

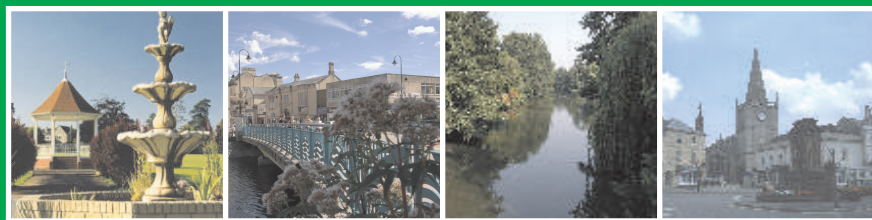
TALK OF THE TOWN

Summer 2009



CHIPPENHAM TOWN COUNCIL

"Improving the Quality of Town Life"



Town Centre Improvements

Chippenham Town Council's Summer programme of works includes:

- Replacing the weather worn and damaged wooden benches with the new attractive and easily maintained stainless steel benches you will have seen and used in the town centre.
- Planting out the summer bedding in the town beds and installing hanging baskets. We aim to make Chippenham an attractive and enjoyable town in which to live, work and visit and to keep it so. We would like to say a big thank you to the sponsors who support us.
- Refurbishing the town furniture, bollards, bins and signs.
- Continuing the uphill fight against chewing gum and litter.



STANLEY PARK SPORTS GROUND SCORE WITH NEW SAFER GOALPOSTS FROM FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

Following a successful funding bid, the Football Foundation have awarded Chippenham Town Council's Stanley Park Sports Ground a £1,780 grant to replace its goalposts with new, safer ones.

Pete Hussey, Community Football Development Officer for Chippenham Town Council, in thanking them said, "This funding towards new, safer goalposts is a fantastic boost. Football is our national sport and it is great that the Football Foundation is investing in improving the grassroots of the game"

Since 1991 nine young footballers have tragically been killed in the UK by unsafe goals. Many more have been seriously injured by posts and crossbars that fail to meet basic safety standards

Teaming up with The Football Association (The FA), the Football Foundation has earmarked almost £4m to replace unsafe goals in England at thousands of schools, clubs and parks across the country.



MAYOR MAKING - 7th May 2009

In a packed Town Hall Cllr. Sylvia Gibson was elected Mayor of Chippenham for 2009-10. After the robed councillors had processed to their places the retiring Mayor, Cllr. Marian Stickland, spoke of the wonderful experience of her year in office: she had met many Chippenham townspeople as well as two members of the royal family and raised £2750 for her charity, Doorway.

The new Mayor was unanimously elected. In her speech she expressed her enthusiasm for the town and her willingness to be its ambassador. Her charity is the Rise Trust which supports younger members of the community. Cllr. Sandra Oakes was elected Deputy Mayor.



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M. U. G. A.

There is now a Multi Use Games Area for young people in John Coles Park. It provides a year round pitch for 5-a-side soccer, basketball and cricket. It is already proving very popular. The Town Council is dedicated to increasing facilities and services for our youngsters.



BMX Track

Your Town Council is represented on the Chippenham Trails Group, a group of young people involved in the setting up of a Trail and BMX facility in the town. Young people who are interested in joining the group and becoming involved in this exciting development are warmly invited to come along to the Bridge Centre meetings. We need your input and ideas. For more details and dates of meetings contact Helen.Alford@wiltshire.gov.uk

Leisure! What do you like to do?

If you are looking for some exercise you could pay a visit this Summer to Chippenham Park Tennis Club and the Chippenham Park Bowls Club. Both are based in John Coles Park and will offer you the opportunity to play or to improve your game with coaching programmes.

The Chippenham River Route is a favourite with cyclists and walkers. More information can be found on a board by the Town Bridge or come to the Town Hall and speak with the staff or our River Route Warden.

PLAY AREAS

Did you know Chippenham Town Council provides and maintains 8 play areas in the town at:

John Coles Park • Little Battens • Pewsham Park • Westmead Terrace • Long Close • Gascelyn Close • Charter Road • Stainers Way

Why not try them all out this summer and let us know what you think. We value your views and comments and are always striving to improve the play areas. We have a replacement programme which includes DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) approved equipment and safety surfacing such as the new DDA roundabout at Pewsham Park.

As a result of the Town Boundary Expansion in May, Stainers Way play area is now operated and maintained by Chippenham Town Council. Since May we have refurbished the equipment and the play area will now benefit from our daily clean and safety inspection undertaken by our safety trained staff. In addition it will also have a quarterly independent ROSPA safety inspection to ensure the highest standards of provision are met and continue to be provided for the benefit and enjoyment of our community.



BAND CONCERTS 2009
JOHN COLES PARK



Music in the park!
Sunday afternoons
commencing at 3pm

New Members

The expansion of the Town Boundary to the Western By-Pass has resulted in the Town Council increasing its number of Councillors by four. Two new Councillors representing Cepen Park North are Councillors Brian Patterson and Mrs Mary Pile and Cepen Park South will be represented by Councillors Martin Coates and Terence Bates. The Councillors are well experienced, having looked after these areas for some years and will be a welcome addition to the twenty two Members of the Town Council representing what is now the entire Town.

Allotments

Did you know the Chippenham Garden and Allotment Society (CGAS) manage 6 allotment sites on behalf of your town council at:
Lordsmead • Hungerdown Lane • Ladyfield
• Malmesbury Road • Deansway • Crickets Lane

There is a waiting list for these allotments. The Town Council and the CGAS are currently working together to find suitable new sites to accommodate new members.

If you require further information on allotments please contact the CGAS Membership Secretary David Love at dbk.evolve@virgin.net



The Mayor

“Who is Sylvia? What is she?” asked Shakespeare in The Two Gentlemen of Verona. My reply is somewhat different from theirs – I am Sylvia Gibson a part-time teacher of children with autism at Charter Primary School and I have the honour of being your Mayor.

During this time I shall be proud to raise the profile of any of your organisations or activities that you are undertaking. One of the things I learnt as Deputy Mayor is that there are many small groups of people working on behalf of others, volunteers trying to make lives more comfortable either through direct service or raising money for others to do it. To these people I say 'Thank You'. You are a credit to the town of Chippenham. Sadly you are the people who don't make the headlines. Perhaps we can work together to enhance your reputation, praise your contributions to our community and in so doing raise the profile of what is, after all, the 2nd largest town in Wiltshire and a town to be proud of. I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming year and should you see me please say 'Hello' and ask "Who is Sylvia? What is she?"



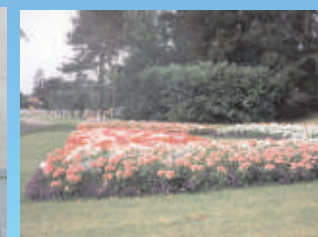
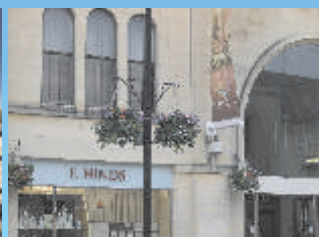
Chippenham Museum & Heritage Centre News

There was an amazing interest in the recent “Take One Picture” exhibition highlighting the work of pupils from Ivy Lane, Queen's Crescent and Sutton Benger Schools. Over 3,000 visitors attended the exhibition of colourful and creative work inspired by Renoir's painting 'The Umbrellas' and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

The recent holiday activity workshops proved extremely popular. For Easter, Tommy Atkins returned to see us and describe his life in the trenches during World War I. We are hoping to have him back later in the year, this time with more of his company, to put on a bigger event in the Neeld Hall. 'Carol's Creations' created a lot of fun, especially the Egyptian Day where the children wrapped up a real mummy! The recent half-term pottery workshops with Jane Johnson were so popular that we could have booked them out twice over and produced more wonderful creations.

Due to the recent popularity of the workshops the Museum has started up a contact list for information and booking. If you would like to be added to the list please contact us. We are also looking at the possibility of restarting the Saturday Club later in the year.

Two interesting new acquisitions have come into the museum recently. The Marshfield Mummies have donated us their King William costume which is now on display. Also a donor brought in a copy of the oldest newspaper produced in the town. The newspaper, actually a newsheet, features a story related to Langley Burrell, next in our series of Local Village Stories and will go on display then.



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ART EXHIBITION

Sat 11th & Sun 12th July 09

FAMILY DAY

Sun 12th July 09

- Demonstrations
- Art Exhibition
- Entertainments
- Craft Marquee
- Hands on Experiences
- Jennings Fun Fair
- Free workshops
- Plus much much more

Art Exhibition Open 1- 7pm Saturday
Main Exhibition 11am 5pm Sunday

For further information visit
www.chippenhamrotary.org



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 a look all enquiries welcome.

For more details and an information pack call:

Halls Co-ordinator on 01249 446699 or email at enquiries@chippenham.gov.uk

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.



Chippenham Tourist Information Centre

In this time of credit crunching, if you are thinking of holidaying in the UK don't forget your local Tourist Information Centre!

We can provide brochures for all parts of the UK, leaflets for attractions and days out. We can book National Express tickets for destinations in both the UK and Europe, day trips travel companies, ferry trips to the Channel Islands and France and much, much more.

We will have a marquee at the West Wilts Show being held in Trowbridge on the 23rd 24th and 25th July. So if you're coming to the show why not pop in and say hello!

Calling all Event Organisers: if you would like a local Box Office open six days a week, come in or give us a call and ask how we can help you.



Opening times:
Monday-Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday 9.30pm - 3pm

The Yelde Hall, Market Place, Chippenham
Tel: 01249 665970
Email: tourism@chippenham.gov.uk
www.chippenham.gov.uk

WHAT'S ON IN CHIPPENHAM

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

'Dig the Museum' 18th July – 1st August

Come and view, perhaps even participate, in an excavation of the courtyard at the rear of the museum, looking for evidence of previous buildings – part of the National Archaeology Festival 2009.

Summer Activities

The Museum will be running a varied programme of activities on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout August. Please contact us or see the website nearer the time for further details and booking.

Chippenham Museum & Heritage Centre, 10 Market Place, Chippenham 01249 705020
heritage@chippenham.gov.uk



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