



**CHIPPENHAM VILLAGE NEWS**  
**June/July 2020**

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

Since our last Newsletter - in February/March - our Chippenham world has changed. The lockdown due to the COVID-19 virus has seen the closure of our pub and church, and local businesses either shut or operating differently.

As the restrictions ease, this issue takes a look at some of the positive things going on in our lovely village.

VE day on Friday 8th May was celebrated with bunting and flags throughout the village. The start of the two minute silence at 11am was marked in our churchyard, with Terry Cross playing the Last Post on the trumpet. Residents gathered (at an appropriate distance!) in a rare moment of togetherness. Many villagers also celebrated with afternoon tea outside their houses. It was a beautiful day and lifted the spirits of many. Photos of the day are on pages 12 and 13.

Looking back to Easter, there was no church service, for the first time in living memory, but again there was joy found in the Easter Eggs donated by Hugo & Rebecca Nicolle following the cancellation of the Chippenham Park Easter Egg Hunt - see page 9.

On Page 11, we have a children's drawing competition organised by Wendy Parsons. The winning entry will be on the cover of our next issue, so sharpen your crayons and get colouring!

Throughout this time, the Chippenham Helping Hands group has been offering help and assistance to anyone who may be self-isolating or needs help for any other reason. So many of you volunteered; we have had more offers of help than requests! The group is still up and running, and details can be found on Page 8.

Photo credits for this issue go to Yvette Smith (cover and VE Day) and Sally Hughes (Easter Eggs).

Stay safe and alert!

Fiona Maxwell  
Editor



## CHIPPENHAM PARK

With all the uncertainty around social gatherings at the moment, we are yet to plan our reopening. Please check our website or Facebook page for updated information on the situation. Keep safe and look after one another.

For further information please contact Becca on 01638 721416 or email [info@chippenhamparkevents.co.uk](mailto:info@chippenhamparkevents.co.uk)





# Parish Council

## Your Councillors

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### PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Copies of the parish council meeting minutes are available at [www.chippenhamcambs.info](http://www.chippenhamcambs.info) If you do not have access to the internet and would like a paper copy please contact the clerk on 01638 720915.

### HIGH STREET RESIDENTS - PARKING

If you park partially on the pavement please be mindful that the priority must always be for pedestrians. Please ensure that there is enough space for a wheelchair or pushchair to pass.



## **GARDENS - OVERHANGING TREES, SHRUBS AND FOLIAGE**

This is prime growing time for our gardens and we respectfully ask that all residents keep an eye on their front gardens and boundaries that are adjacent to paths and pavements and ensure that any overhanging growth is cut back so that it doesn't impede pedestrians from using the path. Please bear in mind that lower level shrubs are a risk for small children, especially if they have thorns or sharp leaves and that overhanging branches should be high enough to allow for adults walk beneath. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

## **RUBBISH COLLECTION**

Because of bank holidays the collection days for household waste have been out of sequence. If you miss a collection please take your rubbish back to your property and put it out the following week. It is not permitted to leave it out all week. This will prevent the bags being scavenged and the contents from turning into litter in our village.

An up-to-date refuse collection timetable is available on the East Cambs website at [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk) or you can give them a call on 01353 665555. Thank you.

## **PLANNING**

Reference: 20/00194/FUL

Proposal: 2 x 3 bed houses,

Location: site rear of 38 High Street

Reference: 19/01409/FUM

Proposal: change of use of agricultural land to D1 training site as extension to existing premises

Location: Land to NW and adjacent A11 Norwich Road

Reference: 20/00165/FUL

Proposal: Replacement of conservatory with single storey extension

Location: 42 New Street

Reference: 19/01779/FUL

Proposal: Extension and alterations to cricket club pavilion

Location: Chippenham Cricket Club, Parkside

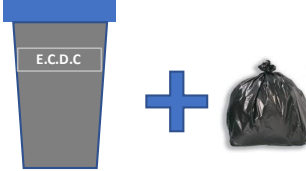
Reference: 20/00204/FUL

Proposal: All weather surface menage

Location: Brookside Farm

# To Bin? ...or Not to Bin?

## Bin Collection Days in Chippenham - June & July 2020

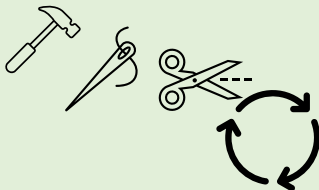
	
<b>Blue Recycling</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>17</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>15</b>
	<b>29</b>

	
<b>Green Recycling</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>24</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>23</b>

**Make do,  
mend and  
Recycle –**



### **TOP TIPS!**



**Re-use empty 2ltr  
Plastic Milk Bottles:**

-cut the back away  
and make a scoop

...or cut into strips and use as  
plant markers

Any Top Tips on Making, Mending, Recycling? – send to the Editor for  
future editions

# BEWARE OF CYBER SCAMS

Security experts are reporting an increase in email scams related to Coronavirus (COVID19) over the last few weeks.

Cyber criminals are targeting people by sending bogus emails that contain links or attachments that direct users to malicious websites. They are taking advantage of people working from home who perhaps are not being quite as vigilant as when at work. Typically, these emails contains a subject line, attachments, or hyperlinks related to COVID19, and appear to originate from a trusted source (for example from UK Government).

There are some simple measures you can take to protect yourself:

- Be vigilant – don't click on links or attachments in unexpected or suspicious emails
- Never respond to unsolicited messages or phone calls that ask for personal information
- Always install the latest software and App updates to protect your devices
- Make sure your security software is up to date

More information on how to protect you and your family can be found on the UK government's National Cyber Security Centre website:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/securing-your-devices>



# STRANGE TIMES

## CHIPPENHAM & BADLINGHAM'S RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC



**Chippenham  
Helping Hands**

for shopping, help, or just a chat



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It was a glum moment when the organisers of the Chippenham Seniors' Lunch realised that one of the many unforeseen outcomes of the Coronavirus pandemic would be the cancellation of the very popular Carvery Lunch at the Heathcourt Hotel in Newmarket. As the news reports and guidance evolved, it became apparent that several of our regular lunch goers would have to become self-isolating.

So, our attentions turned to thinking of some way in which help could be co-ordinated and communicated to those who would be finding things unexpectedly difficult. Joining forces with Megan Dumphries and with the support of the Parish Council Chippenham Helping Hands was up and running. The response from volunteers was magnificent – 30+ village residents offered to go on the Helpers List, and within a few days the calls came in; groceries, papers, prescriptions, were allocated to helpers, delivered to households which had suddenly found themselves confined to their homes. The response was heart warming, the help much appreciated, and spontaneous donations -whether financial (from a generous anonymous donor, to cover 'out of pocket expenses') or the Easter Eggs, kindly donated by Hugo and Becca Nicolle, or the daily offers and gestures that ensured that nobody wanted for loo paper, flour, or essential medication, have all made this challenging time more bearable and, if it can be said, uplifting.

One of the unforeseen, and hugely affirming, consequences of the network that has emerged, is that many residents (both long-standing and recent arrivals) of Chippenham and Badlingham have had an opportunity (in the absence of the more traditional avenues) to establish communication with 'strangers'. There have been many internal requests for non-essential, but suddenly useful, items such as bicycles, seeds, fence paint, puzzles – or simply sharing amusing content over WhatsApp. It has engaged people who might not otherwise have had the opportunity to meet. There will – once circumstances permit – be great occasion to put faces to names, and to celebrate our common endeavours and experiences!

As I write this, although there has been little change in the constraints for those self-isolating or 'shielding', the requests for help are few and far between. The hope is that, as people have become attuned to the situation, those needing support have established neighbourly, or social/family networks. Mindful that that might not be the case, we would like to urge anybody, with even the slightest need to call the Helping Hands number. There are plenty of people in Chippenham who would be delighted to fill that requirement, whether it is a last-minute, one-off, or a more regular request. There are 30 of us waiting to be useful. You will be doing us a favour!

Isobel Newport



## EASTER EGGS

A huge thank you to Hugo and Becca Nicolle of Chippenham Park for donating their considerable stock of Easter Eggs to the residents of the village. In a time of limited activity it was such a treat for people to be able to come out and collect an egg. This was especially popular with our younger residents. A number of eggs were also delivered to our senior residents who were self-isolating.



# WORDSEARCH – LOCAL VILLAGES

Can you find 21 villages that lie (as the crow flies)  
within 10 miles of Chippenham?

Words lie horizontally, vertically, and diagonally.  
They can run backwards as well as forwards

E	X	I	F	O	A	N	R	G	M	A	B	B	S
G	L	S	O	D	T	E	R	A	W	P	U	A	K
G	A	L	N	R	A	N	H	O	Y	E	R	R	A
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N	P	H	H	W	R	T	M	W	E	O	E	O	W
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# CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION

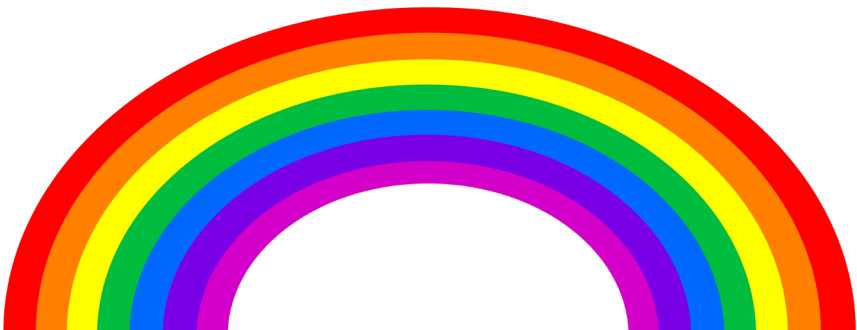
Are you being creative during lockdown, have you been drawing pictures of Rainbows and or messages to NHS staff and other key workers?

We would like to see your pictures and publish one lucky winner's entry on the front cover of the next Chippenham Newsletter.

For your chance of winning, please send a photograph of your entry (one only), with your name, age and address, to [wendy.parsons1@btinternet.com](mailto:wendy.parsons1@btinternet.com) by June 30th.

*Please remember to ask your parents permission!*

Good luck!



# VE DAY CELEBRATIONS





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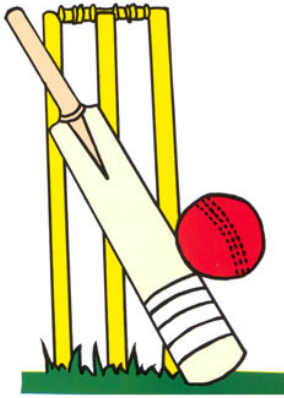
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# CHIPPENHAM CRICKET CLUB

With May now upon us, it feels strange not to be writing about our on-field adventures. There is still an element of uncertainty over what will become of the 2020 season and although the likelihood of league cricket happening is slim, we are still hopeful of some form of cricket taking place later in the summer. However, the lack of play has certainly not halted the club off the field. Newly appointed Chairman Darren Hughes and the committee have been holding Zoom meetings to discuss everything from the development of the pavilion to club and village activities. There are certainly plenty of fun times being planned for when we are able to return to some kind of normality.

Should restrictions and guidelines ease to enable us to get going this season, Alan Wright and his team have done a fabulous job at the ground. With the outfield looking rapid, the wicket looking like a road and weather we can only dream of for the beginning of the season, it is frustrating we have not been able to play. Some things however, putS our glorious game into perspective and we wish everybody well during these unprecedented times.

It is hard but together we can get through this and we urge everybody to remain responsible to help us get there that little bit quicker. We look forward to seeing you all down at the park cheering on the team in the near future.

We are always looking to welcome new members, both adult and junior (5 years and over), so if you are interetsed in joining please get in touch with Melvyn Palmer (1st XI Captain) [melpalmer80@gmail.com](mailto:melpalmer80@gmail.com) or Darren Hughes (Chairman) [dhughes@thisisalpha.com](mailto:dhughes@thisisalpha.com)

# 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 £20, third prize £10, and 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!

Contact Chris Mason on 01638 720427

#### Winners for January 2020:

1st Mamie Nicolle	£40
2nd Peter Lloyd	£20
3rd David Smyth	£10

#### Winners for February 2020:

1st Sue Blazey	£40
2nd Nick Bennett	£20
3rd Yvonne Lomas	£10

**Bonus £60**

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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

Enquiries call: 08450455225

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN

Please note that the regular activities which take place in and around the village have been suspended until the government feels it is safe to reinstate them. Meanwhile, contact the organisers of these activities if you would like information for when the lockdown is lifted.

Meanwhile, the Village Hall and both play areas remain closed.

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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

## **WORK STARTS ON EXTENSION TO ST MARGARET'S CHURCH**

Work is underway on a £90,000 extension at our Parish Church. When complete the new building will mean that the church will have its own kitchen, toilet and storage facilities, and will bring our 900 year old church into the 21st century at last!

The project is due to be completed later this summer.

The new extension has been planned for nearly twenty years as money was raised through successive events including Music in the Park, the annual Christmas Market and recently through sponsorship of three runners in the Cambridge Half Marathon. Funding was also received from the All Churches Trust and a generous grant from Amey community fund, which has finally enabled work to begin.





# THE ST MARGARET'S AND CHIPPENHAM STORY BOOK

**A Story, Poetry and Prose project for the whole village.**

We're putting together an illustrated story book about the characters associated with St Margaret's over the last 1000 years.

Poetry or prose, short or long, real or imagined - we're hoping lots of you will become involved and contribute.

We have lots of information, resources and ideas to help you get started and are seeking contributions from the youngest to the oldest members of our village.

Lots more information and ideas are available from :

*Paul Mangell  
48 High Street  
07762 101975*

## **Mothers Union, Messy Church and Mums +**

Please note that due to the Coronavirus restrictions there will be no Mothers Union, Messy Church or Mums + until further notice.



I'm writing this in what feels like very strange times for us all. Strange in the life of the church which in many ways usually revolves around meeting together on a Sunday morning. Of course it has not been possible to do that for several weeks and we have had to think about how we "do church" in these straightened circumstances.

After some prayer and thought by the ministry team we decided what we would do is prepare and distribute orders of service for people to use in their homes (mainly by email, but also in hard copy for those not yet digital). The idea being that we could all use these at 10am (or other time if people preferred) and so whilst not being physically together in prayer we can pray together apart.

Our services have been a simple mix of prayers, readings, hymns (including YouTube links) and a sermon written by one of the ministry team. We have also started to record our sermons and publish the videos on YouTube so people can hear us preaching our text.

We decided to follow this route as we felt it would include a much wider section of our existing worshipping community in being able to join us in worship. If we had gone down the lines of broadcasting online we would have excluded people from our main act of worship each week.

As the lockdown went on we decided that we wanted to try live worship and so have started to invite people to prayer using Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. It is a short service of Compline, lasting around 30 minutes with a short address, readings and space for silent prayer.



# David's thought for the month

We've also started a course on the Bible via Zoom, the first iteration of which will be coming to and end at the beginning of June and we may run it again if others show interest.

It has been very sad to have to keep the doors of our churches locked during this crisis. At a time when a place of peace could have been a great comfort. The churchyards remain open and are places of peace in their own right, but perhaps not the same. The difficulty in keeping the church sufficiently clean so as not to spread infection and the potential for churches to become places where people gather in an unsafe way, mean that we continue to follow the government's advice in keeping the doors locked.

If you would like to join us in worship by joining our electronic or physical mailing list, join us to pray via zoom, or learn more about faith, you contact with one of our ministry team.

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

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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

For more information visit our website: [www.threeriversgroup.co.uk](http://www.threeriversgroup.co.uk)

# CHIPPENHAM AND SNAILWELL OIL BUYING

**Oil order DEADLINE:  
Midnight, Tuesday, 4th August 2020**

If you would like some oil, please send me your order by card or e-mail by the deadline above. If you are not yet a member, live in either Chippenham or Snailwell, and would like to join please let me have your:

1. Name
2. Phone number for the oil company to call you for payment
3. Address including postcode
4. Any special instructions like:
  - a. Aga additive required
  - b. Oil tank through the gate at left of house
5. And of course, how many litres you want and whether you want just that quantity, or a fill up if possible. Please remember that the legal minimum per address is 500 litres (trading standards rules)
6. It is your responsibility to ensure that you get a response from me. If you do not, then I did NOT receive your order, and it cannot be included in the Co-op order.

Thanks to the 29 people who paid their £5 subs for the period April 2020- March 2021.

If you want some oil in August, please ensure that you have paid by the 4th August. The next order deadline will be in October 2020

**Please send your orders to: [jamesghurst@outlook.com](mailto:jamesghurst@outlook.com) or a card to  
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if you can



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