



**CHIPPENHAM
TOWN COUNCIL**
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Devolution

On 1st June 2019 a considerable amount of assets were transferred to the Town Council from Wiltshire Council under the process of devolution. History shows that prior to 1974 Chippenham enjoyed ownership of these assets but after that date the creation of a District Council network took these and many services away from the town. Wiltshire Council then inherited these in 2009 when the unitary system of local government was created - and now the process has gone full circle. The devolution of various services also went live in June but this transfer will not be fully completed until the contract between Wiltshire and Ide Verde, the external contractor, ends in June 2020.



Monkton Park

General grass maintenance is continuing in Monkton Park and a tree survey is currently being undertaken. There are continuing issues with rough sleepers, vandalism and anti-social behaviour but we are working with the relevant agencies to manage this.

Road Sweeper naming competition

The current road sweeper is out in Chippenham Monday - Friday and in the High Street twice per week at 6am. We are awaiting delivery of an 18 Tonne Road Sweeper which will be delivered in the autumn and we would like to give it a name. To give you inspiration other road sweepers are called Meryl Sweep, Dustin Timberlake and Bruce Sprinclean!

Deadline for polite suggestions via email to enquiries@chippenham.gov.uk is 25 October 2019.

Play areas

All play areas are now open including Audley Road and Barrow Green, both of which continue to have anti-social behaviour but we are working with the Police to minimise this.

Friday & Saturday market

These historic markets are now managed by Chippenham Town Council. To ensure a vibrant and bustling market for locals and visitors to Chippenham, we are looking for new traders.

Taster sessions, casual and permanent pitches are available. So come along and join our regular traders which currently include fish, cheese, bread, fruit & veg, butcher, watches, hot food vendors, home improvements, garden ornaments, clothing and cakes. Our market trading times 8.30am - 4pm both days.

If you would like more information about the market or if you would like to hire Monkton Park for an event, please contact:

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Save the date!

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 10 November 2019

In association with the Royal British Legion and 9 Regiment RLC the Town Council will commemorate

Remembrance Sunday with the people of Chippenham on Sunday 10 November 2019. There will be a procession, church service at St. Andrew's followed by two minutes silence at the war memorial.

Two minutes silence will also be observed on Monday 11 November at 11am on the Town Hall Steps.

Christmas Light Switch On - Saturday 23 November 2019

This November join your local community to see in the Christmas season in style with Chippenham's Enchanted Christmas organised by Chippenham Connected in partnership with Chippenham Town Council. There will be activities throughout the town during the day and local entertainment on the main stage in the evening before the big switch-on moment arrives. Keep an eye on Chippenham Connected across social media to stay up to date with the festive plans as they appear.



Chippenham Neighbourhood Plan has entered an exciting Topic Group phase, which should last for the next 6 months. This phase will see 43 members of the local community joining the Neighbourhood Plan Team and working on the following 7 Topic Groups:

- Sustainability & Climate Change
- Housing
- Town Centre
- Community Infrastructure
- Green Infrastructure
- Economy
- Transport

The role of each Topic Group will be to look at the gaps in current planning policy (to see where the Neighbourhood Plan can add value), gather evidence to justify planning policies, and begin to draft planning policies for the topic.

A successful Topic Group Member Induction Event was held at Chippenham Town Hall on Saturday 2nd September to provide some basic training on neighbourhood planning and for Topic Group Members to meet each other, and the Steering Group, for the first time.

To view the Vision for the Neighbourhood Plan, or for further news, details, or to find out how to get involved in the Plan please visit our website: chippenhamneighbourhoodplan.org.uk or our Facebook/Twitter pages:

F: @ChippenhamNeighbourhoodPlan

T: @ChippenhamPlan



Come and join in a class!

Footie Club: Tuesday 10 September - Tuesday 17 December 4.30-5.30pm
Fast Forward Fit Club: Tuesdays 7-8pm, Thursdays 7-8pm and Saturdays 9-10am
Weight Watchers: Wednesdays 6-7pm
Glen Wood Yoga: Thursdays 7-8pm
Spires Fitness Pilates: Fridays 9.30am-11.30am
Walking Football: Fridays 7.30pm-9pm
Kick off the Weight Adult Football Programme: Sundays 5pm-6pm
7v7 Adult Football League: Sundays 7pm-9pm

With all the above sessions please contact Stanley Park Sports Ground on 01249 463905 for more information.



Shappi Khorsandi:

Returning after a sell-out show in 2017, comedian Shappi Khorsandi is back at the Neeld on Saturday 26 October. After her stint in the jungle on I'm A Celebrity: Get Me Out Of Here, Shappi returns to the live comedy circuit with a brand new hour of sharp-tongued gags and cultural observation, featuring stories of her 20+ year career.

Hazel O'Connor:

Another act that sold out her debut show at the Neeld 2 years ago, we welcome back the first major female star of the 80s, award winning singer-songwriter Hazel O'Connor. Hazel's ageless songs include the hits Eighth Day, Will You, Big Brother, Monsters in Disguise, Calls The Tune, and If Only. Accompanied on Sunday 3 November by virtuoso saxophonist Clare Hirst (The Belle Stars, Communards, David Bowie) on sax and vocals and Sarah Fisher (Eurythmics) on keyboards and vocals, this powerful blend of voices and musicianship brings a classy touch of energy, passion and fire to Hazel's vibrant performance.

Lost Voice Guy:

Due to popular demand following a sell-out tour in spring 2019, Lost Voice Guy - the first comedian ever to win Britain's Got Talent - is back on tour and coming to the Neeld on Friday 8 November. The winner of the BBC New Comedy Award 2014, Lee has also appeared on BBC's Live at the Apollo, The Royal Variety Show, and the recent Britain's Got Talent: The Champions. He is also the star and co-writer of two series of BBC Radio 4's hugely popular comedy show, Ability. Lee is the first stand-up comedian to use a communication aid. His cutting edge material combines the political and personal with razor-sharp observations about disability and daily life.

Codebreakers:

Dr Baldwin is currently one of Britain's most experienced speakers on the Enigma machine and the work of the WW2 codebreakers. On 19 November, he will be delivering a fascinating talk on the famous German coding tool, the efforts of those at Bletchley Park and the effect it had on the Second World War. After the talk, the audience are invited to take part in a hands-on practical demonstration of one of the few surviving Enigma machines. Only about 300 are known to survive worldwide; of these, only about a dozen are in public collections in Britain.



Strange & Wonderful Beings; The Work of Clifford & Rosemary Ellis

The exhibition celebrates the work of Clifford and Rosemary Ellis, whose artistic partnership included many iconic book cover and poster designs. Clifford Ellis is perhaps best known for his work as head of the pioneering Bath Academy of Art, based at Corsham Court.

5 October - 18 January 2020

Free entry

The Obscure Eye presents...

The Obscure Eye presents for your delight and entertainment; drawings, costumes and cabinets of curiosities.

A fanciful exploration of circus and equally its audience. A story of the Ringmaster, a Stag Beetle and his human wife, their circus family and performing fleas. Enter at your own risk, there are over 120 fleas in this exhibition, some of them alive and direct descendants of the original circus.

Friday 18 October - January 2020

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