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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.

Council Minutes

Copies of the parish council meeting minutes can be found on the village website at www.chippenhamcambs.info

Planning Applications

All planning applications can be viewed on the East Cambridgeshire District Council website at www.eastcambs.gov.uk

Newsletter Deadline for next edition: 20th February 2024 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

Potholes and Other Road Maintenance Issues

These can be reported by anyone on Cambridgeshire County Council's website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Cover Credit: thank you to Andy Tiley for providing the cover photos for this and the previous two editions of the newsletter.

Parish Council Update

Work has been progressing on the Pride of Place project at the Under 12s Play Area. Bulbs have now been planted in the two flowerbeds and three native cherry trees have been planted.

The Parish Council has submitted a funding bid to Cambridgeshire County Council for better signage and road markings for the bends near the La Hogue Road. We will hear later in the year if the bid has been successful.

Meanwhile, the work on the previously successful funding bid is now programmed to commence sometime in January (weather permitting). This work is to provide solid white lines to deter overtaking at the Parkside entrance and exit to the village and to move the 30 mph zone further out of the village.

The decision on the Sunnica NSIP was due in December but has been postponed until 7th March.

The council has been in discussion with the landowner of the stretch of land leading to the public footpath off Isleham Road. They have agreed to cut back the hedgerow to restore the original width of verge.

The council will be holding an Information Morning on 24th February for residents to find out more about Chippenham creating their own Neighbourhood Plan. Please see article on page 4.

The parish council budget for the 2024/25 year has been set. The council has worked hard to keep the increase to a minimum whilst still being able to provide services and facilities for Chippenham. The overall parish council precept will rise by £1400 which equates to an additional £6.18 per year per Band D household; so just over 50p per month.

The parish council has one vacancy for a councillor. If you would like to get involved in the community and can spare a few hours a month then please contact the Clerk on clerk@chippenhamcambs.info

A Neighbourhood Plan for Chippenham?

The parish council are considering producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Chippenham.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development, regeneration, and conservation of an area. It is a document that contains planning policies for the use and development of land in a locality. These plans are powerful because they are written by local residents who know and love their area, rather than by the local planning authority. They allow communities to set out their vision for their area and have a say in where new homes and other developments should be built, and what they should look like. Importantly, they are also used to define and protect open spaces, wildlife and habitat.

What do we need from the community?

At this point, the parish council is gauging interest in taking this plan forward, as commitment from the community is key to making a successful plan. To help residents find out more, we will be holding a drop-in Open Morning on Saturday 24th February 10am-12pm. Please do come along to find out more.

Chippenham Neighbourhood Plan

Saturday 24th February 2024

Open Morning 10am-12pm

Village Hall

Refreshments Provided



What's on in Freckenham

January - March 2024

Meet Up Monday at the Village Hall 2 – 3.30pm. Free event.

Farmers Market with some Crafts 27th January. 10 – 12 noon, regular stalls. Entry free. Refreshments available of hot & cold drinks, bacon rolls and homemade cakes.

First Friday of Month Film Nights 2nd Feb Leap Year £7 a person with free popcorn. Doors & Bar opens 7pm, film starts 7.30pm.

Table Top sale (indoor car boot) Sat 3rd or 10th February 2–4pm. Date tbc. Free entry and refreshments available.

Farmers Market with some Crafts 24th February. 10 – 12 noon, regular stalls. Entry free. Refreshments available of hot & cold drinks, bacon rolls and homemade cakes.

First Friday of Month Film Nights 1st March Film TBA £7 a person with free popcorn. Doors & Bar opens 7pm, film starts 7.30pm.

Farmers Market with some Crafts 23rd March (week early) 10 – 12 noon, regular stalls. Entry free. Refreshments available of hot & cold drinks, bacon rolls and homemade cakes.

First Friday of Month Film Nights 5th April Film TBA £7 a person with free popcorn. Doors & Bar opens 7pm, film starts 7.30pm.

New seated yoga class Wednesday mornings 10am with Suzy (British Wheel of Yoga). Contact 07548 898775 to register your interest and get more details.

Just keep looking out and/or follow us on Facebook as more events are planned. freckenhamvh, Freckenham Community Group, Freckenham Film Nights and of course the website or VH mobile 07542 198 933.

Weekly events check website if attending for first time or after a break. Under 5's paused again too many other groups on Wednesdays! <https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/>

Under 5's again Wednesday 10 – 11.30am, <https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/>



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Chippenham 100 Club Winners

Winners for September 2023:

1st	Michael Custance	£40
2nd	Mark Daniels	£20
3rd	Yvonne Lomas	£10

Winners for October 2023:

1st	Dennis Gilbert	£40
2nd	Fiona Maxwell	£20
3rd	Cliff Spruce	£10
Bonus	Paul Tuli	£60
Bonus	Andy Warburton	£60

Winners for November 2023:

1st	Andrew Berry	£40
2nd	Andy Richardson	£20
3rd	Tim Cooke	£10

Winners for November 2023:

1st	Mark Daniels	£40
2nd	Rob Findlay	£20
3rd	Julie Andrews	£10

VILLAGE HALL

The hall and committee room are available for private hire.

The village hall is suitable for parties, group meetings, social events, exercise classes and entertainment

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

Rates from just £6 per hour.

For availability please call Pat on 01638 721324

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. His long 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 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.

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 can be found on the Cricket Club's website at the following link: **www.chippenhamcricket.co.uk/aw-development-fund**

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 benefitting others.
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 send completed application forms to **cricketchippenham@gmail.com**

St Margaret's Church

By the time you read this, I'm sure quite a few New Year's Resolutions will have been made and broken. Not so much the ones like "lose weight" or "eat more fruit" which can't really be judged in the short term, but certainly the make-or-break ones like "stop smoking".

That's because resolutions require resolve! It's not enough just to have a feeling that something would be a good idea – resolutions must spring from deep within us where our willpower wrestles with the force of habit and our fondness for instant gratification.

Willpower must also battle with inertia, and impatience – we must be ready to put in the effort to change, and we must be in it for the long haul. When two people marry, so popular songs have it, they say "I do" – well, they don't! They say "I will" – they engage their willpower and look to the long term, not just the present moment.

A New Year's Resolution that is actually worth making, and actually worth sticking to, is really more of a New Year's Revolution – a turning away from how we *have been* to aim at what we *intend and resolve* to be.

The Biblical word for that kind of turning is "repentance", and it's far more than just being sorry, or *saying* sorry. Biblical repentance is about changing our minds, and redirecting our thoughts and actions – our whole lives. It may sound a bit strange to think of "deciding to lose weight" as "repenting of eating so much" but that's basically what it means!

Thinking about "New Year's Repentance" opens up a whole range of possibilities which we might not have thought of. How about resolving to be more humble, get angry less, be less greedy, to spend more of our time and resources on *relationships* than on *things*? These are a lot harder to measure than weight, or how often we eat our "five a day", but they are far more long- and far-reaching in their impact on our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

Jesus called his followers to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. So how about if we all resolved to be brighter and more salty? More ready to challenge the dark, and more prepared to get stuck in and preserve our world from decay? More ready to keep our eyes and ears open to what's wrong, and our mouths open to call it out? More ready to stand against injustice and oppression, more ready to extend a welcoming and helping hand to those in need, more ready to break out of our entrenched positions and see the world from someone else's viewpoint?

Those sound to me like New Year's Resolutions worth making!

Rev'd Steve Day

Church Services

4	February	4pm	Evensong
11	February	11am	Morning Prayer
18	February	11am	Eucharist
25	February	11am	Morning Prayer
3	March	11am	Eucharist
10	March	11am	Morning Prayer
17	March	11am	Eucharist + Baptism
24	March	11am	Group Service – Isleham Palm Sunday
28	March	7pm	Holy Communion – Maundy Thursday
31	March	11am	Eucharist – Easter Day



Chippenham Village Tennis Club



AGM

Our AGM will be held at Chippenham Village Hall in March with further details to follow. Drinks and nibbles will be served and all members are welcome.

Memberships

All 2024 Chippenham Village Tennis membership renewals will be released at the end of January. Please look out for an email from us through Clubspark or you can contact us on the email below for further details on joining the club.

If you would like to join the tennis club or have any questions, please contact us on our new email:

chippenhamvillagetennis@gmail.com

Tennis Court Rules

Members only

Children must be supervised by an adult at all times

Tennis court shoes or non-marking soled trainers only

No skateboards, bikes or scooters allowed on courts

No pets allowed on courts

Unwind nets after use

Ensure clubhouse and courts are locked when finished

Please leave courts clean and tidy

Chippenham Park Gardens 2024

Chippenham Park Gardens will be extending our open gardens for 2024. We will be open to the public everyday from Saturday, 20th January–Friday, 29th March 2024 inclusive, 10am–4pm (last entry 3pm). Followed by 3rd April 2024 – 9th June 2024 (Wednesday–Sunday – excluding Saturdays). Please always check the website before you visit for any last minute updates.

Delicious sausages and soup, home-made cakes and other refreshments are available from our tearooms. Cash Admission £7, children aged 5–16yrs £3. Villagers on foot are welcome for free – please bring proof. Dogs welcome on leads. We can't wait to welcome you back in the new year.





Take a trip back to Hawkins, Indiana: 1983... when times were simpler, hair was bigger, and unsupervised children were getting snatched by inter-dimensional creatures. **STRANGER SINGS!** The Parody Musical is a hilarious 'upside down' take on the hit Netflix series – and all its campy 1980s glory. Join Mike, Eleven, Lucas, Dustin, and the whole Hawkins gang for a night of adventure, thrills, pubescent

angst, heavy synth, poor parenting, convoluted love triangles, cheap effects, dancing monsters, and maybe, just maybe... justice for everyone's favorite missing ginger, Barb Holland. Tickets will be released 15th January for performances on **27th February – 2nd March**.

Thursday 25th January – 7pm Joseph Fiennes (The Handmaid's Tale) plays Gareth Southgate in James Graham's (Sherwood) gripping examination of nation and game. The country that gave the world football has since delivered a painful pattern of loss. Why can't England's men win at their own game?



Tuesday 13th February – 2pm

Loosely based on the 1969 Agatha Christie novel Hallowe'en Party. In post-World War II Venice, Poirot, now retired and living in his own exile, reluctantly attends a seance. But when one of the guests is murdered, it is up to the former detective to once again uncover the killer.

Upcoming Auditions



Workshop



£68.50 FOR THE WEEKEND WORKSHOP INCLUDING T-SHIRT AND TICKETS TO THE SHOWCASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION EMAIL jessicabea76@gmail.com

Weekday Classes/Groups

Tuesday (10am) – Yoga Path with Vimala

Contact: Vimala at yogapathuk@gmail.com or 07984 582214

Tuesday (3.45 – 5.15pm) – Youth Project – drawntofantasy

Contact: Sophia at sophia@cambridgeonline.org.uk

Wednesday – Kirsty's Baby Massage and Yoga

Baby Massage (10am) Mum and Baby Yoga (12pm)

Contact: Kirsty at kirstybabymassage@gmail.com

Thursday – Big Little Yogis

Movers & Shakers (9.30am) Movers (10.30am)

Contact: Kim at biglittleyogis@gmail.com

Cricket Club

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**At Chippenham Cricket Club - located inside the beautiful
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We have 7 adult teams including a Ladies team and 7 Junior teams including Girls teams. We have weekly practice sessions during the summer (start April 15th) for all ages and abilities led by male and female ECB qualified coaches. To find out more and how you can get involved this summer

Call/text Darren on 07881818047 or email the club at cricketchippenham@gmail.com

TO ALL DOG WALKERS

I am really fed up with dog walkers leaving poo in my field and also on the tracks, and have also been told even on the pavements in our beautiful village.

Last week I picked up three separate lots on one walk round our field. I appreciate that at this time of year we may walk in the dark, so all dogs should have some sort of lighted collar, or be on the lead, and all walkers should have a flashlight.

How difficult is that? Also put it in one of the bins provided or take it home.

If this carries on we will lock the field gates.

If you own a dog you do have to pick up the poos as these are highly noxious for children and horrible to tread in.

I hope all conscientious dog walkers will say something if they see others not picking up, I know some already do so well done to them.

Please make this year a safer healthier year, with no dog poo left on the ground.

Linda Porter-Cohen

(07712 820830)

DOG BIN ON THE PADDOCKS

The dog bin at the paddocks/football play area is emptied by a very kind councillor. Please do not overfill the bin. It is a very unpleasant job at the best of times and stacking bags of poo on top just make the job even more unpleasant. There are dog bins at both end of the public footpath which runs along the top of the paddocks/allotments.

Thank you

Chippenham Parish Council



Chippenhams Seniors' Xmas Lunch

In December the annual Christmas lunch for Senior residents was held at the Potting Shed in Chippenhams Park.

A traditional turkey dinner and a glass or two of wine was enjoyed by many residents.

Events are held throughout the year.

If you would like to come along then please contact Isobel Mangell to be added to the contact list. 01638 721211.



Thank you to the organisers and sponsors
Macro (c/o Rob Evans) for providing the turkeys

Musks of Newmarket for providing sausages

Hugo and Becca Nicolle for providing wine and the venue

The following people for organising the event and providing transport

Wendy & Nick Parsons

James & Louise Hurst

Peter & Fiona Maxwell

Isobel Mangell

Thanks also to Megan Desborough, Yvonne Hawkins
and Nick Bennett for helping on the day

Heating Oil Co-op

Deadline for ordering – midnight TUESDAY 20th February 2024

If you would like some oil, please send me your order by card or e-mail by the deadline above.

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6. It is **your** responsibility to ensure that you get a response from me. If you do not, then I did **NOT** receive your order, and it cannot be included in the Co-op order.

The new year for subs begins on 6th April 2024. The £5 subs cover the period from April 2024 to March 2025. Subs contribute to ICT costs, any excess is paid to the fabric fund of our beautiful Church of St Margaret of Antioch. That excess stands at £70 so far this period. The next order deadline will be in April 2024

Please send your orders to:
jamesghurst@outlook.com or a card to **47 High Street**

Mereside Medical are pleased to announce that they will be submitting a full detailed planning application for a new Staple Medical Centre building imminently.

As many of our patients are already aware, there have been long-standing discussions to build a new modern healthcare facility within the proposed Soham Eastern Gateway housing development. We know that our patients want a new building. In a recent survey, 93% of 270 patients who responded were supportive of a new, larger, fit for purpose building.

We believe it is now critical that new medical centre premises are built and operational as soon as possible, to keep up with further housing development in Soham, Fordham, Isleham, Chippenham, Wicken, and the other surrounding villages that we serve.

The new building is future-proofed to serve around 32,000 patients: almost double the size of the current building, c.100 parking spaces, and an integrated retail pharmacy. The extra space will enable us to offer a wider range of services and an increase in the number of face to face appointments. There is room to extend the building in future, subject to demand and affordability. All being well, this planning application will be submitted in January 2024.

Please check our website or Facebookpage for updates. www.meresidemedical.nhs.uk/news/.

**Mereside Medical are the GP partnership that operates:-
Staple Medical Centre. Cathedral Medical Centre,
& Haddenham Surgery. Same people, new name.*

Mobile Library

The mobile library calls at 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.

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Chippenham Speed Data

Chippenham Speed Sign Data						Issued: 09/01/2024
Speed Sign Number	Location		Recording Start Date	Recording End Date	Towards The Sign	Away From The Sign
One	Village Hall, High Street		01/12/2023	01/01/2024	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	23.19	83	235	53934	93.47	5.13
Away From The Sign	24.99	83	185	55574	85.46	11.52
Chippenham Speed Sign Data						Issued: 09/01/2024
Speed Sign Number	Location		Recording Start Date	Recording End Date	Towards The Sign	Away From The Sign
Two	Old School, High Street		01/12/2023	01/01/2024	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	23.95	75	160	44710	92.43	6.48
Away From The Sign	24.71	63	175	42770	90.02	8.6
						



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