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Councillor Vacancy

There is currently one vacancy on the parish council. If you are interested in local matters and would like to discuss joining the council then please contact the Clerk on the number above.

Council Meetings

Council meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm at the village hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Newsletter Deadline for next edition: 20th October 2023

If you are a member of a local club or group and would like to feature in the newsletter, please contact us.

If you would like to receive the reminder email for submissions, please let us know.

Submissions for the newsletter should be sent to Newsletter@chippenhamcambs.info

Parish Council Update

Local elections in May 23 saw two of our long-standing councillors step down from the council. A heartfelt thank you to **Fiona Maxwell** who served on the council for 20+ years and as Chairman in recent years. Fiona has always worked hard for our community and especially so in recent times, chairing the Sunnica Parish Council Alliance alongside her council work. She will be much missed. Thank you too to **Paul Fishpool** whose 9+ years on the council was valuable to both the council and our community. Paul's experience and insight in the agricultural world was especially welcome and gave the council a balanced perspective on agricultural matters.

We now have a new Chairman, **Nick Bennett** and new Vice Chairman, **Suzanne Royston**. We also have a new councillor **Julie Sheldrick** whose background in planning matters will be a huge asset to the council.

Since May the council has been working hard for the community. They, along with a willing bunch of volunteers, put on a great Coronation celebration at Chippenham Park (*see photos on page 4/5*). Grant funding was obtained for the event and this funding will also pay for new daffodil bulbs for the verges in the High Street and has funded the new planters outside the church.

The council has completed their year end audit for 2022-23 and received their audited report from the external auditors. Their report is available on the council website.

The council has been successful in a bid for funding for traffic calming on Parkside corner. The 30mph zone will be moved further out of the village and a solid white centre line will be painted around the corner and past the access to the cricket ground to deter motorists from overtaking just after the bend. The council has also applied for funding to designate New Street as a 20mph zone and are currently awaiting a decision from Cambridgeshire County Council.

Work has been carried out to keep our play areas in good repair and the council are currently looking at resurfacing the beloved helter skelter slide to prolong its life.

The council are awaiting the final decision on the Sunnica NSIP. This is due in the autumn.

There is currently one vacancy on the council. If you would like to know more then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Current planning applications can be found on the East Cambs DC website at **www.eastcambs.gov.uk** Agendas and Minutes are available on the council's website at **www.chippenhamcambs.info**

CHIPPENHAM CELEBRATES THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

Finding out that the Coronation would be taking place in May had volunteers springing into action to ensure that the community had an event to remember. Plans were made for a main event and also a longer lasting reminder of the day by way of two new planters outside the church and funding for more daffodil bulbs which will be planted in the autumn.



The committee wanted to put on an event that would cater for residents of all ages. Many meetings were held to organise the logistics of the event and corral volunteers and residents to help deliver in typical Chippenham style. Bunting that was made for the Jubilee was used to decorate the village. A big thank you to Wendy Parsons for ironing many, many metres of bunting so that it looked its best.

Younger residents were encouraged to help decorate the bus shelter with bejewelled crowns and colour in royal pictures for their windows and as usual, they did us proud. A royal visit was arranged, albeit with a cardboard King and Queen rather than the real thing. Nevertheless, it helped to spread the word of the event and raise a few smiles along the way.



Betty and Erinn once again amazed us with their skill and provided both Chippenham and Badlingham with post box toppers to further decorate the village.

Before the big day, volunteers were busy decorating and bedecking the park and marquee with bunting, balloons, flags and other decorations. A royal photo booth was created by Nick Bennett so that everyone could capture a royal moment on film (well on their phones actually).





On Monday 8th May Chippenham residents gathered at Chippenham Park to celebrate the Coronation. As they arrived on foot, they were welcomed by the sound of cheerful fairground music, kindly provided by Howard and his fairground organ, which really set the tone for the afternoon.

Residents settled both in the marquee and out on the lawn and veranda to enjoy their picnics, pizza and hot dogs. Members of the Seniors Lunch Club were treated to a nostalgic lunch of Coronation Chicken and trifle accompanied by wine and soft drinks. Live music entertainment was provided by Paul Mangell and Friends which added to the relaxed atmosphere for the afternoon.

Younger visitors were treated to a magic show by Smartie Artie, a craft table was set up to create royal themed crafts and two inflatable bouncy castles were in constant use.

For the animal lovers Bambi was in attendance and looked suitably regal in her red, white and blue regalia.

Nick Bennett and his family provided candy floss for those with a sweet tooth.

The sun shone, the weather stayed dry and, all in all, a great day was had at Chippenham Park. It was also a lovely opportunity for our community to come together.



Thank Yous

Thanks must go to those who spent their time and energy pulling everything together.

Particular thanks go to:

Hugo and Becca for providing the venue and marquee

Paul Mangell and Friends for providing live music

Awards for All for providing grant funding

Nick and Jill Collins for providing First Aid support

Linda and Kevin with Bambi the miniature pony

Betty and Erinn for providing post box toppers

The Bennett family for providing and manning the candy floss stand

Howard and his fairground organ

Chippenham Parish Council for sourcing the funding and organising the event

And last but not least the Coronation Events Committee and their family and friends who made it all happen!



What's on in Freckenham

September & October 2023

Sunday 3rd September afternoon Walk on Cavenham Heath meet at VH car park to car share, must be prebooked for guide numbers via FreckenhamVH Facebook, Freckenhamvh@outlook.com or text 07542 198 933. Suggested donation £3. Return to village hall for tea & cake. *Carpet bowls mat will be out come and have a go, it would be good to get the mats out on a regular basis!*

Friday 8th September Live theatre is back! 'A Year and a Day', every time he sleeps another year passes for 65 years. The plot is sure to keep you on the edge of your seat throughout this twisting, turning journey. Doors & Bar Open 7pm performance starts 7.30pm. Tickets £10 please pre-book as above so we know how many chairs to get out! But tickets available on the door too!! Check out link below <https://www.youtube.com/@raisingcainproductions/videos>.

Saturday 23rd September 10-12 noon free entry, refreshments will be run by Rural Coffee Caravan as a 20th Vanniversary fundraiser (new van needed), tombola for Macmillan, our regular and probably some new stallholders.

Friday 6th October First Friday of Month Film Nights are back 'A Man Called Otto', tells the story of Otto Anderson (Tom Hanks), a grumpy widower whose only joy comes from criticizing and judging his exasperated neighbours. When a lively young family moves in next door, he meets his match in quick-witted and very pregnant Marisol, leading to an unexpected friendship that will turn his world upside-down. £7 a person, doors and bar open 7pm film starts 7.30pm. Facebook Freckenham Film Nights.

Friday 13th October Live music is back with Winter Wilson Tickets £12 prebook, doors and bar open 7pm, starts 7.30pm. See poster advert for more info.

Saturday 28th October 10-12 noon

Weekly Events check website if attending for first time or after a break. *We are trying under 5's again Wednesday 6 & 13th Sept and hopefully beyond 10 – 11.30am, £3 adult & child then extra £1 each per person adult and children*

<https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/> Connect with us on Facebook FreckenhamVH and Freckenham Community Group.



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***The committee room sits up to 12 people and can be hire separately or in conjunction with the main hall.**

Rates from just £6 per hour.

For availability please call Pat on 01638 721324



Mobile library

The mobile library calls in **Chippenham every second Wednesday from 10.15-10.35** and parks at the Village Hall. All vehicles have a lift for wheelchair users or those who find stairs difficult. Please do come and visit us and support the service!

Library membership

You can register to [join Cambridgeshire Libraries online](#).

You can also join Cambridgeshire Libraries on board any of our mobile libraries.

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Our mobile libraries offer reading glasses for sale.

St Margaret's Church

Church News

We're delighted to welcome Reverend Stephen Day, who will be our new Rector, and whose installation was on August 22nd. He will live with his family in the Vicarage in Fordham. The first service led by Stephen in Chippenham will be in early September. More information will be available on the church noticeboard.

There is a dedicated team of volunteers involved in maintaining the building, running the services, keeping the church open, and managing church affairs. Each and every one of these deserves great thanks for all they do. Thank you!

As Churchwardens, we are also extremely grateful for the support we have in the village for fund-raising events, and gifts, because we receive no financial support whatsoever. So all the costs fall on the PCC of St Margaret's. We're fortunate to have a very skilled and experienced treasurer who helps ensure we manage and meet these obligations for the church, and the village as a whole.

It's wonderful that we have a choir, which comes together for the major Feast Days and High Days, and for other services and weddings. If you would like to sing in the choir, please do contact one of us!

Services for September and October

3 Sep	11am	Eucharist	7 Oct	11am	Eucharist
10 Sep	11am	Morning Prayer/Praise	14 Oct	11am	Morning Prayer/Praise
17 Sep	11am	Eucharist	21 Oct	11am	Eucharist
24 Sep	11am	Morning Prayer/Praise	28 Oct	11am	Morning Prayer/Praise

With best wishes to all

Paul Mangell and Peter Maxwell, Churchwardens of St Margaret's of Antioch



Julie Andrews' advice is 'start at the very beginning' so:

I was born in Birmingham, and grew up in various places in the Midlands (my parents moved a lot). From age 8 until I left for university, I lived in Rugby, and I still have family there.

At university in Cambridge, I studied science and went on to work as a biochemist in London for a couple of years until a personal computer found its way into the laboratory, and turned out to be far more interesting than test tubes. From 1985 I worked with computers in one capacity or another until I started my theological training.

For most of that time I lived in Cambridge, where I met Janice (we married in 1988) and where our boys were born – Douglas in 1993 and Teddy in 1995. From 1995 to 2000 I worked for Nokia, and spent a two-year assignment with them in Finland.

Finland is wonderful, and I will talk about it for hours on the slightest pretext – you have been warned! If any Finnish speaker would like to help me clean the rust off my language skills, I'd appreciate it.

I became a Christian at university: after a particularly intense experience of God, I went to my college chaplain to find out what it was all about. To my great good fortune, he was Tom Wright – who later became Bishop of Durham – and it was his influence which steered me into the Church of England.

When we came back from Finland in 2000, I began exploring ordination, and in 2002 I started three years of study at Ridley Hall in Cambridge where I took a Masters in practical theology, with my thesis being about the social and spiritual impact of mobile phones.

I was ordained in 2005 and served as curate in Waltham Abbey in Chelmsford Diocese before returning to Ely Diocese in 2009 to take up the post of Team Vicar in the Papworth Team Ministry – a team of fifteen parishes. Initially I was based in Papworth itself, and seven years ago moved to Bourn to take specific care of the southern half of the team.

In 2017 I took a period of extended study leave to pursue another passion – stained glass. I visited all the churches of Ely Diocese (which the bishop later remarked even he had not done) and photographed their windows. Then I produced a book about church stained glass in Huntingdonshire – copies are available at a very reasonable price!

Rather like Finland, get me talking about stained glass at your peril.

Other things I enjoy, or take an active interest in, include (in no particular order) science fiction, Lake Como, public transport, France, the environment, languages, Terry Pratchett, and walking the South West Coast Path with my older son.

Attempting to prove that you **can** teach an old dog new tricks, I embarked in January on a one-year course learning British Sign Language. This was a bold move for me as I have trouble even with the 'action songs' in all-age services, but I'm gradually improving.

I'm very much looking forward to joining you all in the Three Rivers villages, taking the opportunity to leave my mistakes behind me, and to make exciting **new** mistakes, for which I beg your forgiveness in advance...

With best wishes to all
Revd Stephen Day

Chippenham Tennis Club

The Tennis club has continued to grow and develop this year, with ongoing success with both junior and adult coaching, steady participation at our Thursday club nights and a joyful summer tournament. Our website and online payment has launched without too many glitches so thank you for bearing with us and being so supportive on that front. As always we enjoy having feedback and ideas passed our way so please do feel free to get in touch. We have exciting plans to fundraise for some low level lighting to help us to continue to grow the coaching all year round and allow our members to play later into the evening. We have welcomed new committee members to our team, but continue to seek people who may be interested in getting involved in one way or another. The club remains open to all ability and continues to be a warm and friendly environment to enjoy the game of tennis. Club nights are the best way to start and will continue into the early Autumn weather permitting. Thanks for your continued support

Emily Fishpool Chairman

Emilyfishpool@outlook.com

Call for Performers....

Dear All,

Very much hoping you will be able to take part in our upcoming Comedy Night on Friday, November 10th.

We are looking for any kind of sketch, song as an individual or group, stand-up, recital etc etc ... anything that is on the comedy or light-hearted side of the equation.

I am very happy to have folks write their own material, and all acts should think about 5- 10 minute slots. Have a good think about a piece you already know, or put your creative hat on, and go for it. I have some pieces that might work for anyone that would like a ready made act. Let me know as soon as you have something and we'll start getting the running order together - mixing up musical items with the other acts.

Best Wishes to All.

Paul

07762 101975

Chippenham Park Open Days

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th October 2023

The gardens at Chippenham Park will be open for two days this Autumn – Saturday, 14th October and Sunday, 15th October 10am–4pm – last entry is 3pm. The gardens, lakes and borders are still full of colour and charm. Admission £7, children aged 5–16yrs £3.. Villagers on footage welcome for free – please bring proof of address. Dogs on leads welcome. Please note our gate and tearooms are cash only.

After a good walk treat yourselves at our licensed tearooms which will be open all day serving hot food, tea, fresh coffee and cakes. Please check the website for any updates or further information www.chippenhamparkgardens.info. These will be the last Open Garden dates of the year so don't miss the chance to visit!



Tree Works

Chippenham Park Farm & Estate will be carrying out hedge and tree works along the Chippenham to Snailwell Road due in mid-September. It won't involve traffic measures but will be quite dramatic as it involves pollarding the trees/hedges and removing ivy to try to regenerate growth and return the area to a hedge. The Forestry Commission has approved and given a methodology, as well as ear-marking the good trees to retain and the dead and dying ash to cut out.



ARTS & COMMUNITY GROUP

Did you know that there is now a theatre in Soham? A late 19th century mill has been converted into a centre for arts, cultural and community activity.

Viva produces their own productions and well as providing a hosting venue for other performers. Shows range from musical performances, comedy nights and dramatic and musical shows.

The venue is also a cinema and screens both current and classic films. They regularly hold Silver Screenings where, for just £5, you can enjoy a matinee film on the big screen. A hot drink and slice of cake is also included in the price.

19th September Roman Holiday

17th October The Fabelmanns

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Cricket Club



Can the Alan Wright Development Fund help you?

Many of you will have known Alan Wright, who died unexpectedly last year. He was at the centre of our village community, always active and supporting activities that took place in Chippenham. To help ensure Alan's contribution to the local community is remembered the Cricket Club has set up The Alan Wright Development Fund.

The Fund is aimed at helping individuals better themselves and/or attend training that will enable them to help others improve. Alan was helped himself by a scholarship to Bedford School. This undoubtedly helped him achieve his full potential. His long and distinguished career in teaching helped many to develop and flourish. During his working life and in retirement, his desire to volunteer was one of his many virtues. Therefore, setting up a fund in his name aimed at supporting others to do the same thing seemed an appropriate way of remembering him.

The initial contributions to the fund came from the donations made at Alan's funeral. The cricket club will also contribute an amount each year to the Fund. The club will also hold additional fundraising initiatives to boost the fund each year.

The fund is not necessarily just available to use for cricket related activities and the Fund's committee welcomes applications for funding from the wider community. We feel this is important as it reflects the fact that Alan's contribution to the local community extended beyond the cricket club. Applications for funding of between £50 and £300 are welcome.

For applications to be viewed in a fair and structured manner the committee will only review applications made on the Fund's application form. The application form and further information about the Fund can be found on the Cricket Club's website at the following link:

<https://www.chippenhamcricket.co.uk/aw-development-fund>

Completed application forms should be sent to **cricketchippenham@gmail.com**

Donations will be made quarterly. Applications for donations can be made by the last day of each quarter, (June 30th, September 30th, December 31st and March 31st). An announcement informing people of the successful bids will be made by the 10th of the month following the application deadline.

Before making your application, you should consider if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- 1.** The request supports an initiative that will help an individual or group develop themselves in such a way that will result in others benefiting.
- 2.** The request supports an individual or group in taking advantage of a rare opportunity and the experience is expected to have a positive impact on their future development.

Please remember completed application forms should be sent to:

cricketchippenham@gmail.com

If you would like to make a contribution to the Alan Wright Development Fund you can do so by transferring your donation to the cricket club bank account using the reference AWDF. The club's bank details are as follows: **Bank: Nat West, Sort Code: 60-15-47 Account number: 44392583**

Chippenham Cricket Club Update

The 2023 season has been another busy one for the club. At the time of writing there is still a month of the season to go but the league programme is almost completed and our 1st XI have already been crowned League Champions for the second season running. It has been great to see Harry Grant, Jo 'Chop' Heather and Sophie Hughes who all grew up in Chippenham making significant contributions in the 1st XI success this summer. In addition, Bobby East who joined the Chippenham junior ranks at the age of six has had another extraordinary season with the bat, scoring 5 centuries and will easily finish the top run scorer in the league.

Our Saturday 2nd XI consolidated their position in Division 4 and finished the season with two great wins against Wisbech and then Burwell in their final league game of the season.

Our Sunday side led by Ashley Brown has had another packed fixture list, starting on April 16th. Weather permitting they have played every Sunday and will continue right through to October 1st. At the time of writing they have won 9, lost 6 and drawn 3 matches. We have also fielded a Sunday 2nd XI eight times this summer.

Our Womens team has continued to grow and are now playing hardball and softball cricket. Their first season of hardball cricket has been a challenge and despite only winning one match the improvement is clear to see and their enthusiasm is as strong as ever. We were more successful in the softball format where our experience ensured we won most of our matches.

We had 130 juniors join our Monday night cricket sessions this summer (aged 5-15 years) and all our Junior teams had successful seasons. The stand out performance was from our U15 side who reaching the final of the Cambridgeshire Cup narrowly losing to Cambridge St Giles in the final.

This summer we also reintroduced the Village side, made up of players who live in Chippenham. Led by Paul Mangell they played 5 evening matches in the middle of the summer. They proved a great success and it was really nice to see a few new faces from the village giving cricket a go.

Although the summer is nearly over we do have a winter programme starting after the autumn half term for all ages from 7 years and above. So if you would like to get involved with the club either by getting involved in playing or supporting with the running and administration of cricket at Chippenham, then please drop us an email at: [**cricketchippenham@gmail.com**](mailto:cricketchippenham@gmail.com) and we will be back in touch to explain more.

Devils Dyke Morris Men

Morris Dance is a great way to keep fit, meet others and helps to keep an ancient tradition alive. Its also free to join! We would also like to hear from any dancers or musicians who would like to join us at our practice sessions in Bottisham.

For more information, contact: Gordon Heald on **01223 833983** or bagman@devilsdykem.org.uk or visit www.devilsdykem.org.uk



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The new year for subs begins on 6th April 2023. Thanks to the 24 people who have already paid their £5 subs for the period from April 2023 to March 2024. If you want some oil in October, please ensure that you have paid the subs before ordering. The next order deadline will be on 21st November 2023

Please send your orders to:
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Chippenham Speed Data

Chippenham Speed Sign Data						Issued: 04/09/2023
Speed Sign Number	Location		Recording Start Date	Recording End Date	Towards The Sign	Away From The Sign
One	Village Hall, High Street		01/07/2023	01/08/2023	To Kennett	To Fordham
Vehicles Direction	Average Speed (mph)	Maximum Speed (mph)	Maximum Number per Hour	Numbers for the Month	Averaging 30mph & Below (%)	Averaging 31mph to 35mph (%)
Towards The Sign	23.96	80	255	63529	90.58	7.34
Away From The Sign	25.74	109	200	67739	81.89	14

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Two	Old School, High Street		01/07/2023	01/08/2023	To Fordham	To Kennett
Vehicles Direction	Average Speed (mph)	Maximum Speed (mph)	Maximum Number per Hour	Numbers for the Month	Averaging 30mph & Below (%)	Averaging 31mph to 35mph (%)
Towards The Sign	25.76	65	170	54370	85.78	11.78
Away From The Sign	26.51	64	180	47599	80.62	16.62



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Towards The Sign	23.85	69	200	65913	91.4	6.87
Away From The Sign	25.72	88	225	69343	82.2	13.92

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Towards The Sign	25.31	64	305	56630	87.68	10.35
Away From The Sign	26.11	65	155	49277	83.21	14.5



SAVE THE DATE, SPREAD THE NEWS!
WE ARE PLANNING FOR OUR ANNUAL AMAZING
TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS
MARKET



This year St Margaret's Church has joined forces with Chippenham Cricket Club to help us deliver this increasingly popular event. The event is an important fundraiser for St Margaret's Church and will continue to help with the upkeep of this 900 year-old building while also helping to support the cricket club provide cricket facilities, matches and training sessions in the village for males and females of all ages.

As in previous years there will be an exciting variety of different stalls, old favourites and newcomers. We also request your support especially for our Church stalls which benefit us directly.

If you have cleared out, have unwanted gifts or want to see family treasures benefit others please donate - Bric-a-brac, collectables or gifts for our Gifts Galore stall. We can take donations between now and mid-November. If you can help, please contact Isabel Cross at Paddockwood or email us at chippenhamchristmasfair@yahoo.com us with a brief explanation on what you can donate.

Most important is spreading the load. We would appreciate more willing hands, for the evening team itself and for putting the church back to normal on the Saturday. If you could do an hour or two on the rota, please email us at chippenhamchristmasfair@yahoo.com and we will be in touch to discuss how you can help.

Chippenham Christmas Market
experience the sparkle of Christmas