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Annual General Meeting
Thursday 29th April
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The cost will be for the cinema ticket only. If you are interested please contact Paul Mangell on 721211 and we will be in touch nearer the time.

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Church Services at Easter

Palm Sunday, April 4th

Holy Communion, 9.30am, Snailwell

Family Service, 11-11.45am, Chippenham

(meet at Village Hall for procession, 10.45am)

Monday April 5th, Compline 7.30pm, Snailwell

Weds April 7th, Compline 7.30pm, Chippenham

Good Friday

Good Friday Liturgy, 10am, Snailwell

One hour devotion, 2pm, Chippenham

Easter Day

Holy Communion, 9.30am, Snailwell

Sung Eucharist, 11am, Chippenham

New Start At New World

Fiona and Peter Maxwell are pleased to announce that they have purchased New World Montessori Nursery School in Bury Road, Newmarket. The school premises will be refurbished during the Easter Holidays, ready to reopen for the Summer Term on 21 April. Christine, Nyelah and Mandy will continue to staff the nursery. New World Montessori Nursery School accepts children from 2 years old and will be open five mornings a week.

New World Montessori Nursery School

SUMMER TERM 2004

21st April – 16th July

Monday to Friday, 9.00a.m. to 1.00p.m.

For more information

Chippenham & Snailwell Horticultural Society

We have one meeting plus our AGM in April. Firstly on Tuesday April 13th, Marilyn Crossley is coming to talk on Flower Arranging, including several demonstrations. Two days later, on Thursday April 15th, is our Annual General Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. Both meetings start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Chippenham. *Fred Fuller*

Chippenham Women's Institute

We meet in April on Wednesday 21st to hear a speaker from SOS Children's Villages, a well-known and very worthy charity. The competition is for an old postcard.

In May we host the area Group Meeting at Chippenham, when the entertainer will be Lacy Anderson on his accordion. We have our regular May meeting on Wednesday 19th when the speaker, Mrs Moores, will talk on 'Fabric box making'. The competition is for the prettiest scarf. As usual, all visitors are very welcome, we meet in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Ginette Hawes, President (781127)

Eileen Smalley, Secretary (720453)

Chippenham Cricket Club

The Cricket Club AGM was held at The Tharp Arms in early February. On the night Philip Wright was elected as the new Sunday Captain with Paul Fishpool taking on the same duties for the midweek league fixtures. Darren Hughes has now taken over from Paul as Secretary.

call Christine on 561568, (during term time)
or Fiona on 720677

Chippenham & Snailwell Parish Councils

Annual Parish Meetings

Chippenham, Village Hall,

Wednesday May 5th, 7.30pm

Snailwell, St Peter's Church,

Thursday May 20th, 7.30pm

Parish Meetings are the chance for all residents to come to talk to the Parish Council to give their views about what is happening and what should be happening in their village. Anyone may raise items of concern. So if you are concerned about or have ideas to put forward on planning, rubbish collection, play area, street lighting, roads or litter, for instance, this is your chance to have your say.

If you have something for the agenda, please let me know before the meeting if possible.

Judy Broadway, Parish Clerk, 50 High Street, Chippenham,
Tel: 720619

Babysitter available

My name is Olivia Wallis,

I am 16 and I live in Snailwell.

I would be more than happy to help with any baby-sitting in or around Snailwell.

Please contact me on 01638 577745.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Race Night at the end of February. The generosity of those who attended was fantastic and we raised £670. This has ensured we can purchase our new nets, which should be in place before the beginning of the season. The support is very much appreciated.

The new season will start when Mildenhall take on Exning at the Park on Saturday 24th April. This is an all-day game starting at 11am and is a match that offers a serious workout for the best two sides in the area in preparation for their league fixtures which start the following week. Played to East Anglian Premier League rules there will be some quality players on view so it is certainly worth coming down at some point to see the action. Cricket practice for both seniors and juniors is already underway. This is an ideal way to get involved with the club and beginners and experienced players are all welcome. Telephone Darren Hughes 01638 720915 for further details.

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Chippenham Tennis Club

AGM, 29th April, 8pm, Village Hall

The AGM is a chance for you, the members, to have your say about the running of the club, to vote for (or stand for) the committee for the coming year and to decide on membership fees. This year the committee are recommending (for the first time), a slight increase in fees as follows (present fees are in brackets): Adults £27 (£25), Seniors £17 (£15), Juniors £12 (£10) and Family £65 (£60). Reports will, as usual, be included with the membership pack sent to all members in mid-April in time for the AGM.

Tennis Tournament: Saturday 4th September

This is advance notice of the highly popular and successful tournament which this year will be on September 4th. We also plan to hold adult coaching sessions over this summer. To take part, contact Jon Van de Peer on 721783.

Norfolk & Suffolk Tennis League

We are again entering two team in the League, men's and mixed. If you would like to play for either team please contact Jon (men's) or Alan (mixed) and we can provide a list of fixtures for you to indicate your availability to play.

Club Sessions

The informal Sunday morning sessions from 10am have started now the weather is better. We are also introducing, this year, a more structured Thursday evening session from 6.30pm. Each session will be run by a club member whose job it is to ensure that the courts are full and everyone gets a game. We need to draw up a rota of members who can organise one of these Thursday sessions. Please let us know at the AGM or contact Jon or Alan if you can help.

Alan Broadway, Tel: 720619

Chippenham Football Club

Chippenham Football Club have played 3 games since the last Newsletter. Results as follows:

7th March Chippenham 5, Exning Rd W M Club 0

14th March Chippenham 2, Cambridge Cosmos 1

28th March Chippenham 1, Exning Utd Reserves 2

Chippenham F.C. are currently third in Division 4A of the Cambridge and District Sunday League.

Results/fixtures/tables, etc. are shown in the Cambridge Evening News. There is a good chance of our village team gaining promotion this season to Division 3. Home games are still played at Fordham recreation ground as is training on Thursday evenings.

Chippenham F.C. have a web site for those interested with news, match reports, player profiles and other interesting football facts: chippenhamfc.mysite.feeseerve.com

Jim Smith (Secretary)



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Park Open Day

Over 600 people came to see the daffodils and buy plants at the Open Day last weekend. The refreshments were served by the Women's Institute and Village Hall Committee. Around £460 was raised from the teas, with a further £197 from the gate money. This meant that each group will benefit from about £330. The National Gardens Scheme charities received £1559. My grateful thanks to everyone from the WI and Hall Committee who helped on the day and who made sandwiches and cakes. The weather was against us, but we did well under the circumstances. *GH*

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Health Wise

As you all know I am rather keen on nutrition and fond of telling everyone what they should be eating. It occurs to me that I should start one step back from that and discuss the actual process of eating.

Many people proudly tell me that they are very fast eaters. Indeed the words "grab a bite to eat" has become very familiar in our culture of fast food, busy lives, high stress...need I continue? However many people do not stop to consider just how many problems they are storing up for themselves in the future by not making proper time to choose and eat healthy food. The most important part of the eating is in the chewing not in swallowing food as quickly as possible. I hear people rushing each other and especially their children, forcing them to swallow food without really chewing it properly then shortly after reaching for the indigestion tablets.

The process of digestion should begin with the thought of what we are going to eat. If we are hungry just the thought of something we like causes the digestive juices in the mouth to start to flow. Then comes the smell of the food. This is when people say that something "makes their mouth water". That is exactly what food should do. When your mouth is watering this is the digestive juices flowing which break down the food particles so that they can be readily digested and all the various nutrients absorbed. As this is happening the food should be eaten slowly! Every mouthful should be chewed thoroughly, some say up to forty times, before swallowing so that the digestive juices can do their work properly.

This may all seem rather trivial to those who eat quickly and do not appear any the worse for it. However digestive problems are slow to develop but once you have a problem it is very difficult to reverse. If any of you suffer from IBS, diverticulitis or even indigestion you will know how uncomfortable that can be, even painful and causing huge problems for some. A choice of good food, plenty of fruit and vegetables plus whole grains is a great start and practice eating it correctly and you could find a world of difference.

I have now produced (by popular demand) a laminated sheet which gives a few basic healthy eating rules with a couple of recipes on - cost just £1 plus postage and packing. If you are interested telephone me on 01638 750475 or email: maureen@penney24.go-plus.net

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- East Anglian Legs of Lamb (optional homemade apricot & chestnut stuffing)
- Other joints of East Anglian beef, pork, lamb, etc
- Traditional cooked hams
- Our own home-baked Easter Simnel cakes, Easter cookies and Hot Cross Buns
- Lots of other Easter goodies

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Easter Opening Hours

Good Friday 10.00am-7.00pm
Easter Saturday 10.00am-5.30pm
Easter Sunday CLOSED

Easter Monday CLOSED

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e-mail: info@lahogue.co.uk

or visit our website: www.lahogue.co.uk

Red Lodge Family Fun

Easter Holiday Activities

Red Lodge Millennium Centre

All under 5's must be accompanied by an adult

Monday 5th April

10am – noon Rackets 6yrs+ £2.50 per child
1 - 3pm Poz Easter Show: £3 per child

Magic show, Punch & Judy (all ages)

Tuesday 6th April

2 - 4pm Girls get Real (new girls group) 9-15 yrs

Thursday 15th April

2 - 4pm Easter Art, (all ages) £3 per child

Friday 16th April

1 - 2pm Football for Tots (up to 5 yrs) £1.50 per child

Please book your place at the Red Lodge Shop.
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Meggie's Pet Sitting at your Service

If you need someone to look after your pets while you're away for a day or longer, just give me a ring on 01638 720062. A very Happy Easter to all my customers.

Megan Dumphreys

Broadband coming to Chippenham

The latest news is that BT are promising to bring Broadband to the Fordham exchange on 21st July this year. Try looking on their web site at www.bt.com and entering your postcode to get the latest news.

The Parish Churches of Chippenham & Snailwell

| Chippenham Sunday Rota | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| SUNDAY | April 4th Palm Sunday | April 9th Good Friday | April 11th Easter Sunday | April 18th | April 25th | May 2nd | May 9th | May 16th | May 23rd | May 30th | June 6th |
| SIDESMEN | Brian | Alan | Anne | Jan | Ian | Anne | Alan | Brian | Jan | Ian | Brian |
| READERS | Brian | Helen | Chris | Eileen | Nicola | Anne | Jan | James | Chris | Brian | Helen |
| WINE | Beth & Tim | <i>no wine</i> | Anne | Eric & Joyce | Brian & Jennifer | Isabel & Terry | Mandy & Ian | Paul & Isobel | Sean & Moira | Fiona & Peter | James & Jan |
| CLEANING | Paul & James | | Fiona & Mandy | Judy, Eileen & Mary | <i>vacancy</i> | Paul & James | Fiona & Mandy | Judy, Eileen & Mary | <i>vacancy</i> | Paul & James | Fiona & Mandy |
| FLOWERS | <i>Lent</i> | | Easter flowers everyone | | Sam | | Helen | | Jennifer | | Nicola |
| <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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| | <u>Readers/sidesmen</u> | <u>Flowers & Cleaning</u> |
| April 4th | Muriel | Terry, Muriel, Maureen |
| April 5th, Compline, 7.30pm | Helen | " |
| April 11th, Easter Day | Charles | Bryan & Betty |
| April 18th | Michael | " |
| April 25th | Maureen | Gaynor & Sue |
| May 2nd | Gaynor | " |
| May 9th | Betty | Sophie, Jane & Joan |
| May 16th | Muriel | " |
| May 23rd | Charles | Terry, Muriel, Maureen |
| May 30th | Michael | " |
| June 6th | Maureen | Bryan & Betty |
| <i>If these dates don't suit, please swap or contact Maureen on</i> | | |

call Heather Burkinshaw on 01353 721736. Alternatively, talk to Fiona Maxwell (720677) who has some leaflets.

Flowers in St Margaret's

We will be decorating St Margaret's Church for Easter on Saturday April 10th. Donations of flowers, foliage and help would be most welcome. Please contact Jennifer Wilson on 720649.

Chernobyl Children Life Line

The charity Chernobyl Children Life Line was founded to help the children of Belarus, the country worst hit by the disaster at the Chernobyl Nuclear Plant in 1986. More than 2 million people in Belarus live in contaminated areas, with no access to "clean" food. They still till their fields, look after their animals and eat the contaminated produce of their labours. The children, who are particularly vulnerable, are ingesting so much contamination that the numbers developing leukaemia and cancer continue to rise.

One of the ways the charity helps these children is by bringing them to the UK for a holiday. They estimate that one month with a family here boosts a child's immune system to an extent that their life expectancy is increased by several years. Children stay with a host family for one month, and get to eat healthy food and breathe clean air. The next group of children will be coming to our area in June. If you think you might be able to host a child, please

Snailwell Church News

Decorating the Church for Easter

Everyone please come along on Saturday April 10th to help with decorating the church for Easter Day. If you would like to come along but haven't been before, you are most welcome to join in. There is usually someone in church from 11am onwards. Easter Sunday will be Family Communion, so we hope to see some youngsters as there could be some Easter Eggs!

Maureen Howes

Questions of Faith

The next in our series of Faith Talks will be held on Tuesday May 18th at Chippenham Village Hall. The subject is Judaism. We start at 7pm and aim to finish by 8.15pm. All very welcome.

Paul Mangell

Annual Church Meetings

Chippenham: Village Hall, Weds April 28th, 8pm

Snailwell: St Peter's Church, Thurs 29th April, 7.45pm

Everyone is encouraged to attend our annual church meetings, where we review church finances and activity in the preceding year and look forward to the next. We elect the Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council at these meetings.

Nominations for Churchwardens should be made in writing and should be received before the meetings by the PCC Secretaries, Brian Wilson in Chippenham (5 Manor Farm Bams) or Maureen Howes in Snailwell (6 The Street).

Church Electoral Rolls

Members of the church's Electoral Roll may stand and vote for the PCC at the annual meetings. If you are baptised and would like to be on the electoral roll, please contact Mrs Judy Broadway, 50 High Street, Chippenham (720619) or Mrs Betty Orme, 5 The Green, Snailwell (578265), who have application forms.

Parish Council News

New Parish Councillor

Snailwell Parish Council is pleased to welcome Mr Charles Richmond, of 7, The Green, onto the Council as its newest member. We look forward to welcoming Mr Richmond at the Parish Meeting on May 20th.



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Electrical disturbances in Snailwell

I've been experiencing interference to radio and television broadcasts both early in the morning and in the early evening. Has anyone else noticed this and if so have they any idea where it's coming from? Please contact me if you have any ideas.

Clive Sutton, Old School House, Snailwell, 578677.

Current Planning Applications

Plans recently received by Chippenham PC:

- Highway flood arch, Badlingham Manor, 04/00049, for Mr A Wright
- Single storey rear extension, 44C High Street, 04/00099, for Mr & Mrs A Munro
- Revised restoration scheme, Kennett Landfill Site, E/0715/0/CW for Waste Recycling Group
- Importation, crushing, screening and processing of construction and demolition waste, HEH Enterprises, Plantation Farm, Kennett, E/3004/04/CW, for D Haird & Co Ltd

Car tax at your local Post Office

Please note that you can now pay for your car tax at Kentford and Fordham Post Offices.

This useful service will save you joining the queues in Newmarket: do use it if you can.

THE NEXT MEETING of **Chippenham** Parish Council will be the open Parish Meeting on Wednesday May 5th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Snailwell Parish Council's Parish Meeting is on Thursday May 20th, at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church.

ELY MUSEUM

SPRING 2004

Saturdays 3rd and 10th April, 10.30am - 5pm

Easter Fun at Ely Museum

Join the Easter family trail at Ely Museum, find the right objects and win an Easter prize! Suitable for children of

all ages. Normal admission charges, accompanied children free.

Saturday 1st May, 1 - 4pm

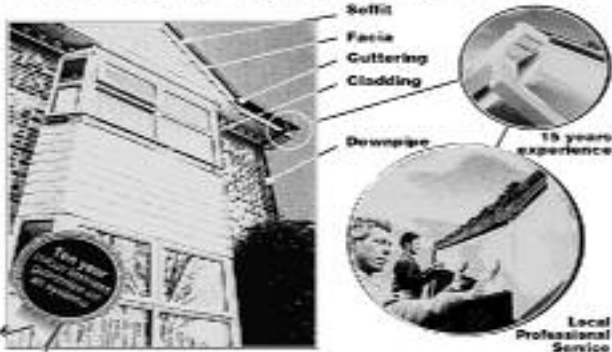
Ask the Archaeologist

Bring along your object for a finds identification day. Have you discovered a piece of pottery, flint, a coin or something else? Come and ask the experts to tell you more about your find.

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News Views Contacts

The Parish Churches of Chippenham & Snailwell

Church Diary

April

Sunday 4th **Palm Sunday (R)**
Philippians 2:5-11 *Luke 23:1-49*
 Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am
 Family Service Chippenham
 Meet at the Village Hall at 10.45am
 for procession with donkey

Monday 5th **Monday in Holy Week**
 Compline Snailwell 7.30pm

Wednesday 7th **Wednesday in Holy Week**
 Compline Chippenham 7.30pm

Friday 9th **Good Friday**
 Good Friday Liturgy Snailwell, 10am
 One hour devotion Chippenham, 2pm

Sunday 11th **EASTER DAY (W)**
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 *John 20: 1-18*
 Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am
 Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am
Mozart Missa Brevis

Sunday 18th **2nd Sunday of Easter (W)**
Revelation 1:4-8 *John 20:19-31*
 Family Service Snailwell 9.30-10.15am
 Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sunday 25th **3rd Sunday of Easter (W)**
Revelation 5:11-14 *John 21:1-19*
 Matins Snailwell 9.30am
 Matins Chippenham 11am

May

Sunday 2nd **4th Sunday of Easter (W)**
Revelation 7:9-17 *John 10:22-30*
 Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am
 Family Service Chippenham 11-11.45am

Sunday 9th **5th Sunday of Easter (W)**
Revelation 21:1-6 *John 13:31-35*
 Family Service Snailwell 9.30-10.15am
 Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sunday 16th **6th Sunday of Easter (W)**
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 *John 14:23-29*
 Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am
 Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Thursday 20th **ASCENSION DAY**

Sunday 23rd **Sunday after Ascension Day (W)**
Revelation 22:12-14, 16,17,20,21 *John 17: 20-26*
 Matins Snailwell 9.30am
 Matins Chippenham 11am

Sunday 30th **PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) (R)**
Acts 2:1-21 *John 14: 8-17*
 Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am
 Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

June

Sunday 6th **TRINITY Sunday (W)**
Romans 5:1-5 *John 16: 12-15*
 Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am
 Family Service Chippenham 11-11.45am

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

Have you seen Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*? If like me, you have not yet seen it, then perhaps we all should, even if it will be very testing, and we may find it harrowing in the extreme, and at times have to avert our eyes from the screen. For, from all accounts, and especially those who HAVE seen it, it will prove to be challenging to the very core of our being. Because we might also find the film tremendously tender. It has been described to me this past week as the greatest love story of all time. Whether you have seen it or not, it would be helpful to talk about what it means, and the implications for what you actually believe. Do stop me around the villages and ask!

It's the time of year for powerful images isn't it? There are signs of new life bursting from the ground, and in the air around us. Daffodils, which herald the spring with such grace and beauty; our thoughts are naturally lifted high when we see them along our streets and in our gardens. The birds in our gardens, which seem to be building nests in every shrub and tree; in ours it is the collared doves, building high in the silver birch, sitting faithfully until the eggs are hatched.

And at this great Festival of Easter, new life and resurrection is the central theme. That most compelling of images in our lives, the cross on which Jesus suffered and died, is a forceful image for our Christian journey. For who knows what cross each of us has to bear in our lives; who knows what burdens we all bear; and who can we let into the dark places of our lives, where only the very few are allowed in, and which often ourselves we shy away from opening to others? For the cross on which Jesus hung and died, is for Christians, the central act of self-giving love. Jesus died for us all. He suffered and experienced the very depths of despair. He even felt abandoned by God, when he uttered from the cross the opening words from Psalm 22, *My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?* Sometimes we too experience that sense of abandonment in the worst moments of our lives. But Jesus died that we might have life in abundance. That we might live in the light of his great sacrifice. For Jesus has experienced the very depths of despair that humankind has to bear, and has come through that, to a new risen life in union with God our Creator.

Please join us, on April 11th at St Peter's, Snailwell at 9.30am, and/or at St Margaret's, Chippenham at 11am, to celebrate this most momentous event in history. See you there!

Chippenham Sunday School

The Sunday School meets every week either at Paul and Isobel Mangell's house, 48 High Street, and joins the service towards the end, or attends the whole service in Church. Our forthcoming activities are as follows:

Palm Sunday, April 4th: Join **donkey procession** from Village Hall at 10.45am, stay for service
Easter Sunday: **Easter egg hunt** in the churchyard during the service, come along at 11am.

18th April: no Sunday School

25th April: at 48 High Street from 10.45am, join service around 11.45am

2nd May: attend Family Service, 11-11.45am

9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th May, at 48 High St from 10.45am, join service around 11.45am

6th June: attend Family Service, 11-11.45am

Other regular weekday services

Snailwell: Evening Prayer, Wednesdays 4.15pm

Chippenham: Evensong, Thursdays, 6.30pm

Open letter to Chippenham residents

Dear residents,

Over the past few months the press coverage on WildTracks has sometimes been inaccurate. I am writing, therefore, to give you the facts – and because I feel that many of the positive things that happen here have not been fairly represented.

Planning It has been alleged that we do not have a planning consent for Karting and Rallycross. On the contrary. These permissions were received on 1st February 1995 and 10th January 1997, and we completed the requisite circuit last October. Prior to its construction, we did not ask for further planning permission because the Planners advised our contractors that there was no objection to these engineering works. However, we are already rectifying this with a retrospective application.

Noise One of the chief fears of local residents, and one which I fully understand as I live in Chippenham, is increased noise. The Planners have now asked us to submit an Environmental Impact Assessment together with the above Planning Application, and as part of this we have instructed one of the leading companies in this field to carry out the noise survey. They have already monitored noise levels at a number of relevant locations, taking readings on a 'worst case' scenario when the wind was blowing in the direction of the village. The consultants report reads as follows: *'At all locations, the background noise levels (WildTracks) were dominated by road traffic noise on the A11'*. We also tried the tannoy system and they go on to say; *'the PA system was not audible at any of the monitoring locations including that nearest to WildTracks'*. Copies of this report are available for inspection. Motocross has been held at Chippenham now for over 25 years, and until very recently we have had no complaints.

Over the past ten years, we have taken the following steps to reduce noise:

- Over 4,000 trees have been planted, and banking put in around the Motocross circuit.
- Our operating hours at weekends have been voluntarily reduced. We now close at 4.00pm, instead of 6.00pm, and 5.00pm at weekends - as allowed by our existing planning consent.
- The number of Motocross meetings has been reduced from 10 to 3 in any one year

Bunding or Banking We have recently installed an earth 'bund' along the new kart circuit - the effect of which will, according to the experts, reduce noise levels by over 30%.

We did not make a planning application for this, as the Chippenham Parish Council, when consulted, told us that they welcomed any measures to reduce noise levels. We have now been asked to do so – which again we are doing.

Future activities at WildTracks.

We hope, eventually, to be able to run occasional Rallycross and Supermoto meetings at WildTracks on the new circuit. Because of space restrictions, these events would take the place of the regular Motocross practices already allowed.

Noise from these sources would be far less than that at our weekly Motocross sessions, when we can have up to 120 bikes here at the same time. (At a Rallycross meeting no more than 8 cars participate at any one time; while for Supermoto events there are unlikely to be more than 20 bikes on the track simultaneously).

In accordance with the sports' governing bodies, noise levels are – and will continue to be – carefully monitored to ensure that they do not exceed the guidelines laid down.

General.

- We employ 10 people from the area on a full time basis, with over 20 part time marshals on our books as well. We also support at least 20 different local charities and schools, and spend in excess of £400,000 a year exclusively in the local economy.
- Already more than 500 young people visit us on an average weekend for Motorcross, so we run weekly training schools for junior beginners.
- Our research shows that at least 95% of our visitors access us from the A11/A14 and immediate slip roads – not through the local villages.

WildTracks provides enormous enjoyment for families, corporate groups and thousands of young people in the area - in a location that complies perfectly with Government guidelines. Please come along and see for yourselves what we have to offer. We are holding an OPEN DAY for the residents of Chippenham and Kennett on SATURDAY MAY 1ST, when there will be an opportunity to enjoy karting, quadbikes and military vehicle rides, and the testing 4 x 4 circuit – completely free of charge. See left for further details, or ring Brenda on 751918 if you would like to join us. And bring the family, too. I look forward to seeing you all.

Yours sincerely

John Gorst

WildTracks

OPEN DAY

**for residents of
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SAT 1ST MAY 2004

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**Use our fleet of vehicles - or bring
your own.**

**To book your place please
ring Brenda on 751 918.
But hurry, space
will be limited!**
**11am to 3pm
Bring the family!**

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Chippenham Cricket Club

2004 Fixtures List

| Date | Opposition | Time | Date | Opposition | Time |
|-------------|-----------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 25 April | Stansfield | (h)2pm | 18 July | Pimpernel | (a)2pm |
| 02 May | Gestingthorpe | (a)2pm | 25 July | Bury St Ed. | (h)2pm |
| 04 May Tue | Trainers | (h)2pm | 01 August | Gazeley | (a)2pm |
| 09 May | Weekenders | (h)2pm | 07 August Sat | Holkham Hall | (h)2pm |
| 16 May | Pimpernel | (h)2pm | 08 August | S. Morden | (h)2pm |
| 22 May Sat | Holkham Hall | (h)2pm | 14 August Sat | E Crawley XI | (h)2pm |
| 23 May | Bury St Ed. | (a)2pm | 15 August | Kirtling | (h)2pm |
| 30 May | Curitsden | (h)2pm | 21 August Sat | Pimlico | (h)2pm |
| 06 June | Kirtling | (a)2pm | 22 August | Cockenach | (a)2pm |
| 07 June Mon | E.H. Cavaliers | (h)2pm | 29 August | Strange Fruit | (h)11am |
| 13 June | Six Mile Bottom | (a)2pm | 05 Sept | Six Mile Bottom | (h)1.30pm |
| 20 June | Cockenach | (h)2pm | 12 Sept | Stansfield | (a)1pm |
| 27 June | Mansfield Green | (h)2pm | 19 Sept | Wicken | (h)1pm |
| 04 July | Litchborough | (h)2pm | 23 Sept Thur | E.H. Cavaliers | (h)1pm |
| 10 July Sat | Gestingthorpe | (h)2pm | 26 Sept | Royston | (h)1pm |
| 11 July | Cambourne | (h)2pm | | | |

ALL FIXTURES ARE ON A SUNDAY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

- Midweek league will take place each Wednesday, 6.30pm from May 5th and we will be at home on 12th May, 26th May, 9^h June and 30th June.

Spectators are more than welcome at all games, so if you fancy a relaxing and sociable afternoon in the sun please come along. Home games are played in Chippenham Park.

In addition, if you would like to support the club why not become a member?

For non-players we ask for a minimum donation of £1, or if you are interested in playing it costs just £28 for Playing members, £13 for players under 20 and £7 for players under 13.

To join, fill in the form below and hand it in with your remittance to Kevin Pallant, Coach House Stables, High Street, Chippenham. We look forward to seeing you !

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| <p>NAME/S:</p> <p>ADDRESS:</p> | <p>Type of membership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Player £28</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Under 13 £7</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Player under 20 £13</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non Player (Donation)</p> |
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