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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 Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 13th May at 7pm. All welcome.

#### **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 June 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

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#### **Parish Council Update**

The parish council has voted to create a Neighbourhood Plan for Chippenham. When completed, this document will form part of the planning policy guidance for East Cambs District Council. There is a lot of work to do. The council would be interested to hear from anyone who would like to get involved. Perhaps you have a particular interest in ecology, wildlife, outdoor leisure, facilities for children and young adults, footpaths and rights of way. All of these elements and more will be incorporated into the Plan and we need residents to help shape it into a meaningful document for the future. If you would like to know more then please contact the Clerk.

A start date of 22nd May has been set by Cambridgeshire County Council for the road safety improvements at Parkside. Solid white lines will be painted on the road to denote no overtaking and the 30mph zone will be moved further out of the village past the white gates, to help slow traffic as it approaches the village. The work is due to take approximately five days and at times the road will be closed.

Several blocked and damaged drains have also been reported along with the ubiquitous pot holes and damaged signs. Any issues with roads, pavements, trees or signage can be reported by anyone at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk The decision on the Sunnica NSIP has been postponed again until 20th June.

Finally, there are two vacancies 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* 

#### Chippenham Village Hall 100 Club

Winne	rs for March 2024:		Prizes are drawn monthly, when three
1st	Paul Landini	£40	winners are chosen at random from all the participating numbers. First prize is
2nd	Keith Lomas	£20	£40, second prize £20, third prize £10,
3rd	Anna-Marie Grant		in addition to which two bonus prizes of
Winne	rs for April 2024:		£60 each are drawn three times a year.
1st	Mark Connolly£40		The cost of membership is £24 a year and all profits help maintain the Village Hall.
2nd	Eva Pentove	£20	For more details contact:
3rd	Hannah Rivers	£10	Chris Mason on 01638 720427



#### Parish Councillor Vacancies

Have you ever considered joining the parish council?

If you would like to get involved in local government and make a real difference in your community, read further...

Community Impact: As a parish councillor, you have the opportunity to directly influence decisions that affect your local area. Whether it's planning issues, community events, or local services, you can be a voice for your neighbours and work to improve the quality of life for everyone in your community.

Representation: Parish councils are the most local level of government in the UK. By joining your parish council, you can ensure that your community's interests and concerns are heard and addressed by higher levels of government.

Get Things Done:in order for the parish council to deliver on projects and its aims, the council needs a full complement of councillors to share in the vision and drive forward council initiatives.

Learn and Grow: Serving as a parish councillor can be a valuable learning experience. You'll gain insight into how local government operates, develop new skills, and build relationships with fellow councillors and members of the community.

Make a Difference: Ultimately, becoming a parish councillor is about making a positive difference in your community. Whether it's through small, everyday actions or larger initiatives, you have the power to contribute to the betterment of your local area and the lives of the people who live here.

So, if you're passionate about your community and eager to get involved in shaping its future, consider becoming a parish councillor. It's all about working together to create a stronger, more vibrant community.

The parish council meets once a month on the second Monday of the

The parish council meets once a month on the second Monday of the month. All meetings are open to the public. Come along and see what it's all about. We're a friendly bunch

For more information contact the Clerk at clerk@chippenhamcambs.info



#### What's on in Freckenham

#### May-June 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 3rd May Living

Set in London in the 1950's is the story of an ordinary man, reduced by years of oppressive office routine to a shadow existence, who at the eleventh hour makes a supreme effort to turn his dull life into something wonderful. Stars Bill Nighy & Amiee Lee Wood. Film PG-13 1 hr 42 mins. £7 a person free popcorn. Doors & Bar opens 7pm, film starts 7.30pm. Next film June 7th – *The Holdovers* – Paul Giamatti and Da'Vine Joy Randolph TBC.

Farmers Market with some Crafts 25th May 10 – 12 noon Fruit and Veg stall from Plantation Farm, West Row, along with our usual stalls and more stalls outside (weather permitting). Lots of local garden plants, veg and bedding plants being sold for charity. Entry free. Refreshments available of hot & cold drinks, bacon rolls & homemade cakes. Next market dates 29th June then a break till 28th September.

Yoga (& seated), Pilates, Karate, FitSteps, Circuits, Table Tennis & Dance Club sessions all you can just turn up but best to contact tutor if you have not been before or had a break! Pilates is book a block of lessons.

We are looking at putting on extra one off events so just keep looking out &/or follow us on Facebook as more events are planned. Join us on facebook freckenhamvh, Freckenham, Suffolk Community Group, Freckenham Film Nights & the website https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall



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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



#### **Club Nights**

Now the evenings are lighter and warmer weather is hopefully on the way, our Thursday evening Club Nights have commenced! Please come and join us from 6pm with all abilities welcome.

#### **May Tennis Tournament**

Our Summer Tennis Tournament is going to be held on **Sunday 19th May from 1pm** followed by a BBQ. Entry is £5 and we welcome all members of all abilities to join us.

Thank you to those who have already joined or renewed membership for 2024. We are always welcoming new members so please do send us a message to join

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

#### **Tennis Club**

The Tennis Club is now back playing on a Thursday night - between about 5:30-7pm. Please just turn up and play, all abilities are welcome and it is a great way to improve and meet other players. If you are yet to join as a member please see our website for further details https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ChippenhamVillageTennisClub

We have a Spring Tournament on Sunday the 19th May at 1pm followed by a BBQ. All are welcome. The tournament is accessible for all levels and abilities as there is a clever handicap system to challenge the more experienced players and give a bit of support to those less confident. We play in pairs and these change every game so you get to play with and against different people. Do come along and get involved even if you haven't played much before. All are welcome to come and watch and participate in the BBQ!

We have had huge success with filling our junior coaching which is now full and takes place between 2:30-6:30 on a Saturday afternoon. Please be aware the courts are both being used at this time. If you wish to book a court and are unable to, please contact one of the committee so we can register you on the booking system.

Polite request for anyone from the village who has once joined but now is not a member please can we have your key back so we can give these out to other people. You will get a refund on the key deposit!

Date for the diary, the Autumn Tournament will be held on Sunday 8th September, again at 1pm followed by a BBQ.



#### **Local Affordable Housing**

Allocation of the affordable housing at the new housing development in Kennett has opened. For more information visit www.kennettclt.org Please note, the website says that the closing date for applications was 31st March 24 but, at the time of going to press, the parish council was told that there were still houses available.

#### **Chippenham Park Gardens 2024**

2024 Open Garden Dates

Chippenham Park Gardens is currently open to the public every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday until Sunday, 9th June inclusive (excluding Sunday, 2nd June), 10am-5pm (last entry 4pm). The gardens will close for Summer on 9th June - so don't miss out! Reopening for the autumn colours on Saturday, 19th October and Sunday, 20th October. 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.





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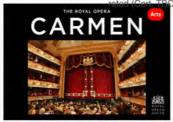
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Wed 1 May 18:45



ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 2024: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Thu 30 May 19:20



ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 2024: THE WINTER'S TALE

Wed 22 May 19:15



STAR WARS: EPISODE I - THE PHANTOM MENACE

Sat 4 May 15:00

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#### St Margaret's Church

The Eurovision Song Contest happens in May. It's always a fun occasion in the Rectory: we get lots of unhealthy snacks, print out our bingo-cards and scoresheets, and make a night of it.

The music is always a wild mish-mash of styles, both musical and visual, ranging from the amazing to the truly dreadful. It's formulaic enough to make bingo-cards possible, but at the same time capable of springing genuine surprises. It's both political and also gloriously mould-breaking as the performers stand, at least for a while, for all that's good about varied human cultures.

The only mistake is to take it too seriously, because that means missing out on the fun.

The Church's celebration of Pentecost also happens in May, and each year I'm struck by the parallels.

At the first Christian Pentecost, the Church launched in a blaze of pyrotechnics and a blast of sound. It attracted a multi-ethnic, multi-lingual crowd, some of whom were disapproving, but most of whom were captivated – both by the spectacle and by the message of peace and reconciliation which transcended their differences.

As the Church has grown and spread around the world over the intervening centuries, it has become even more diverse in language, culture, and expression of faith – not all of which have been healthy. Underlying it all, though, the person of Jesus has not changed: he is the point of unity which links together all that diversity.

The Eurovision Song Contest ends with judgement being delivered by professional juries and by the popular vote. There is a winner, and sometimes some go away completely empty handed and unappreciated.

This is where Pentecost is radically different: there are no losers in God's kingdom, nobody gets 'nul points'. God's promise is that everyone who turns to Jesus gets forgiveness, new life, and the Holy Spirit. "This promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away" as Peter said to that excited crowd, "then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

You may or may not watch Eurovision, and you may or may not already have experienced God's Holy Spirit at first hand. Both need to be approached with an open mind, but unlike Eurovision, you don't need to wait till a particular date to meet with God. Why not give it a go?

Revd Steve Day

#### **Church Services**

5	May	11am	Eucharist
12	May	11am	Morning Prayer
19	May	11am	Eucharist + Baptism
26	May	11am	Morning Prayer
2	June	11am	Eucharist + Baptism
9	June	11am	Morning Prayer
16	June	11am	Morning Prayer
23	June	11am	Location and time TBC

Churchwarden Contact Details:
Paul Mangell
Harryman4859@gmail.com
07762 101975



#### **Cricket Club**



The Chippenham cricket season is now underway. If you would like to get involved in our club, which has played a key role in the local community for over 30 years, then please get in touch or come down to the ground one evening or at the weekend to see some cricket and find out more. We have opportunities for everyone from 5 years upwards to get involved. Here is what we have going on at the ground this summer:

#### **Junior Cricket**

For school years 1 & 2 we have two sessions.

Kwik Cricket on Monday evenings 5.15pm-6pm from April 15th to July 22nd and All Stars on a Sunday morning 9.30am-10.30am for 8 weeks starting 12th May.

**For school years 3 & 4** there is training and coaching every Monday 5.15pm-6.15pm and cricket festivals on Sunday mornings.

For school years 5 & 6 there is training and coaching every Monday 5.15pm-6.30pm and the opportunity to play in matches during weekday evenings.

We also have a **Girls only group** on a Monday for school years 3-6 (softball) 5.15pm-6.15pm and on a Thursday (6pm-7pm) for school years 7 & 8. Girls in school years 9, 10 and 11 are welcome to join our Ladies Training on Thursdays 7pm-8.30pm.

**For school years 7 & 8** there is training and coaching every Monday 6.30pm-7.45pm and the opportunity to play in matches during weekday evenings.

**For school years 9, 10 & 11,** there is training and coaching every Monday 6.45pm-8.15pm and the opportunity to play in matches during weekday evenings and for our adult teams at the weekend.

#### **Adult Cricket**

We have two league teams playing every Saturday afternoon and training on a Monday night 6.45pm-8.15pm.

We have a Ladies Hardball and Softball Team. They train on Thursday nights 7pm-8.30pm and play matches on Sunday mornings.

We have two teams playing friendlies on Sunday afternoon and training on a Monday night 6.45pm-8.15pm.

We have an evening Midweek XI playing 20 Over Cricket in the Haverhill & District League every Wednesday evening until the end of July.

We have a Village side made up solely of people living in Chippenham, Freckenham, Snailwell and Badlingham who play a number of friendly games on a Friday evening over the summer.

We have a team who play 10 Midweek afternoon games across the summer.

If you want to get involved but don't want to play there are lots of other ways to do so. We provide umpiring and cricket scoring training for anyone who is interested. We are very grateful for the support we get from the members of the village who provide cricket teas on Sundays and help to looking after the facilities and the ground. Or if you just fancy coming down and watching a few games please do. Between May and mid July there is some form of cricket going at the ground virtually every night and weekend cricket continues until the third week in September.

For more information email the club at **cricketchippenham@gmail.com** and/or come down to the club and see us. You can also pick up a fixture card at the Tharp Arms.



#### The Chippenham Challenge 2024 – Raising Awareness of Type 1 Diabetes

170 miles, 6 cyclists, 2 days... 1 team!

When: Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May, 2024

My name's Shona Rutherford, and a massive thank you for taking a few moments to read about the Chippenham Challenge.

Anyone who's been diagnosed with, or lives with a family member or friend with Type 1 diabetes, will recognise the endless finger prick tests, injections, highs, lows, sleepless nights and disrupted days that are common place following diagnosis. However, with careful planning we can all make the most of life, embracing and encouraging the use of technology available to help with living with Type 1 Diabetes.

Everyone can live their lives to the fullest!

The Chippenham Challenge is a bike ride from Chippenham Sports Club in Wiltshire to Chippenham Cricket Club in Cambridgeshire. The two clubs are often confused with one another due to their name, however their locations are approximately 170 miles apart on a cyclist's route.

Myself, Greg Hooley, Mark Hooley, Liam Ward, Richard Ward and Will Tate are taking part in the challenge which starts at Chippenham Sports Club (Wiltshire). Our route will take us through a variety of roads and recognised cycle routes as we cycle our way through the countryside in Wiltshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. Our journey will take 2 days and we will cover approximately 85 miles each day, so roughly 7–8 hours in the saddle each day!

We're raising funds for JDRF (the leading global type 1 diabetes charity) and Chippenham Cricket Club, our local Cricket Club who have supported a number of T1Ds (including Sophie Hughes, Liam Ward and myself) through their T1D journey and have encouraged them to embrace sport at the highest level.

Help us make a difference to the lives of people living with T1D, their families and friends by supporting this fundraiser, any amount however small will help make a difference.

Thank you for supporting this fundraising effort!

More information on JDRF and Chippenham Cricket Club can be found on their respective websites.

#### **Heating Oil Co-op**

### Deadlines for ordering midnight TUESDAY 11th June 2024

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- 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 began 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.

The next order deadline will be in August 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: 03/04/2024					03/04/2024	
Speed Sign Number	Loca	tion	Recording Start Date	Recording End Date	Towards The Sign	Away From The Sign
One	Village Hall,	High Street	01/03/2024	01/04/2024	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	23.48	59	280	70351	92.88	5.76
Away From The Sign	25.15	79	170	62142	84.13	12.61
Chip	Chippenham Speed Sign Data Issued: 03/04/2024					
Speed Sign Number	Loca	tion	Recording Start Date	Recording End Date	Towards The Sign	Away From The Sign
Two	Old School,	High Street	01/03/2024	01/04/2024	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	25.23	68	135	49781	88.45	9.9
Away From The Sign	25.59	72	235	61123	86.32	11.96
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#### Why Dogs Are Not Allowed in Children's Play Areas

Dogs in children's play areas pose significant risks to health and safety. Here's why they are not allowed in the Chippenham Play Areas.

**Toxocariasis:** This dangerous infection is caused by roundworm parasites commonly found in cats, dogs, and foxes' faeces. Children and young adults are particularly susceptible when they come into contact with contaminated soil or grass.

**Health Hazards:** Dogs can carry harmful bacteria such as E.coli and hepatitis in their faeces. These pathogens can be transmitted to children who play in the same area, leading to potential health issues.

**Injury Risk:** Dog bites and attacks can and do happen. In the UK, there are over 7,000 hospital admissions annually due to dog-related incidents, with children under 10 being the most affected group.

The two play areas in Chippenham are clearly fenced off and have **NO DOGS** signage. There are plenty of other areas to exercise dogs. Please do not take your dog in the play areas. Even if it is just to cut the corner off your daily walk!

Guide dogs for the visually impaired are the exception-they're always welcome.

And while we are on the subject, please be mindful of watching your dog and clearing up after it. There are dog bins all around the village.

Please do not overfill the dog waste bins. It's a really unpleasant job to empty them at the best of times, but when bags are left on the lid it makes a bad job even worse.



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 £10 per hour. For availability please call Pat on 01638 721324



#### Plea for hedgehog sightings to be recorded on interactive map.

As sleepy hedgehogs emerge from hibernation this spring, residents are being asked to record their sightings on an interactive map.

The BIG Hedgehog Map (www.BigHedgehogMap.org) enables sightings of hedgehogs from across the UK to be recorded, helping conservationists understand where they're living and where they most need help.

The BIG Hedgehog Map is run by Hedgehog Street, a nationwide campaign between wildlife charities People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) and The British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) which empowers members of the public to help hedgehogs.

The BIG Hedgehog Map records sightings from all over the UK, but now includes a section specifically for hedgehogs seen in East Cambridgeshire.

Emma Danielsson, East Cambridgeshire District Council's Climate Change and Natural Environment Officer, said: "In a public vote, hedgehogs were chosen as the endangered animal residents would most like East Cambridgeshire District Council to support.

"Working with Hedgehog Street, The BIG Hedgehog Map has been adapted so we can specifically record hedgehog numbers in East Cambridgeshire.

"Anyone who spots a hedgehog should go to BigHedgehogMap.org and record their sighting under the East Cambs Hedgehog Hero tab in the regional menu.

"Last year only 56 hedgehogs were recorded on the map in East Cambridgeshire. We hope that with support from residents that number will soon rise."

Grace Johnson, Hedgehog Officer for Hedgehog Street said: "PTES & BHPS' State of Britain's Hedgehogs 2022 report revealed that hedgehog populations have declined by between 30 – 75% across the countryside since 2000, with the largest declines seen in the East of England. This is extremely concerning, and is largely down to lack of suitable habitat and habitat fragmentation. But thankfully there are lots of simple ways everyone can help to turn their fate around."

If you have a garden, create a 13cm x 13cm square gap in fence (known as a 'Hedgehog Highway'), or dig a channel underneath to allow hedgehog access to other gardens. You can also put out clean, fresh water in a shallow dish, meaty cat or high-quality hedgehog food, and leave areas of the garden to grow wild to provide space for them to forage, nesting sites and natural food sources.

The council is also taking steps to help hedgehogs thrive as part of new development. It is proposing to put in place planning policies which ask developers to install 'hedgehog highways' between new gardens, together with requirements for hedgehog friendly planting such as native hedgerows.

Emma added: "As their name suggests, hedgehogs love hedges, so the more hedges we plant as part of new development the better."

The policies will be contained in a Hedgehog Recovery Supplementary Planning Document, a draft of which is due at to be considered at the council's Finance and Assets Committee on 28 March 2024, followed by public consultation in spring. The final policies will be adopted later this year.

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The results are in! Find out who the public said they would like to see perform in Cambridgeshire libraries this spring...
The Library Presents has unveiled its highly anticipated spring programme, created with the input of over 570 local residents. The spring line-up is set to be one of the most exciting in the programme's six year history and features music, puppetry, dance, circus, theatre, and storytelling events.

Loyal fans will recognise a few firm favourites on the programme with hugely popular events such as The Opera Dudes, Samba Drumming and Fused Glass workshops set to return. However, the local community also expressed an appetite to try something new, so this season welcomes some intriguing new acts, including Conception Mary Shelley: The Making of a Monster, when Mary has a brutal confrontation with her creation; while families are invited to come on a magical journey into the plant world in a theatrical piece, The Greenhouse. Other highlights include music performances spanning a range of genres, a selection of workshops, as well as theatre productions and puppetry performances.

Thanks to public funding from Arts Council England, tickets are affordably priced between £2 and £10, with concessions available.

With events hosted in 19 libraries across the county, guest can look forward to a unique and intimate experience, quite unlike anything offered by a traditional theatre or larger entertainment venue.

Take a look at the full programme schedule, pick up a brochure and purchase tickets in libraries and online www.library.live/the-library-presents.





#### THARP ARMS - UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you to all our customers for supporting our community pub, it's a great place to catch up with friends and find out about events in and around our village.

We host a meat draw every Sunday at 3pm, everyone welcome to take part, plus there is also a chance to win the bonus cash prize (as much as £500!)

We will be hosting 'Music In The Garden' this summer, so keep an eye on the chalkboard outside and also the Tharp Arms Facebook page for upcoming events.

## Street Food & Events May June

2nd	Devils Dyke Morris Men 7.45	7th	Hitwrap HK Street Food 5-8
3rd	Aroy D. Thai Street Food 5-8	14th	Aroy D. Thai Street Food 5-8
10th	Hitwrap HK Street Food 5-8		
17th	Steak 'n' Honour Street Food 5-8	15th	Wrapunzel Street Food 5-8
24th	Aroy D. Thai Street Food 5-8	21st	Steak 'n' Honour Street Food 5-8
31st	Wrapunzel Street Food 5-8	28th	Pizza Passione Street Food 5-8

We also cater for private functions, so please do not hesitate to contact Bev & Tom directly.

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