



Talk of the Town

Chippenham Town Council's community newsletter

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The Battle of Chippenham

25th - 26th June
Monkton Park



The English Civil War is coming to Chippenham in June. In the summer of 1643, two armies clashed in Chippenham as part of a struggle to decide whether Chippenham, Wiltshire, and the whole West Country would declare for King Charles or for Parliament.

The English Civil War Society in partnership with Chippenham Town Council will be presenting a **FREE** weekend full of excitement, spectacle and history as Royalists and Roundheads clash and two armies attempt to seize the town in the name of King Charles or of the rebel Parliament.

Come along and see:

- Soldiers of the King's Armies in a 17th century campsite with weapons, cannon, horses townspeople, and much more.
- Displays throughout the day by soldiers firing muskets, Pike-men drilling with 16 ft long spears, cavalry galloping and cannon roaring.
- See Ralph Hopton and William Waller – bitter enemies
- Meet Edward Hungerford, MP for Chippenham
- A major battle each day as the two armies meet and decide whether Chippenham will be Royalist or Roundhead.

For further details contact **Emma King, Events Manager on 665970 or eking@chippenham.gov.uk**



Other events for your diary...

Town Market
Fridays & Saturdays from 8am

Children's Easter Egg Trail
9 - 25 April

Royal Wedding Celebrations
Market Place
Friday 29 April, 3pm

Summer Band Concerts
John Coles Park every Sunday
at 3pm starting 1 May

Wilts & Berks Canal Trust
Sponsored Walk
Monday 2 May (Bank Holiday)

Children's Maypole
& Country Dancing
Market Place, 5 May, 10.30am

Sense & Sensibility
Performed by Chapterhouse
Theatre Co. The Neeld Hall

A Fond Farewell from the Mayor

My year as Town Mayor has passed very quickly. I have enjoyed many occasions with various local clubs and associations. Time spent with pupils at both primary and senior schools has given me many memorable and proud moments, witnessing our young people's achievements at all levels.

My Charity Ball last month was in aid of SNAP (ST Nicholas Appeal for a Pool). The pool is built and we are now raising funds to buy the necessary equipment for the pupils to be able to use it.

My husband Mike and I visited our Twin Town of La Fleche last May. In April we'll reciprocate the pleasure when a group from La Fleche visit our town. Annual events were well supported by the community, particularly Remembrance Sunday and the Christmas Lights Switch On.

In May I will be handing over to David Powell who has been my Deputy Mayor this last year. I wish David the very best in his Mayoral Year and I thank him and his wife for being such excellent support whilst I have been in office.

Best Wishes, Sandra Oakes, Town Mayor



Town Clerk, Mayor and Manager of Sainsbury's with Red Noses!

This newsletter features just part of what your Town Council achieves!
For more information visit www.chippenham.gov.uk



New Wilts and Berks Canal – Chippenham Exhibition

9th May until 31st August

In conjunction with the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust, the next exhibition will look at the fascinating origins, history and future of the Wilts and Berks Canal, focusing on the Chippenham Branch.

Opened in 1800, the Chippenham Branch was rarely a profitable enterprise and deteriorated rapidly after the arrival of the railway in the 1840's, before closing in 1912. For many years the abandoned canal lay derelict and forgotten. It hardly merited a mention in the history books of Chippenham and today the name "Canal Road" on Pewsham Estate is the only obvious reminder of its previous existence.

It was only when the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust started to restore the canal as a leisure facility that a new enthusiasm developed and people realised that an important industrial relic from two hundred years ago was re-awakening. The exhibition focuses on how the canal changed the town and the lives of local people, in particular those who lived and worked on it.



John Trow & W H Brinkworth with the coal barge 'Helen' (or is it?)



We shall be publishing the next in our Chippenham Studies series of books; **Chippenham & the Wilts and Berks Canal**. Written by volunteer warden, Ray Alder, the book tells the story of the canal.

For more information on activities or exhibitions telephone the museum on 01249 705020 or email heritage@chippenham.gov.uk

BOOK THE BUTTERCROSS?



Did you know that charity or community groups can book the area under the Buttercross to promote the group, recruit new members and raise funds?

For a booking form and further details contact the Tourist Information Centre on 665970 or email tourism@chippenham.gov.uk



Did you know that you can get FREE internet access and IT training at the Town Hall as part of the eChippenham scheme?

Museum dates for your diary...

FREE lunchtime talks beginning 5th April. Assistant Curator, Paul Connell, will be introducing you to the stories behind some of the objects in the collection. 12.30 - 1.00pm, every 1st Tuesday of the month.

FREE Activities & Workshops

11–29 April

"Dressed to Impress" Exhibition. Wedding dresses, Royal Wedding ephemera and local photographs

Wednesday 13 April

Make your own Spring Flower garden

Thursday 14 April

Easter Egg decorating

Friday 15 April

Carol's Easter surprises craft workshop

Monday 18 April

Easter Bonnet making

Tuesday 19 April

Carol's Spring surprises craft workshop

Wednesday 20 & Thursday 21 April

Make Royal Wedding coins, stamps card and a Commemorative tile

Friday 15th April

Noisy Friday

CHAPTERHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY

In association with Chippenham Town Council



Sense and Sensibility

By Jane Austen

Adapted by Laura Turner

Thursday 9th June 2011

The Neeld Hall, Chippenham

Doors 7pm Performance 7.30pm Full Bar Available
Adults £12, Students & Children £8,
Families (2 adults & 2 children) £35

Tickets from the Tourist Information Centre
Tel 01249 665970

Email tourism@chippenham.gov.uk

Chippenham Town Council - Councillors Contact Details & Meeting Dates (April - June)

Did you know Chippenham Town Council is always interested in hearing your questions or concerns regarding our town and you are most welcome to attend all Council meetings held at the Town Hall?

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Council meeting dates for your diary...

Annual Town Meeting, Wednesday 27th April 2011

Full Town Council, (Wednesdays) 11th May, 22nd June (on rising of S&R)

Strategy & Resources Committee, (Wednesdays) 13th April, 18th May, 22nd June

Amenities Committee, (Wednesdays) 18 May

Planning & Environment Committee, (Thursdays) 21 April, 12 May, 2 & 23 June

Grants & Donations

Did you know that every year Chippenham Town Council awards substantial grants to local organisations and groups?

The organisation must be non-profit making and must benefit the local community.

For further details please contact us.



Blooming Chippenham

The Town Council is renowned for its magnificent floral displays which brighten our town throughout the year. If you would like to sponsor a summer hanging basket please contact us.



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TOWN EVENTS - HAVE YOUR SAY!

Chippenham Town Council is committed to delivering a programme of successful town events throughout the year. Your views are important to us and feedback helps us to plan, deliver and support events that meets the needs of the local community. Please take the time to complete this questionnaire.

Q1. Which of the following town events do you attend? Please tick all applicable

Christmas Lights Switch on	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trade Fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Town Centre Business Forum	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theatre Productions in the Neeld Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pancake Races	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children's Mega Zoo	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's Easter Egg Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>	Band Concerts in John Coles Park	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Other Event (Please specify)

Q2. If you have attended the Christmas Lights Switch On, did you bring children? No Yes Ages.....

Q3. Do you have any suggestions for improving the Christmas Lights Switch on?

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Q4. How satisfied are you with the following events? Please tick all applicable boxes

	Did not attend	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Christmas Lights Switch On						
Theatre Productions in the Neeld Hall						
Children's Easter Egg Trail						
Trade Fair						
Pancake Races						
Children's Mega Zoo						
Town Centre Business Forum						
Band Concerts in John Coles Park						

Q5. Chippenham Town Council is looking to expand its programme of town events. Do you have any suggestions for events you would like to see in Chippenham?

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Q6. How do you find out about town events?

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Q7. Overall, how satisfied are you with events provided by the Town Council? Please tick

Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire which will help us to improve events in your town. Please return the form to the Town Hall or return by FREEPOST to:

Chippenham Town Council, FREEPOST (SCE 5952), Chippenham SN15 3GZ