

Dec '19/ Jan '20 Edition

# CHIPPENHAM

Village News



# MERRY CHRISTMAS





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## **FIREWORKS**

If you are planning to let off fireworks please inform the parish council so that they can give warning to those resident who have animals who may be affected by the noise. If you are an animal owner and would like your details to be added to the list so that you are informed then please email [chippenhamparishcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:chippenhamparishcouncil@hotmail.com)

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## **CLOTHING BANK - VILLAGE HALL**

At a recent meeting of the Village Hall Committee it was decided that a request would be made to the owners of the clothing bank to remove it by 31st December 2019. They have agreed they will do so and that this may happen sooner.

Please could users therefore recycle clothing elsewhere following removal of the bank or by 31st December at the latest.



## CHIPPENHAM PARK

Chippenham Park Gardens will be open to the public everyday from Saturday, 8th February - Sunday, 22nd March 2020 from 10am-4pm. Delicious homemade hot food, cakes and other refreshments are available all day from our tearooms. February will see a great display of delicate and naturalised snowdrops and aconites. This is then closely followed by a vast carpet of daffodils and early spring bulbs in March. Admission £5, children free. Villagers on foot are welcome for free. Dogs welcome on leads.

Vacancy - waiting staff wanted for this period during the week and weekends. Experience required. For further information please contact Becca on 01638 721416 or email [info@chippenhamparkevents.co.uk](mailto:info@chippenhamparkevents.co.uk)



# Parish Council

## Your Councillors

**Fiona Maxwell** (Chair)

49 High Street, 720677

**Nick Bennett** (Vice Chair)

14 Tharp Way, 07803 975614

**Paul Fishpool**

6 Manor Farm Barns, 07850 369883

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5 Manor Farm Barns, 721791

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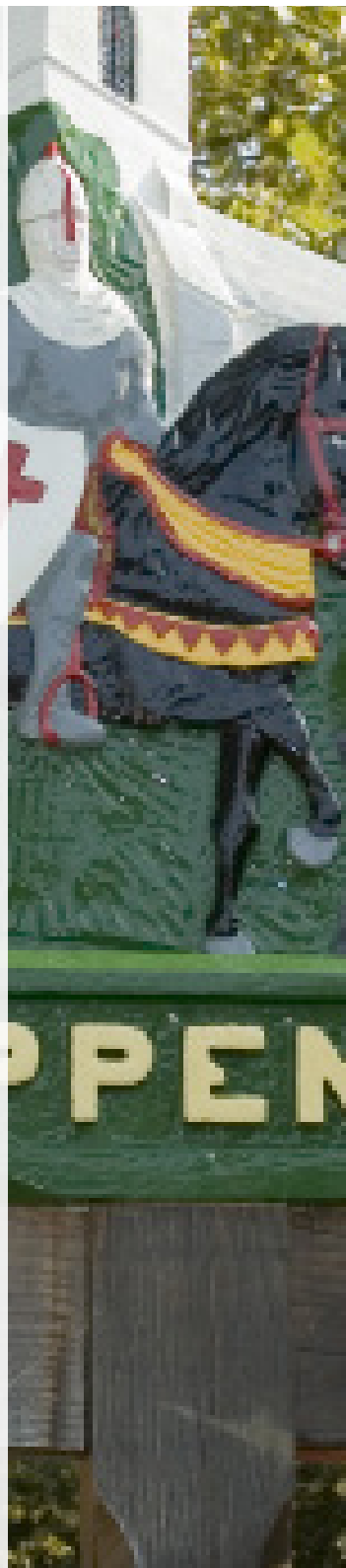
Manor Farm, 794171

**Suzanne Royston**

5 Scotland End, 724037

**Clerk: Sally Hughes**

44b High Street, 720915



**CHIPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held at the Village Hall**  
**Monday 16th September 2019 at 7pm**

**District Council Report**

JH – told the meeting about her involvement with Dementia Friends as part of her role as ECDC's representative for Health and Wellbeing. Fordham will be holding their first meeting on 7th October. JH is encouraging other villages to set up their own groups.

**County Council Report**

No update.

**Planning**

i.19/01047/LBC – **50 High Street, aircon unit** – this application has already been approved.

ii.19/00331/OUM – **10 dwellings land off Scotland End**, additional information.

The council had no further comments over and above those already submitted. FM has volunteered to attend the planning panel meeting. JH recommended that the data from the speed sign be submitted to planning so that Highways can review it.

iii.**Sunnica Solar Farm** No further updates. Lawrence is trying to arrange a meeting for the parish council group.

JH has spoken to Lucy Frazer MP and expressed the general concern that the scheme is too big. JH will ask LF to attend an open meeting in Chippenham to hear the local concerns.

The PC will put an article in the next newsletter to inform the village about the council's position on the Sunnica development.

The council would like to know ECDC's position on the development? JH will update from them.

Vote: the council voted unanimously to oppose the Sunnica development in its current format.

iv. 19/01243/FUL – **45 High Street**, rear extension

No objections

**Play areas**

i.Swing repair

Both swing seats are cracked and have been identified as possible risk factors due to skin nipping. NB has obtained a quote from FLP £83.40 for supply only for both swings. KP to fit. NB to inspect after work complete.

**Highway Matters**

i. Traffic Working Group

NB – the speed sign is now in New Street. The next location will be back near the school house.

ii.Park Farm Corner

Traffic calming measures (chevrons, white lining and signs) have been installed. SH will ask for the sharp bend sign to be re-installed.

# **CHIPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held at the Village Hall**

### **Monday 14th October 2019 at 7pm**

#### **District Council Report**

JH is continuing her work to create Dementia friendly communities. YH from Chippenham is interested in getting involved for Chippenham.

#### **County Council Report**

LHI panel will meet in January 2020 and a decision should be made in Feb 2020. Flytipping prosecutions are happening. The parish council thought that more publicity about these prosecutions would help to deter would-be fly tippers.

#### **Planning**

- i. **Sunnica** - There was some confusion around the role of ECDC in regards to Sunnica. ECDC will not form or publish their position until after the statutory consultation period. The council voted to issue a questionnaire to all villagers, based on a template from Freckenham. All responses will be anonymous. NB will take action on this and several members of the council have offered to help distribute the questionnaires.
- ii. 19/01374/VAR **Chippenham Park**- vary time period – no objections.
- iii. **Old Mill Stud** – new house and alterations to existing property - no objections

#### **Play areas**

- i. Swing Repair - Swing seats have been replaced.
- ii. Crossing near play areas - It was discussed that the hedge should be cut back at the allotments to improve visibility.

#### **Highway Matters**

- i. Traffic Working Group

The speed sign is now back in the High Street, opposite the church. PF said that the traffic approaching from Fordham is problematic and that the sign had a positive impact when it was located outside the village hall. NB will be moving the sign further up the High Street and then back to the village hall.

- ii. Park Farm Corner

Highways has responded to the request to reinstate the 'sharp bend' sign to say that the scheme of work is complete and that they will not be installing another sign.

#### **Village Matters**

- i. Risk Assessment

Pavement trip hazards reported – New Street and High Street

PF reported that the white lines on the road at the La Hogue bend have worn away. The clerk will report this issue to Highways.

- ii. Noticeboards

NB has assessed the work needed to restore the noticeboards in the bus shelter and estimates it will cost around £100 in materials. He has offered to do the work himself. The council has chosen to use cork backed boards rather than magnetic.

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*Continued*

iii. Newsletter

FM reported that the newsletter was further delayed, despite the copy being ready on time. JD is chasing the printer. The council will not be using this printer again. FM will speak to our preferred print company.

iv. Village Hall

WiFi - A postbox has been installed at the village hall to comply with the wifi criteria (to have a postal address).

v. Village Sign

JB has told the clerk that work is progressing on the sign and that he will come along to a meeting in the near future to update the council in more detail.

**Correspondence and Financial Matters**

Website

Work on the new website is progressing and additional information suggested by SR and NP has been incorporated. The clerk is working to get the domain name transferred to the new provider.

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**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural and to D1 training site as extension to existing premises (approved under 16/01401/FUL )

Location: Land to northwest and adjacent A11 Norwich Road, Kennett Suffolk

Reference: 19/01409/FUM

Proposal: Change of use of existing annexe and part of main dwelling to stud office, erection of lobby to stud office and erection of replacement owner's dwelling

Location: Old Mill Stud, Isleham Road

Reference: 19/01280/FUL

Proposal: to vary condition 2 (time period) of decision dated 19/9/18 for application number 18/00828/VAR

Location: Chippenham Park

Reference: 19/01374/VAR

Proposal: First floor and single storey front extension

Location: 5 Scotland End

Reference: 19/01519/FUL

Proposal: Widening of pedestrian access from highway within existing wall to create new vehicle access, gates, driveway and turning circle. Associated boundary wall to be constructed to north. Removal of 1 tree

Location: Church Farm House, 57 High Street

Reference: 19/00630/FUL & 19/00631/LBC (listed building consent)

## Christmas Bonus for Chippenham Pensioners

The village has two charity funds that are used to give a Christmas bonus to pensioners in the parish. If you received the bonus last year you need not re-apply. If you would like to apply and are not already on our list, please complete the form below.

In a change to previous years, only those of state pension age are eligible to apply. However, if you are already in receipt of the bonus then you will continue to receive it regardless of your state pension age.

Please return this form to the Clerk at  
44b High Street, Chippenham by **Friday 13th December 2019**.

I/We would like to receive the Chippenham Christmas Bonus.  
Please add my/our name(s) to the list.

Name (please print) : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

State Pension Age and Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm the above information is correct \_\_\_\_\_

The parish council will retain your details for future use for this fund.  
You can ask to be removed from this list at any time by contacting the clerk at the above address.

# THE THARP ARMS

## December Events:

**Sunday 1st 7.30pm**

Quiz Night, hosted by Alan Wright. Teams of four, £1 per person

**Saturday 7th 8.00pm**

Disco with Liam fundraising for Pancreatic Cancer

**Thursday 19th 8.00pm**

Open Mic, hosted by George

**Saturday 21st 7.00pm**

Christmas Quiz and raffle winners drawn

**Tuesday 31st 8.00pm**

New Years Eve party with Tin Pot Disco

## Christmas Opening Hours

**Christmas Eve 3pm-11pm (chip van will be here at 7pm-8pm)**

**Christmas Day 12pm-2pm**

**Boxing Day 12pm-5pm**

**New Years Eve 4pm-1am**

**New Years Day 12pm-5pm**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating the festive period with you all.

Merry Christmas!

Bev and Charlotte

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## Get involved in the Big Conversation about how we shape our NHS

Local residents are being encouraged to have their say on the future of local NHS services as part of The Big Conversation.

Funding for healthcare across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is under pressure. More people are using NHS services locally, and resources are limited. At the moment, the local NHS is buying more than it can afford which means that some difficult decisions need to be made about the services it can afford to provide in the future.

The Big Conversation has been created to help Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), who buy the healthcare services in the local area, to understand what is most important to the local community. Feedback received will be used to create a set of principles that will inform our future plans and help shape our local NHS.

Local residents can give their feedback by completing a short survey online at <https://bit.ly/NHSBigConversation>

Find out more about The Big Conversation and local events online [bit.ly/NHSBigConversation](https://bit.ly/NHSBigConversation)



# Village Hall

## Chippenham Village Hall 100 Club Join Today!

Prizes are drawn monthly, when three winners are chosen at random from all the participating numbers. First prize is £40, second prize is £20, third prize is £10, and additionally there are two bonus prizes of £60 each drawn three times a year. The cost of membership is £24 a year and all profits help maintain the Village Hall. We have spare numbers!

### Winners for August 2019:

1st Neil Doyle	£40
2nd Debbie O'Connor	£20
3rd Dorothy Kidd	£10

### Winners for September 2019:

1st Chris Hobbs	£40
2nd Tom Gallop	£20
3rd Sue Blazey	£10

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### Mobile Library

The Mobile Library calls in the village on the second Wednesday of the month.

Timings:

10.20-10.25 Chippenham  
Village Hall

10.40-11.00 Roman Way,  
Snailwell

11.45-12.05 Mildenhall Road,  
Fordham

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## Village Hall Activities

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:

Third Wed. of month,  
7pm onwards

Contact: Ginette Hawes  
01638 781127

### CARPET BOWLS:

Thursdays, 7.30-10pm Contact:  
Hazel Drake 01638 717000

### PRESCHOOL DANCE:

Mondays 10.45-11.45am  
Louise 07710 643371

### EXERCISE CLASSES

Pilates - Mon 6-7pm  
Hatton Boxing - Mon 7.15 - 8.25pm  
Kick & Punch - Tues 6-7pm

**Sunday 1 December – Advent (Purple)**

Snailwell 9.30am - BCP Eucharist  
Chippenham 11.00am - Family Service

**Sunday 8 December – Advent 2 (Purple)**

Snailwell 9.30am – Eucharist  
Chippenham 6.00pm – Advent Carols

**Sunday 15 December – Advent 3 (Purple)**

Snailwell 9.30am – Family Service  
Chippenham 11.00am - BCP Eucharist

**Sunday 22 December – Advent 4 (Purple)**

Snailwell 9.30am - Eucharist  
Chippenham 11.00am – Eucharist

**Tuesday 24 December – Christmas Eve (White)**

Chippenham 6.00pm - Carol Service

**Wednesday 25 December – Christmas Day (White)**

Snailwell 9.30am - Eucharist  
Chippenham 11.00am - Eucharist

**Sunday 29 December – Christmas 1 (White)**

Fordham 11.00am - Eucharist

**Sunday 5 January - Epiphany (White)**

Snailwell 9.30am - Eucharist  
Chippenham 11.00am - Family Service

**Sunday 12 January - Epiphany 1 (White)**

Snailwell 9.30am - BCP Eucharist  
Chippenham 11.00am - Eucharist

**Sunday 19 January - Epiphany 2 (White)**

Snailwell 9.30am - Family Service  
Chippenham 11.00am - BCP Eucharist

**Sunday 26 January - Epiphany 3 (White)**

Snailwell 9.30am - Eucharist

# Three Rivers Mothers Union



We were all very saddened at the passing of our Leader Jenny Bowen. Jenny was a dedicated MU lady and worked tirelessly for our Group. She will be greatly missed. Our Communion Service at Isleham Church in November, which is always a popular event in our calendar, was again well attended. During the Service Rev David Cleogh commissioned Gill Savage as our Mother's Union Leader.

Following the Service we decamped to the Social Centre where we were able finally to hold our Annual General Meeting which it had proved necessary to postpone in September. With the election of Officers and Committee Gill was confirmed as Leader; Treasurer and Secretary remain unchanged, one new Committee member and further three ladies willing to share roles. We anticipate a busy 2020.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**Wednesday 15th January 12.30 tbc**  
Christmas/New Year Lunch  
La Hogue

Visitors/new members are most welcome to attend any of our meetings/events. For any further information on the above or the Mother's Union generally please contact either Eileen – 01638 720125 or Gill – 01638 780218.



## Mums +Plus

### Mums Plus

Join us for a monthly coffee morning from 9:15am for fun, conversation and sharing our questions of life, faith and parenthood; all are welcome!

We are back to our winter venue of Scotsdales in Fordham for the following dates:

13th December

17th January

14th February

For more information, contact Laura Cox-Watson (01638 724839).



Depending on when you pick this up to read we are in the run up to an election or in the post election calm/chaos. Oh no not more about politics! I hear you groan. One of the things I'm always interested in at election time are what are the things which we think are important? When deciding which candidate to put your cross against, or deciding not to bother at all, what are the major factors? Do we vote for the party we've always voted for, that our family have always voted for? Will it be about what the party thinks about the dreaded B word? Is it because of a philosophical commitment to the free market or socialism? To what extent is it a popularity contest based on the party leader, or dislike of the opposing party leader.

I suppose the parallel thing I'm interested in is how people think about God and the church. Do we divide into those who go to church and those who don't? Why do people go to church at all? Is it habit? Is it because their parents went? Or why do some people not go to church but still think of themselves as Christians?

Perhaps it comes down to what does it mean to be a Christian. For some it is living a good life, trying to do the right thing, following a list of rules. For others it is about reading scripture and trying to apply the lessons they learn there in the world. For others it is about making the world a better place by transforming unjust structures and showing their care for others. We could also talk about it in terms of being a prayerful person, who spends time listening to what God is saying and seeking His presence in the world. There are other ways to multititudinous for me to list but all have their root in knowing God and acknowledging Him.

When we gather to worship we are giving honour to God who is at the heart of our faith. We may find that our worship encourages and sustains our faith as we live our lives. It may be a place of learning through sermons. It should also certainly be a place of fellowship where we can meet and encourage our fellow believers. Hopefully also a place of evangelism where we can invite our friends and family to come to know more about God.



# David's thought for the month

## **Advent and Christmas Services**

*On Sunday 8th December at 6.30pm we begin our preparations for Christmas with our Advent Carol Service at Chippenham. The service begins in almost darkness and through a progression of choral music, hymns and readings we move to the church being fully lit up to symbolise the light which the Christ child brings to the world. This service will be sung by the joint choirs of Chippenham and Fordham*

*Christmas can be an ambiguous time. Everything suggests we should be joyful, but, for any number of reasons, that may be difficult. So on Saturday 21st December at 4pm we will have our Quiet Christmas Service. This aims to provide space to help us begin to welcome the good news of Christmas in a gentle way; to come as we are, and not as we feel we should be or others might want us to be; and to reflect on what the nativity story might mean for us and for our world.*

*On Christmas Eve at 6pm we will hold our carol service. A mixture of choir pieces, bible readings, songs from young people from the village and congregation carols. A perfect way to make yourself feel Christmassy as we approach the great feast.*

*The celebration of Communion is at the heart of the life of our church and at Christmas we share this 11.00am on Christmas Day. As always all Christians are welcome to join us in sharing bread and wine to celebrate His birth.*

To contact a member of the Three Rivers' Clergy team, please contact:

**Rev'd David Cleugh**, Rector: 24 Mildenhall Road, Fordham

01638 723010 davidrcleugh@gmail.com

**Rev'd Sue Potts**, Associate Priest: The Vicarage, High Street Chippenham

01638 721662 revd.sue@icloud.com

**Rev'd Anna Jones** 07751 032166 revdannajones@gmail.com

# **St Peter's Church Snailwell**

## **DIARY DATES**

### **Church Christmas Fayre**

Saturday 14th December

Time:- 11am - 1pm. *Please note this is an earlier time than usual.*

We are always looking for helpers and new ideas, if you feel you would like to take part please do let us know.

Contacts Kate Ryan 577297 or Maureen 577456.

### **Carol Service**

Sunday 22nd December

Time: 6.00pm

Followed by Mince Pies & Mulled Wine.

This is my signing off from Church Rota and News input. Many thanks for all your feed back over the years.

May I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a fruitful New Year.  
God Bless.

## **What's on in Freckenham December & January 2020**

All events in the Village Hall, unless otherwise stated

### **Weekly Meet Up Monday at The Golden Boar Inn 2.30 –**

4.30pm come on your own and meet others, it's all about meeting up for a social chat. Free cuppa and biscuits.

**Saturday 7th December St Andrew's Church** - A Concert by the Suffolk Church Singers, with Christmas works, a selection from Handel's Messiah and an illustrated talk on Freckenham Church by local historian Clive Paine. Free entry, mulled wine/fruit juice and mince pies provided. Donations welcome towards the roof fund. 7.30pm

**Monday 10th December Coffee & Carols** 2.30 -3.30pm. An hour of informal carol-singing with refreshments. Free entry.

**Wed 11th December Christmas Market** 7 – 9pm with mulled wine and mince pies. All our regular stalls and some extra ones to put you in the Christmas mood, including Ely Gin and [www.craftybeers.co.uk](http://www.craftybeers.co.uk), local authors book. Please pre-order with the regular stalls if you can to avoid disappointment on the night see website for links

<http://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/>

**Friday 24th January – Quiz & Pot Luck Supper with Mildenhall & District Twinning Association** 7.30pm Teams of 4 – 6 people can be made on the night. Please bring finger food to share, teas and soft drinks provided but BYO alcohol. No entry fee but raffle to cover costs and prizes appreciated.

[grace.bristow@talktalk.net](mailto:grace.bristow@talktalk.net)

### **Monthly Farmers & Crafts Market Saturday 25th January**

10 – 12 noon – Refreshment includes homemade cakes and bacon rolls. Veg & Gluten Free options available just ask! All our regular stalls.


**Note no film nights December or January**, back 7th February.

Thank you for your support during 2019, wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year.

Check for updates and now the New Year approaches perhaps come along to a weekly event day time and evening options available. All are drop in but if you are new or haven't been for a while phone the tutor first! Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter @FreckenhamVH, also on NextDoor

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