



Talk of the Town

Chippenham Town Council's community newsletter

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Regimental Freedom of Chippenham

The 9th Royal Logistics Corps based at Hullavington Barracks will be given the formal honour of the Freedom of Chippenham at an official ceremony on 19th January 2012. The event will contain two elements, a Medals Parade at 11am, followed by the formal awarding of the Freedom to the Corps by the Town Council and the emotional 'March Through' at noon. A Civic Reception will be held in the Neeld Hall afterwards. Around 600 soldiers are expected to attend with the Commanding Officer Lt. Colonel Kitchen receiving the freedom scroll from civic dignitaries.

Councillor David Powell, Mayor of Chippenham said *"I hope residents will come out and line the route to welcome the soldiers and enjoy this rare occasion. I know that Chippenham is a very patriotic town and we wanted to do something to show our support for the troops. It promises to be a colourful and uplifting event, with the Regimental Band playing as the soldiers parade along the streets."*

Susan Wilthew, Clerk and Chief Executive who is organising the event said *"The RLC is the largest corps in the British army, with responsibilities that include the movement of personnel throughout the world, the Army's air dispatch service, maritime and rail transport, explosive ordnance disposal, and the Army's postal and courier service. With 32 countries represented at Hullavington this should be a truly memorable experience."*

Roads and some car parks along the route will be closed for a short time whilst the parade takes place.

Message from the Mayor

Since taking Office I have proudly worn the Mayoral chain on more than 80 occasions; from smaller gatherings at the Goldigger Ladies Knitting Circle to the annual Canoeing Club Awards with 250 members.

I have attended countywide events and supported our local military at ceremonies at Buckley and Azimghur Barracks and the final parade at RAF Lyneham. Highlights have been the successful town events; The Battle of Chippenham, The River Festival and Chippenham Half Marathon, all supported by the Town Council, but which rely on the work of various groups within the town. I have taken every opportunity to work in schools, particularly supporting the children's parliament which gives children an interest and understanding of local democracy. It has been a memorable and enjoyable period. Thanks to all those who have invited me for their hospitality and kindness and for all they do to improve the quality of life in our town.

Finally, thank you to Adrian Jones, Head of Service Delivery at the Town Council who successfully completed this year's Chippenham Half Marathon and raised over £500 for my nominated charity The Rise Trust.

Cllr David Powell, Mayor of Chippenham



Adrian Jones & the Town Mayor

Chippenham Alive - Thursday 20th October

A new initiative supported by The Chamber of Commerce, Chippenham Town Council and *ChAP* to bring Chippenham Alive and encourage people into town during the early evening period is being launched this month. From 6-9pm not only will the shops be open, but the town will be buzzing with entertainers, traders and music. The shopping event of the year!

Events for your diary...

Chippenham Alive

Thursday 20th October 6pm—9pm
Late night shopping & entertainment

Bonfire & Firework Display

Saturday 5th November 5.30pm,
Monkton Park

Christmas Lights Switch On

Friday 18th November 6.30pm,
Market Place, Chippenham

"Old Tyme Music Hall & Young Persons Showcase" by CLOGS

9th—11th December, Neeld Hall



Great movie stars never die - they sparkle on forever...

It's September 2010, at long last Jack Lemmon and Marilyn Monroe are reunited with old friend Tony Curtis. How come Tony looks 30 again? Where exactly are they? Who is the stranger on the set? And what the hell is going on? A fast moving, fantasy comedy with daring dialogue, razor-sharp wisecracks and three Hollywood icons hotter than ever!

Wednesday 26th October 2011
The Neeld Hall, Chippenham

Doors 7pm, Full Bar Available
Adults £10, Concessions £8

Details and tickets from Chippenham Tourist Information Centre Tel: 01249 665970

Christmas in Chippenham

Information inside about the festive season in your town!

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

Civic Service Awards

Each year the Town Council presents Civic Awards to individuals who have made a material contribution to the advancement, well being and welfare of the people of Chippenham or demonstrated outstanding citizenship. This year two citizens were presented with awards at a ceremony held on Sunday 4th September. The band of Chippenham Sea Cadets TS Tiger lead the civic procession to St. Andrew's Church for a service, which was followed by tea in the Town Hall during which presentations were made by the Mayor, Councillor David Powell. Town Councillors and representatives of the Civic and Community life of the Town were present, together with dignitaries and Wiltshire Mayors. This year's awards went to Rachel Heather for her work with Chippenham St. John Ambulance and John Clark for his work setting up and managing the successful Chippenham River Festival.



The Mace Bearer, Town Mayor, Mrs Heather & Town Clerk



Image courtesy of Chris Chard

The Band of Chippenham Sea Cadets TS Tiger

Calling all Musicians! Partnership Working brings Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra to Chippenham



Chippenham Town Council, Chippenham and Villages Area Partnership, Chippenham Borough Lands Charity and Wiltshire Council have joined forces to joint fund a community music project for the Chippenham area led by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's (BSO), education and community department. Participants will be able to take part in music workshops led by the orchestra's musicians and have the opportunity to play in and attend a number of concerts.

Musicians from the brass section of the BSO will run a music workshop for secondary school pupils, who will perform a piece of music alongside the brass quintet at a concert at the Neeld Hall on Friday 25 November 2011. Musicians will also run limited workshops for primary schools in the area. Children and their families will be able to see them in action again at a family concert at the Neeld Hall on Saturday 3 March 2012. This concert will be a pirate adventure, full of sea songs, stories, dance and much more - suitable for those aged 3 - 103!

Amateur musicians with some instrumental experience will be able to take part in the "rusty and not so rusty musicians" project. A chance to dust off your instruments, and come to a workshop with 15 BSO players in town on Sunday 22 April 2012.

For details and to register your interest in this project contact Meril Morgan, Arts Development Officer, Wiltshire Council on 01249 705531 or meril.morgan@wiltshire.gov.uk

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONIC BRASS



Friday 25 November 2011, 7.30pm Neeld Hall, Chippenham

FROM GREENSLEEVES TO GERSHWIN

Box Office: Visit Chippenham Tourist Information Centre
Price Adults £9, Under 18's £6, Family £25 (4 max)

PIRATE ADVENTURE

3 March 2012

11am

Neeld Hall,
Chippenham

PIRATE ADVENTURE

Come on a seafaring adventure aboard the Mini BSO's pirate ship. Sea songs, stories, dance and much more.

Why not join the fun by dressing up as a pirate?

A morning of participation and inspiration for every generation through live music.

DVORÁK IN A DAY

Sunday 22 April
2012

Neeld Hall, Chippenham

10am - 4.30pm

BE INSPIRED BY JOINING MEMBERS OF BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN AN EXCITING DAY OF MUSIC-MAKING

'Dvorák in a Day' will enable you to enjoy inspirational coaching by BSO musicians - and then perform with them! Workshops for different instrumental groups (strings, brass, woodwind) take place during the morning; followed by a full orchestral rehearsal with BSO musicians playing alongside participants. The day ends with a short informal performance to an audience of friends and family. Those who have played an instrument for some time, or have reached a Grade V/VI standard in the past will find the day most rewarding.



Special Autumn Exhibition

Wednesday 19th October until the New Year

'Our Special Town'- Chippenham

An exhibition of artwork inspired by Chippenham. Made by the children of Ivy Lane and Queen's Crescent Schools.

Half Term Activities
25th – 27th
October

Activities from 10.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30am - 3.30pm.



Tapestry by Pupils of Queen's Crescent School

Saturday 29th October – The 'Big Draw' at the Museum

Continuing throughout the Autumn

'Messy Mondays' – Craft sessions for the under 5's every Monday 10.30am – 12.00 noon. Just turn up!

'Noisy Fridays' – Singing for the under 5's. 10.00am-10.30 am (non walkers) and 11.00 am – 11.30 am (crawlers and walkers). Every other Friday, just turn up!

From Tuesday 1st November 'Curator's Choice' (1st Tuesday of the month)

12.30pm -1.00pm – Bring your lunch and enjoy a short introduction to some of the special collections.

Contact the museum for details on 705020.



Keep up to date with all our activities by joining us on Facebook. Just type in the name 'Chippenham

Museum & Heritage Centre'.

Update on Stanley Park Sports Ground's Development

The first part of the next stage of the development of Stanley Park Sports Ground has been successfully completed.

The contractors Greenfields had a tight deadline during the 'out of season' period, and the New FIFA 1 Star 3G Floodlit Synthetic Turf Pitch was officially handed over to Chippenham Town Council on the 24th August 2011.

Pete Hussey, Community Football Development Officer said "The response so far from visitors, clubs and teams has been one of excitement and amazement. Part 1 is complete and the new extension, is well underway and taking shape".

The target date for a final handover of the changing rooms is late October, with an official opening planned for December 2011.



Chippenham Tourist Information Centre and Stanley Park Sports Ground will soon be

launching new profiles on Facebook. Friends will be kept up to date with all the latest news and details of forthcoming events. Watch this space for further information!

Christmas in Chippenham

The Christmas Lights Switch On will be held on Friday 18th November 2011 at 6.30pm in the Market Place. This year the event will kick off a programme of festive activities in the town in the run up to the big day; including weekend street entertainers, the Chippenham Churches Together Christmas Tree Festival on 9th & 10th December and Christmas Carols under the Buttercross with Chippenham Town Band on Saturday 17th December. Find full details of all these activities and more in a "Christmas in Chippenham" programme produced by the Town Council to promote the town at Christmas.

To get details of your Christmas event featured in the programme contact Emma King, Events Manager at Chippenham Town Council. Telephone 01249 665970 or email eking@chippenham.gov.uk

Town Mayor Launches Children's Christmas Card Competition

Chippenham Town Mayor Cllr. David Powell invites all children attending Chippenham primary schools or of primary school age living in the town, to enter the 2011 Mayors Christmas Card Competition. The winning design chosen by the Mayor, will be used on the Mayors Christmas card on behalf of the Town Council, and posted to hundreds of Council contacts.

In addition, the winner will be invited to be the Mayors guest at the Christmas Lights Switch on ceremony, on Friday 18th November 2011.

All entries will be displayed at the Museum & Heritage Centre in the run up to Christmas.



How to enter — competition now open!

Send in an original design on A4 paper. The back of the design should be clearly marked with name, age, (school and class), address and telephone number. Either post entries to Ann Chard, Mayors Secretary, The Town Hall, High Street, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 3ER or deposit entries in the Post Box at Chippenham Tourist Information Centre.

Entries close on Monday 31st October 2011.

For more information telephone Ann Chard on 01249 446699 or email achard@chippenham.gov.uk. Full conditions of entry are available at www.chippenham.gov.uk

Chippenham Tourist Information Centre at The Yelde Hall



The towns biggest selection of Christmas "Cards for Good Causes" is now available.

Whether it's corporate cards or for friends & family, with over 25 national and local charities to choose from and with at least 75p in every pound going direct to your chosen charity, you will be giving much more than just a card this Christmas!



Chippenham Town Council

Councillors Contact Details & Meeting Dates (October — January)

Chippenham Town Council is always interested in hearing your questions or concerns regarding our town. You are most welcome to attend all Council meetings listed below, starting at 7pm in the Town Hall.

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| Robert Jones (Lib Dem) | 82 London Road, SN15 3AZ | 460130 robertjones244@btinternet.com |
| Avon | | |
| Andrew Noblet (Lib Dem) | 39 The Ridings Kington St Michael SN14 6JG | 750534 a.j.noblet@phonecoop.coop |
| David Powell (Lib Dem) | 87 Marshfield Road SN15 1JR | 651095 david.gill666@btinternet.com |
| John Scragg (Lib Dem) | 33 Field View SN15 2QT | 657089 scragg@chippenham80.fsnet.co.uk |
| Cepen Park Central | | |
| Martin Coates (Ind) | c/o Town Hall, High Street SN15 3ER | 446462 martincoates@btinternet.com |
| Cepen Park North | | |
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| Mary Pile (Ind) | 2 Garth Close SN14 6XF | 460808 tandmpile@btinternet.com |
| Cepen Park South | | |
| Terence Bate (Ind) | 2 Clarence Road SN14 0UK | 445702 terence@fernside.u-net.com |
| Hill Rise | | |
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| Park | | |
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| Nina Phillips (Con) | 39 Sheldon Road SN14 0BP | 661068 nina.phillips-cpnredlands@ninski.plus.com |
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Council meeting dates for your diary...

Full Town Council

(Wednesdays) 23 November, 18 January

Strategy & Resources Committee,

(Wednesdays) 2 November, 14 December

Amenities Committee

(Wednesdays) 16 November, 11 January

Planning & Environment Committee

(Thursdays) 27 October, 17 November, 8 December, 5 & 26 January

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Weddings, parties, banquets, theatre performances & conferences.

In house caterers & bar facilities available.



Contact the Town Council to arrange a tour of the venues and to discuss your requirements.



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