

Chippenham Park Open Days

February 11th & 12th "Snowdrop Weekend Walks"

Entry £3 per adult, children free

Open 11am - 4pm Dogs on leads only

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April 2nd "Daffodil Sunday"

refreshments in aid of the Tennis Club

Entry £4 per adult, children free

Open 11am - 5pm      Dogs on leads only

## School House Yard Sale

As some of you may know we have taken the opportunity to move to Australia for a few years. Sadly not all of our furniture will fit the new house in Sydney and so we are hoping to find good homes for it.

On **Saturday February 25th** we will be holding a "yard sale" at the **School House** from **10am to 1pm**, to which you are all welcome.

Items include a sofa, chairs, 2 desks, 2 wardrobes, chests of drawers, sleigh-style cot, baby changing station, coffee tables, shelving units and much more. We hope to see you all there! *Sean & Moira Newell, 720180*

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## Chippenham Music and Talent Night 2006

This annual event will take place on **Friday April 21st**. Everyone is very welcome to 'do a turn' - music, dance, sketch, stand-up! Please contact Paul Mangell on 721211 to book your spot! Young, old and in-between are all encouraged to give it a go; if you would like material or ideas please contact me. This year the whole of the second half will be a comedy - watch this space for more details.

More info on tickets in the next Newsletter.

## Charity Rock and Pop Event

King Edward V11 Hall, Newmarket

Friday February 24th      Tickets £10

Doors open 7.30pm      Music 8 - 9.30pm

In order to raise money for Racing Welfare and Fairstead House School, several local bands and musicians have got together with guest vocalists to perform a variety of rock and pop classics. Two of the bands have their roots in Chippenham, Jordan Miller's 3-piece 'The Sound', and Sean Newell, Tim Hedger and Paul Mangell's group, 'The Reverbs'.

It will be a great show with support from many famous racing names. If you would like a ticket please contact the box office at Fairstead House 01638 662318.

## Village Hall Annual General Meeting Monday March 20th, 7pm, Village Hall



### **New World**

### **Montessori Nursery School**

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## "HealthWise"

Happy New Year to everyone. I know that for some people the early months of a new year are what they dread the most. So far January of this year has been very dull with less than the average amount of sunlight. Most of us feel better when we see the sun but some people actually feel the loss of the sunlight, or more particularly, the daylight to such an extent that they actually suffer from depression. This is what we call S.A.D. (Seasonal Affective Disorder) or the winter blues. Obviously there is nothing we can actually do to make the daylight hours longer or to make the sun shine, but there are ways in which we can try to combat some of the symptoms of this condition.

When the weather is dull, dark and gloomy we often spend much more time indoors than in the better brighter weather. This means we do not get sufficient fresh air, and more importantly, exercise. A brisk walk will do wonders for lifting the mood and improving a sense of well-being. If it is too cold or wet to get outdoor exercise still try to exercise indoors. If you have stairs in the house use the bottom stair as a step and just keep stepping on and off it. It will help you to lose those extra pounds which have crept on over Christmas too. A complete Hoover of the house will also give you a decent workout as well!

Take some supplements and make sure that they contain the B vitamins which are linked to mood. Avoid too many sugary foods as these can cause mood swings if not part of a healthy balanced diet. The herb St. John's Wort is well documented as being useful in mild states of depression but if you are already on medication check with your G.P. first. Make sure that you look after yourself and do some fun things. Company and laughter are among the best treatments around. If you have a serious problem with S.A.D. do try the light boxes which give the same effect as natural sunlight and have proved very successful. Most health magazines have advertisements for them, especially at this time of the year. Remember, it will soon be Spring! Stay well.

*Maureen Penney*

### Megan's Pet Sitting Service

If you are going away for the day  
or on holiday and need somebody  
to take care of your pets, help is here!!!

Happy new year to all my customers and their pets.

If you are interested, give me a call: 01638 720062.

### Chippenham Women's Institute

Our meeting in February is on Weds 15th, when we will welcome Adrian Kidd for his talk: "From Chippenham Park to Chelsea Flower Show". The competition is for the prettiest button. In March we have our AGM on Weds 15th at which we select our new committee members and President. We look forward to another enjoyable year's programme of talks and outings.

Our meetings all start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

*Ginette Hawes (President), Tel: 781127*

*Eileen Smalley (Secretary), Tel: 720453*

.....*Advance Notice*.....



## MUSIC IN THE PARK



CHIPPENHAM PARK

Saturday 17th June at 7.30pm

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*Tickets are limited so order yours early*

*For reservations: please place your money in an envelope with your name, address, and telephone number on the outside. Cheques should be made payable to 'MUSIC IN THE PARK'. Deliver to 41 New Street, Chippenham or the Vicarage at Chippenham. Your tickets will be delivered to your address.*

### Stamp Appeal

For many years, Ginette Hawes has been collecting used British and foreign stamps and sending them to various charities. During the period April to December 2005 she sent off a total of 71,992 stamps. And since she started she has collected and sent 805,185!! This is a great achievement: well done Ginette. The appeal is still running, so please send your used stamps to Ginette Hawes, 26 East Road, Isleham, Ely, CB7 5SN.

### A Wonderful Visit to Egypt

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Follow in the steps of Moses, then relax by the Red Sea for swimming, snorkelling and shopping.

Dates are provisionally 6th-17th February 2007, with deposits payable by the end of May.

For full information and itinerary, contact the Revd Stephen Earl, 01638 741262, email: earls@fish.co.uk

**Next issue** Please send all notices and news for the next issue to the Editor, Judy Broadway, 50 High Street, Chippenham, 720619, by March 23rd.  
E-mail me at [j.broadway@dial.pipex.com](mailto:j.broadway@dial.pipex.com)

## **Chippenham Cricket Club**

Chippenham Cricket Club **Annual General Meeting** will be held at the **Tharp Arms** on **Tuesday February 7th** with a **7.30pm** start. As usual, the meeting will include an election of officers and everyone is welcome, both members and non-members.

Playing members in particular are strongly encouraged to attend as, although every effort is made to stop the meeting becoming too dry (a few ales tend to be quaffed!), important decisions regarding the future of cricket in the village will be taken.

### Coaching sessions

The club has begun a weekly junior coaching session in Mildenhall every Saturday morning up to and including March 25th. Each session lasts from 10am to noon and costs just £1 per head with transport provided. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Darren Hughes on 01638 720915.

Coaching for children under nine will take place at the Village Hall between 5pm and 6pm every Tuesday, beginning on February 21st and running through until the end March. There will be no charge and children can turn up on the night, but if you wish further details please contact Darren.

### Molehill damage limitation

Like much of the rest of this part of the world, the cricket ground is currently inundated with molehills. A **work party** is being organised for **Saturday February 4th** at **10am** to try to sort out the problem before preparations begin for the new season and any help would be much appreciated, especially from those people who walk their dogs up at the ground. If you could spare an hour or two, please contact Kevin Pallant on 01638 720415.

### New members

Anyone wishing to join the Club is encouraged to ring Darren on 720915 or, even better, come and have a chat at the AGM.

## **PATIENT & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH**

Ever thought about becoming a volunteer?

At this time of year when we are about to make a New Year's Resolution, why not make one that will take you out to meet people and to help your community?

Your local 'Patient and Public Involvement in Health Forum' is looking for new members in this area. If you have some time on your hands and are a user of the NHS, which most of us are, you are eligible. You don't need to have a background in healthcare, merely an interest in it. The Forums are made up of local people who are interested and enthusiastic about the health of their local community making sure that the local NHS is able to effectively and efficiently meet the health needs in the area. This is a government initiative which gives the Forum the right to examine services provided by all NHS providers and to make suggestions for improvements. They deal with a wide range of issues, yet many people have never heard of PPI Forums, which is a terrible shame.

If you would like further information on PPI Forums you can contact the Forum Support Organisation on 0845 0093477.

Why not make that New Year's Resolution one that helps the whole community?

## **Newmarket Business Awards**

Congratulations to Brian Wilson (Newmarket Financial Planning), who's won the Newmarket Business Award for the most Innovative use of Technology, and Peter & Fiona Maxwell, who have won a Highly Commended for their business, the New World Montessori Nursery. Two great honours for Chippenham residents. Well done!

### **Village Hall 100 Club latest winners**

December : 1st: £20 Eddie Bloye,  
2nd: £10 Eileen Smalley, 3rd: £5 Dona Nobbs  
January: 1st: £20 Christine Harmer,  
2nd: £10 Daphne Hamer, 3rd: £5 Mrs Page

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# Parish Council News

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## Chippenham Village Appraisal

We have now completed the preliminary analysis of the information from the Appraisal questionnaires, and some clear patterns emerge.

On the **Environment**, Recycling (80% of respondents) and Reducing Traffic (73%) are seen as the key issues. And almost 50% would like improved public transport: currently only 5% use the bus as their major means of transport. People in Chippenham take recycling seriously: 87% use the bottle bank, 71% the newspaper bank, and 65% the plastics bank. Over 50% use the kerbside collections for recycling/organic waste.

**Traffic** is predictably a major issue: "reduce traffic .... too many lorries .... slow down the traffic... stop the never-ending lorries cutting through Chippenham...".

And there is support (58%) for having a Spring Clean Day twice a year.

On **Law and Order**, people seem generally satisfied with the services provided. The police were rated lower than Fire and Ambulance, but only 12% thought the police normal service was poor. 25% thought they were good or reasonable. However theft and vandalism were the two areas of crime which most concerned people, and 61% would like a greater police presence in the village. 54% would like to see more activities for young people.

On **Planning**, the overwhelming response is that Chippenham should stay as it is. "Keep Chippenham a rural village".

Only 38% have ever visited the **village website**.

Under **Local Amenities**, 65% would like to see a community shop in the village, 53% a meeting place for older people, and 47% an improved playground for smaller children.

These are a few of the points which emerge from a preliminary analysis. During the first two weeks of February we would like to visit some of those who agreed to be interviewed in order to explore these issues more fully. In fact, more people volunteered to be interviewed than we can manage. We will therefore select 20 people at random, and if we don't call on you but you would like to express an opinion, please contact either Nick Parsons on 721791, or myself on 721393.

We hope to have the final analysis completed by the end of February.

*James Broad*

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## Dog owners: keep it clean

The Parish Councils have had a lot of complaints about dog mess in New Street and Tharp Way, Chippenham and Church Lane and round The Green in Snailwell, even on the pavements. There is a dog mess bin in New Street by the allotments so there is no excuse not to dispose of the droppings. Please have some consideration for others and clear up after your pets.

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## High Street shrubs

Will residents of High Street Chippenham please note that the Parish Council has received complaints about bushes, trees and shrubs in front gardens which overhang the pavement. Please keep this foliage trimmed back, as it is easy for pedestrians to walk into overhanging branches in the dark.

*THE NEXT MEETING of Chippenham Parish Council will be held on Wednesday February 22nd at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Snailwell Parish Council's next meeting is on Wednesday March 8th, at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church.*

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## New Editor for the Newsletter

As many readers will know, the present Editor of this Newsletter is moving away from Chippenham, probably within the next three months. The Parish Council is keen for the Newsletter to continue, although the new Editor will be able to change the style as he/she sees fit. The post is unpaid, the Parish Council pays for printing costs. So if you are interested in helping our communities keep in touch with news and events, please contact Kevin Pallant on 720415, Sally Hughes on 720915, or for more information as to what is involved, Judy Broadway on 720619. The new Editor will probably take over after the next issue, i.e. from the June issue onwards.

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## Chippenham's 30mph Zone

Following recent accidents at the Parkside/Chippenham Lodge corner the Parish Council has asked the Highways Department to move the 30 mph zone back past the entrance to the Chippenham Lodge Conference Centre. The PC is concerned about the amount of vehicles over many years that have misjudged this bad bend. The Highways Department has refused our idea saying that it would not help slow traffic down and speed limits make no difference to drivers' behaviour anyway. We have asked them for positive ideas to help us make this bend safer for drivers and pedestrians. We look forward to their positive response.

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## Refuse collection trials

The District Council has been carrying out alternate-week refuse collections in Witchford, with marked success. It's hoped that gradually the trial will be expanded to cover the whole District. Over 120 Councils are already using this system including neighbouring councils like South Cambs and Forest Heath.

On the first week, the black bag is collected as usual. On the second week the black recycling box is collected together with the brown sack, which can include kitchen/food waste. This means that food and kitchen waste are never stored for more than a week. The idea is to improve recycling, achieve a reduction in land-filled waste and economize financially (to keep down Council Tax).

At present, East Cambs recycles 27% of household waste: our target for the current year is 33%. We landfilled 20,674 tonnes of waste in 2004 and need to reach a target of 16,078 tonnes in 2009/10. Failing to reach the target will penalise us by £150 per tonne. We estimate this will cost ratepayers around £939,000, or to put it more succinctly, a £29.03 increase in Council Tax per household.

The trial in Witchford has produced a 52% increase in green waste and a 26% reduction in landfilled waste. If we could achieve this throughout the District we would not be facing penalties. So it looks inevitable that in a few years we will all be on alternate-week collections for our refuse. *District Councillors: Michael Allan (744050), John Abbott (720706)*

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## Firework danger in Snailwell

On the evening of Christmas Day around 6pm, some very noisy fireworks were set off in the middle of Snailwell. They terrified pets and horses, and caused one young colt to damage a leg in its fright. Would whoever was responsible please inform all their near neighbours in advance when they next plan to set off such loud bangers. At least then we can be ready to calm our animals without risk of their injury.

# The Parish Churches of Chippenham & Snailwell

## Church Diary

### February

- Sun 5th** Fourth Sunday before Lent (G)  
*1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39*  
Holy Communion Chippenham 8am  
Family Service Snailwell 9.30am  
Family Service Chippenham 11-11.45am
- Sun 12th** Third Sunday before Lent (G)  
*1 Corinthians 9:24-end Mark 1:40-end*  
Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am  
Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am
- Sun 19th** Second Sunday before Lent (G)  
*Colossians 1:15-20 John 1:1-14*  
Matins Snailwell 9.30am  
Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am
- Sun 26th** Sunday next before Lent (G)  
*2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9*  
Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am  
Choral Matins Chippenham 11am

### March

- Weds 1st** Ash Wednesday  
Communion Service at Isleham, 7.30pm
- Sun 5th** First Sunday of Lent (P)  
*1 Peter 3:18-end Mark 1:9-15*  
Holy Communion Chippenham 8am  
Family Service Snailwell 9.30am  
Family Service Chippenham 11-11.45am
- Sun 12th** Second Sunday of Lent (P)  
*Romans 4:13-end Mark 8:31-end*  
Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am  
Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am
- Sun 19th** Third Sunday of Lent (P)  
*1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22*  
Matins Snailwell 9.30am  
Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am
- Sun 26th** Mothering Sunday (P)  
*Exodus 2:1-10 John 19:25b-27*  
Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am  
Special Service Chippenham 11am

### April

- Sun 2nd** Fifth Sunday of Lent (P)  
*Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33*  
Holy Communion Chippenham 8am  
Family Service Snailwell 9.30am  
Family Service Chippenham 11-11.45am
- Sun 9th** Palm Sunday (P)  
**Sun 16th** Easter Day (W)

## Mobile Library timetable changes

Please note that the Mobile Library will visit on alternate Thursdays from February onwards. Times are: Roman Way, Snailwell 10.30-10.45am  
Tharp Arms, Chippenham 11-11.15am  
The next visits are on Feb 2nd, Feb 16th, Mar 2nd, Mar 16th, Mar 30th, Apr 13th and Apr 27th.

*From the Three Rivers Curate: Mike Banyard (721616)*

What a fantastic Christmas. It was tremendous to have the churches so full at both Snailwell and Chippenham over the Christmas season. The extra chairs in Chippenham at the Christmas Eve Carol Service certainly made for a reverent atmosphere: thanks for being with us. It made our celebration of the real meaning of Christmas so much deeper. I did visit one school where the Christmas play performed by the older children, was a spoof on the Sound of Music. The children's play was called the "Sound of Christmas" and the main song was, "The tills are alive with the sound of Christmas." In the midst of so much consumerism these days and attendant temptations, it was very good to see the children show that giving to others, being aware of others, of the true value of real gifts, is a part of what happened and happens at Christmas. It gave me much to think about; and it was good fun and they obviously enjoyed it too.

It seems incredible that over a year has passed since the tsunami in south East Asia. A whole host of other natural disasters has plagued so many in other parts of the world too, eliciting from those of us with so much a further generous and heartening response. It is much less easy to predict natural disaster than some of the other catastrophes and tragedies that happen to so many. And yet our response to both tells us much about our deepest held beliefs and real views about how we should treat others, and by definition, how we feel about ourselves.

We are truly blessed in our villages here, with no apparent threat like earthquake or tidal wave to engulf and overwhelm us. So it is good, from time to time, to stand back and give grateful thanks for the developed sense of neighbourliness and community in Chippenham and Snailwell, which witnesses friends and neighbours caring for each other in need, looking out for each other when we are in trouble or in deep sorrow, and comforting each other when personal tragedy strikes. Sharing our pain and being aware of the deepest needs of others is a mark of our common life. We give thanks every week in St Peter's and St Margaret's both for the good things of life, and for those tragedies, those moments when we question what is happening, when the unexpected hits us. Day by day in church, we pray for those in need, those in sickness and those responding to challenging changes in personal circumstances.

**The FAMILY SERVICES at Snailwell (9.30-10.15) and Chippenham (11-11.45) will now always be on the first Sunday of every month. Do join us for these times set aside to worship, pray and praise God for all that he has done and is doing for us. It might just make all the difference.**

February 28th is SHROVE TUESDAY, Pancake Day.

March 1st is ASH WEDNESDAY, the start of LENT.

God bless. Mike

## Chippenham Sunday School

The Sunday School now runs on every Sunday except on Family Service (first Sunday of the month) and specific Holy Days (Easter, Christmas Day etc).

The venue is the Village Hall starting around 10.45am and finishing around 11.45am. We then go to the church for the end of the service. All children are welcome to attend – we have 3 age groups, 2-5s, 5-8s and 8-12s. There is no charge and all materials are supplied. Children are welcome to attend on an 'as and when' basis.

Paul Mangell

# The Parish Churches of Chippenham & Snailwell

| Chippenham Sunday Rota                                                                    |               |               |                     |                |                         |               |                     |               |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| SUNDAY                                                                                    | February 5th  | February 12th | February 19th       | February 26th  | March 5th               | March 12th    | March 19th          | March 26th    | April 2nd    |
| SIDESMEN                                                                                  | Anne          | Jan           | Ian                 | Brian          | Anne                    | Jan           | Ian                 | Brian         | Jan          |
| READERS                                                                                   | Anne          | Eileen        | Chris               | Brian          | Nicola                  | James         | Jan                 | Helen         | Eileen       |
| WINE                                                                                      | Kevin & Linda | Tim & Beth    | Brian & Jennifer    | Isabel & Terry | Paul & Isobel           | Sean & Moira  | John & Helen        | Fiona & Peter | James & Jan  |
| CLEANING                                                                                  | Paul & James  | Fiona & Mandy | Judy, Eileen & Mary | Julie          | Paul & James            | Fiona & Mandy | Judy, Eileen & Mary | Julie         | Paul & James |
| FLOWERS                                                                                   | Joyce         |               | Helen               |                | <i>Lent, no flowers</i> |               |                     |               |              |
| <i>Please note Judy Gear (Tel: 721081) is happy to act as sidesman if anyone is away.</i> |               |               |                     |                |                         |               |                     |               |              |

| Snailwell Sunday Rota                                                                                                                            |                  |                    |
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|                                                                                                                                                  | Readers/sidesmen | Flowers & Cleaning |
| February 5th                                                                                                                                     | Betty            | Muriel & Maureen   |
| February 12th                                                                                                                                    | Muriel           | Bryan & Betty      |
| February 19th                                                                                                                                    | Charles          | "                  |
| February 26th                                                                                                                                    | Michael          | Liz & Hannah       |
| March 5th                                                                                                                                        | Maureen          | "                  |
| March 12th                                                                                                                                       | Helen            | Gaynor & Sue       |
| March 19th                                                                                                                                       | Gaynor           | "                  |
| March 26th                                                                                                                                       | Betty            | Muriel & Maureen   |
| April 2nd                                                                                                                                        | Muriel           | "                  |
| <i>If these dates don't suit, please swap.<br/>Joan Kesh is willing to be a stand-in when anyone is going to be away. Please give her a call</i> |                  |                    |

## Snailwell Church News

The **Christmas Fayre**, although not as well attended as in past years, was very worth while. The final total has crept up to over £900. Thank you to everyone who came, and to all those who helped and ran stalls. The whole effect and presentation was fantastic.

The **Carol Service** was lovely with Chippenham Choir leading the singing. Thank you to them and to Dorothy for playing the organ. **Midnight Mass** was as always a very moving service. Christmas Day service was well attended and very enjoyable with some bright youngsters taking part.

We are hoping again to have several **FUN fund-raising events** through the year, including Roll the Ball, an Easter Raffle with great prizes and a Croquet Competition. These are all in the pipeline: more information to follow.

Please ring Maureen on 577456 for more information.

## New planning application at Kennett landfill

You may remember that the application for a huge land-fill site at Kennett Hall Farm ('Kennett 2') was refused on appeal a couple of years ago. The existing landfill has been closed for some time now. A new application on the same site has recently been submitted by Mick George Haulage Ltd. This is to excavate and export 50,000 to 100,000 tonnes of sand and gravel per year and import around 50,000 cu.m of 'inert materials' (builders' waste, concrete, etc) to fill the void. This would eventually be capped and restored to agriculture. The work would proceed in phases and take around 8 years. The existing old Suffolk land-fill which is polluting the water table will not be dealt with.

The application mentions lorry movements of up to 84 per day, although this would fluctuate on a daily basis, with the average number probably lower. The original application mentioned lorries travelling through Chippenham and Fordham to reach the A142 as well as through Kennett and via the A11. However, the applicant has offered to route his vehicles away from Chippenham and use the A roads instead. This might be hard to enforce, especially on other operators' vehicles visiting the site. Objections to the application must be received by the County Council Planning Officer, Helen Wass, before 17th February, at Shire Hall in Cambridge. Full details are on the County Council web site, application number E/03011/05. We have too many heavy lorries travelling through our village: this application is not good news.

*Judy Broadway*

## Current Planning Applications

*Plans recently considered by Chippenham PC:*

- Construction of single storey extension, Highfields, Freckenham Road, 05/01388, for Mr & Mrs Bone
- Advertising hoarding for Kings Warren, land adjacent to A11, 05/01381, for Crest Nicholson
- Construction of garden wall with railings, 34 New Street, 05/01352, for Mr G Steer

*Plans recently considered by Snailwell PC:*

- Conservatory, River Cottage, 29 The Street, 05/01277, for St John & Sherry Collier

## Wildtracks planning

Recently East Cambs District Council refused three planning applications from Wildtracks, and Wildtracks is now appealing against one of these decisions. East Cambs' decisions were made on the recommendation of their Planning and Environmental Health Officers, objections were also received from Forest Heath District Council, and from the Parish Councils of Kennett, Red Lodge, Freckenham and Chippenham. The Parish Council would like to emphasise that we are neither 'anti' nor 'pro' Wildtracks. We have a duty to inspect each planning application on its merits, based on the information received, and to submit our views to the District Council. It is our hope in this complex case, that agreements can be reached which take into account the interests and concerns of all.

*Kevin Pallant*