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# Chippenham & Snailwell

## Village News

June - July 2008

### Village Diary :

#### June

**Saturday 14th**  
Music in the Park  
7 pm

**Thursday 19th**  
Meal or No Meal  
@ The Tharp Arms  
7 pm

**Sunday 22nd**  
Chippenham Park  
Open Gardens

#### July

**Wednesday 2nd**  
Neighbourhood  
Watch Meeting  
@ Soham  
Village College  
7 pm

**Saturday 12th**  
Chippenham  
Church Fete  
2 - 5 pm

**Monday 14th**  
Closing date  
for Newsletter  
12 noon

**August**  
**Sunday 24th**  
Tharp Arms  
Village Fun Day

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### **Meal**



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Thursday 19th June

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**St Margaret's Church Fete**  
**Chippenham Park**  
**Saturday July 12th,**  
**2 - 5pm**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAY TIME!

Happy Birthday to :

June 4th - Becca Shipp

June 5th - Martina & Stuart

June 19th - Peter Alexander

June 26th - Graham Colbert

July 1st - Pat Shipp & Sam Neal

July 15th - Kirsty Neal



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## A Thank You Message!



We would like to thank everyone for the many cards, flowers and phone calls we recieved after Dorothys accident and also operation.

Many thanks to Rev Mike for visiting in Bury and Hinchbrook Hospitals. But a special thanks to our dear friend Betty Walker who has been a tower of strength to us both and has always been there.

God bless you all

Dorothy & Adrian Kidd

## Women's Institute

In the last few months we have had some very interesting meetings. In April Paula Dolau read some of her poems and in the May meeting we welcomed back Christopher and Janet South.

We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Chippenham Village Hall. Everyone is welcome !

Forthcoming meetings :-

June 18th - Alan Maskell 'Magic & the Magician'

July 16th - Visit to La Hogue

August 3rd - Visit to Bressingham Gardens (leaving Chippenham @ 11am)

September 17th - Ian Powys ' Bayeaux Tapestry'

October 15th - Teresa Hoddy 'Line Dancing'

November 19th - Shoe Boxes Evening

## Chippenham Cherubs (Junior Choir)

The Junior Choir has relaunched, now known as the Chippenham Cherubs. We meet at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesdays during term time at 49 High Street, Chippenham. Refreshments are provided. We aim to 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. The next practice will be on 8<sup>th</sup> April, after the Easter Holidays.

For more information, please call 01638 720677.

Fiona Maxwell and Isobel Mangell



## LOCAL BUS SERVICE CHANGES

Following the withdrawal of Neal's services 203, 155 and 135. We have now reached a decision regarding the 203 and 135 services. Please find this information below.

**Service 203.** From Tuesday 27th May 2008 the service will be replaced by a revised timetable operated by Freedom Travel.

Timetable:

|                                    |       |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Isleham, The Causeway              | 09:45 | 13:23 |
| Isleham, 117 The Causeway          | 09:47 | 13:21 |
| Isleham, East Road                 | 09:49 | 13:19 |
| Isleham, Church Street             | 09:51 | 13:17 |
| Isleham, Mill Street               | 09:54 | 13:15 |
| Isleham, Mill Street, Robins Close | 09:56 | 13:11 |
| Chippenham, High Street            | 10:02 | 13:05 |
| Snailwell, The Street              | 10:07 | 13:00 |
| Newmarket, The Rookery             | 10:20 | 12:45 |

**Service 155.** From Wednesday 28th May 2008 this service will be withdrawn. Villages effected; Isleham, Fordham, Soham.

For Fordham and Soham alternatives available to Bury St Edmunds by catching the service 12 and changing to the 11 at Newmarket. In addition there are regular services to alternative destinations such as Ely and Newmarket from Fordham and Soham.

**Service 135.** From Thursday 29th May 2008 this service will be withdrawn. Villages effected; Isleham, Fordham, Soham.

For Fordham and Soham alternatives available to Ely by catching the service 12.

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact our Network Co-Ordinator Andrew Hunt. His email address is [andrew.hunt@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.hunt@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or phone number is 01223 718158.

## Results of Traffic Survey

Between 12 – 15 May we carried out a survey of the lorries which pass through Chippenham, to get an idea of how many there actually are, and whether they are local or from outside our area. If it can be shown that more than a certain number pass through the village daily, and that more than a certain percentage of them are from outside our local area, there could be a case for applying for a weight restriction.

We concentrated our efforts mainly on Tuesday and Wednesday 13 and 14 May, which happily were nice, sunny days. We found that around 200 medium and large lorries went through the village during each 13 hour period, plus about 250 small lorries / vans. We haven't yet been able to do an analysis of where they all come from, but a superficial look indicates that most are local.

We weren't specifically counting cars, but some people did, and it seems that in peak periods up to 300 cars an hour pass through the village. About half that number during the middle of the day.

Very many thanks to all who took part in the survey, and to all who offered refreshments to them! And to Mark and Alison, for letting us use The Tharp's tables as a convenient observation point.

James Broad

## *Music in the Park*

### *Saturday June 14th - 7pm*

This year we have the Ely Sinfonia with soloists and local chorus. The programme will have well known choruses from opera and choral works with a traditional last night 'prom' second half and a fantastic firework finale.

We have limited tickets left available so make sure you get yours NOW !

Tickets are available from La Hogue farm shop, on the Internet [www.musicinthepark.co.uk](http://www.musicinthepark.co.uk)

or from Terry at 41 New Street.

Tickets are £15.00 each,

children under 10 are free but must be supervised at all times.

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# The Landlord Says...



I spent my teenage years growing up on the outskirts of a small village called Silverstone. Like Chippenham it is beautiful, with its own historic sense of charm. Rolling hills, farms, nearby golf courses, idyllic country lanes and plenty of rural neighbouring villages and pubs to frequent.

And a ruddy great big race track.

Once a year, this wartime airfield-cum-racing-circuit plays host to some of the world's most expensive, glamorous, beautiful and decadent race cars money can produce. At the same time, it also becomes a busier airport than Heathrow and, before the roads were improved a few years ago, there would be more people queuing through our tiny village than can be found at Terminal 5. But nobody ever moaned. My Dad and I would set out on the Thursday and buy enough food and drink to see us through a nuclear winter, let alone the weekend, and we'd spend a happy couple of days watching the motorsport activities on telly with a real live soundtrack in the background.

For the rest of the year, the circuit is used for saloon car racing, motorbikes, GP2, several single-seater formulas and Le Mans racers. Some of the major Formula One teams are based in or near the vicinity of the circuit, which they use several times throughout the year for testing.

And the noise is horrendous.

So you'll forgive me, then, for being a little blasé when I hear about complaints being made about the noise coming from Wildtracks. In nine years of living in the village, I don't think I've ever really noticed it and, having spoken to many people about it over the bar, it seems that most people aren't that bothered either.

When it comes to noise, what bothers me more is the quantity and rumble of heavy goods traffic that thunders through our pretty village on a daily basis. Motorists in vehicles of all shapes and sizes seem to use the High Street as an alternative to the Nürburgring and it's quite annoying, but if I were to focus my frustrations even further it's less the volume, or even the noise, and more the attitude and blatant disregard for the village and its residents that bothers me more.

Last week, as I walked Malachy and Jacob to the school bus, I counted nineteen lumbering great trucks thundering passed as I stood waiting to cross the road. Eventually, some generous spirit in a small hatchback slowed to a halt and indicated that I could cross with my children; a car coming in the opposite direction did the same and away we went. But lumbering up behind my benefactor in the small hatch came a lorry, its driver clearly disgruntled at having their short cut to the A14 disrupted by a village yokel.

He nosed his truck up to the back of the small car and then leaned on the horn. I'd like to thank the driver of the car for not panicking and hitting the accelerator, for I'd surely not be here to write this now, and I'd have liked to have had the chance to express my displeasure to the lorry driver, except my five-year-old had taken off like a startled kangaroo and I was trying to make sure the boy hadn't hidden himself under the school bus in fright.

I'm pleased, then, to see the census taking place this week – as I write – to count the volume and type of traffic that uses the village. The figures I've already heard being bandied about are quite horrific and I look forward to reading the final report when it's all over. Nobody wants to prevent traffic from visiting our nice village, nor – I'm sure – do we wish to inconvenience those who need to travel this way to get from A to B, but it would be nice if something could be done to control the velocity and volume of certain types of vehicle that come this way.

Maybe then I'd be able to hear the distant noise of people enjoying themselves at Wildtracks. It would bring back pleasant childhood memories.....

Mark J Daniels

- Landlord - The Sharp Arms.

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Forthcoming Events

24th August - Village Family Fun Day

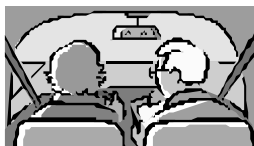
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## NEW COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME GETS UNDERWAY

Can **YOU** help?



Regular readers will remember that, last year, we suggested the idea of a new social car scheme in this area. It would offer door-to-door lifts to people who can't use their own car, and when public transport or Dial-a-Ride isn't available.

**!!! Now, it's happening !!! The Three Rivers Social Car Scheme** will serve our two parishes plus Kennet, Fordham and Isleham. We plan to 'go public' this summer. So far we've had a great response:

- Representatives from all five parishes were invited to a planning meeting in January at Fordham. It agreed a constitution and how much to charge.
- All parish councils have been informed and invited to nominate a community rep to the new management committee and make a donation to provide a start-up kitty.
- Chippenham and Isleham parishes have provided both so far, and two Isleham residents have volunteered to be drivers.
- I (Mike) will be the lead co-ordinator, and two other people have said they may be able to help. Ideally we'd like a team of three to five of us.
- Isleham residents at High St Baptist Church's monthly village lunch were very welcoming of this new service.

**If you could help, by driving and/or by sharing on the rota that will take phone requests for lifts, please contact us!** All requests will be made via a single public mobile phone number. Your own details will stay private, and we will refund your petrol costs. **Many thanks!**

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## Neighbourhood Panels – local action and improvement in your area

This April saw the latest round of Neighbourhood Panels in East Cambridgeshire, with the Soham and East Panel having their 2nd meeting following on from last year's successful pilot arrangements. In fact, on the basis of the Soham and East area pilot, the District Council (ECDC) have made the pioneering decision to extend Neighbourhood Panels across the district (to give 5 Panels in all).

The Soham and East Panel met on Wednesday 2nd April in the Beechurst Hall at the Village College with 57 people present, and Councillor Derrick Beckett chairing the meeting.

There were presentations by Council Officers on Nuisance Complaints and Area Emergency Planning, and from Inspection Alan Savill on police actions, trends in crime and anti-social behaviour and the proposed priorities for the next 3 months. Following extensive discussion, involving all those present, the following priorities were agreed:

**Report back from the Speedwatch pilot in Soham and the villages** - more volunteers are needed by Cllr Joe Pattison.

**The policing priorities were agreed as being**

- ☐ **Anti-Social Behaviour in Soham:** High Street, Clay Street, Fountain Lane, Ten Bell Lane, Recreation Ground and by Weatherall's **and in Kennett.**
- ☐ **Burglaries from homes of elderly residents in Fordham, Kennett and Chippenham.**

Cllr Beckett confirmed that other 'issues of concern', raised by members of the public and other representatives from each Parish would receive attention within the next 3 months (to July).

Councillor Peter Cresswell, Chairman of Community Services, said:

"The Panels have made great strides in dealing with the issues that have been raised so far in our area. However, we need everyone's support to make a difference, which is why we would encourage anyone with an issue to come along to the relevant meeting and see how we can deal with it."

A Newsletter summarising the outcomes from the Panel meeting will be published in mid-May, together with an invitation to (even more) members of the public to come to the next meeting (in which we hope there will be increased public participation) is on

**Wednesday, 2nd July 7.0 – 9.0 pm at Soham Village College (Beechurst site).**

A revised Neighbourhood Panel webpage is now available in the A-Z section of the District Council's website [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk) and you can receive more information directly from **Alan Williams**, Neighbourhood Panel Coordinator - tel : 01353 – 616349 or email : [Alan.Williams@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:Alan.Williams@eastcambs.gov.uk) Please let Alan know if there are other links which you would find useful from the webpage.

## ***SPEEDWATCH***

Speed Watch is a partnership between Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire Police and participating Parish and Town Councils, which aims to help residents reduce speeding in their local area by providing support and advice. The project relies on the involvement and enthusiasm of local people wanting to improve the quality of life and road safety in their community. If you would like to help with the trial which is currently underway in the local area please contact Joe Pattison on 01638 577077.

# News from your Local Police

## POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

Hello all,

I thought as our minds all turn to the holiday season, it would be a good idea to refresh our memories on how to prevent us being victims of crime whilst we are away:

Everyone needs a holiday some time, and however much you like your home, there's nothing like a change of surroundings. But you want to come home and find everything as you left it. Four out of five burglaries occur when a house or flat is empty; so don't advertise that you're away on holiday. Plan Ahead Use the checklist to help you keep your home secure. Read it and plan ahead, then tick off the items just before you go. Help from your neighbours It's also a good idea to get help from your neighbours. All you have to do is ask a friend or neighbour to keep an eye on your home while away. You could ask them to collect post left in the letterbox, and generally make the place look lived in. You can repay the favour by doing the same for them. Warn your key holding neighbour not to put your surname address or even your house number on your keys in case they fall into the wrong hands. Is there a neighbourhood watch scheme where you live? It could help you keep your home secure while you're away, and has many other Crime Prevention and community benefits. Holiday Checklist

- Cut the lawn before you go.
- Arrange for pets to be properly looked after.
- Register your property on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). If your property is then stolen and later recovered it would help police identify the rightful owner.
- Cancel deliveries of milk, newspapers etc, discreetly – don't announce your departure to a shop full of people. Only tell people who need to know you're going away.
- Make sure your house looks occupied. A closed curtain in the daytime makes it look as if no one is at home. It is worthwhile to get automatic time-switches to switch lights, and a radio, on and off in downstairs rooms.
- Don't leave valuable items like TV's, videos or hi-fi visible through windows.
- Lock your garage and shed with proper security locks, after putting all your tools safely away so they cannot be used to break into your house.
- Don't have your home address showing on your luggage for the outward journey.
- Finally lock all outside doors and windows. If you have a burglar alarm, make sure it is set – and that your key holder knows how to operate it. And just before you actually set off, it's worth allowing a quiet couple of minutes on the doorstep to check you've done all you had to do and taken everything you need with you. Have a safe journey, a great holiday and return home not a victim of crime

For a while now our Neighbourhood Watch numbers in our villages appear to have dwindled. As some of our villages are quite remote I feel as if it's more important than ever that we increase the numbers again. As I have mentioned to some of you before we have looked at ways to revitalise the Neighbourhood Watch schemes and as such I have been appointed as a Neighbourhood Watch champion for the area.

I offer you all an open invitation for all of the residents of the villages that is interested in joining up for the scheme. We are looking for nominated co-ordinators to set up schemes in your area. The co-ordinators will be responsible for taking details of any problems people have in the area and passing the details onto the Police. Further to this any information that the Police have about the area and points that need to be raised about issues affecting the area can be sent to the local co-ordinator for them to pass the information onto local residents. Neighbourhood watch is a great way to share information about your local area so if any of you is interested in setting a scheme up in your area please let me know and I will gladly welcome you and furnish you with all the information you need to set your scheme up.

Any problems?

Please feel free to stop me if you see me out & about or I can be contacted on 07736086870 or by email on [barb.neill@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:barb.neill@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

Kind Regards

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and at  
5.30pm in Snailwell,  
outside the church.

**Next Date :**  
8th Jun



# 100 CLUB

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3rd - Marie Brown :

April Winners

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## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS :**

Ref : 08/00316/FUL

Location : Waterhall Farm, Norwich Road, Kennett

Proposal : Change of use for existing detached barn to stabling, offices and staff accommodation (retrospective)

Ref : 08/00339/FUL

Location : 6 Palace Lane, Chippenham

Proposal : Proposed extension to form dining room, bedroom en-suite and bathroom

Ref : 08/00438/FUM

Location : Land to Northwest adjacent A11 Norwich Road, Kennett

Proposal : Change of use of land to public open space for residential development within Forest Heath District Council

Ref : 08/00488/FUL

Proposal : to remove existing 15m Lattice mast at the British Horse Racing School and replace with 17.5 replacement street-works pole at Newmarket Road, Snailwell  
Location : Land at Newmarket Road, Snailwell

## **Your Local Council Officials**

The Parish Councillors for Chippenham are:

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

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Linda Porter-Cohen - Coach House Stables, 720415

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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 both Parish Councils is :

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## **Village Websites**

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**[www.chippenhamcambs.info](http://www.chippenhamcambs.info) & [www.snailwell.org.uk](http://www.snailwell.org.uk)**

**From the Three Rivers Group Rector**  
**Rev'd Mike Banyard**  
*(Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham, Kennett and Snailwell).*



From Alice and Edward's wedding service, the following story:

*A farm boy was so unforthcoming that his girl friend, after five years of courtship, decided that he was never going to propose to her and that she would have to take the initiative.*

*One day when they were sitting alone in the garden, she said to him, "John, let's get married. Shall we get married John?"*

*A long silence followed. Finally John said. "Yes."*

*Another long silence. Finally the girl said, "Say something, John. Why don't you say something?"*

*"I'm afraid I've said too much already!"*

Edward and Alice's was a marvellous wedding and we all wish them every blessing and happiness in their life together.

It's the season for weddings, and it's always a delight to officiate at weddings here in our churches. That potent moment when bride and groom look deeply into each other's eyes and make their vows, in public, confirming their love for each other, making deep promises of commitment and love, standing before God and their families and friends on a very special day. They are powerful and poignant moments. For where love is, God is.

Saying too much can sometimes be a problem, but not saying enough can cause an equal amount of difficulty, and our wedding couples, and all of us, can learn from our need to communicate clearly with each other. Sometimes our emotions are too strong for words to hold all the meaning of the moment, and we dissolve in tears or laughter. And often we need to choose our words with care and attention. For without that they can hurt and not build us up. And whatever our experience of human intimacy may be, God is more intimate still. God is not "trapped" by our religious practices, living just in our church buildings, but all around, at every point, for we uncover the sacred at every hand's turn. And we can talk with God, of our simplest thanks and fears, of our deepest joys and requests.

And sometimes it helps to do that in our church building where there might be fewer distractions. If you need help then do ask us.

## 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:

|                   |   |                |
|-------------------|---|----------------|
| <b>Snailwell</b>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> | Holy Communion |
|                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                   | Family Service |
| <b>Chippenham</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup>                                   | Family Service |
|                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                   | Sung Eucharist |
|                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                   | Choral Matins  |
|                   | 4 <sup>th</sup>                                   | Sung Eucharist |

*Please join us on Sundays!*

Services times at Snailwell and Chippenham on Sundays have been unchanged. We still meet at 9.30 in Snailwell and at 11 in Chippenham. On Wednesdays at 5 there is a Holy Communion in Chippenham and at 6 a short Evening Prayer in Snailwell. Do join us.

God bless. *Mike*

## CHIPPENHAM SUNDAY ROTA

|           | Sidesmen | Reader | Wine | Flowers  | Cleaning |
|-----------|----------|--------|------|----------|----------|
| June 1st  |          |        |      | Yvonne   |          |
| June 8th  |          |        |      | Yvonne   |          |
| June 15th |          |        |      | Jennifer |          |
| June 22nd |          |        |      | Jennifer |          |
| June 29th |          |        |      | Wendy    |          |
| July 6th  |          |        |      | Wendy    |          |
| July 13th |          |        |      | Joyce    |          |
| July 20th |          |        |      | Joyce    |          |
| July 27th |          |        |      | Helen    |          |

## Church Diary

| <b>June</b>  | <b>July</b>  |
|--|--|
| <p style="text-align: center;">Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Trinity 2 (G)<br/> <i>Romans 1: 16,17. 3: 22b-28</i>      <i>Matthew 7: 21 - end</i><br/>                     Holy Communion      Chippenham 8 am<br/>                     Holy Communion      Snailwell 9.30 am<br/>                     Family Service      Chippenham 11 - 11.45 am</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Trinity 7 (G)<br/> <i>Romans 7: 15 – 25a</i>      <i>Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 - end</i><br/>                     Holy Communion      Chippenham 8 am<br/>                     Holy Communion      Snailwell 9.30 am<br/>                     Family Service      Chippenham 11 - 11.45 am</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Trinity 3 (G)<br/> <i>Romans 4: 13 – end</i>      <i>Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26</i><br/>                     Holy Communion      Snailwell 9.30 am<br/>                     Sung Eucharist      Chippenham 11 am</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;">Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Trinity 8 (G)<br/> <i>Romans 8: 1 – 11</i>      <i>Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 18 - 23</i><br/>                     Holy Communion      Snailwell 9.30 am<br/>                     Sung Eucharist      Chippenham 11 am</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Trinity 4 (G)<br/> <i>Romans 5: 1 – 8</i>      <i>Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8</i><br/>                     Family Service      Snailwell 9.30 -10.15am<br/>                     Choral Matins      Chippenham 11 am</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;">Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Trinity 9 (G)<br/> <i>Romans 8: 12 – 25</i>      <i>Matthew 13: 24 – 30, 36 - 43</i><br/>                     Family Service      Snailwell 9.30 -10.15am<br/>                     Choral Matins      Chippenham 11 am</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Trinity 5 (G)<br/> <i>Romans 6: 1b – 11</i>      <i>Matthew 10: 24 - 39</i><br/>                     Holy Communion      Snailwell 9.30 am<br/>                     Sung Eucharist      Chippenham 11 am</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;">Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Trinity 10 (G)<br/> <i>Romans 8: 26 – end</i>      <i>Matthew 13: 31 – 33, 44 - 52</i><br/>                     Holy Communion      Snailwell 9.30 am<br/>                     Sung Eucharist      Chippenham 11 am</p>   |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Peter the Apostle (R)<br/> <i>Acts 12:1 - 11</i>      <i>Matthew 16: 13 - 19</i><br/>                     GROUP SERVICE @ FORDHAM 11 am<br/>                     No services at Snailwell &amp; Chippenham</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>August</u></b></p>  |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Trinity 11 (G)<br/> <i>Romans 9: 1 – 5</i>      <i>Matthew 14: 13 - 21</i><br/>                     Holy Communion      Chippenham 8 am<br/>                     Holy Communion      Snailwell 9.30 am<br/>                     Family Service      Chippenham 11 - 11.45 am</p>             |

### Regular Weekday Services

Snailwell - Wednesday 6 pm  
 Chippenham - Wednesday 5 pm



## Snailwell Church News

We are always trying to add to our Cleaning and Flower Rota, if you feel that you could find the time it isn't hard work, lovely setting and very peaceful. You really would be most welcome. Please contact me on 577456.

**Important Date Change:- Barn Dance & Barbeque now 28<sup>th</sup> June Not the 7<sup>th</sup> June. As the wonderful Band that we played for us over the last three years has now disbanded, I have been searching for a replacement for the dates. So for further information, contact me on 577456.**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Snailwell PCC & Chippenham and Sanilwell WI will be providing Teas-Refreshments at Chippenham Park Gardens Open Day. Please make yours selves available for that date. Many hands make light work. There will be a meeting for finalising everything nearer the date.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> August – Picnic by the River Snail, Fun Music and Games, no charge just come and enjoy.

### SNAILWELL SUNDAY ROTA

|   | Sidesman / Reader | Cleaning/Flowers |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
|   | Gaynor            | Hannah/Jean      |
| June 1st  | Gaynor            | Gaynor/Sue       |
| June 8th  | Muriel            | Muriel/Maureen   |
| June 15th   | Maureen           | Muriel/Maureen   |
| June 22nd   | Michael           | Hannah/Jean      |
| June 29th   | Charles           | Hannah/Jean      |
| July 6th  | Gaynor            | Gaynor/Sue       |
| July 13th   | Muriel            | Gaynor/Sue       |
| July 20th   | Maureen           | Muriel/Maureen   |
| July 27th   | Michael           | Muriel/Maureen   |
| August 3rd  | Charles           | Hannah/Jean      |
| I know the Cleaning-Flower Rota is a little weird this time but it will sort out next time. The dates wished for are covered. But if others times don't suit please swap. Thank you Maureen |                   |                  |

Maureen

# The Sports Page



## Chess club

Thank-you for a season where we only defaulted one board once, and finished on a high.

The Colts had a game against the Greens, and although they needed a win of 4 - 1 including the bonus win point to overhaul the Greens, a win would take the pressure off the Stallions. In terms of the table we had some good news when Greens defaulted on board one. Charlie Williamson played a strong game to overcome Vicky Allen on board 2, and Ivor Garwood managed a draw on board 3 vs Jane Jennings. Unfortunately for the Colts Ray Firman held his nerve for the Greens and beat Peter Drake on board 4.

This left Stallions needing a win to overhaul the Dons, or to avoid a white-wash to avoid the Greens overhauling them. A strong game by Jean overcame Alan on board 1, and Charles stole a win on board 4 against Lee, who really had the game won or at least drawn, Dennis played a strong combination to get a decisive edge in his game against Heather, leaving Abdulla needing the draw.

However we still need one or two regular players to ensure that we can support two teams, as always we meet at The Foresters Club in Newmarket on Tuesdays at 7.30, and this summer hope to run a Junior club - more information on this if we get enough interest. My e-mail for those who would like to contact us is [charlierichmond@waitrose.com](mailto:charlierichmond@waitrose.com), or you can telephone me - or leave a message on 01638 578296



## Pub Team Games

CALLING ALL PLAYERS OF  
- DOMINOES - CRIBBAGE -  
PETANQUE



The Tharp Arms in Chippenham has several Pub Teams which take part in various Pub Games throughout the year. With the summer season about to start we are looking for players who would be interested in playing Petanque, even if they are unable to commit to playing for the full season.

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.

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.

## NEXT ISSUE

Please send all notices and news for the **August - September 2008** issue of the Chippenham and Snailwell Village News to [news@thetharparms.com](mailto:news@thetharparms.com) or drop them in at The Tharp Arms, High Street, Chippenham, by **12 noon Monday 14th July**. Many thanks, Ali Daniels

## Chippenham Cricket Club



### **Kwik cricket is back!**

Kwik cricket has re-started on Monday nights. As most of you will know this is great fun for all the family so please come along for a game. We are at the cricket ground from 6pm.

### **Net Practice every Tuesday - All welcome**

Club net practice takes place every Tuesday from 6.15pm. Thanks to our "roll on" nets we are often able to practice on the square which helps ensure the quality of the sessions. If you want to work on your game or just fancy giving the game a try join us on a Tuesday night. An ECB level 2 coach is present most weeks.

### **Junior Cricket practice - for ages 5-12**

This is held every Tuesday (excluding school holidays and June 10th) from 5pm. Most weeks it is held at the Cricket ground, however if there is a match at the ground you can find us at the football pitch behind the allotments. An ECB level 2 coach is present most weeks.

### **Results this season to date**

#### **Weekend team**

20<sup>th</sup> April - Chippenham beat Stansfield by 4 wickets  
4<sup>th</sup> May - Chippenham beat Weekenders by 10 runs - Rhys Desborough took 5 wickets  
11<sup>th</sup> May - Match Drawn with Guestingthorpe - Eddie Waites scored a hundred  
18<sup>th</sup> May - Match Drawn with Holkham - Paul Fishpool scored 94  
List of forthcoming weekend fixtures can be found in the Tharp and on village noticeboards. Alternatively contact Darren Hughes for a fixture card.

#### **Midweek league team**

7<sup>th</sup> May - Chippenham beat Fordham  
14<sup>th</sup> May - Chippenham beat Isleham  
Forthcoming Midweek league fixtures are as follows (all 6.30pm start);  
21<sup>st</sup> May - Goldphin home  
28<sup>th</sup> May - Ely away  
4<sup>th</sup> June - Exning home  
11<sup>th</sup> June - Burwell away  
18<sup>th</sup> June - Tuddenham home  
25<sup>th</sup> June - Gazeley home  
2<sup>nd</sup> June - Worlington home

Chippenham will also play in the Henrotin Cup semi final at Worlington on June 13<sup>th</sup>. 6.15pm start.