

TALK OF THE TOWN

WINTER 2010/2011



MAYOR'S MESSAGE – SANDRA OAKES

This issue of the newsletter is focussing on forthcoming activities and news from the Museum & Heritage Centre. As usual, over the past few months the Museum has hosted numerous exhibitions including the Red Cross, Children's Heraldic Art and the Great War Exhibition. I did enjoy meeting Duncan Hames MP and "Sir William" at the Heraldic Art event! (see inset). My charity "Spring Ball" is being held on 5th March 2011, tickets are available from the Town Hall. Money raised will go to St Nicholas School's appeal for a pool which I am delighted to report is on the home straight, the building has started but money is still needed toward the final completion, so I hope you will support the Mayor's charity SNAP in any way you can. On the back page you will find a questionnaire about the town market – this is your opportunity to tell us your views and I hope as many of you will respond as possible. Lastly, in this time of austerity, may I wish you all a peaceful New Year.



NEW YEAR - NEW BEGINNINGS - CLLR. ANDREW NOBLET, LEADER

In the last couple of months we have welcomed two new senior staff. Sue Wilthew has taken over as Clerk & Chief Executive and Adrian Jones has replaced Ray Lane. They are already building on the work of their predecessors in seeking to improve the quality of town life. Our priority is to work towards Quality Town status by the end of the year, for more see the Government website, www.communities.gov.uk. The new Localism Bill will set new challenges for the Town Council and the involvement of local people. We shall respond to these positively. In the coming months we shall be looking at ways of developing the Neeld Hall, improving the Town Market (see back page) and expanding the facilities at Stanley Park. 2011 is going to be a challenge for all of us. I hope that you will be willing to participate in positive consultation so that the Town Council can continue to provide value for money and respond to the needs of its residents.



UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT - SUE WILTHEW, CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Chippenham's new Clerk & Chief Executive Sue Wilthew joins us from Frome Town Council where she was Chief Executive for the past six years. She brings with her a wealth of experience having worked in senior management positions in the public, voluntary and private sectors mainly working on community, culture and heritage related projects. Sue has relished her first couple of months in Chippenham. "It has been an intensive period of getting out and meeting representatives of Chippenham's community and businesses together with other local authorities. I feel it is essential that I get the Town Council's message across that in this harsh economic climate we all need to work together to help drive forward change and deliver continuous improvement to services for our community which lies at the heart of all we do". She is already working with the Council on developing a far reaching strategic plan setting out the Council's own vision, aims and objectives and most importantly how it will ensure it delivers them. Sue hopes that this plan "will provide the residents of Chippenham with a better understanding of what the Council does for them and how we operate". Sue went on to say "with three new senior managers joining the staff over the past few months the Council really is under new management. This is going to be a very exciting period for the Council considering new opportunities and ideas. We are certainly all keen to work together with the Members to look at new ways of living up to the Council's mission of continually "Improving the Quality of Town Life".



CHIPPENHAM MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE - SPRING HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Workshops for all ages 10.30 am – 12.30 and 1.30 pm – 3.30, ADMISSION FREE! All our activities have an "Ancient Britons" theme, developed in conjunction with the new BBC series "The Ancients"

Monday 21 February – Prehistoric Crafts and Jewellery

Discover how the Ancients dressed themselves up and make your own prehistoric jewellery

Tuesday 22 February – Be a Prehistoric Artist

Look at prehistoric art work and cave painting and have a go at making your own

Wednesday 23 February – Lights and Pots

Learn all about the Ancients' way of life and make your own clay lamps and pots

Thursday 24 February – Build a model Round House

Become a real architect and make your own round house

Saturday Club 26 February – Make a Henge

Our monthly club for arts and craft activities for ages 6 – 16 years, every 4th Saturday of the month

For further details please phone: 01249 705020 or email: heritage@chippenham.gov.uk

STOP PRESS! - STANLEY PARK SPORT GROUND - FUNDING NEWS AWAITED WATCH THIS SPACE!

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NEW MENU

DELIVERY SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE WITHIN THE CHIPPENHAM AREA

Chippenham Pancake Races Tuesday 8th March 11.00am

Outside The Town Hall



All Welcome

Bring a frying pan & pancake
"It's flippin' good fun!"



CHEFS & CATERERS
COMPANIES & ORGANISATIONS
ADULTS, CHILDREN, FANCY DRESS

Adults to wear Chef Whites, Company Uniform,
Sports Gear or Fancy Dress

ENTERTAINMENT ON THE TOWN HALL STEPS

**Pancakes available from
The Autumn Travellers Club
at the Town Hall from 10.30am**

For an entry form, rules and further information please contact:

Chippenham Tourist Information Centre
Yelde Hall Market Place Chippenham Wiltshire SN15 3HL
Tel: 01249 665970
Email: tourism@chippenham.gov.uk



HAVING A PARTY – WEDDING – BUSINESS MEETING?

All types and sizes of functions catered for at the Town and Neeld Halls in the centre of town.
Come along and have look all enquiries welcome. For more details and an information pack call:
Halls Co-ordinator on 01249 446699 or email enquiries@chippenham.gov.uk

MUSEUM NEWS!

The Museum & Heritage Centre is very proud of its 75 plus volunteer wardens. Volunteers help out with a variety of jobs both at front of house and behind the scenes. As well as greeting visitors to the museum, they help with research, cataloguing, education, even tea making! They were officially thanked at a recent Wardens AGM by the Town Mayor Sandra Oakes and the Chair of the Museum Management Committee June Wood, where Deidre Clague was also awarded a certificate for 10 years' loyal service as a museum volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering at the museum please contact us on 01249 705021. Don't miss our forthcoming Local Villages Exhibition 17 January - 25 April



Deidre Clague receiving her certificate

Copies of "Westinghouse Brake & Signal in Chippenham in Photographs" are now available at £7.95 from Chippenham Museum & Heritage Centre. This is a remarkable photographic record of the history of one of Chippenham's largest employers.

Adam King, a volunteer at the Museum & Heritage Centre, has taken some marvellous photographs of Chippenham in the snow, a selection of which are featured on the front of this newsletter. If you would like to see more of these lovely scenes, a display is on view at the museum.

MEET THE TOWN COUNCIL - MEMBERS & STAFF

Councillor Mrs Desna Allen	(Lib Dem)	Westcroft/Queens Ward
Councillor Mrs Lyn Andre	(Lib Dem)	Monkton Park Ward
Councillor Terence Bate	(Independent)	Cepen Park South Ward
Councillor Martin Coates	(Independent)	Cepen Park Central Ward
Councillor Paul Darby	(Lib Dem)	Hill Rise Ward
Councillor William Douglas	(Lib Dem)	Park Ward
Councillor Mrs Mary Fallon	(Lib Dem)	Pewsham Ward
Councillor Mrs Sylvia Gibson	(Lib Dem)	Allington Ward
Councillor Robert Jones	(Lib Dem)	Allington Ward
Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Kennedy	(Con)	Park Ward
Councillor Mrs Maureen Lloyd	(Lab)	Redland Ward
Councillor Andrew Noblet	(Lib Dem)	Avon Ward
Councillor Mrs Sandra Oakes	(Lib Dem)	Westcroft/Queens Ward
Councillor Mark Packard	(Lib Dem)	Pewsham Ward
Councillor Brian Patterson	(Independent)	Cepen Park North Ward
Councillor John Phillips (k/a Andy)	(Con)	Redland Ward
Councillor Mrs Nina Phillips	(Con)	Redland Ward
Councillor Mrs Mary Pile	(Independent)	Cepen Park North Ward
Councillor David Powell	(Lib Dem)	Avon Ward
Councillor Richard Purdon (k/a Harry)	(Con)	Pewsham Ward
Councillor Mrs Lorraine Roberts-Rance	(Lib Dem)	Park Ward
Councillor John Scragg	(Lib Dem)	Avon Ward
Councillor Mrs Marion Stickland	(Lib Dem)	Hill Rise Ward
Councillor Ms Sheila Veitch	(Green Party)	Monkton Park Ward
Councillor Mrs June Wood	(Lib Dem)	London Road Ward
Councillor William Wood (k/a Bill)	(Lib Dem)	London Road Ward
Mrs Sue Wilthew	Clerk & Chief Executive	
Mr Chris Williams	Head of Support Services	
Mr Adrian Jones	Head of Service Delivery	

HOURS OF OPENING

Town Hall

8.30am - 5pm Mon - Thur
8.30am - 4.30pm Fri

Tourist Information Centre
9.30am - 4.30pm Mon- Fri
9.30am - 3.00pm Saturdays

Museum & Heritage Centre
10.00am - 4pm Mon - Sat

Did you know? You can access the internet FREE of charge at the Town Hall as part of the eChippenham initiative, a partnership between the Town Council, Waste not Want Not and Westlea Housing Association. Contact us for further details.



For contact details please visit our website www.chippenham.gov.uk or phone 01249 446699

FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

All meetings are open to the public: February to April

Strategy & Resources	Wednesday 16 February 2011	Planning & Environment	Thursday 17 February 2011
Planning & Environment	Thursday 10 March 2011	Amenities	Wednesday 16 March 2011
Council	Wednesday 23 March 2011	Planning & Environment	Thursday 31 March 2011
Strategy & Resources	Wednesday 13 April 2011	Planning & Environment	Thursday 21 April 2011
Annual Town Meeting	Wednesday 27 April 2011	Town Council	Wednesday 27 April 2011



CHIPPENHAM TOWN COUNCIL MARKET Customer Satisfaction Survey 2011

Chippenham Town Council is committed to improving the market service that it provides. Your views are valuable to us and feedback helps us to develop the market service so that it meets of needs of the community.

Please help us to help your community by taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Q1. How often do you visit the market? *Please circle*

Once a week 2-3 times a month once a month other (please specify).....

Q2. How many stalls do you normally visit at the market? *Please circle*

1-4 5-9 10+

Q3. How satisfied are you with the following? *Please tick box*

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Variety of goods offered for sale					
Prices					
Market layout					

Q4. What type of goods do you normally buy at the market? *(you may circle more than one)*

Fruit & Veg Meat Clothing Gifts Dairy Other

Q5. Are there any goods you would like to see sold at the market?

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Q6. Overall, how satisfied are you with the market? *Please tick*

Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
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Q7. Would you come into town if the market were not held? Yes/No

Q8. Are there any other comments about the market that you wish to add?

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire which helps us to improve your local market.

Please either drop form in to the Town Hall or return by freepost to:
Chippenham Town Council, FREEPOST (SCE 5952), Chippenham SN15 3GZ

The next issue will be asking for your views on town events.

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