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TALK OF THE TOWN

SPRING 2009



Chippenham Town Council is committed to improving the quality of town life and is responsible for many amenities and facilities in your town. If you have any comments regarding Talk of the Town, please contact us on 01249 446699 or email us at enquiries@chippenham.gov.uk

Chippenham Civic Society

presents the launch of the new key book published by Chippenham Civic Society

“A History of Chippenham from Alfred to Brunel” by Richard Baines
Additional chapter by John Chandler Edited by Tony Pratt, Mike Stone and Kay Taylor

Chippenham in Wiltshire grew from a royal foundation into a bustling medieval market town, and received its Borough Charter in 1554. Its economy has always been strongly linked to agriculture, with ties to landed gentry and the church. In this authoritative new history of Chippenham, author Richard Baines charts its history and development from Saxon origins up to the coming of the railway.

Topics described include the beginnings of the textile trade, the effect of the dissolution of nearby monasteries, the evolving civic government and the towns MPs. The approach and consequences of the Civil War, the growth of non-conformity, early transport history, a rich architectural heritage, and Chippenham's links with the authors John Aubrey and John Britton are also explored in this fascinating account of an important county town, which is set to become the standard text book for many years.

The paperback is just under two hundred pages with an attractive colour photograph of Chippenham from the air, a foreword, editorial, thirty-four chapters, fifty five illustrations, a bibliography and extensive index.

The publication price will be £12.95 plus £2.00 postage and packing.

Books can also be purchased and collected from the Chippenham Museum & Heritage Centre, Market Place, Chippenham.

POSTAL PUBLICATION BOOK ORDER

Name:(please print)

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No. of books required:.....@ £12.95 each. (Please add £2.00 for postage and packing per book)

Total cost of order:.....

Please make cheques payable to “Chippenham Civic Society” and send to The Treasurer, Chippenham Civic Society, 9 St Mary's Place, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 1EN

Public Toilets Open!

On Friday 6 March Chippenham Town Council was pleased to officially open the new public toilets at Chippenham Bus station which cost in the region of £60,000. The Mayor, Councillor Marian Stickland, conducted the opening ceremony. There will be a charge of 20p to use the convenience and it will be checked on a daily basis by Healthmatic, the local Calne company who carried out the installation.

Supporting Local Traders.

Come and support our local Town Market, held all day on Fridays and Saturdays. The stalls provide a wide range of local produce, clothes, jewellery and general merchandise. Why not browse over the stalls and treat yourself to a snack from the catering stalls? Stock up on some specialist goodies, all produced locally. This is just the time to start thinking about planting for the year ahead and where better to look for inspiration than the plant stalls? Come on Chippenham, support our local traders!



STANLEY PARK SPORTS GROUND 51, RECORD BREAKER!!!

On the weekend of the 28th Feb – 1st March 2009 Stanley Park was able to set a new record by hosting 51 league matches and 2 training sessions in one weekend. “This is a massive achievement and goes to show how far the sports facility has come over the past 4-5 years” said Pete Hussey, Community Football Development Officer. He went on to say “The weekend went smoothly with great work & support from the Stanley Park Caretaker Adam Deards, the Assistant Manager, Nigel Harvey and Groundsman Vic Hook who provided superb playing surfaces for this time of year and lastly Thank you to all the Users for respecting what is a fantastic facility”, Pete Hussey added “I believe these days will become more frequent as this site will grow even further with some great plans for development in the pipeline”. The previous record was 23 matches and 4 training sessions in one day set back in September 2007, but this was brushed aside, by having 31 matches and 1 training session on Saturday 28th Feb.



Did you know? You can access the internet FREE of charge and receive FREE training 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.



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Awards & 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 application details please visit our website at www.chippenham.gov.uk.

Your Town Councillors

Residents of the town are represented by elected Town Councillors. The Town is divided into wards and should you wish to contact your councillor to discuss any matters relating to Town Council services then you will find your representatives for your area on the Town Council website at www.chippenham.gov.uk

Pretty as a Picture!

True to tradition, Chippenham Town Council will again have a magnificent show of floral displays and hanging baskets to enhance our lovely town this summer. If you are interested in sponsoring one of the displays or hanging baskets please contact the Town Hall now on 01249 446699.



We are now taking venue bookings



Book your wedding ceremony and reception now - don't leave it too late!
Contact Allison, Halls Co-ordinator on 01249 446699



26th May 2009 – Pottery Making Workshop with Jane Johnson – 'Make your own Medieval Tiles', 10.30 – 12.30, Free Entry - booking suggested

27th May 2009 - Pottery Making Workshop with Jane Johnson – 'Creepy Crawly Creatures!' Free Entry, booking suggested

6th June 2009; 'Life with Timeteam' – a talk by TV's Phil Harding in Town Hall. Entry by ticket only

18th July – 1st August; 'Dig the Museum' – an excavation of the courtyard at the rear of the museum, looking for evidence of previous buildings – part of the National Archaeology Festival 2009

News from Chippenham Museum & Heritage Centre

Exhibitions

“Paint One Picture”

26th March to 21st April 2009

Mixed media exhibition showing the work of pupils from Ivy Lane School, Queen's Crescent School and Sutton Benger School, inspired by Renoir's painting 'The Umbrellas'. Along with displays of artwork and models made by the children, the exhibition will feature a video of live action performances of a musical and dance work performed by them.

Local Village Stories

Throughout the summer we shall be continuing with our extremely popular look at villages in the local area this time featuring:

27th April to 20th June 2009
Allington, Stanley, Studley, Derry Hill and Bird's Marsh Wood

29th June to 24th August 2009
Langley Burrell, Bremhill, and the Tythertons

Calling All Dog Walkers!!

A reminder to dog owners that litter bins may now be used for dog litter. Please remember to keep those little bags handy when you and your pooch are out and about!!

Visit the Town Council website
www.chippenham.gov.uk

Chippenham Tourist Information Centre

Show bookings now being taken for:

Cliff Richard & The Shadows
Mamma Mia
Oliver

High School Musical 2
Dirty Dancing
Lion King
Eric Clapton
Elton John

Day trips available to:
Chelsea Flower Show
Hampton Flower Show
Buckingham Palace & Royal Windsor
London Boat/Eye Flight
Clothes Show London

Event tickets:
Royal International Air Tattoo at Fairford
Kemble Air Show
Great Dorset Steam Fair
Great Vintage Flying Weekend

and many more!

News from the Outside Sites

Plans are underway for the installation of a Multi Use Games Area in John Coles Park to provide a much needed year-round recreational facility for the young people of Chippenham. It is anticipated that the facility will be open and operational by early summer and will include areas for ball games such as football, basket ball and cricket. The MUGA will be for use throughout the year and will replace 2 of the 5 tennis courts which are seasonal and currently under-used.

The new bus shelter has been installed next to the surgery on Rowden Hill and is proving popular with bus users. A quick reminder that a new bus service, number 233, is now running from Pewsham to Bath via the hospital and bus timetables are available from the Tourist Information Centre or the Town Hall.

The new CCTV system is now up and running, giving a direct internet link from the police station to any camera in town, improving the safety of our residents and the efficiency of the system.



Chippenham Town Bridge in early February
Photo by Sheila Prentice

Chippenham Tourist Information Centre

We're not just for tourists!

Tall Ship Experience Days

Many people dream of sailing a tall ship but rarely get the chance. Chippenham Tourist Information Centre is pleased to be able to offer Tall Ship Experience Days with Red Sky Sailing Ltd, for individual and group bookings. Enjoy a fantastic day on the water on board one of three magnificent ships; Loth Lorien, J R Tolkien or Artemis, leaving from Portsmouth at 10.00 (four bells) and returning at 17.00 (two bells), including a buffet lunch and afternoon tea. Get involved in the sailing or just sit back and relax.

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Saturday 9.30pm - 3pm
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