Tuesdays during term time at 49 High Street, Chippenham. Refreshments are provided.

We sing at the family services at St Margaret's, on the first Sunday of each month. All school-aged children are welcome - all that's needed is enthusiasm and a willingness to sing! Come along and join us. For more information, please call 720677. - Fiona Maxwell and Isobel Mangell



Sunday School

We are making some changes to Sunday School - and creating a new monthly meeting on Fridays. Here are the details.

- ♦ 1st Sunday of each month is Family Service - and all children in the village are welcome and encouraged to bring their parents!
- ♦ 2nd Sunday - Sunday School
- ♦ 3rd Friday - Friday Group for all children in the village over 6 and under 12 (see below)
- ♦ 4th Sunday - Sunday School (Occasional 5th Sundays are usually Three Rivers or Feast Days.)

The Friday Group : - The purpose for this new group is 3 fold

To provide a less formal structure for prayer and study - the programme would be very informal but would start and finish with prayer , To promote fellowship amongst the children in the village, many of whom go to different schools , To understand more about how a youth club might be developed in Chippenham.

The evening would be from 6.30pm - 8.15pm in the village hall and would offer a film/video, games, a snack, a creative activity. Everybody will be free to choose within that framework what they wanted to do each evening. If you would like you child or children to attend please contact Paul Mangell on 721211 : Dates of the next Friday groups are Feb 20th, March 20th.

Sunday School :- This would carry on twice a month but would be more focused on a specific course. John Heavens is leading this. John's plan for now is to go into church each Sunday School day and take the children to New Street.

The Landlord Says...

Spending three days leading up to Christmas in bed with the flu was only marginally more disappointing than waking up on the 'Big Day' itself to discover that a mad relative had sent the children a generous donation of Woolworth's vouchers. And neither of those were really as disappointing as the quality of television over the Christmas period.

But, as disappointing starts to the New Year go, these were all trounced by the fact that Ali's computer – the one on which this very newsletter is produced – woke up one morning and decided to wipe the entire contents of its hard drive from existence. Hence why we have to start the year by apologising to you all for the late arrival of the newsletter, and to anybody whose contributions may be missing caused by documents disappearing off the hard drive. With all of this in mind, then, you can sort of understand why I was a bit miffed a few days later when the computer that sits behind the bar, and which contains over 8500 music tracks including a complete Cilla Black back collection, woke up and decided to eat its own hard drive. The two incidents appear to have been completely independent of each other, both being totally different types of failure, but the coincidental timing couldn't have been worse. After all, the computer behind the bar also contained a complete back-up of Ali's laptop... They say that these things come in threes, and my laptop has been sitting here telling me it desperately needs to do an update since the other two machines failed; understandably, I have been loath to switch it off.

Despite the wave of electronic bad luck that seems to have swept over us since the start of the New Year, it hasn't escaped my notice that, more importantly, the news is full of tales of woe, financial crisis, Barrack Obama, and the fact that a million pubs a day are closing. We don't want to become another statistic, and many pubs are turning themselves in to restaurants and coffee shops and Internet cafes in attempts to survive the burgeoning financial weight imposed on them by taxation, breweries and the supermarkets.

Ali and I, however, are very conscious that we have always wanted to keep the pub very much that: a village pub. We offer a great range of pub-based food, much of which is now home-made by Ali, but more than anything we want the pub to be a fun place for everyone to visit, whether you're just looking for somewhere to have a social drink with friends or family, or whether you're looking for a good ol' fashioned Sunday Roast. And, in these times of financial uncertainty, we've worked hard to put together a couple of offers to help – and also a couple of games for some fun and frivolity.

And for fun, our Quiz Nights are back – the first Sunday of every month, kicking off at 8pm, we will be having in-house fun quizzes for you to compete against each other. Friday Nights are now Ace It Fridays – everybody likes to try and get something free out of us, and now's your chance. Simply throw a double ace when you buy your drinks and you don't have to pay; don't throw the double-ace and you just pay for the drinks as normal. And everybody likes to have a go at pulling a pint, so on Saturday you can win the chance to come round to our side of the bar and see how many pints you can pull in just one minute. Tickets cost 50p for this event, and all profits will be donated to the local church. Why not pop along and find out more?

The Tharn Arms

And we're determined to keep the fun going all year long with live music and other fun events – starting on the 14th February with Macca, playing live at the pub from 9pm. Entry is free, so if you're looking for something different to do on Valentine's Day, why not pop along?

Despite the coldest start to a year in quite some time, the recession, the Christmas flu or, indeed, the fact that all my gadgets appear to be rebelling on me, I'm looking forward to the challenges that 2009 may bring – the best we can do is make it as fun for you as possible.

Mark J Daniels - Landlord
- The Tharp Arms.

46 High Street, Chippenham

Tel - 01638 720234

www.thetharparms.com

Email - beer@thetharparms.com

**Lots of Home Cooked Specialities
including a traditional Roast on Sundays**

Come & play on the Wii

Quiz Nights 1st Sunday of the Month

TAKE AWAY MENU now available

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Tuesday night is FISH 'n' CHIP night

Thursday night is PIZZA 'n' PINT night

On both nights get a selected free drink with your meal

FOOD SERVED 7 Days a Week

Monday to Friday - 12 till 2pm & 6pm till 9pm

Saturday - 12 till 3pm & 6pm till 9pm

Sunday - 12 till 2.30pm

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 14th February - 'Macca' Play Live

All 6 Nations Games Shown LIVE

See Pub Notice Boards for more information



Chippenham Tennis Club AGM

Chippenham Village Hall

Friday 24th April 2009 at 7:30pm

Cheese & Wine being served after meeting

All welcome come and join us!

Come and see what we have planned for the coming year

Club Nights / Coaching / Barn Dance

Spring & Autumn Tournaments



100 CLUB - Why not join in !

October : 1st - Paul Fishpool / 2nd - Eddie Keutgen / 3rd - Joan Fisher

Bonus Winners : David Sheckells & Daphne Hamer

November : 1st - Graham Marsden / 2nd - Dave Cullen / 3rd - Christine Price

December : 1st - Mike Hosking / 2nd - Mary Conrod / 3rd - Jim Smith

January : 1st - Neil Doyle / 2nd - Natalie Doyle / 3rd - Brian Doyle

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

Can I just say a special Happy New Year to the person who decided to let their dog leave a great big juicy poo alongside the wall to the pub's beer garden (near the bus stop) on, or around, New Year's Day? That didn't half put a great big smile on my face at the start of the new year -- no, seriously, it didn't. Can you please make a New Year's Resolution to clean up after your dog?

Much obliged...

“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 15th May 2009 -



Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May 2009 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services. You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2009 SIA will celebrate its 35th Anniversary and being that Friday 15th May 2009 is Spinal Cord Injury awareness day and what a better way to raise funds than eating Fish and Chips and raising money for SIA. The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Donor Development Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

2009 is the first year that SIA are running the suppers but we already envisage this to be one of our top fundraising initiatives in the SIA calendar over the coming years. Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

Replacing your flat roof?

Don't fall flat on your face!

When replacing or repairing your flat roof, make sure you don't use a contractor who is either unaware or unprepared to meet the recently revised Part L of the Building Regulations or you could fall foul of the law, have to replace the non-compliant work and be left with a hefty bill.

It is really important to ensure that all work to your home complies with the Building Regulations as the penalties for failing to do so include substantial fines – and the responsibility ultimately rests with the person *ordering* the work.

Why the changes? Home energy use is responsible for 27 per cent of UK carbon dioxide emissions, which contribute to climate change. The Government has introduced requirements intended to make buildings more energy efficient by reducing CO2 emissions by 2010. Most of this reduction will have to come from improvements to existing homes and now includes the replacement of flat roofs under 'Renovation of Thermal Elements'.

When work is carried out to your property, opportunities often arise for efficiency improvements at little extra cost. Which is why it makes good sense to choose a product such as RubberBond EPDM FleeceBack to replace, and not repair, your flat roof. During the replacement, Whitehall complies with the new building regulations by including the relevant upgrade to insulation levels required by the Government and makes all the necessary arrangements with local councils so that home owners have the correct documentation. Please note that without this documentation you may face difficulties refinancing or selling your property.

Add to that the fact that Whitehall is an Independent Approved Contractor who has passed full installation training and you can rest easy knowing that the work is in safe hands from start to finish.

The Consumer Protection Association also approves Whitehall so you get immediate peace of mind knowing that your installation is completely guaranteed.

For friendly, knowledgeable advice, call Whitehall on 01638 507730 or visit www.whitehallflatroofing.co.uk

The Roofline Specialist

Fascia - Soffits - Cladding - Guttering
Downpipes - RubberBond EPDM Roofing System

Women's Institute - All Jam and Jerusalem !

How many times has this been said about the Women's Institute ! We can assure you this is not so with our W.I. in Chippenham.

We have a varied list of speakers each month, this past year we have had Christopher South and his wife from Radio Cambridgeshire with their holiday memories and Ian Powys, a very interesting speaker on the Bayeux Tapestry to name but two. Bingo, Line Dancing, Outing to Bressingham Gardens in Norfolk, our Christmas Dinner at the Bull Hotel in Barton Mills. 78 Hats have been knitted for premature babies and 10 Christmas show boxes were sent to soldiers in Afghanistan. We did the refreshments at the Park open day with Snailwell Church.

A monthly competition is held and at the end of the year a rose bowl is presented to the winner with the most points.

January have Vernon Place from Isleham, subject 'An Old Fen Boy'. February a Community Fire Safety Officer and later in the year a Barn Dance has also been booked.

Come and join us, you will all be made welcome, we meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Chippenham Village Hall.

Dorothy Kidd - Vice President and Newsletter Correspondent.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME



The Neighbourhood Speedwatch scheme is now being rolled out across Cambridgeshire after being successfully trialed in this area.

However we still need more volunteers from Snailwell and Chippenham who can give a few hours a week to join the existing scheme.



Neighbourhood Speedwatch relies solely on volunteers and our work helps to reduce the risk of casualties from speeding motorists passing through our towns and villages.

If you would like to volunteer or need further information, please contact Joe Pattison on 01638 577077.

Neighbourhood Panels: **continuing to progress and take effective action**

Speedwatch training has now taken place on January 17th for volunteers in the South Panel area and West. The team now have the Speedwatch equipment and will be soon using the device in our local area. By the end of February all areas within East Cambs will be operating the scheme. The aim is to reduce speeding through our village and in our area, with a view to the police being able to more effectively target their enforcement campaigns (leading to possible prosecutions and endorsements). As you know only too well, Chippenham and Snailwell are areas for speeding vehicles of all sizes. If you could volunteer a few hours of your time on a regular basis to the Soham and East area Panel volunteer team, please contact Alan Williams (see contact details below) or Cllr Joe Pattison josephpattison@btinternet as soon as you can. The Speedwatch team will be operating in Chippenham and Snailwell, as will the police enforcement teams in the coming months.

In initial feedback from the pilot (Soham and East) area indicates that several local drivers are those who are ignoring the speed limits. So, please do take care as **you** drive around ! At the last Soham and East area Neighbourhood Panel meeting at the Village College the main items were

- **Feedback on actions** taken to address the priorities and issues of concern raised at the meeting in October. Please note that ALL priorities and issues were actioned, and this emphasises that the Panel meetings are all about listening, clarifying and taking improvement actions. These Panel meetings are not ‘talking shops’ ! Young People’s Panels are being established in the area, Refuse/Recycling comments need to be directed to the District Council (665555) for Veolia to take improvement actions and the District Council are continuing their meetings with EMR at Snailwell to reduce noise and plans for any ‘emergencies’ Crime is down and ASB incidents have decreased. People and agencies are understanding the benefits of working together to bring about improvement.
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- This theme was the focus of the presentation at the latest Panel meeting on 7th January was the production and use of **Parish Plans** to identify common issues and to work together (County, District, Town and Parish Councils together with all the agencies) Information about Parish Plans can be accessed at www.cambsacres.org.uk Consultants have now been appointed to begin to develop the **Soham (and area) Masterplan**.
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- **Identification of issues of concern** (from local residents and Panel members), and setting priorities for action. **The priorities for the next 3 months are**

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- **For the police** (working in partnership with other agencies) **ASB in the centre of Soham / Burglary and theft of vehicles in Fordham**
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- **For the other agencies** **Public meeting about the Wicken Fen Vision at Anglesey Abbey** (date not fixed yet, please look in the local papers and elsewhere for the publicity. **Accessibility and transport networks in villages in the Panel area** this will be the subject of a major discussion and planning exercise at the next Panel meeting)
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- For on-going **information about Neighbourhood Panels** - minutes from the meetings, Neighbourhood Profiles, Newsletters, Speedwatch; dates and venues for the Panel meetings in **2009** - please use the A-Z section of the East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) website: www.eastcambs.gov.uk to access the '**Neighbourhood Panel**' webpage. Or contact Alan Williams, the Neighbourhood Panel Coordinator at alan.williams@eastcambs.gov.uk or on 01353 - 616349

The next meetings of the Soham and East area Panel (**all 7pm starts at Soham Village College, Beechurst Hall**) in 2009 are

Tuesday, 31st March – including an hour-long discussion and planning exercise on how we might improve accessibility and transport networks to serve the villages in our area.

(The irony is not lost on me that some of you may be unable to attend this meeting ! Please make contact with your Parish Council representative or with Alan Williams to give your views on practical and cost-effective ways in which accessibility and transport networks in the villages can be improved)

Next Meetings : Wednesday, 1st July - Tuesday, 6th October

Please come along, become involved and help to bring about improvements in your locality !

If you are unable to attend, and you have an issue which you like to raise, then please contact Jennifer Wilson or Joe Pattison – your Parish Council representative on the Soham and East Panel.

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Chippenham Cricket Club



Cricket Club AGM

The cricket club AGM takes place on Tuesday 10th February at the Tharp Arms. It starts at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome. In addition if you are interested in joining the club committee please let Darren Hughes know before the meeting. We are looking for some new faces on the committee so if you think you can help us take the club forward please contact Darren. You can contact him by email (dhughes@alphacrc.com) or telephone 720915.

Cricket Club Dinner

The cricket club dinner for 2009 has been confirmed to take place at the village hall on Saturday 28th March. This year our speaker will be sports author and journalist, Brian Scovell. Brian has not only spent many years writing for the Daily Mail but also written a large number of books on cricket and football. These includes books on Brian Lara, Gary Sobers, Dickie Bird and Jim Laker from the cricketing world and Trevor Brooking, Ipswich Town and Chelsea from the football world. Ticket will be the same as last year (£25 per head). As you all know this is a very popular even and does sell out so please book your tickets with either Tim Hedger (tim@newschool.co.uk or phone 07768957200) or Darren (dhughes@alphacrc.com or phone 720915) as soon as possible.

Cricket Club Tour 2009

If you haven't heard already Pete's mate Pete and JVDP have done a great job in organising a Kent Tour to replace the one in Herefordshire. It will take place during the same week as usual (Whitsun week 25 May to 29 May) and follow a very similar format. If you are interested in attending please let Alan Wright know asap. Email alanoftharpway@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 01638 720948



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Chippenham Football Club



At the time of going to press Chippenham F.C. are 6th out of 9 in Division 2A. It's an old cliché but I would trade the cup round wins for league points. Having said that, Chippenham are in the quarter final of the Fen Regis Cup against Wicken Maids Head who are an historical rival of the club playing in Div 3A. The tie is being played at Wicken on Sunday 1st of February. Chippenham have a small squad again this season and I agree with Pete Dalby (Manager) that fighting to remain in Div 2A is now our priority.

Results to date

Cambs. Sunday Football League.

26 th October	Chippenham 4	Witchford Raiders 7
4 th November	Phoenix 2	Chippenham 1
16 th November	Chippenham 3	Exning Utd 4

Banvers of Royston League Cup

12 th October	Chippenham 5	Girton Eagles 2
21 st December	Chippenham 1	Exning Utd 2

Fen Regis Cup

19 th October	Chippenham 5	YMCA 1
23 rd November	Chippenham 2	Littlington Sunday 1

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

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

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.

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Please send all notices & news for the **April-May 2009** issue of the
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by **9pm Monday 16th March** Many thanks, Ali Daniels