

Chippenham Park Gardens Open

Sunday October 19th, 11am - 5pm

Beautiful autumn gardens, many plant stalls
Refreshments all day (*proceeds to the Cricket Club*)
Entry £3 per adult, children free
Snap up unusual plants for your own Autumn garden
Raising funds for the National Gardens Scheme charities

Park Open dates for 2004

Daffodil Sunday, March 28th
Summer Borders, Sunday 27th June
Autumn Colour, Sunday 17th October

Table Top Sale

Sunday 2nd November 9.30 – 11.30am

Chippenham Village Hall

Proceeds to Milton Children's Hospice
Please phone Catherine Barrow on 721745
for further details.

Chippenham Bonfire Night

Fireworks & Barbecue

Saturday 8th November
behind the Tharp Arms

Pub opens 6pm, fireworks start 7pm

Free admission ~ Barbecue

Please bring a firework to add to the display



Free Range Eggs For Sale

Happy chickens running free have eggs for sale at £1.30 a dozen. Come and see us at 1 Lodge Cottages, Chippenham Lodge Stud and ask for Marion or contact me on 720662. Regular orders welcome.

Temporary child care available

Three fully qualified, mature, reliable girls are available for child care in Chippenham. Whether it's a day's shopping or lunch out with your mum, your children will be in safe hands and in the comfort of your home while you are away. For more information and bookings call eezofminders Childcare Agency at 21 New Street, phone 01638 720567.

Grand Jumble Sale

Saturday November 29th, 2 - 4pm

Victoria Hall, Fordham

Cake stall Refreshments

Good quality jumble wanted

please bring to 50 High Street Chippenham,
or ring 720619 or 720706 for collection.

St Margaret's Flower Festival
"All Good Gifts"

Open Saturday October 4th 2 – 5pm

Sunday October 5th 11 – 5pm

Entrance free

There's still time to let us have items for display at the Flower Festival. If you have a particular hobby or craft that you'd like to share with us, please let me have items for display, labelled with your name/phone number if appropriate, by lunchtime on Friday 3rd October. Flower arrangers will be busy during Friday and on Saturday morning. If you can spare flowers or foliage from your garden do bring it along or let us know and we can collect.

St Margaret's Choir Concert Saturday 7pm
Entrance free, retiring collection

The Choir will perform a 45 minute concert on Saturday evening, followed after the interval with a Sung Compline by candlelight. Those who were at the Easter Compline will know this is a very atmospheric and moving short service.

Harvest Festival Service, Sunday 6pm
followed by Harvest Supper at 7pm

Items of harvest produce: vegetables, fruit, groceries, etc, will be very welcome to decorate the church and supplement the Flower Festival. Please bring things along to church any time on Friday. Harvest produce will be taken along to the Newmarket Day Centre after the weekend. Everyone is welcome to stay for the Harvest Supper after the service: the more the merrier.

Children's Competition

The competition running alongside the Flower Festival has two themes: "Harvest in a shoe-box" and "Funny vegetable man". Entry forms are on page 6: please bring entries to church anytime on Friday or Saturday morning and they will be on display during the Festival. Don't forget to bring the form with the entry so we know whose it is. Extra forms available from Judy Broadway.

Contacts for the Festival weekend are Alan or Judy Broadway, 720619, Jennifer Wilson, 720649, and Mike Banyard, 721616. We hope very much to see you at some time over the weekend: there's plenty going on.

[act] Arts in Cambs on Tour presents

The Daniel Smith Blues Band

boogie-woogie and blues piano with a top-class band
"..absolutely brilliant" - Paul Jones, Radio 2

Chippenham Village Hall

Friday December 5th, 8pm

Tickets available from Judy Broadway, 01638 720619

Steam Day for Isleham School

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the Steam Day on Sept 20th. We had a record number of people there and made a record profit of £616 for school funds, thanks in part to the great weather. A special thank-you to all the helpers, especially to those not connected with

Isleham school.

Sue Blazey

Village of the Year Competition

You may have seen the photos in the local press showing the Village of the Year plaque which we have won for Chippenham as East Cambs District Best Village this year. Unfortunately we didn't get any further in the competition: the County title was taken by Fenland winners Wimblington and Stonea (a parish near March). Thank you to everyone who helped on the day the judges came round. It is very hard for a village of our size to show lots of activity in all the judging categories: we were up against places with up to 3000 residents. It was a great result considering our small size.

Look out for the plaque on front of the Tharp soon.

Gardens competitions results

The cups for the Horticultural Society's gardens competitions were presented at the Autumn Show on September 13th. Winners were:

Best Garden: 1st Daphne Hamer, 6 Manor Farm Barns
2nd Ray Simpson, 3 Parkside
3rd Dawn & Robbie Bullock, 7 Tharp Way

Hanging Baskets and Tubs

1st Pamela Sims, 48 Tharp Way
2nd Dawn & Robbie Bullock, 7 Tharp Way
3rd Diana Drake, 10 Palace Lane

Shoe Box Appeal

Can you help children in Eastern European countries have a special Christmas this year? I am collecting small cuddly toys, writing pads, pens, crayons, flannels, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, gloves, mittens, hair toggles, small sealed bags of sweets or anything else you think a boy or girl aged 3 – 16 would like to find in their shoe box at Christmas.

Every little helps! I can collect items or you can drop them off at 4 Tharp Way, Chippenham.

Thanking you, Tina Dumphreys, 01638 720062

Wanted Bunk beds in good condition.
Please apply to Anne Crawley on 01638 720221

For sale Football boots size 5. Worn for one season only, price £7.50. Please contact Judy Gear, Tel: 721081

Chippenham Tennis Club

Congratulations to Tim and Beth Hayward for their victory in the 2003 Millennium Challenge Cup at our very successful tournament on September 6th and well done Liam Ward for winning the junior event. Many thanks to Jon and Jane for organising the event, Andy for running the junior competition, Simon for the excellent barbeque and to all those who took part.

Well done also to the eight or so players who took part in the Men's League matches; the team did well to finish fourth, having been newly promoted to division 2 this season. The newly-formed mixed team didn't do so well in their league but played some enjoyable matches. We will be entering teams in both leagues again next year.

Jon is keen on re-starting the Sunday morning club sessions from 9am each Sunday, so please turn up if you can – you will be sure to get a game. We are also keen to re-start adult and junior coaching but need to know the level of interest. Please phone Jon on 721783 to let him know you are interested.

Alan Broadway

Chippenham & Snailwell Horticultural Society

Four meetings have been arranged for the 03/04 season:

October 14th Carol Kenny Organic gardening
*November 12th Barry Gayton Trees for the small garden
March 9th Barry Gayton Weird and wonderful
April 13th Pauline Miller Flower arranging
(including demonstrations)

**Please note the November meeting is on a Wednesday.*

We are particularly grateful to Barry Gayton for stepping in to fill the gap in November which resulted from the death of a previously-booked speaker. Knowing how popular Barry has always been with our members, we hope very much that he will have an equally good audience on both occasions.

Pauline Miller is another of our very popular speakers and I am sure she will be as well supported on this occasion as previously. Carol Kenny is our only "first-timer" therefore, this year. She has been warmly recommended by a neighbouring society so we trust that she will also be well supported.

If you are new to Chippenham or Snailwell (or any neighbouring village) or have not previously come to any of our meetings you will be very welcome. You can decide at the end of the meeting whether you wish to join. Membership costs only £2 per year and there is nothing further to pay. Perhaps you came to our recent Annual Show in the Village Hall: if so we hope that will have encouraged you to join. It is worth mentioning that even though there are 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. placings in the various categories at the Show, we are NOT a fiercely competitive bunch of gardeners: in fact members are very generous in sharing expertise and advice.

We hope that if you are not already a member, you will give serious consideration to the possibility of joining. If you are tempted, come on October 14th and decide in the course of the meeting whether you'd like to become a member. I have appended my phone number in case anyone wants further information.

Daphne Hamer, Tel: 721042

Chippenham Women's Institute

We meet in October on Weds 15th for our annual Open Evening, where we welcome members of neighbouring Institutes. This year the entertainment is by the musical duo "Affinity". In November Mrs Joy Brown from Isleham is coming to speak on sugar craft. The competition will be for a Christmas cake decoration. Our meetings are held in the Village Hall and all start at 7.30pm. New members and visitors always welcome.

GINETTE HAWES, President (781127)

EILEEN SMALLEY, Secretary (720453)



Isleham Primary School

"A good school with many very good features"

Government inspectors have praised almost all aspects of Isleham Primary School including the quality of teaching, the behaviour of children and the leadership of the head-teacher. The team from Ofsted said there were no significant areas for improvement. Inspectors found "the quality of teaching is very good overall and effectively promotes the pupils' learning." The report adds "Teachers throughout the school have high expectations and take great trouble to present learning in ways which challenge and motivate pupils."

This is a very good report: well done Isleham School!

Meggie's Pet Sitting

If you are going away and need your pets looking after then please give me a ring on 01638 720062 or pop in @ 4 Tharp Way Chippenham. *Megan Dumphreys*



HealthWise

After this lovely summer we should all be well up on our vitamin D levels as this is the vitamin which we make from sunshine and which helps to keep the immune system working well throughout the colder, darker months of the year. Exposure of 10 to 15 minutes per day to sunshine is sufficient so there is no need to over-expose and run the risk of skin damage. Vitamins A, B, C, and K require among other things, green leafy vegetables so always try to include these in one meal per day. Vitamin E comes from vegetable oils, nuts and seeds - nicely included in a good quality muesli to start the day, and avocados which contain essential fatty acids so important to provide the anti-oxidants to destroy the build-up of harmful chemicals in the body and to prevent the clogging of arteries, thus helping to reduce the incidence of heart disease and stroke. Keep the intake of fresh fruits, vegetables and salads up while they are still so readily available as they contain so many nutrients essential to good health.

On a slightly different note, many people are now thinking about ideas for Christmas presents and the craft fairs will soon be starting which are an excellent hunting ground for those special gifts. There will be a Craft Fair at Soham Village College on Sunday October 19th, from 10am to 4pm at Lodeside. I shall be there with my full range of healthy products, some ready-packaged to buy as gifts and including some lovely crystals and crystal jewellery. The Neways range do some excellent trial-sized products of hair, skin and dental preparations which make healthy, chemical-free choices of small gifts. In November I shall be doing a stall at Lackford Lakes on Sunday 9th and 23rd when they propose to have a number of stalls offering "stocking-fillers". Finally on the 29th November I shall be in the Church Hall at West Row for their annual Christmas Fair with a large variety of Christmas gifts. I hope that there will be more events locally where I shall also have an opportunity to exhibit. If I can help with more information or in any other way please contact me, Maureen Penney on 01638 750475 or email: Maureen@penney24.go-plus.net.

Cambridge Independent Advice Centre

Do you need help to claim benefits
or have problems with debt?

For free, independent, confidential advice, call our
village visiting service on 01223 712295.

Our new phone advice line is open every Wednesday from
10am – 1pm.

Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride

The Broadway and Mangell families had excellent weather for the annual cycle ride in aid of the Historic Churches Trust. It was sunny, even hot in the afternoon, with no wind. Between us we have probably raised about £400, of which half will be returned to our church in due course. The Historic Churches Trust gives loans and grants to many churches all over the country and the cycle ride is their main source of fund-raising income. Thank you to all our sponsors. *JB*

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The Parish Churches of Chippenham & Snailwell

Chippenham Sunday Rota

SUNDAY	October 5th 6pm	October 12th	October 19th	October 26th	November 2nd	November 9th 10.45am	November 16th	November 23rd	November 30th 6.30pm
SIDESMEN	Jan	Anne	Ian	Alan	Brian	Anne	Jan	Ian	Alan
READERS	Chris	Eileen	Brian	James	Chris	Anne	Jan	Eileen	Brian
WINE	All PCC	Anne	Beth & Tim	Eric & Joyce	Brian & Jennifer	Isabel & Terry	Alan	Mandy & Ian	Paul & Isobel
CLEANING	Judy Eileen & Mary	Julie	Paul & James	Fiona & Mandy	Judy, Eileen & Mary	Julie	Paul & James	Fiona & Mandy	Judy, Eileen & Mary
FLOWERS	FLOWER FESTIVAL	Jennifer		Nicola		Joyce		Sam	

Please note Judy Gear (Tel: 721081) & Linda Sadler (Tel: 721713) are happy to act as sidesmen if anyone is away.

Snailwell Sunday Rota

	Readers/sidesmen	Flowers & Cleaning
October 5th	Betty	Sophie & Jane
October 12th, 6pm <i>Harvest Service</i>	Muriel	Terry, Muriel, Maureen
October 19th	Charles	"
October 26th	Michael	Bryan & Betty
November 2nd	Maureen	"
November 9th	<i>Remembrance at Chippenham</i>	Gaynor & Sue
November 16th	Gaynor	"
November 23rd	Betty	Sophie & Jane
November 30th	<i>Group Service at Fordham</i>	"
December 7th	Michael	Terry, Muriel, Maureen

If these dates don't suit, please swap or contact Maureen

Questions of Faith

13th October "The world's great religions: Islam"
 10th November "The letters of St Paul"
 8th December "Christmas as a Christian celebration"
 All talks in Chippenham Village Hall, 7 – 8.15pm
 Entrance free ~ Everyone very welcome

Snailwell Church News

Harvest Festival Songs of Praise: October 12th, 6pm

We are always in need of helpers to decorate the church. Can you help? It doesn't have to be flowers, but anything you think represents Harvest. There are several youngsters in the village now, possibly more than for many years. Would you like to make this Harvest Festival special, by doing an arrangement, a basket of fruit or vegetables? There are lots of nuts and berries about, perhaps these could be used. Or why not a painting or drawing that could be pinned up? Put your thinking caps on, and remember that even the contents of a packet of breakfast cereal have had to be harvested! If you are interested please contact Maureen on 577456.

Harvest Supper

Everyone is invited to the Harvest Supper after the service on a "bring and share" basis. If you can't make the service, please still come for the supper. It could be a wonderful meal. The collection from the Harvest Service goes to charities (as does the Carol Service collection). The fruit and vegetables are sold off after the service and the money added to the collection. Produce not sold will be donated to the Newmarket Day Centre.

Snailwell Picnic

What super weather and a great get-together. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thank you to Colin for supplying the entertainment, it was the icing on the cake to a lovely afternoon: hopefully the first of many. MH.

Date for your diaries

Saturday December 6th, 2.30pm

Snailwell Christmas Fayre

ENTRY FORM FOR THE FLOWER FESTIVAL CHILDREN'S COMPETITION
 PLEASE CUT OUT AS NECESSARY, FILL IN AND BRING WITH ENTRY

FUNNY VEGETABLE MAN

Name:

Address:

Age:

HARVEST IN A SHOE-BOX

Name:

Address:

Age:

Next issue Please send all notices and news for the next issue to the Editor, Judy Broadway, 50 High Street, Chippenham, Tel: 720619, by November 20th. You can e-mail me at j.broadway@dial.pipex.com.

Parish Council News

Affordable Housing in Snailwell

The Hundred Housing society has contacted Bidwells, agents for Chippenham Park Estate, with proposals for building some affordable houses behind the present houses on The Green, visible on the right on entering the village from Chippenham Road. The houses would be for rent or shared ownership and in the control of the housing society. They have spoken to the District Council's planning officers and are keen to talk to the Parish Council. A special Parish Council meeting has been arranged for Wednesday October 15th, at 7.45pm in St Peter's church, so that these plans can be fully discussed.

No actual planning application has been presented: this is a very early discussion which may well not result in anything. Snailwell residents are all welcome to attend the meeting or to give their views to the Chairman, Mrs Waddilove, beforehand.

Current Planning Applications

Plans recently received by Chippenham PC:

- Cesspool, Chippenham Fen, 03/00888, for English Nature

Plans recently received by Snailwell PC:

- Conversion of redundant barns to 5 residential units, Church Farm, 03/00925, for Mrs D A Crawley

Apple Festival 2003

*East Cambridgeshire District Council is holding its third Apple Festival on **Saturday 25th October** on Palace Green and St Mary's Green, Ely in celebration of the great British Apple. Running throughout the day will be apple-related stalls selling everything from apple chutney to apple juice. The popular Apple Café is back where you can sit and relax in the Cathedral Centre and enjoy a variety of apple-related refreshments. Also in the Cathedral Centre will be a display of apples and foliage by Ely Flower Arranging Club. In the upper room there will be a variety of activities for children such as colouring, making apple crumbles and planting your own apple seed in a self-decorated pot.*

*We have several competitions and activities running throughout the day including the longest apple peeling competition, guess the weight of the apple, apple and spoon races as well as an apple shy. Information stalls, sales of apples, a wood-turner demonstration and folk music all add to the fun of the day which runs from **10.30am until 3.30pm**.*

Clearing up the play areas

Is there a community-minded person living near the play areas who could keep an eye on them for the Parish Council, pick up litter, empty the bins and report any damage? Contact Kevin on 720415 or Judy on 720619 if so. A small payment could be arranged if necessary.

'The pit' allotment tip

Several past Newsletters have carried requests to residents other than allotment holders to stop using the land behind the allotments as a general village dumping-ground and bonfire area. Due to repeated misuse of this area, culminating in a fire which needed two fire engines to put out last weekend, we have reluctantly decided that enough is enough.

I have arranged for the area to be cleared, the dip levelled out and the whole piece of land fenced, seeded and grassed over. It will become grazing for horses. *Jenny Scarff, Carter Jonas Land Agents*

Chill out and save money!

East Cambridgeshire District Council and npower, the national energy provider, have teamed up to offer East Cambs' residents the chance to trade in their old fridge for a brand new, energy efficient model at a very reduced rate.

Fridges and fridge-freezers can be the biggest consumers of energy in the home. Old or damaged appliances have to work especially hard to keep food and drinks cold and therefore use more energy.

Fridgesavers offers low-income households the opportunity to replace their old inefficient appliance for a new A-rated refrigerator for just £35 or fridge-freezer for as little as £60. An A-rated fridge-freezer can also save up to £690 on electricity bills over the life of the appliance.

To qualify for the scheme householders must be using a damaged or faulty appliance (therefore using excess energy) and be in receipt of one or more qualifying benefits or tax credits. *Fridgesavers* works on a 'like for like' basis - a new fridge for an old fridge and a new fridge-freezer for an old fridge-freezer.

For more information and to request an application form, please contact Ian Bowers on 01353 616251. Application forms are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

THE NEXT MEETING of **Chippenham** Parish Council will be held on Tuesday October 28th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Snailwell Parish Council's meeting to discuss affordable housing will be held in St Peter's Church on Wednesday October 15th at 7.45pm, and the next full Council meeting is on Thursday November 6th, same time, same place.

Christmas Bonus for Chippenham Pensioners

The Parish Council looks after two village charity funds which 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'd like to apply and are not already on our list, please fill in the form below. Ladies of 60 or over and gentlemen 65 or over are eligible to join. Please return the form to the Clerk at 50 High Street **by Friday November 28th.**

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

Name (please print):

Address:

The Parish Churches of Chippenham & Snailwell

Church Diary

October

Sun 5th *Trinity 16 (G)*
Genesis 2:18-24. *Mark 10: 2-16*
 Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am
 HARVEST FESTIVAL Chippenham 6pm
Harvest Supper in Church afterwards at 7pm

Sun 12th *Trinity 17 (G)*
Hebrews 4:12-16 *Mark 10:17-31*
 Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am
 HARVEST FESTIVAL Snailwell 6pm
Harvest Supper in Church afterwards at 7pm

Sun 19th *Trinity 18 (G)*
Hebrews 5:1-10 *Mark 10:35-45*
 Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am
 Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 26th *Last Sunday After Trinity (G)*
Hebrews 7:23-28 *Mark 10:46-52*
 Mattins Snailwell 9.30am
 Mattins Chippenham 11am

November

Sun 2nd *All Saints Day (W)*
Revelation 21:1-6a *John 11:32-44*
 Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am
 Family Service Chippenham 11am

Sun 9th *Remembrance Sunday*
Hebrews 9:24-28 *Mark 1:14-20*
 Chippenham and Snailwell joint service at
 St Margaret's Chippenham, 10.45am

Sun 16th *Second Sunday before Advent (R)*
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 *Mark 13:1-8*
 Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am
 Sung Eucharist Chippenham 11am

Sun 23rd *Christ the King (R)*
Revelation 1:4b- 8 *John 18:33-37*
 Mattins Snailwell 9.30am
 Mattins Chippenham 11am

Sunday 30th *Advent Sunday (P)*
 Three Rivers Ordination Fordham 10.30am
No morning services at Snailwell & Chippenham
 Advent Carol Service Chippenham 6.30pm

December

Sunday 7th *Advent 2 (P)*
 Holy Communion Snailwell 9.30am
 Family Service Chippenham 11am

Family Services at St Margaret's

Following on from the success of the Family Service held at the end of August, It's been decided to hold a regular family service on the first Sunday of every month, starting in November. There will be activities for children of all ages set around a simple but interesting service for adults. Do come along and give it a try: the service starts at 11am, lasts about 45 mins and is followed by refreshments.

Mike Banyard

From the Three Rivers Curate: Mike Banyard

(01638 721616)

Many thanks to all those young people who responded to the summer competition. Olive wood crosses from Bethlehem arrived for all the participants. Now there's a new challenge for the autumn, with an additional word search for the older ones. All entries to the Vicarage in Chippenham by the end of October and prizes will be arriving! Thanks too to Giles Gear, Colin Twite, Tim Appleyard and Xavin Taylor who wrote to the War Graves Commission to try to find out more about the soldier buried in the war grave in Chippenham churchyard. So far, the research has uncovered his name, rank and unit; I think we will need to write to the regiment to find out more.

Autumn turns us to thoughts of harvest, even though for many, especially those who work the land, the harvest has been going on for months. It's at this season that we focus our thoughts and our prayers and thanksgiving for God's goodness in creating the earth, and our willing co-operation in making it fruitful, so that all have enough to eat. It's not so everywhere and we do well to stop and reflect on our many blessings. The book of Genesis at the start of the Bible provides a poetic account of creation, with the telling words after each section, "...and God saw that it was good." And it is, when there is enough to go around and when there is plenty. In our affluent and wealthy western world, it is good to stop and reflect on these blessings, and to turn ourselves to God and give thanks. So our harvest festivals give us that opportunity with, this year, a harvest supper in each of the two churches after the service. Do come along, give thanks and enjoy the fellowship.

Several people have asked me how the church is funded, and why we seem to be asking for money both to keep our worship alive and to maintain the costs of ministry and the superb ancient buildings which give so much character to Chippenham and Snailwell. Unlike many European countries where the state supports the church with funds, in England there is no such support. We can apply for grants to help us maintain our ancient buildings but the costs of ministry, and keeping the church ministry available for all, for regular worship, occasional services and so on falls on those who contribute regularly. Taxpayers can "gift aid" contributions which helps, but the bulk of the money comes from the individual contributions of regular worshippers.

Our beautiful churches are open every day so that we can visit, spend time in quiet reflection and prayer to God, and to give thanks for our many blessings; they are well used, and provide a warm welcome to **all**. Harvest is a good time to reflect on our blessings. Count them, and help us to keep both St Margaret's and St Peter's flourishing centres of worship and the development of true and lasting community. With thanks, *MB*

"The place of the Church in Chippenham"

**Open Meeting in the Village Hall
 Tuesday October 14th, 7 – 8.30pm**

**You are invited to an open meeting to talk about
 ideas to encourage and enliven the work of the
 Church in Chippenham. Non-churchgoers
 welcome, we need your views!**