Chippenham Newsletter

October - November 2014

Diary Dates

October
3rd, 4th WWI Commemoration, Chippenham
Church, 7.30pm
12th Chippenham Park Garden Open 10am - 4pm
16th MU Fordham Victoria
Hall 2.30pm
31st Mums + Fordham Garden Centre 9.15am

November

4th Mums+ Fordham Garden Centre 9.15am
5th Firework Display, Tharp Arms 7.00pm
10th MU Holy Communion, Fordham Church, 10.30am
11th Oil Co-op order deadline, midnight
14th Music Night, Village
Hall, 7.30pm
19th MU Fordham Victoria Hall, Christmas Cards,
7.30pm

December 5th Christmas Market, Chippenham Church, 6.00pm

Church Dates Pages 7-8 Sports Clubs back pages

Events at Freckenham Village Hall

Saturday, 15th November

Table Top Sale and afternoon teas 2 – 4 pm free entry. To book a table in advance phone 07542 198933, £5 per table, additional charge £2 for rail etc.

Also on Saturday, 15th November:

Cash Bingo for all ages Doors open 7pm Eyes down 7.30pm £1 a game Licensed bar available.

For our weekly activities check out the village website on www.freckenham.onesuffolk.net

Chippenham Candlelit Christmas Market FREE ENTRY

Friday 5th December 6.00pm - 9.00pm

St. Margaret's Church Chippenham

Many fabulous stalls for all your Christmas Gifts, including lots of new ones this year.

Hot Dogs, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine, Tea, Coffee & Hot Chocolate

Grand Raffle superb prizes

"Come & meet Elsa in her Frozen Grotto"

Save the date!

Chippenham Candlelit Christmas Market

Don't miss our ever-popular Christmas Event!

5th December 2014, 6 pm - 9 pm

St Margaret's Church, High Street, Chippenham,

Many stalls for all your Christmas gift requirements, including jewellery, cosmetics, scented candles, scarves and bags, festive food items, art, gifts, Christmas decorations and much more.

Refreshments - mulled wine, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and mince pies will be available.

Grand Christmas Draw tickets will be on sale from November, with the usual selection of fantastic prizes. The draw will take place during the Christmas Market.

Chippenham Park Garden Opening 12th October

Chippenham Park will open its extensive gardens on the 12th October 10am-4pm. For late borders and autumn colours this is a wonderful time of year to see the gardens. There will be a variety of specialist plants stalls, planted containers and other stands selling garden related products and food. Our licensed tearooms will be open all day selling our own delicious home-produced free range sausages in rolls, as well as freshly-made cakes and teas.

Entry £5 for adults, children and villagers on foot free.

more info www.chippenhamparkgardens.co.uk

From the Three Rivers Rector, the Rev'd Mike Banyard 01638 721616 banyardmg1@yahoo.co.uk

There is a story about a young boy who was out collecting money for a charity to feed the hungry. He was selling postcards at 10p each, and called at a house. The person at the door asked how much he was aiming to raise? "I am raising a million pounds," the boy answered gravely. He was so small and the the sum he named so large that the person at the door had to laugh. "One million pounds indeed. Do you expect to raise it all yourself?" "Oh no", the boy replied, "there's another little boy helping me!"

Listening to, and watching the news can be very challenging, especially at present it seems. Descriptions of barbarous actions to hostages in the Middle East are horrifying. I wrote elsewhere in August and September and underestimated by a factor of ten the number of those killed in Gaza. I won't comment on the Scottish referendum, because by the time you read this the result will have been published and speculation may either be 100% accurate or the alternative! I am sure there will be some strong views about all these issues in many parts of our communities.

Well, Martin Luther King gave us some helpful advice: "I have decided to stick with love," he said. "Hate is too great a burden to bear." To follow my thoughts from last month about peace starting within us, in our own hearts, and then spreading to our families and our communities and beyond may seem like a counsel too difficult to hear. But Jesus teaches us that love really is at the centre of the universe, for God is love, and all the apparently "normal" rules actually fly out of the window once you are "in love". God yearns for us to be in fellowship with him, to love first of all God, and then ourselves and then others too. It's a mighty powerful foundational rule for all our lives. Let's try and live it out.

God Bless.

Mike

ChurchServicesandRotas

MUMS + Plus

Monthly coffee morning for fun, conversation and sharing questions of life, faith, parenthood.

Friday 31st October and Friday 28th November at Fordham Garden Centre, 9.15am

Contacts Helen Banyard 721616, Laura Cox-Watson 724839



Messy Church is the second Sunday of each month at Fordham Parish Church, from 3.30 - 5.30pm. Next dates: 12th October and 9th November.

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Three Rivers



Mothers Union

Thursday, 16 October 2.30pm

Fordham Victoria Hall. Speaker: Brenda Lee

Monday, 10th November 10.30am

Holy Communion at Fordham Parish Church

Followed by Coffee

Wednesday, 19th November 7.30pm

Fordham Victoria Hall Making Christmas Cards

We welcome new members and/or visitors to any of our meetings/events and for further information on any of the above please contact either Helen (01638 721616), Jenny (01638 720820), Gaynor (01638 577703) or Eileen (01638 720125).

BONFIRE NIGHT & FIREWORK DISPLAY

Wednesday, 5th November 7.00pm

The fireworks are ordered (retail value of over £1200!), thanks to three generous donations and a top-up from the Parish Council. It's getting harder to improve on each year's display but Terry and I will try our best. The fireworks will be let off at the usual place - the field behind the pub; the best viewing angle will be from the garden at the back of the Tharp Arms and remember it's FREE ENTRY. Hot food will be available, with proceeds going to St Margaret's Church, and I'm sure the bar won't run dry - but we could give it a go! There will be a collection on the night after the fireworks, but if you watch from the comfort of your own home or garden and wish to donate then please contact me on the details below or drop it off at the Coach House. Thanks very much to all involved in getting this year's display together, let's hope for a dry night.

Kevin kevin pallant@gmail.com 07711 402080

CHIPPENHAM AND SNAILWELL OIL BUYING CO-OP

Deadline for ordering midnight TUESDAY 13th January 2015

Thanks to the 60 plus Villagers who have ordered 70, 000 litres in 2014. We all made an average saving of about £60! If you would like some oil, please send me your order by card or e-mail by the deadline above.

The next order deadline will be April

If you are not yet a member, live in either Chippenham or Snailwell, and would like to join please let me have your:

- 1. Name
- 2. Phone number for the oil company to call you for payment
- 3. Address including postcode
- 4. Any special instructions like:
 - a. Aga additive required
 - b. Oil tank through the gate at left of house
- And of course how many litres you want and whether you want just that quantity, or a fill up if possible

Thank you for your support of this community money saving scheme!

Please send your orders to : <u>James.hurst@winkhaus.</u> <u>co.uk</u> or a card to 47 High Street, Chippenham

NOTICE BOARD

Three Rivers Social Car Scheme -

Volunteer door to door lifts for people who lack transport services, NEEDS another team member to man the phone from time to time. If you are interested and would like to know more please phone Muriel, 01638 666722



Village Hall Activities

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:

3rd Wed of month -7.00pm onwards -Contact Ginette Hawes 01638 781127

CHIPMUNKS:

Mother and Toddler Group: Thursday - 10.00am to 11.00am - 0-4years Tel: Ruth 07775911033 and Lucy 07768874081

CARPET BOWLS:

Thursday 7.30 to 10.00 pm Contact : Hazel Martin 01638 717000

We'd like to hear from you..!

Email the editor at: newsletter@chippenhamcambs.info

To discuss the latest advertising offers in the Newsletter & linking to the village website contact: Fiona Maxwell 01638 720677

fiona.maxwell@yahoo.com

Full Page £30 1/2 page £16 1/4 page £8 1/8 page £4

NOTICE BOARD

Babysitters

Babysitting by Helena Responsible teenager living in Scotland End Call or text, I would love to help.

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villagers
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reception
£6 an hour for Committee Room

New Residents

If you are new to the village and would like to know more about what is going on please contact Sally Hughes – Tel: 720915 email: chippen-hamparishcouncil@hot-mail.com





Mobile Library

Chippenham, High Street : 11.15cm -11.45cm

The mobile library calls on the first Thursday of the Month

From to Jain Service Video/DVD rental - £2.50 for 2 marks

> Enquires Call - 0845 045 5225

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Isabel Cross has been faithfully editing the Chippenham Newsletter for the last three and a half years, and following the last edition she has decided she would like to retire from the role.

We are very grateful to her for her hard work and for the service to the village which this represents. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to her for a job well done.

This edition has been edited by Fiona Maxwell and we are actively engaged in choosing the next editor.

James Broad Chairman, Chippenham Parish Council

Chippenham 100 Club, join today!

Winners for July 2014:

1st Anne McCormack £20 2nd Dan Langley £10 3rd Simon Heather £5

Winners for August 2014:

1st Kevin Savage £20 2nd Eileen Smalley £10 3rd Pat Shipp £5

It costs £12 per year to join the club and you keep the same number throughout. Prizes are drawn monthly when three winners are chosen at random from all the participating numbers. The monthly prizes are £20, £10 and £5 and in addition, two bonus prizes of £30 each are drawn in February, June and October.

All profits raised help maintain the Village Hall.

There are still some spare numbers available – for more details contact

Chris Mason on 720427

CHIPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Your Councillors:

James Broad (Chair) - 8 Badlingham, 720973

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

Hugo Nicolle – Chippenham Park 720221

Wendy Parsons - 18 Scotland End, 721791

Clerk: Sally Hughes - 44b High Street,

Chippenham, 720915

Email: chippenhamparishcouncil@hotmail.com

Date of next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 4th November, 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room

The Parish Council would like to make you aware that there have been several attempted and successful break-ins within the local area recently. Please be vigilant. If you see anything suspicious please call the Police on 999 if urgent or 101 if non-urgent. Please also remember to keep all garages and outbuildings secured at all times.

NOTE: The Parish Council sometimes has information on other general initiatives to do with health, arts, district council news etc. New items are often posted to the village website more frequently than the magazine, including the latest on the ATT Fiveways to Thetford improvement roadworks — do please take a look.

Summary of Minutes from the last PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on 5th August Full minutes are available from the Clerk

I. Play Areas

i.Youth Park Project

Mr Cross will provide a plan for staggered gates for the allotment path which will be sent to the diocese for approval. Mrs Hughes has booked the annual RoSPA inspection for both playgrounds. Inspections will be carried out in September.

ii. New Street Play Area Lease

The paperwork has now been sent off to the land registry for registration.

2. Village Information Board

Work is progressing on the production of the village map.

3. Police Information

There has been one reported incident; logged as a malicious letter, it was a complaint about comments on Facebook.

4. Planning

None

5. Highway Matters

i. Parkside Corner

Work has now been completed at Parkside to improve drainage. The Highways Dept has installed a new soakaway, cleared out the existing soakaways and repaired the kerb.

ii. Local Highways Grant

The meeting discussed traffic calming in the High Street and the new road layout in Fordham. There were mixed opinions on the benefits of such a scheme in Chippenham. The council voted to apply for pavement repairs in the High Street from

6.Village Matters

i. Risk Assessment

The meeting discussed heavy tree limbs but acknowledged that little could be done unless one was identified as being dangerous.

ii. Tharp Arms - Bus Shelter

The PC voted to progress with the transfer of the ownership of the bus shelter from the pub to the Parish Council.

iii.Village Hall

Mrs Parsons is getting quotes for the various works which need to be carried out at the hall. Mrs Parsons is working on a risk assessment for the hall.

iv. Dog Fouling

The upcoming project to highlight the problem of dog fouling was discussed. It was mentioned that Fordham PC has invested in CCTV for their recreation ground. After discussion it was decided that Chippenham does not need this level of policing.

v. Village Gates

The white gate which was splashed with wood stain will be re-painted.

7. Correspondence and Financial Matters

i. Newsletter

Mrs Cross has resigned as editor of the Newsletter. Mrs Maxwell has offered to edit the Newsletter in the short term until a new editor is in place.

ii. PC Noticeboard

The council approved the idea of a new noticeboard for the village hall specifically for PC business.

COACH HOUSE RIDING SCHOOL

The end of an era and the dawning of a new one! We have decided to mark it by our new entrance with the beautiful horses heads carved by Terry Cross as my retirement present. Kevin and I will be staying here at the Coach House and making the small school by our house into a beautiful garden next year, so I can spend my newly acquired time there!

I can hardly believe the riding school has finally closed after 28 years of trading; however Becky Jackson, who is one of my original "old girls" will be taking some private lessons from here a few days a week, so if anyone wants to book a lesson all is not lost, call Becky on 01638 730760 or mobile 07808737644. Please don't use the Coach House line for this as this is Becky's venture not mine!

We still have eight horses so you will still be able to see them in their fields, some are retired and some will be working for Becky. Bambi is of course staying, and by the time this goes to print she will have been to the racecourse for the Newmarket Open Day. She will be keeping her Facebook page 'Bambi Coach House' with all the latest happenings.

STOP MESSING ABOUT!

Thank you for supporting the 'Stop messing about!' campaign to help rid the village of dog mess. Over a period of a month people walking around the village will have seen the scale of the problem, there were lots of yellow 'poo markers' sign-posting dog poo which had not been cleared up. In fact, when the month long campaign finished the horse paddock pathways alone had over 50 markers. That's a lot of unpleasant dog mess!

The hope is that dog walkers who previously neglected to clear up after their dogs understand the message from other people who use the public spaces: 'Bag it, Bin it and keep Chippenham clean.' The section of pathway alongside the allotments was the worst affected area with new poo markers added throughout the campaign period. However a noteworthy improvement was seen in the cricket club areas. It would be great if this was sustained and a similar improvement was also seen in the other footpaths and public areas.

The next newsletter will have further comments on the dog mess problem. So dog walkers please take poo-bags with you on your walks, keep an eye on your dog all the time you are walking and 'Bag it, Bin it and keep Chippenham clean.'

To help reduce the problem at the allotment entrance the Parish Council will be replacing the existing bin with a larger capacity one in order to deter the pile up of poo bags on and around the bin.

The existing bin can be re-located elsewhere in the village so if there is an area where you think a bin would be beneficial (it needs to be accessible by vehicle) then please let the Clerk know. The Parish Council would welcome any further comments on this topic. Thank you.

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- Both 2D and 3D floor plans to help show how your property
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.....AND THE WINNERS WERE:

The Chippenham Produce & Craft Show was held on Sunday 14th September, and we were delighted to welcome many talented exhibitors, and many new faces to the show. The exhibits ranged from arts & crafts, photography, preserves, baking, flower arrangements, shrubs, vegetables, flowers, and houseplants and there were over 185 exhibits!

The winners of the cups, tankards and shields this year were:

Most points in show, Gaynor Ryan

Highest number of points in vegetable classes, *Carol Shekells & Warren Summers*

Highest number of points in fruit classes, Victoria Coldrey

Best floral arrangement, Gaynor Ryan

Highest number of points in floral classes, Wendy Parsons

Best rose in show, Peter Maxwell

Highest number of points in produce classes, Gaynor Ryan

Best cake in men's class, Jon Van de Peer

Best craft item, Terry Cross

Highest number of points in children's classes, Sophie Hughes

Tallest sunflower, Lucy Martin

Best hanging basket, Rob Evans

Many congratulations to those listed above, and all the other winners in the show, it was a great fun, and we were delighted to receive so much positive feedback on the day.

There are obviously many people who need to be thanked. The sponsors for such wonderful raffle prizes, the judges who had a really difficult task, Mike Banyard and Steve Proctor for presenting the trophies, Nick Parsons for scoring, Alice Keutgen for her endless support and advice, the show committee and their families who gave their time, and finally to Yvonne Hawkins who worked tirelessly throughout the day keeping the committee sane, being Jack of all trades and making endless cups of tea! We would also like to thank all the exhibitors and visitors for continuing to support to this wonderful village event. We would welcome any comments about your experience on the day, or any suggestions you may have to inform or improve the show. Please do come along next year and join in, many of you will have now seen how easy it is to participate in this village event.

Wendy Parsons, Chairman wendy.parsons1@btinternet.com

La Hogue just got even better!

Extended butchery counter
New and improved fruit & vegetable section
Exciting new café menu
Open 7 days a week

Christmas Food Tasting & Decoration Barn Opening 1 & 2 November 2014, 10am - 3pm Free Entry







Also at La Hogue Farm

Riverbank Nursery

Seasonal plants
Hanging baskets & planters
Cut flowers and a funitualit Christmas range
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Gaire Fuller (financial controller)

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at Derby Cottage Clinic Newmarket

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As the season comes to a close we can say that 2014 has been yet another successful year for the club.

For adults we have run two Saturday sides, a Sunday side, a midweek evening side and a midweek afternoon side.

Regarding the 1st X1 - after a very ordinary start to life in the Cambridgeshire Senior League4 losses in the first 5 matches, the 1st XI have had an amazing turnaround winning promotion to the 2nd Division of the Senior League. This is the 5th promotion in a row the team has enjoyed. A measure of the team's progress is that we will be playing towns and cities next year such as Ely and Wisbech...... quite an achievement for a village of 350 people!

The 2nd XI had a very mixed season with some very good wins, some narrow losses and a number of games conceded by the opposition. The team was very ably led by Ashley Brown; having finished mid-table, they are optimistic for next season.

Our midweek team also won their league and cup final – next season will be a good challenge in the higher league – but we do have the players and captain (Paul Fishpool) to succeed!

We have had a very healthy Junior section, catering for children aged 7 years and upwards, throughout the season. Coaching has taken place on a Monday night during the summer and cricket camps have also been held at the ground during the holidays. We also have Junior teams playing in the Suffolk Junior League.

Our Friendly XIs, playing on Sunday and midweek have had a great season with a number of memorable games – the spirit of village cricket, with the declaration format, certainly lives on with our two captains Alan Wright and Darren Hughes.

The ground has been in magnificent condition thanks to Alan Wright and his band of helpers. Despite the wet weather at times no league fixtures at home have been called off at all. We do get a few spectators but please feel free to come up next summer and enjoy the surroundings and the reasonably high class cricket played.

If you are an adult and interested in playing for the club, all abilities welcome, including beginners, please contact Alan Wright 07989 526295. Club practice for adults takes place at the ground on Monday nights during the summer and in February and March on a Sunday morning. All Juniors should contact Darren Hughes 07881 818047 for more information.

We play at our picturesque ground in Chippenham Park most Saturdays and Sundays, April-September. New players and supporters always welcome. On match days and training nights the ground can be entered via gates on the right as you leave the village on the road to Kennett. Villagers can also enter on foot via the kissing gate located behind the gate house at the main entrance to Chippenham Park.

Find out more about the club including latest news and results on our Website - http://chippenham-cricket-club.eschools.co.uk/website

Follow us on twitter @chippenhamcamcc

Chippenham Tennis Club

The tennis club has had a busy summer with adult coaching, junior coaching, Pimms evenings on a few Thursday Club nights and existing and past membership surveys.



A big thank you goes to Eddie Brantley who kindly gave his professional coaching time to provide free novice and improver junior tennis coaching sessions. Thanks also to Jonny van de Peer for supporting him and sourcing new juniors' racquets. The coaching was open to children from Chippenham and the surrounding villages, members and non-members. Fourteen juniors aged 5 to 16 years old enjoyed the sessions and improved their tennis skills and confidence.

Feedback from the existing and past members has helped to shape the future plans of the club. Forty percent of members contacted kindly gave their views. The committee will focus on: building on the social aspect of the club; developing new adult & junior players; and improving courtside facilities.

If any one would like to come forward to join the committee and support the growth of the club please get in contact.