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Chippenham Women's Institute

We meet in October on Wednesday 19th for a Games Evening, which will also be a celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Women's Institute movement. The competition is for a handmade Halloween mask.

On November 16th we have a speaker from the Samaritans, with the competition a posy in an egg cup.

Visitors and friends always welcome. Our meetings all start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Ginette Hawes, President (781127)

Eileen Smalley, Secretary (720453)

Chippenham Cricket Club

A hectic and highly successful summer for Chippenham Cricket Club drew to a close on September 25th with a home game against Gestingthorpe. It brought a fifth consecutive victory, albeit a narrow one, and took the season's tally to 14 wins, eight draws and six losses from 28 afternoon fixtures, not to mention ten midweek evening fixtures which brought six wins and four losses.

One of the highlights of the latter part of the season was a Kwik Cricket Challenge against Cokenach Cricket Club which took place at the Chippenham Park Ground on Friday August 12th. The event was blessed with superb weather and 54 children were present, including 24 from Chippenham and a large proportion of girls. One of those present, Rhys Desborough, went on to gain a notable accolade for the club when he was voted West Suffolk's under-12 Bowler Of The Year. Well done, Rhys! Sincere thanks go out to all our supporters for their sterling efforts throughout the season and especially to the numerous tea ladies and tea gentlemen who added so much to the players enjoyment during the year. With a view to making the provision of tea as simple as possible, the club is hoping to improve the pavilion kitchen before next season by replacing the current fridge, which is showing its age, and acquiring a small cooker. Should anyone in the village have a fridge/cooker that they might be prepared to donate/sell for a bargain price, please contact the Club Secretary, Darren Hughes, on 720915. Similarly, we are on the lookout for an outdoor wooden bench to replace one that collapsed during the season (rumours that Simon and Crunchie were sitting on it at the time are completely unfounded). Our next fundraising event is the Refreshments Stall at the Chippenham Park Gardens Open Day on Sunday October 23rd. Any donations of cakes would be much appreciated.

Finally, anyone wishing to join the club should contact Darren Hughes on 720915. New members are always very welcome. *JC*



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Programme includes a range of songs from the past 500 years including works by Brahms, Ravel, Mozart, Rossini, Danish and Greek Folk Songs.

23rd October

Alexander Baillie (cello) and James Lisney (piano)

Programme includes Bach G Major Gamba Sonata, Chopin Introduction & Polonaise Brillante, Debussy Cello Sonata in D Minor, and the British Premiere of Atlantis, a brand new cello sonata written by Thomas Schmidt-Kowalski written especially for the Baillie/Lisney duo.

27th November Florestan Trio (Anthony Marwood, violin, Richard Lester, cello and Susan Tones, piano)

Programme includes Mozart: Trio in E major K542, Schumann: Trio no. 3 in G minor and Shostakovich: Trio in E minor op 90.

All concerts begin at 4pm, and will be held at West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge. Tickets are £15, or £5 for concessions (child, full-time student, OAP). There will be £5 discount (off the total cost) per person if you book for two concerts, and £10 discount (off the total cost) per person if you book for all three (discounts do not apply for concessions). Bar open for refreshments from 3.30pm and during the interval. Tickets can be purchased on the door or by sending a cheque made payable to Christ's College with a SAE to [redacted], Alumni Office, Christ's College, Cambridge CB2 3BU. More details can be obtained by phoning The Alumni Office on 01223-334937. All proceeds to Christ's College, Cambridge 500th Anniversary Appeal.

Peter Miller

The family of the late Peter Miller of 32 High Street would like to thank everybody in the village for their kindness and support. Bridget, Sophie and Jordan



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An alternative Match Report - Chippenham v La Hogue, 2nd Aug 2005

“Can I count on you for cricket?” Darren asked, when I say asked it was more “I am counting on you for cricket”. 8 years I had managed to avoid the call but I always knew that one day it would happen. It was as inevitable as a Mountie getting his man. Memories of my cricket career (ended 1984) flashed before my eyes; the evening sun, the marvellous teas, the tedious hours in the field, the sound of leather on box... Ah yes, I remember now, happy days.

Over the years I have made sure that I have furnished myself with a list of excuses for any such occasion and now they were delivered with polished political sincerity. “Sorry I’m washing my hair that day, whatever day it is I’m busy, I’m pretty sure I’m collecting my OBE that day, look I’m not gay but white is just not my colour”

Darren is good I’ll give him that. He padded off my pathetic protests like a cat playing with a slightly overweight mouse. Then the coup de grace, “But you will be representing your village”. Of all the things Darren could have said why did he have to say that? I mean I will play on principle and I do have strong principles, if people don’t like them I have plenty more but why did such an obvious appeal to my own delusional perception of self importance finally win me over so easily? Darren knew that he had me well and truly by the googlies and so I now found myself a fully press-ganged member of the Chippenham village cricket team in a match versus La Hogue to be played 2nd August 2005.

The drive home was only made more bearable by eating the very reasonably priced pie I had just purchased from La Hogue. They have a fine selection and I can recommend the venison offering or the one with an apricot on the top, however I digress. Horror of all horrors manifested itself when my wife indicated she would bring the whole family to watch my sporting Macbeth, and the denouement delivered by my son who not only felt me playing cricket would be a tremendous idea but would be closely studying my technique. I can’t think which idiot told him I could play!

The day arrived. For the first time I felt confident. I had cunningly worked out that the La Hogue team would be made up by the girls in the shop plus Chris Reeks as he is the only male I have seen working there. I would knock up a quick 50, put up a dolly of a catch and be back in the pavilion in time for tea and medals. A reasonable assumption to make given the teams, and the clue is in the names Chippenham, made up of Chippenham villagers, La Hogue made up of Chris and 10 wo...MEN! Either Chris had conveniently found 10 butchers hiding behind the meringues or they were, as I now suspected, ringers. (Looking at the brown brogues I didn’t realise that end of the village was inhabited by so many land agents).

Darren arrived and took instant command of his troops. Chippenham fielded first with Darren displaying the utmost confidence in his team by positioning all 9 available fielders on the boundary. Our opening bowling was inspired, keeping the runs down to a respectable few, however I wasn’t convinced Chippenham were being taken seriously when the opposition Captain ambled on to the field cigarette in hand so Chippenham smoothly moved up into second gear. Darren went for 20 in the next over, however I could tell we had them on the rack, no normal team could keep up that kind of average for long. And so it proved, La Hogue peaked too early and were out for 152 leaving us a very realistic 10 an over.

The bespoke kit on the La Hogue team was in direct juxtaposition to the pile of assorted ill-fitting pads, gloves, bats, and a solitary box that awaited us. Now mathematics

isn’t one of my strong points however 11 into a single box usually means trouble. There is always one who has played more innings than most so my initial unselfish request to bat at number 11 was instantly superseded by an outright *demand* to bat at number 1. “I’ll do it, I’ll take the sting out of the opposition opening attack Captain” I volunteered with true Light Brigade optimism. This didn’t seem to fit with Darren’s carefully worked out strategy as “Bruce you’re number 4” echoed out from the changing room. I would be fine as long as our opening 3 batsmen were sound fellows however Number 4 soon became Number 8 as Darren realised that despite owning a pair of white trousers I couldn’t actually play cricket. As the law of averages were not in my favour I needed a back-up plan. I worked out if the opening 6 scored their 25 runs and retired I wouldn’t have to bat, so I spent the time trying amateur hypnosis on the first 6 batsmen in a vain attempt to turn them into an army of Don Bradmans. I’m not sure that it helped but the 2 openers have now quit smoking whilst 3 & 4 are now comfortable with their feminine sides. Every cloud has a silver lining.

Well would you believe it when my carefully laid plans went to pot as 3 of the first 7 retired on 25 and the other 4 let me down by getting out cheaply (apparently worried the beer was going to run out as Jim Devonport was seen nearing the pavilion). I was in. A drunken cheer from my wife went up from under the bench and my son proudly clapped me in. I strode out to the non-strikers end. My request for expert advice was met with “hit the red round thing as hard as you can with the long bit of wood”. I managed to centralise plastic and leather before facing my first ball from Kevin “Jeff Thomson” Pallant who had the look of a rabid dog as he prepared to hurl down his first delivery with the precision and speed of an Exocet missile. Now I am short-sighted and can only make out objects clearly when they are reasonably close however it is truly amazing how your sight sharpens up when someone is chucking a leather ball at you from a few yards away. Confidence and adrenalin arrived in equal measure as I found myself actually hitting the ball.

No one told me that you need to have run the first 20 yards of the 22 that make up a cricket square before Darren hits the ball. Constantly I found myself the short bald chap to Darren’s Benny Hill trying to make up ground during suicidal runs as we laid down our lives for the cause. However the inevitable happened and I walked back to the pavilion feeling relieved in that I had at least played a few strokes without actually receiving one. When Darren asks you to play, no matter how bad you are you are an equal. He builds up your confidence, makes you part of the team, allows you a few balls and then runs you out at the first available opportunity in favour of a better batsman. Now that’s inspired Captaincy! At the end of a close match Chippenham negatively succeeded by 15 tantalising runs.

Cricket has never been my game and I realise it’s all about getting involved & having fun so Darren thank you for asking me (Terry I am available for choir practice). I would undoubtedly play again just to have the hug my son gave me as I returned to the pavilion after my marathon innings and for the words he said to me, “Daddy you were really great”. The enormous show of pride on his face showed me that despite the day being a bit of fun for me, my participation meant the world to him and although I am not a proper cricketer, in his eyes his Father still stands amongst giants and is at least for one more day, immortal.

B DJK

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“HealthWise”

I have had three separate queries in the last week from people who are concerned with skin care. This is not just a cosmetic question but can be a real dilemma for people who have specific problems with psoriasis or eczema.

There are some general guidelines for both improving the condition of your skin and benefiting your general health. The two big ones are diet and exercise. The skin is a good indicator of how healthy you are. If it is clear and glowing then you probably do not eat many crisps or chocolate or other fatty, sugary foods. If it looks less than clear consider whether you are eating the wrong foods. Fresh fruit and vegetables are your best starting point. You need some oily foods especially those containing fish oil or olive oil but beware of too much animal fat found in fatty meat, cheeses as well as the hidden fats in pastry, cakes, biscuits, crisps etc. Get plenty of exercise, especially walking or cycling as there is the additional benefit of fresh air which will improve the colour and tone of your skin and improve your general health and well being. Remember too that the cheapest treatment you can obtain for your skin is to drink plenty of plain, fresh water.

In addition, do not use lots of makeup to cover your skin as this can block the pores and make things worse. Another serious problem is that many manufacturers of makeup and skin care products use a lot of chemicals which are actually harmful to the skin. Buy good quality, naturally produced products whenever possible.

If you would like to view some healthy choices of skin care ranges as well as a host of other healthy products for yourself or as possible Christmas gifts for friends and family I shall be having my Christmas Exhibition of my various product ranges plus information on healthy alternatives and lifestyle at my home on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th November from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

Appointments can be made outside these hours to accommodate working arrangements. If you are interested please contact me on 01638 750475 or email maureen@penney24.go-plus.net for further information.

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The Parish Churches of Chippenham & Snailwell

Chippenham Sunday Rota

SUNDAY	October 2nd Harvest Festival 6pm	October 9th	October 16th	October 23rd	October 30th	November 6th	November 13th Remembrance Sunday	November 20th	November 27th Advent Carols 6pm	December 4th
SIDESMEN	Brian	Anne	Jan	Ian	<i>Service at Fordham</i>	Brian	Anne	Jan	Ian	Brian
READERS	Anne	Chris	Brian	Helen		Eileen	Nicola	James	Jan	Anne
WINE	<i>Harvest Supper</i>	John & Helen	Katharine	Peter & Fiona		James & Jan	Kevin & Linda	Tim & Beth	<i>PCC</i>	Brian & Jennifer
CLEANING	Judy, Eileen & Mary	Julie	Paul & James	Fiona & Mandy	Judy, Eileen & Mary	Julie	Paul & James	Fiona & Mandy	Judy, Eileen & Mary	Julie
FLOWERS	<i>all</i>	Helen		Moirra		Nicola		Sam	<i>Advent, no flowers</i>	

Please note Judy Gear (Tel: 721081) is happy to act as sidesman if anyone is away.

Snailwell Sunday Rota

	Readers/sidesmen	Flowers & Cleaning
October 2nd	Helen	Sophie, Jane & Joan
October 9th Harvest Festival 6pm	Gaynor	<i>Harvest flowers everyone</i> Muriel & Maureen
October 16th	Betty	"
October 23rd	Muriel	Bryan & Betty
October 30th	<i>service at Fordham</i>	"
November 6th	Charles	Gaynor & Sue
November 13th Remembrance Day	<i>service at Chippenham</i>	"
November 20th	Michael	Sophie, Jane & Joan
November 27th	Maureen	"
December 4th	Helen	Muriel & Maureen

If these dates don't suit, please swap.

Chippenham Flower Festival

St Margaret's Flower Festival on 17th & 18th September was a great success. We had many visitors to the church and raised over £700 for church funds.

The exhibition of Chippenham School memorabilia was very popular (and is still on display). Well done to Jennifer Wilson for the organisation and co-ordination of all the fabulous arrangements, also many thanks to everyone who organised the private view, performed at the concert on Saturday evening, manned the church and served teas.

Mike Banyard

My sincere thanks to everyone who donated so much time & effort to create the wonderful flower arrangements & displays at the Flower Festival, also for the generous donations of cakes & flowers. Your support is very much appreciated, thank you.

Jennifer Wilson

Snailwell Harvest Festival

I hope you've noticed the date change for our Harvest Festival and Supper. Everything else is the same: 'bring and share' for the Supper. All welcome, even if you can't or don't wish to attend the Service, please do come along to the Supper, it is for everyone to celebrate Harvest. As always our collection will be donated to charities along with the collection from our Carol Service, so please give generously.

Snailwell Church News

Quiz Night at the George & Dragon will be held on **Saturday 19th November**, be there for 7pm to start 7.30pm prompt. Teams will be of four, the entry fee will include sandwiches afterwards. There's limited space so get your team together and put your name on the list early. For further information please contact Quiz Master, Charlie Richmond, on 01638 578296. The Quiz Night is in aid of church funds.

Note the date of our **Christmas Fayre, Saturday December 3rd, 2.30pm** in church. There will be the usual stalls on a Christmas theme. As always there will be a cry for more helpers, so if you think you will be available and would like to help, even if it is just setting things out in the morning, or clearing up afterwards, you will be welcomed with open arms. Call Maureen on 577456.

Picnic by the Pond was held on 18th September. Sadly the sun didn't shine but it wasn't cold. It was good fun, with some lovely music from Colin. The Croquet Challenge was a great success, quite competitive: the undisputed champion was Darryl Brock. He's a truly 'mean machine' with the croquet mallet.

Hidden Saints – Hidden Kingdom

November 5th 11am -3pm Ely Cathedral

On November 5th, Ely Cathedral will be hosting a major celebration of the world church, when the whole diocese will have the opportunity to celebrate its links with the world church. The event is for all ages.

Come and join a South American dance workshop, have your hands painted in Indian style, or spend some time meditating on what it means to be a Christian in another part of the world; over a cup of coffee, find out how you can offer some time for God in another part of the world, or discover what to look out for if you are planning to take a gap year.

Parishes with world church links have been invited to bring displays: come and find out what a difference these links have made to lives at both ends of the links, and discover how easy it is to form such a link. Bring some food to share with everyone. If you can bring food that reflects another culture or country, please do. After lunch we will have an act of worship which will reflect the whole of God's kingdom, and also the various links represented in the diocese.

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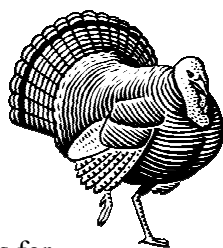
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Parish Council News

Chippenham Village Appraisal

In the next few weeks we are planning to carry out the Village Appraisal. This is being done on behalf of the Parish Council, to get a picture of what is needed in the village at this time. The last time we carried out such an Appraisal was in 1996/97, and that proved to be very valuable. For example, the Tennis Club came about as a direct result of it.

This time, our plan is as follows: in the first few days of October we will be delivering a copy of a questionnaire to each household. (If you haven't received one by 5th October, please ring either Nick Parsons on 721791, or myself on 721393.)

Please fill in the copy for your household, and return it to Nick Parsons at 18 Scotland End, by 17th October. We will then enter the information received into the computer program which has helped us develop this questionnaire, and by the end of the month we should have some preliminary results.

All questionnaires will be treated anonymously. However, since we would like in some cases to explore the questions raised in more detail, we would like the opportunity to interview some of those who have responded. If you would be willing to be interviewed, please write your name in the space provided on the questionnaire.

After we have processed this additional information, we will publish the full results in January. And who knows? By next year we may have a sumo wrestling club, or a new bus service, or ? *James Broad*

Chippenham village sign

You may by now have seen our village sign back in place and looking splendid in its new coat of paint. Many thanks to Terry Cross for all his hard work in doing the restoration. It's as good as new now.

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Village web site

I am sorry for the break in service of the Chippenham web site. Service was initially suspended by the hosting company as a result of confusion over their billing for renewal. Following this it was discovered that the domain registration had been allowed to lapse without renewal being requested. The regulations on domain renewal set by ICANN, the international body responsible for internet domains allow registrars to charge a significant sum for renewing lapsed domains. Although no fault of mine, both the host for the website and the registrar have refused to relax on the issue. New arrangements have been made and the site may now be found at **www.chippenhamcambis.info** The site has been re-built and changes made in several areas. I want to expand the site and offer as many services through it to village residents as I can. Any ideas for additions and services would be welcome. In particular I want to provide space on the site for all village organisations and clubs: even if the internet is not particularly relevant to you, it is free advertising and promotion, can you afford not to take it up? I will do all the work, I just need information from you. It is your site, and it should work for you and the village of Chippenham. Ring me on 01638 721410 to discuss any ideas you have.

Andrew Munro

Dogs and allotments

Chippenham Parish Council has been asked to ensure that people walking their dogs along the footpath from New Street by the allotments take care not to let their animals stray onto the allotments area. For obvious health and hygiene reasons it is most unpleasant for allotment owners to find their hard work and effort ruined by an uncontrolled dog. There is a dog waste bin at the end of the track, in New Street. Please use it and keep your dogs under control in this area. Many thanks.

***THE NEXT MEETING** of Chippenham Parish Council will be held on Tuesday October 18th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. **Snailwell** Parish Council's next meeting is on Wednesday November 2nd, at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church. Please note the earlier start time.*

For Village Hall Bookings call 01638 721324

Village Hall 100 Club latest winners

August : 1st: £20 Adrian Kidd,
2nd: £10 Mrs Page, 3rd: £5 Betty Evans
September: 1st: £20 Andy Tiley,
2nd: £10 Kevin Pallant, 3rd: £5 Susan Newham

Christmas Bonus for Chippenham Pensioners

The Parish Council looks after two village charity funds which are used to give a Christmas bonus to pensioners in the parish. **If you received the bonus last year, you need not re-apply.** If you'd like to apply and are not already on our list, please fill in the form below. Ladies of 60 or over and gentlemen 65 or over are eligible to join. Please return this form to the Clerk at 5 Tharp Way by Friday December 2nd.

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

Name (please print):

Address:

The Parish Churches of Chippenham & Snailwell

Church Diary

October

Sun 2nd *Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (G)*

Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21: 33-end

Holy Communion Chippenham 8am

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Harvest Festival Chippenham 6pm

followed by **Harvest Supper in the Village Hall**

Sun 9th *Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (G)*

Philippians 4: 1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Harvest Festival Snailwell 6pm

Sun 16th *Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity (G)*

1 Thessalonians 1 Matthew 22:15-22

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 23rd *Last Sunday after Trinity (G)*

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-end

Matins Snailwell 9.30am

Matins Chippenham 11am

Sun 30th *All Saints' Day (W)*

Three Rivers' Group service at Fordham

Eucharist & Sunday School 10.30am

No services at Chippenham or Snailwell

November

Sun 6th *Third Sunday before Advent (G)*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-end Matthew 25:1-13

Holy Communion Chippenham 8am

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Family Service Chippenham 11-11.45am

Sun 13th *Remembrance Sunday (G)*

Remembrance Service Chippenham 10.45am

for Chippenham and Snailwell

Sun 20th *Christ the King (R)*

Ephesians 1:15-end Matthew 25:31-end

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 27th *Advent Sunday (P)*

Matins Snailwell 9.30am

Advent Carol Service Chippenham 6pm

December

Sun 4th *Second Sunday of Advent (P)*

Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-end

Holy Communion Chippenham 8am

Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am

Family Service Chippenham 11-11.45am

From the Three Rivers Curate, Mike Banyard
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I think I became aware more directly of how we all need each other, and how much all our actions can affect others, when we arrived at Toronto airport for our journey home in the summer, at the end a visit to friends in New York, a wedding in Canada, and a short holiday to the Niagara Falls in Ontario, and found that our flight had been cancelled!

Having left what we thought was more than enough time to get home and be ready for planned services at Snailwell and Chippenham that weekend, we found ourselves stranded at Toronto. Looking at the scenes back home in Britain of folk sleeping on the floor at Heathrow, we counted our blessings from the security and comfort of the hotel room the airline had provided, for we had to stay an extra three days. Inconvenient but scarcely a hardship, when in the weeks following we have witnessed scenes of the abandonment of New Orleans, and the devastating effects of changing weather patterns on the lives of so many. But it was awkward, and it was through the internet and the ability to communicate across the globe at the press of a button that I was able to make alternative arrangements. Many thanks to all who picked up the pieces!

Then to witness on the television so many once again facing starvation in Africa, and the temptation was to think that nothing much has changed and we might just all be at the mercy of so many forces beyond our control. And so many personal tragedies these past few months too.

Then I read in a book by the Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, Jonathan Sacks, called *The Dignity of Difference*, a work about globalisation and its effects and how we might react, "the assets of the world's three richest billionaires are more than the combined wealth of the 600 million inhabitants of the least-developed countries." In the face of all this I might have been tempted to despair at the apparent hopelessness of our condition and our apparent powerlessness to do anything about anything.

But I really do believe that individuals can and do make a difference. Jesus himself spoke to individuals as well as the crowds. He listened intently to each person's needs and responded to meet them, and lead them to new places. He healed the leper, the child at death's door, and the widow of Nain's son, for example. We too can find evidence of God at work in the world. The British Airways check in staff member at Toronto who, with a weary smile, asked me to pray for them! The amazing generosity of so many last Boxing Day to the tsunami in South East Asia, all who helped family, friend and neighbour during those hurricanes in America. Those who last Christmas responded to the appeal to buy something of value for those in real need, who gave a cow or part of a water well or a flock of chickens. Christian Aid this year is launching a new web site, www.presentaid.org to enable us all to give in this way. Last year several did. Why not join them? In the face of every difficulty, and some of the dreadful desolation, we can all make a difference.

At this present time when we give thanks for our many blessings at our own Harvest Festivals, let us dig deep to help those in need.

God bless. *Mike*

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