

CHIPPENHAM AND BADLINGHAM NEWSLETTER

March/April 2024 Edition



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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. The April meeting will take place on Monday 15th April 2024.

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 April 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 photo.

Parish Council Update

Thank you to the residents who came along to the Neighbourhood Plan Open Morning. There was a good turnout and interest in the proposal. The council will decide in March whether to take this plan forward.

Work is still scheduled for the road safety improvements at Parkside Corner. Originally Highways said that this would be carried out in January but it seems their priorities are elsewhere at the moment.

The decision on the Sunnica NSIP is due on 7th March. The parish council has continued to support the views of the majority of residents when asked to do so by the Secretary for State.

The hedge near the junction to the Isleham Road has now been cut back making the verge wider.

A few village road signs are showing signs of rust in their supports and have been reported to Cambridgeshire County Council for repair.

The parish council was dismayed to hear that both the Cricket and Bowls clubs have been broken into recently and had equipment stolen. If you see any suspicious activity, please contact the Police.

Finally, there is one vacancy on the parish council at the moment. If you are interested in getting involved or want to find out more, please contact the Clerk at clerk@chippenhamcambs.info

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The parish council is considering undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan to help shape the future development of the village. An Open Morning was recently held in the village hall where information was made available to explain the purpose and scope of a Neighbourhood Plan.

This information is now available on the council's website at www.chippenhamcambs.info/neighbourhood-plan

If you would like to know more or get involved, please contact the Clerk at clerk@chippenhamcambs.info

What's on in Freckenham

March-April 2024

Meet Up Monday at the Village Hall 2 – 3.30pm. Free event but donation appreciated. Sometimes a carpet bowls mat &/or table tennis table is there for people to have a go.

First Friday of Month Film Nights 1st March Film *Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day* Comedy & Romance £7 a person with free popcorn. Doors & Bar opens 7pm, film starts 7.30pm.

Talk A life Illustrated in Print Fri. 15th March It starts with early photography when Rev Charles Dodgson met Lewis Carroll. Alan was blooded in the roaring presses of Fleet St., he taught, researched and travelled the world in new technology, then succumbed to motivational advertising. An hours entertaining romp. Doors & Bar open 7pm, talk starts 7.30pm Free event but donations to Ely Baby Bank & Freckenham Village Hall appreciated.

Farmers Market with some Crafts 23rd March 10 – 12 noon regular stalls & some new ones, Fruit and Veg stall from Plantation Farm, West Row, maybe plants. Entry free. Refreshments available of hot & cold drinks, bacon rolls & homemade cakes. Next one 27th April will definitely have plants for sale!

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

Saturday 6th April *Back at last Creative Arts East supported event The Pocket Choral Society!* Bill Bailey meets The Archers! A evening of laughter and singing. Doors & Bar open 7pm performance starts 7.30pm. Tickets £10 pre-book to avoid disappointment & how many chairs to put out! VH mobile 07542 198 933, email freckenhamvh@outlook.com. Raffle.

Friday 12th April Cash Quiz Night with professional quiz master, booking is advised on VH mobile or facebook message. £3 per person Max team of 6. Doors & bar open 7pm quiz starts 7.30pm. Can each team bring a raffle prize. All proceeds to village hall funds.

New seated yoga class Wednesday mornings 10am with Suzy (British Wheel of Yoga). Contact 07548 898 775 to get more details.

We already have Yoga, Pilates, Karate, FitSteps, Circuits, Table Tennis & Dance Club sessions! Just keep looking out &/or follow us on Facebook as more events are planned. Join us on facebook [freckenhamvh](https://www.facebook.com/freckenhamvh), Freckenham Community Group, Freckenham Film Nights and of course the website or VH mobile 07542 198 933. <https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/>



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Chippenham 100 Club Winners

Winners for January 2024:

1st	Michael Custance	£50
2nd	Len Byatt	£20
3rd	Shona Rutherford	£10

Winners for February 2024:

1st	Mandy Blackwell	£50
2nd	Mark Connelly	£20
3rd	Peter Maxwell	£10
Bonus	Michael Custance	£60
Bonus	Kathy Doyle	£60



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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**

Chippenham Village Tennis Club



Come and join us!

If you and your family would like to play tennis and use our courts, please join Chippenham Village Tennis Club by scanning the QR code or visiting our Clubspark page for further details.

CLUBSPARK



AGM

Our AGM will be held at Chippenham Village Hall on Monday 25th March at 19:30. Drinks and nibbles will be served and all are welcome to join us.

If you have any questions please contact us on
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

**SUMMER CLUB
NIGHTS WILL
COMMENCE ON
THURSDAY 4TH APRIL
AT 6PM**

St Margaret's Church

You may have come across the online game Wordle.

If you haven't, it consists of guessing a 5-letter word by putting in a series of your own words. Each time you put in a guess, the game shows you how close you are to the hidden word: the right letters in the right places are green, the right letters in the wrong places are yellow, and letters which don't belong there at all are grey.

There are 6 guesses available, and it usually takes me 4 of them to find each day's word, but my wife normally gets it in 3! If Wordle is too easy for you, there's Quordle where you have to solve 4 Wordles simultaneously. If words aren't your thing, there's Nerdle where you have to guess an arithmetic sum, and Worldle where you have to guess a country from its outline.

Because we humans live most of our lives with insufficient information. We are good at picking up clues, spotting patterns, filling in gaps from our experience and general knowledge, and drawing conclusions as best we can.

In the Gospels we see that Jesus' followers had the same issue: they heard what Jesus was saying, saw what he was doing, and tried to put that together with what they understood from their Bible. They had the clues and made their guesses as to who Jesus was and what he was doing. Some of their guesses were spot on, some were in the right direction, but in the 'wrong place'. Some they just got wrong: those ideas didn't belong with Jesus at all.

They struggled along, and at one point it seemed that they'd got everything wrong – on the first Good Friday they saw Jesus crucified, dead, and buried. But then a couple of days later they got the biggest and best clue of all: Resurrection!

Then gradually, the 'letters' started to fall into place: Jesus was God, come to be one of us, and his purpose was to give us all a way back to God, forgiven and accepted.

If there are things in your life just now which feel as if they don't belong, or as if they're in the wrong places, don't despair – have another look at the Easter story. Take heart from those first disciples' experience, put Jesus in as the first clue, and God will help you put whatever else is happening into a new and better perspective.

Revd Steve Day

Church Services

3	March Lent 3	11am	Eucharist <i>Steve Day</i>
10	March Mothering Sunday	11am	Morning Prayer <i>Mark Walsh</i>
17	March Lent 5	11am	Eucharist + Baptism <i>Steve Day</i>
24	March Palm Sunday		
25	March Holy Monday		
26	March Holy Tuesday		
27	March Holy Wednesday		
28	March Maundy Thursday	7pm	Holy Communion <i>Steve Day</i>
29	March Good Friday		
30	March Holy Saturday		
31	March Easter Sunday	11am	Eucharist <i>Simon Talbott</i>
7	Easter 2	11am	Eucharist <i>Steve Day</i>
14	Easter 3	11am	Morning Prayer <i>Mark Walsh</i>
21	Easter 4	11am	Eucharist <i>Simon Talbott</i>
28	Easter 5	11am	Morning Prayer <i>Terri Robertss</i>



Chippenham Park Gardens 2024

2024 Open Garden Dates

Chippenham Park Gardens is currently open to the public every day until Friday, 29th March 2024 inclusive, 10am–4pm (last entry 3pm). Please note Friday, 29th March 2024 is our annual Easter Egg Hunt – please visit our website to book tickets for this one day event. 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 of ID. Dogs welcome on leads.





22 March 2024

Upcoming Shows

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£5.00



5 April 2024

Upcoming Shows

The Amazing Sammy Magic Show LIVE!

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£7.00 - £10.00



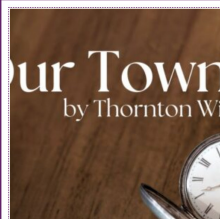
16 April 2024

Upcoming Shows

The Miracle Club (12A) - Silver Screening

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£5.00



24 April 2024 - 27 April 2024

Featured on homepage

Our Town

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£14.00



2 May 2024

Upcoming Shows

National Theatre Live: Nye

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£11.50 - £13.00



4 May 2024

Upcoming Shows

Viva Workshop - Shakespeare - From Page to Stage with Peter Bradley

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£12.00 - £18.00



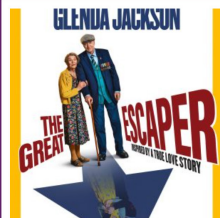
17 May 2024

Upcoming Shows

Ceri Dupree - Immaculate Deception

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£17.50



21 May 2024

Upcoming Shows

The Great Escaper (12A) - Silver Screening

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£5.00



9 March 2024

Workshops

Viva Workshop - Sound and Light

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£0.00



16 March 2024

Upcoming Shows

The Rocky Horror Cabaret Show

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£10.00



17 March 2024

Upcoming Shows

Protected: Viva Awards 2024

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21 March 2024

Upcoming Shows

National Theatre Live: The Motive and the Cue

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

Heating Oil Co-op

Deadlines for ordering midnight TUESDAY 16th April 2024

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

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
5. And of course, how many litres you want and whether you want just that quantity, or a fill up if possible. Please remember that the legal minimum per address is **500 litres** (*trading standards rules*)
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 June 2024

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

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: 01/02/2024	
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	23.66	62	270	56136	92.19	6.2	
	Away From The Sign	25.62	78	240	58589	82.27	13.74	
Chippenham Speed Sign Data							Issued: 01/02/2024	
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	24.6525.28	59	260	45200	90.93	7.76	
	Away From The Sign	24.71	65	200	42914	87.77	10.63	
								

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New Volunteer Cambs website calls on the local community to make their mark with volunteering

A new website has been launched by **Support Cambridgeshire**, promoting exciting opportunities for residents of Cambridgeshire to explore volunteering near them.

Whether you have 10 minutes to spare or 10 hours, in a few clicks you can be matched with an organisation or group in the community which inspires you to make your mark, expand on the skills you already have, discover new ones, unlock your potential or create lasting friendships with like-minded people.

All you need to do is visit the **Volunteer Cambs** website at volunteercambs.org.uk, create an account and hey presto! At the click of a button, you can find the ideal cause to support right on your doorstep.

"Volunteering is not just about helping others", say the creators of the new volunteer matchmaking service – "it's also about what they'll get in return. This includes a sense of purpose, wonderful experiences, and a whole lot of thanks from the causes they are helping"

Volunteer Cambs works by asking organisations and groups to load up their opportunities and profiles directly so there's always something new for a volunteer to look at every time they visit the site. And the good causes who are promoting their work benefit by having a continuous stream of potential volunteers.

The website has also had backing from the Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. Speaking about the launch of Volunteer Cambs, Dr, Nik Johnson said: *"The role of volunteers in supporting our local communities is crucial, and it's always humbling to see the efforts of our residents who give up their time and skills to support the causes that are important to them. I'm hugely excited about the impact the Volunteer Cambs portal is set to make in matching volunteers with the organisations that need them - and am proud to see our region leading the charge and shining an even brighter light on the importance of volunteering and making connections like never before."*

An enquiry form featured on the website will help groups and volunteers match up, contact each other, and there is even a chat function for those who want to dip their toe in first. Would be volunteers can search for opportunities by location if transport is an issue, for instance, or by topics that match their skill set and interests.

Mark Freeman, CEO at Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service, Volunteer Cambs lead partner continued: *"Volunteers benefit from knowing they can make a real positive difference and have a strong impact on their local area. And anyone can volunteer, you could be retired, a skilled professional, a student, a family who want to volunteer together, or even a corporate team. Sharing talents with others connects all of us in a really special way and can boost our mental health and well-being too by helping us to feel valued, knowing that what we do as volunteers is appreciated and respected."*

The Volunteer Cambs team will be out-and-about across in Cambridgeshire over the coming year. You can also keep an eye on the site for more information and inspiring stories and photographs of great volunteer/group matches transforming lives and raising awareness of the value, impact and importance they're having in their local area.

To find out how you can match your precious time to local good causes visit volunteercambs.org.uk. It all starts with one act of kindness.

VILLAGE HALL

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East Cambridgeshire
District Council

Businesses encouraged to apply for grants of up to £30,000

Growing and innovative businesses in East Cambs are being encouraged to apply for a grant of up to £30,000.

The money can be used to create or safeguard jobs or bring new products to market. Businesses can also use it to invest in new technologies, processes or measures to improve productivity.

Grants will be made from two funding streams provided to East Cambridgeshire District Council by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. £208,000 has been allocated from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and £102,511 through the Rural England Prosperity Fund.

The programme is open to any existing SME businesses located within the district with an annual turnover of less than £10million.

Applicant businesses should have in place a strong business plan that:

- demonstrates plans to grow the business
- how funding will be used to support this growth
- where applicable how funding will support job creation including apprenticeships
- how the funding will support the business to respond to market changes
- a clear delivery plan for the project that funding is supporting
- how the funding will be of benefit to the wider local economy, for example, supply chain.

Businesses can apply for the funding between Monday 1 April 2024 and Friday 27 September 2024 and if successful grants will be awarded within six weeks of a Full Application being received. Interested businesses can submit an Expression of Interest form from 1 April.

The minimum award available to any successful applicant is £5000 and the maximum award is £30,000. Access to grant funding for those businesses who are approved will be up to a maximum of 80% of the total project cost.

Cllr Alan Sharp, Chair of the council's Finance and Assets Committee, which approved the funding, said: "We are delighted to once again be in a position of encouraging local businesses to invest in East Cambridgeshire. We are particularly keen to hear from enterprises that want to grow or expand, helping to create new jobs and invest in technology and processes for the future.

"Our last funding pot exceeded £600,000 and supported the growth of 30 businesses including Cathedral View Childcare, Studio Nova, Mill Rose Telecom and Demcom."

More information, including eligibility criteria and the application form, can be found at www.eastcambs.gov.uk

Any enquiries regarding guidance should be directed to: kieran.carr@eastcambs.gov.uk



THARP ARMS - UPCOMING EVENTS

We are showing the Guinness Six Nations Rugby, live on our big screen:

Sat 9th March

Italy v Scotland 2.15

England v Ireland 4.45

Sunday 10th March

Wales v France 3pm

Sat 16th March

Wales v Italy 2.15

Ireland v Scotland 4.45

France v England 8.00



Street Food

March

Friday 1st 5-8 The noodle & dumpling bar

Friday 8th 5-8 Aroy D Thai

Friday 15th 5-8 Steak n Honour

Saturday 16th 5-8 Pizza Passione

Friday 22nd 5-8 Hitwrap

Friday 29th 5-8 Pigs in Trailers

April

Friday 5th 5-8 Aroy D Thai

Saturday 6th 5-8 Papas Locas

Friday 12th 5-8 Hitwrap

Saturday 13th 5-8 Pizza Passione

Friday 19th 5-8 Steak n Honour

For further updates please check out Tharp Arms Facebook page and the chalk boards out the front.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Bev and Tom