



CHIPPENHAM

Village Newsletter

February/March 2020



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The next order deadline will be in May 2020

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PRIVATE FIREWORKS

The parish council has received complaints about the very loud fireworks that were let off without notice on New Years Eve.

We are regularly contacted by residents who have animals/live-stock that are frightened by fireworks, especially sudden loud bangs.

If you are planning a fireworks event then please inform the parish council who can notify any residents who have asked to be informed. Please also consider using low noise fireworks to minimise disruption.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Chippenham Parish Council



CHIPPENHAM PARK

Chippenham Park Gardens will be open to the public everyday from Saturday, 8th Feb - Sunday, 22nd Mar 2020 from 10am-4pm. Delicious homemade hot food, cakes and other refreshments are available 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 - please bring proof of address. Dogs welcome on leads.

For further information please contact Becca on 01638 721416 or email info@chippenhamparkevents.co.uk



Parish Council

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Parish Councillor Vacancy

The council are looking for a responsive and proactive person to join them as a parish councillor.

Your primary role is to represent the views of the community. You will also be expected to bring ideas and initiatives to the council to improve day to day life in Chippenham. These can be your own ideas or requests and suggestions from residents. You will get involved with planning applications, highways, village maintenance decisions and much more.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month and take around 2 hours.

If you would like to know more then please get in touch with the clerk at chippenhamparishcouncil@hotmail.com or 01638 720915



CHIPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held at the Village Hall

Monday 11th November 2019 at 7pm

District Council Report

JS told the meeting that the district council has resolved to not begin the process of developing a new Local Plan. The existing 2015 document will stand. The council will be reviewing some of the policies within the 2015 plan, i.e. climate change.

The Combined Authority has started a bus review. They are looking at ways to improve connectivity and identify linked routes and times.

JS has asked for Chippenham Cricket Club to be added to the Regulation 123 list – this will allow for them to access the district council share of CIL funding.

County Council Report

Due to the election budgets are delayed until February 2020.

Planning

i. Sunnica Solar Farm – NB reported that he had received a 41% return on the questionnaire which equates to 97 responses. 93% are in favour of doing something but only 7.4% support the scheme as it stands. 71% would support the scheme if it was smaller. NB will send out results and ask for feedback. He will then share the results with Freckenham.

The council decided to postpone the meeting with Lucy Frazer until after the election.

ii. 19/01409/FUM – change of use of agricultural ground to D1 training site. No objections.

iii. 19/91519/FUL – 5 Scotland End – extension.

No objections.

iv. 19/00630/FUL & 19/00631/LBC Church Farmhouse - widening of pedestrian access and vehicular access

The council had concerns on the following points:

- Proximity of drive to adjacent property, noise, disruption etc.
- It is not clear from the plans which tree is to be removed.
- Concern of potential damage to integrity and canopy of existing trees on the highway verge
- Width of driveway between the highway trees including splay and visibility when exiting the property.
- Has the loading been assessed for the new drive? Will it be able to take oil tankers, removal lorries etc.

The clerk will respond to the planning office with these concerns.

Play areas

i. Allotment hedge

The clerk has requested that the hedge is cut back.

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Village Matters

i. Risk Assessment

Pavement trip hazards have been fixed in New Street and High Street

The lack of white lines at La Hogue corner has been reported but Highways will only reinstate as part of their ongoing maintenance program.

The ongoing issue of the pavement and road flooding outside 37 High Street was raised. The clerk will report the issue to the county council.

Correspondence and Financial Matters

i. Charity Accounts – trustees

Revitalising Trusts will assist with organising the accounts and trusts.

ii. Website

The clerk has now received training from the developer so that ongoing basic updates can be handled by the council. Some final updates need to be made and then the website will be ready for launch.

iii. Xmas Bonus

The council agreed that the Xmas bonus should remain at £35.00

iv. Xmas lunch

The Xmas lunch for the older residents will be held at the Potting Shed on 10th Dec.

The council has agreed to donate £100 of the Poors Land fund towards drinks for the event.

v. Precept and Budget

The council considered upcoming expense for the next financial year and agreed to the following budget figures:

Painting exterior of 8 & 10 Palace Lane - £3000

Speed sign – £1200

PL Boiler - £2000

The council discussed the precept level and has agreed to raise it by 10%. In real terms this is an increase of less than £4 per Band D property per year. It was noted that Chippenham still has one of the lowest precepts in the district compared to other villages and it is approximately half the average precept.

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The clerk asked JH for clarification on the decision by ECDC to not produce a new Local Plan and the impact of this decision on future planning challenges. ECDC's position is that they believe they can deliver on their annual planning target of 750 dwellings and therefore would be in a position to defend any challenges on their current Local Plan.

Planning

i. 19/00331/OUM – 10 dwellings land off Scotland End – flood risk assessment and drainage strategy report.

NB has reviewed the report and found nothing of any significance that has not already been raised.

SR commented that there is a new document on the planning portal from the county council objecting to the development due to the developer not addressing their previous comments regarding shared soakaways and drainage.

ii. Sunnica Solar Farm

The council asked JH for clarification on ECDC's position of not declaring an opinion on the Sunnica planning application as West Suffolk DC has already objected. JH said that the council cannot comment as they are the primary planning authority for the application and as such will comment after the plans come before the council (in the usual way).

Questions around the change of use of the land from agricultural to brown field and the long term implications of this were raised. NB suggested to JH that the plans could be conditioned that the land should be returned to its original status at the end of the lifetime of the solar farm.

Play areas

i. The metal gates and play equipment are showing signs of rust and need to be cleaned down and repainted. The council agreed to advertise the work for bids via the village website and for the work to be carried out in the spring. The council's preferred contractors will be informed but the bid will be open to all contractors.

Highway Matters

i. Traffic Working Group

It was agreed that a simple volunteer instruction guide would be drawn up based on a risk assessment and best practice. The council will provide a ladder and high vis jacket to volunteers (if required). NB will draft the guidelines, SR to review.

ii. LHI bid

The clerk has informed Cllr Schumann about the disparity between the council's original bid figure and that suggested by CCC. Cllr Schumann has escalated this matter within the council.

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Village Matters

i. Risk Assessment

The flooded pavement outside 37 High Street has been reported and the council has confirmed that work has been ordered to address the matter.

ii. Noticeboards

NB has removed the first noticeboard from the bus shelter and is working to restore it.

iii. Newsletter

The December newsletter was out on time. The council has reverted to their previous printer and the print-run went smoothly.

FM to send a pdf copy of the newsletter to the clerk for uploading to the website.

v. Recent Criminal Activity

It was noted that not all crimes logged in Chippenham are on Ecops. The clerk will raise this with Ely police.

It was suggested that an agenda item be added to log recent incidents within the council minutes.

Correspondence and Financial Matters

i. Charity Accounts – trustees

Initial information has been sent to Revitalising Trusts.

The council approved the fee of £650 to amalgamate the various charity accounts into one consolidated village fund.

ii. Website

The new website is now live. Feedback from the council has been positive.

The clerk will upload the Sunnica article from the recent newsletter together with the stats from the questionnaire.

iii. Chippenham cricket club

TH from Chippenham cricket club attended the meeting to ask the council for support for their project to extend the existing cricket pavilion. He explained how the club has grown in size and consequently outgrown the existing pavilion.

The club is looking for some financial support which will help when applying for grants, and also endorsement from the council which again helps to strengthen their case when applying for funds. The council decided to donate £1500 from the S137 fund on a pledge basis meaning that the funds will be available to draw down when all other funding is in place and work ready to commence. The clerk will also draft a letter of support for the chair to sign.

iv. St Margaret's Church – grass cutting

Rev David Cleugh attended the meeting to request funding for the annual grass cutting of the churchyard. The council agreed to fund the cost for 2019 which is £1300. It was noted that the churchyard is kept very well and this is appreciated by the council and the wider community.

DOG FOULING

The Parish Council is receiving increasing complaints about dog fouling on the pavements. There are bins provided for disposing of dog mess at various points around the village. Please, if you walk your dog in the village, pick up your poo and dispose of it or take it home.

One of the most troublesome areas is New Street - many children use this route to get to the school bus, or the play areas.

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst most dog owners act responsibly, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets. Anyone who fails to clean up after their dog can be issued with a fixed penalty notice of up to £100. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled, or not having a suitable bag, is not a reasonable excuse.

There is no 'dog poo fairy'. Please clean up after your pets.

BLACK BIN BAGS

Please do not put your bin bags out too early. While East Cambs ask that rubbish is ready by 7am on collection day, they also specify that bags should not be put out before 6pm the day before. This reduces the amount of bags raided by animals, creating more mess. In addition, bags being out all day the day before can make it appear that the householder is not at home.

VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

Please can you help us find the Village Halls very tall ladder?

It disappeared at the back end of 2019 and a smaller older ladder was left in its place. We were hoping whoever had borrowed had forgotten they had it and may have returned it by now. If you have any information of who may have borrowed it or where it might be please contact Wendy Parsons on 01638 721791 or 07710169486.

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SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2019



This year's Christmas lunch for Chippenham's senior residents was held at the Potting Shed in Chippenham Park. A lovely afternoon was had by all. Thanks go to the following people and organisations for helping to deliver this event.

Sponsors and Contributors

- Hugo and Rebecca Nicolle
- Chippenham Parish Council
- Tesco
- Waitrose
- The Hawkins (Old Manor Farm Stud)
- Eric Frost

The event could not have taken place without the following people giving freely of their time and skills as chefs, wine waiters, washer uppers, waiting staff and venue decorators, so a big thank you to:

- Louize Hurst
- Fiona and Peter Maxwell
- Wendy Parsons
- Isobel Newport-Mangell
- Yvette Smith
- John Bridges

Regular senior lunches are held throughout the year. If you or a neighbour would like to attend please contact one of the following people to book a place. Transport is available.

Wendy Parsons 01638 721791

Peter and Fiona Maxwell 01638 720677

Isobel Newport-Mangell 01638 721211

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 Mamie Nicolle	£40
2nd Emily Crane	£20
3rd Andrew King	£10

Winners for September 2019:

1st Emily Crane	£40
2nd Dorothy Kidd	£20
3rd Pat Shipp	£10

Call Chris Mason on 01638 720767



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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

Church Diary

Sunday 2 February – Candlemas (White)

Snailwell 9.30am - BCP Eucharist

Chippenham 11.00am - Family Service

Sunday 9 February – 3 before Lent (Green)

Snailwell 9.30am – BCP Eucharist

Chippenham 11.00am – Eucharist

Sunday 16 February –2 before Lent (Green)

Snailwell 9.30am – Family Service

Chippenham 11.00am - BCP Eucharist

Sunday 23 February – 1 before Lent (Green)

Snailwell 9.30am - Eucharist

Chippenham 11.00am – Eucharist

Wednesday 26 February Ash Wednesday (Purple)

Snailwell 7.00pm

Sunday 1 March - Lent 1 (Purple)

Snailwell 9.30am - BCP Eucharist

Chippenham 11.00am - Family Service

Sunday 8 March - Lent 2 (Purple)

Snailwell 9.30am - BCP Eucharist

Chippenham 11.00am - Eucharist

Sunday 15 March - Lent 3 (Purple)

Snailwell 9.30am - Family Service

Chippenham 11.00am - BCP Eucharist

Sunday 22 March - Mothering Sunday (Purple)

Snailwell 9.30am - Eucharist

Chippenham 11.00am - Eucharist

Sunday 29 March - Lent 5 (Purple)

Snailwell 9.30am - Eucharist

Chippenham 11.00am - Eucharist

Three Rivers Mothers Union



2019 - Reflections of a busy year – Lent Lunches were again very successful and we do thank those who so generously support them. We have met informally for coffee and celebrated Mary Sumner Day (Founder of the MU) with afternoon tea at Elvedon. At our formal meetings we have enjoyed talks on 'Modern Day Slavery' and 'EMMAUS' the latter talk being followed up with a visit to the project in Landbeach. We celebrated the New Year with lunch at La Hogue, at which we were pleased to have David Cleugh, Sue Potts and Anna Jones join us.

Our AGM this year had to be postponed until December when a new Committee was elected and Gill Savage became our Leader. We have also been very pleased to welcome two new members to our Group.

FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday 5th Feb 2.30pm

Social Centre, Isleham

Speaker Simon Durrance on his charity
"PTSD 999"

Lent Lunches

Monday 2nd March 12.00 - 1.30pm

Victoria Hall Fordham

Wednesday 11th March 12.00 - 1.30pm

Chippenham Village Hall

Thursday 18th March 12.00 - 1.30pm

Social Centre, Isleham

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March TBA

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



**Second Sunday of the month
Fordham church 3.30 to 5.30**

**Messy
Church**

Family fun, Crafts and
Activities, followed by a
simple meal

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 will be at Scotsdales in Fordham for the following dates:

14th February

13th March

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



During January Anna has been leading a course on the Lord's Prayer. It has been interesting to think about words which many of those participating (though not all) have known for a very long time. It is often the prayer that we learn first, sometimes in the home, or at Sunday School, others learned it through uniformed organisations or at school. However we first came to learn this prayer it encapsulates a lot of what is important about our faith.

There are large issues involved, thinking about the very nature of who God is. Offering ourselves as the agents of the work of God in the world. A commitment to own up when we get it wrong and not to hold it against others when they get it wrong. It acknowledges the power that God holds over us and the world and raises our needs to God.

Our aim in holding a course to think about the Lord's Prayer was in part to help people be more articulate about their faith, also to help people to engage more deeply about what it means to call themselves a Christian. We are fortunate that some of our church members have attended and enjoyed the process and are aiming to continue to offer opportunities for more people to engage in this way.

I wonder if this is the best approach. I've found that I've often got things wrong in ministry and that Christian people often get things wrong. Not that we are unique in this, we all make mistakes, misjudge situations. My hope is that inspired by the words that Jesus taught his disciples we can forgive one another when we get things wrong. To try to get it right the next time we face a similar situation. Remembering if we are able to forgive others then we ourselves will be forgiven.

We will continue to worship God week by week, continue to come and seek forgiveness, continue to seek to show God's love to the world. Confident that whether we succeed or not we are loved by God. We pray that we will continue to hear God's voice and discern how that might help us to live a life which is worthy of the love which has been shown to us in the life of Christ.

David's thought for the month

Lent Groups

We are offering a variety of Lent courses this year. At the time of going to press they are as follows, but please do let us know if you are intending to come so we can confirm venues. As always anyone is welcome to come and learn more about faith as part of our Lent Groups.

Mondays 3rd - 30th March

1.30pm - Isleham - Prayer Group An opportunity to talk about the needs of our community and the world and come together in prayer.

7.30pm - Isleham - "Everyday faith" A course provided by the diocese of Ely helping people to think about their faith and how it affects their daily life. At St Andrew's Social Centre.

Wednesdays 5th March - 1st April

10.00am – Fordham - 'Not a tame Lion' A lent Group based upon writings of C.S. Lewis and material from movies 'Shadowlands' and 'Narnia'.

7.00pm - Snailwell - An introduction to contemplative prayer

Thursdays 6th March - 2nd April

7.30pm - Chippenham – Bible Study on Matthew's Passion narrative.

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

Ever thought of trying Model Flying?

Legislation covering the flying of 'drones' came into effect in November 2019. What is perhaps not fully understood is that the legislation also applies to flying traditional model aircraft, as shown in the segment in the BBC's Country File programme which aired on 15th December. The programme generated a lot of interest and, as a result, the British Model Flying Association (BMFA) has set up a website showing the location of all model flying clubs that are prepared to offer 'trial flights' like the one shown in the programme.

Newmarket Model Flying Club is a well-established, friendly club and it is offering free trial flights at each of its three sites in the Newmarket area. In addition, the club can provide training, advice and guidance to anyone interested in taking up the hobby. This includes safety, the choice of models and equipment and meeting the requirements of new legislation.

Model flying is suitable for all ages/genders. If you would like to give it a try, you can find information about the BMFA's Trial Flight Initiative at :

www.try-flying.bmfa.uk.

You can also find information and contact details for Newmarket Model Flying Club on the club website:
www.newmarket-mfc.org

What's on in Freckenham February & March 2020

Weekly Meet Up Monday at The Golden Boar Inn 2.30 – 4.30pm come on your own & meet others, it's all about meeting up for a social chat. Free cuppa with chat!

Friday Film Nights are back! 7th February *Yesterday*. Jack Malik is a struggling singer-songwriter in an English seaside town whose dreams of fame are rapidly fading. Then, after a freak bus accident during a mysterious global blackout, Jack wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed... and he finds himself with a very complicated problem indeed. 112 minutes. PG13

6th March *The Good Liar* stars Ian McKellen & Helen Mirren. Running time 109 mins R.

No need to book just turn up £5 a person. Doors & Bar open 7pm film starts 7.30pm. Popcorn, icecream and treats available. The Golden Boar for a pre-film supper best to pre-book & advise you are going to the film 01638 723000.

Friday 28th February – Join us for the Macmillan Mammoth Quiz Night. You can come as a team - maximum of 6, or come to join others to make a team. Essential to book contact Jacqui on 07770 477 688. No entry fee but a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support is requested. Doors & Bar open 7pm for 7.30pm prompt start. Alcohol, soft drinks, hot drinks & snacks available. Raffle.

Monthly Farmers & Crafts Market

Saturdays 29th February and 6th March

Stalls likely to include fruit & veg, meat, cheese, olives, bread, honey, eggs, WI preserves & pickles, candles & diffusers, cards plus variety of crafts including knitting & jute products. Free entry. Cuppa, cakes & bacon rolls available.

28th March Cash Bingo! Doors and bar open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Fun night for all ages!

Hope you are all still trying to “get active”, we have something for all from seated exercise to Zumba, table tennis to karate, dancing, pilates, even bodytone to yoga! Check the village website www.freckenham.suffolk.cloud for updates and details of weekly activities. Contact the tutor if you are new or attending after a break. Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter @

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