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Julie Young
Coordinator for this edition.



Stephen's Letter

End in Sight?

"My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people. A light for revelation to the Gentiles And for the glory of your people, Israel." Luke 2v30-32

When the baby Jesus was presented at the Temple by Mary and Joseph, the devout old man there, Simeon, realised that the end was in sight - the end of Israel's long wait for their Messiah, a Messiah who would be a Saviour not just for Israel but for the whole world. Simeon declared his hope in the words above, which form part of the Nunc Dimittis in the BCP Evening Prayer service.

Right now, in our world, we have been waiting for a long time for resolution of our most troublesome problems - COVID, Brexit, ongoing prejudice and discrimination. Is the end in sight? With COVID, not yet; with Brexit, maybe; with prejudice and discrimination in our society, who can say? (but things are better than they were in previous generations).

But the Greek word for "end" - telos - means "goal" as well as "finish". And God's goal for humanity was to send a Saviour who could reconcile people of all nations to him -

regardless of pandemic, politics and prejudice - so they could know God's love, forgiveness and blessing. It is this friendship with the God of all creation and eternity that gives us peace and personal security in a troubled world - and also the freedom to lament properly for the things we've lost.

And, so as we remember the presentation of Jesus in the Temple this Candlemas, let us pray that, despite the ongoing problems of the world, we would see that our goal is in reach, and trust in Jesus, the Saviour for all people, today, and in the weeks to come. The sagas and disputes of this world will run and run - but the Saviour is with us now!

With best wishes as Lent approaches,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for February 2021

At the time of printing, the usual pattern of Sunday services in our parishes is voluntarily suspended because of the national lockdown (see below). Here is the calendar of Sundays in the Christian year for February, with worship, prayer and service resources available for that day.

Looking Up is our worship resource, with Bible readings, prayers and reflection for each Sunday, released in PDF form each Friday. If you would like to receive this, please contact me at stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com or 720392.

Sunday 7th February - Second Sunday before Lent

Looking Up, available from Friday 5th February.

Video Service released on Sunday 7th February.

Sunday 14th February - Sunday before Lent

Looking Up, available from Friday 12th February.

Zoom Morning Service at 10.30 am on Sunday 14th February.

Wednesday 17th February - Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Communion - 7 pm - Chedworth (in person)

Sunday 21st February - Lent 1

Looking Up, available from Friday 19th February.

Video Service released on Sunday 21st February.

Sunday 28th February - Lent 2

Looking Up, available from Friday 26th February.

Zoom Morning Service at 10.30 am on Sunday 28th February.

Sunday 7th March - Lent 3

Looking Up, available from Friday 5th March.

Video Service released on Sunday 7th March.

Please look out on email/social media for any short-notice changes of arrangements following new national regulations. We will be reviewing the situation with online services at the beginning of Lent in mid-February.

Church Briefing

Lockdown & Church Services

As you know, COVID is now highly prevalent and the vaccine roll-out programme is at an early stage, so this winter season is critical for the NHS. Many members of our congregations are older or otherwise clinically vulnerable - and we are aware that an increasing number of our parishioners are now cautious about attending church at present, which is entirely understandable.

In addition to this, St Andrew's School has now moved to online teaching, many local organisations are meeting online and valued village businesses such as the Seven Tuns have made the difficult decision to suspend their services completely.

Consequently, even though we can legally offer public worship, the churchwardens and I have made a decision suspend our in-person Sunday worship, as this will best protect our most vulnerable members, and show solidarity with the situation faced by our community as a whole. In-person Sunday worship will therefore be suspended until the beginning of Lent - February 17th (Ash Wednesday). The situation will be reviewed again then. However, we are planning to do COVID secure in-person services for festivals - Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter - if the law allows to do so at the time - for anyone who wishes to attend.

This has not been an easy decision to make, but I hope you can see why we have made it. Please note that there will be regular Sunday Zoom services and videos as we did in the previous lockdowns. Looking Up will be available on a weekly basis on Fridays. And, importantly, our parish churches will remain open for private prayer.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Also, if you have any pastoral concerns, or are aware of anyone in need, please do let me know.

Lent Course

Our Lent Course this year will take place on Tuesdays in Lent - Tuesdays 23rd February, and 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March - via Zoom, at 7.30 pm. Over the last year or so, we have done quite a bit of rigorous theology, so this course will be much more reflective, with Bible study and space to pray. More details to follow by email.

Living in Apocalyptic Times: Reality, Grief & Hope

"As the pandemic continues to unfold around the globe, it may be helpful to think about how we are living in apocalyptic times. The word apocalypse means an uncovering or revealing. When a collective trauma happens, it is common for it to be closely followed by disturbing revelations of other traumatising realities. It is as though the

lid of Pandora's Box is lifted and all kinds of things fly out. The world is hit by a pandemic and the killing of George Floyd reignites the Black Lives Matter movement over the globe.

Covid-19 has revealed (and reminded us) of much: the interconnected nature of life on earth, a shameful hierarchy of value among human beings, the benefit to the earth of us pausing our activities, the vulnerability of certain groups of people, the ache of loneliness and lack of human touch....the list goes on.

Old Testament scholar and wise man Walter Brueggemann, reflecting on the impact of the destruction of Jerusalem in 587 BCE, observes that in times of cataclysm there are three urgent prophetic tasks: to face into reality, to grieve the losses, and to foster hope. In that order. I would argue that these are not just prophetic but also pastoral and priestly tasks.

Reality: What is revealed is real - pay attention to it. The veil has been torn and the scales fall from our eyes. What is revealed may set the course for our future ministry together.

Grief: Grief is the antidote to denial. The Bible testifies to the power of lamentation. Name the losses (lost health, lost loved ones, lost innocence, lost ease of being in the world, lost time...). Grieve them. Or notice how

your current emotional state is actually one of grieving.

Hope: Grief also opens the way to authentic hope. Not the hope that everything will be OK or go back to normal, but the sure knowledge that God is working God's purposes out amidst the chaos and pain. God is not done with us. We can rely on that. We hope for a new normal which manifests the commonwealth of God among us.

Those familiar with the myth of Pandora may recall that the last thing left in the box is Hope. The thing with feathers (Emily Dickinson). That orientation of the spirit that transcends the world and is anchored beyond its horizons (Vaclav Havel). That which does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us (Romans 5:1-5).

Fierce with reality, unafraid to shed a tear and with hope in our rucksacks, we press on....."

By Carla A. Grosch-Miller, with Christopher Southgate and Hilary Ison (© Tragedy and Congregations).

Resources: Walter Brueggemann (2014) Reality, Grief, Hope: Three Urgent Prophetic Tasks (Grand Rapids MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.); and (2020) Virus as a Summons to Faith: Biblical Reflections in a Time of Loss,

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Grief, and Uncertainty (Eugene OR: Cascade Books).

The Tragedy and Comgregations Project resources churches to respond in a healthy way to the impact of tragedies, local and global, through training ministers and trainee ministers in good practice, careful reflection, and personal resilience. For more information, see <https://tragedyandcongregations.org.uk/>

Chedworth Community Land Charity

The Chedworth Community Land Charity is a charity whose objective is to provide assistance to people in Chedworth parish facing particular urgent health or welfare needs or

financial hardship. The Trustees consist of the Rector and two Parish Council nominees. The Chedworth Community Land Charity has helped various parishioners over the last few years and is able to respond rapidly to any urgent financial needs at this difficult time during the COVID 19 crisis. To find out more or to apply, please contact Rev'd Stephen Goundrey-Smith (720392) or Bryan Bowley (720369). All applications are dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Prayer Requests

This is a turbulent time. If you have any prayer requests, or would value a confidential discussion of any concerns that you have, please get in touch with me at 720392 or stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com.

From the Registers

Marriage

"Let us love one another for love comes from God". 1 John 4v.7

Alexander Renwick & Charlotte Tarrant - St Andrew's Church, Coln Rogers - 12th December

Funerals

"Nothing in creation can separate us from the love of God". Romans 8v39

Alexander Ross - St Andrew's Church, Chedworth - 21st January

Terry Blackwell - St Andrew's Church, Chedworth - 25th January

Carols at Coln St Dennis Churchyard



Photos by Louise Gregory

Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
11-Jan	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Zoom
13-Jan	19:15	WI - talk on Pantomime by Simon Sladen	
10-Feb	19:15	WI - talk on Munitionettes by Jenny Richardson	Zoom
16-Feb		Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day	
10-Mar	19:15	WI - talk on his Ride Around Britain by William Reddaway	
14-Apr	19:15	WI -	
12-May	19:15	WI - Resolutions. Who Am I? discussion	
21-May	13:15	HortSoc Garden Visit to South Wood Farm, Honiton	Honiton
04-Jun		HortSoc Garden Visit to Iford Manor	Bradford on Avon
09-Jun	19:15	WI - Garden meetings (tbc)	
12-Jun		Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament	
24-Jun		HortSoc Garden Visit to Allt-y-Bela, Monmouthshire	
14-Jul	19:15	WI - Milking Parlour to Pulpit talk by Canon Morris	
17-Jul		HortSoc Garden Visit to The Newt, Bruton, Somerset	Bruton

See www.hillandvalley.co.uk for more dates of events



Don't forget to buy your ingredients for Pancake Day.

Plain flour
eggs
milk

And of course you fillings of choice :- lemons, sugar, chocolate spread, golden syrup etc.



Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

**Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Yanworth**

**Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers**

February 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



March 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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"Keep calm and carry on!" As the world around us has been told to stay at home, here at Chedworth Pre-School we are (currently!!??!!) open and running business as usual - with the exception of a few children remaining at home, we have had new families to join Pre-School and the children do not bat an eyelid at staff wearing face visors all day!

We have had great fun enjoying the snow - especially "The Snow Dinosaur egg" that appeared in the adventure play area!!! The children were busy with our tools attempting to 'crack the egg' in an attempt to find the baby Snow Dinosaurs!! Fortunately, when we came in to find the snow had completely melted it was decided that the dinosaurs had hatched and had gone looking for an adventure!!!

The snow has become our favourite topic, along with being lucky enough to explore and investigate snow outside, inside the children have been practicing their scissor skills to

create amazing snowflakes for our self-registration board!

We have successfully joined with St. Andrew's school to provide After School Care, this is very popular with families who have children attending both settings! This has also enabled our opening hours to be extended from 8:00 - 5:00 everyday, thus making us more accessible to more families!

With a lot of uncertainty as to whether we will remain open to all or if we should only be open to Key Workers and the vulnerable children; I must thank and applaud our staff without their continued support throughout this duration it would have been extremely difficult to wade through! We also thank our parents and all of the staff at St. Andrew's for being so supportive and offering very kind words.

If you would like further information please contact Sarah on 07480 370220 or email chedworthpreschool@gmail.com



For more information please take a look at our website

www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk

Contact Sarah on 07840 370220 or email chedworthpreschool@gmail.com to arrange a visit!

Chedworth Parish Council

Council gives go ahead to Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council has decided to press ahead and draw up a Neighbourhood Plan for Chedworth with new councillor Bella Amory heading up the steering committee.

A Neighbourhood Plan puts in place a planning policy for the area and provides a guide for future development. Once the plan is prepared the whole parish gets to vote on it at a referendum and, if it gains local support and the approval of the planning authorities, the plan will become part of the statutory development documents for the area. It will mean that the local planning authority has to make decisions on applications in the village based on the policies in Chedworth's Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillors

Ros Jess (Chairman)	01285 720248
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Tony Kingsley	01285 720743
Alan McLellan	01285 720642
Ian Morgan	01285 720885

To contact the Council, email the clerk, Elizabeth Broad (chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk), or call her on 720313, or get in touch with any of the councillors directly.

For more information check out our website <http://chedworthpc.org.uk>

The plan can guide the provision of infrastructure priorities for new development (i.e improving paths and open spaces), can guide where community facilities are located and identify and designate green spaces which can be protected.

The Neighbourhood Plan does not have to allocate sites for housing, but it cannot restrict development to less than that identified in the Cotswolds District Local Plan.

We need your views - The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be based on a proper understanding of the area and the views, aspirations, wants and needs of the Parish, so consultation is a big part of the process and the Neighbourhood Plan committee will be doing everything it can to find out the views of the village over the coming months.

Among many other things, they will be asking whether or not you think that existing policies in the Local Plan are sufficient and whether or not you think a Neighbourhood Plan is needed!

We need your help - Anyone who lives or works in the Parish who wants to be part of the steering committee is most welcome. You can get involved as much or as little as you want to, so if you do want to get involved or have any views at this stage please get in contact with chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk or Bella Heathcoat-Amory at bella.chedworthparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Chedworth Parish Council

Road closure planned for beginning of next month

Fields Road is to be closed on March 1st and 2nd to allow the county council to fell trees which have become victim to Ash Dieback.

There will definitely be more traffic in the village which is diverting from Fields Road so please take extra care when driving or walking on those days.

The parish council hasn't been given any further details on timings but if we get any further information we will publicise it on Facebook and Nextdoor.

Final act in long-running saga

The project to provide storage space for two well-loved village organisations is moving to the final stage.

At our January meeting we chose the contractors who will build the adapted stables on parish land next to the mobile telephone mast and hope that work will begin in the spring.

It's been a while since the drama group approached us for help finding a home for their scenery and costumes, but in that time we have obtained two planning permissions, found contractors to do the work and drawn up a licence. The Horticultural Society has also come on board and will be using part of the building to store the equipment used for the village show.

The parish council will also use part of the building to store winter emergency equipment.

Help us keep the roads safe in winter

The Parish Council grit bins were all filled at the start of winter and snow warden Alan McLellan has been making sure that they are kept topped-up but we need your help to make sure that none gets missed.

If you are aware of any bin where the grit is getting low then please let Alan know.

And Finally...

This newsletter usually reports on items discussed at our meetings but in these extraordinary times this final subject wasn't part of our discussions but may provide useful information to some villagers.

Help available with tech for home schooling

If you are struggling with home schooling because of poor broadband or lack of equipment then help is available.

Within the village, the Community Lands charity may well be able to offer support and you can get more information from the vicar, the Rev Stephen Goundrey-Smith.

Nationally, you can get help with poor broadband by visiting <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/> and following the link to Get Internet Access.

If anyone is need of a school laptop, the Department of Education has made available additional laptops and tablets -

requests can be made through your child's school.

Those who can apply for equipment include:

- disadvantaged children in years 3 to 11 who do not have access to a device and whose face-to-face education is disrupted
- disadvantaged children in any year group who have been advised to shield because they (or someone they live with) are clinically extremely vulnerable
- disadvantaged children in any year group attending a hospital school
- disadvantaged children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

Disadvantaged children in this context are those with:

- ·with no digital devices in their household
- ·whose only available device is a smartphone

- ·with a single device in their household that's being shared with more than one other family member

This offer applies to maintained schools, pupil referral units, academy trusts and hospital schools, as well as sixth-form colleges who have enrolled 14 to 16-year-olds

Secondary schools can request the devices now and it is anticipated primary schools will have access over the coming weeks. Local Authorities can also make requests for specific children.

Orders should arrive within 5 days of the request.

So, to sum up, you can apply to the Community Lands charity in the village, log on to the government website for help with poor broadband or apply via your child's school for a laptop.

Ros Jess

Disperse them

A young clergyman, fresh out of training, thought it would help him better understand the harsh realities his future congregations faced if he first took a job as a policeman for several months. He passed the physical examination; then came the oral exam to test his ability to act quickly and wisely in an emergency. Among other questions he was asked, "What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?"

He thought for a moment and then said, "I would pass an offering plate." He got the job.

Don't Get Caught Out in a Power Cut

If you are likely to need extra support during a power cut, then a service offered by Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) is perfect for you.

The company has contacted the parish council to explain about the Priority Services Register and asking us to publicise it for them. Those on the register are kept informed during a power cut so they know when they can expect the power back on and SSEN may even provide hot water & drinks if necessary.

Those eligible to join are:

- Those dependent on electricity for medical home care e.g. Kidney dialysis machine/ventilator
- Those who have a chronic illness or short-term medical condition e.g. recovering from a major operation
- Those who are disabled
- Those who have special communication needs e.g. blind,

partially sighted, deaf or hard of hearing

- Those who have children under five years old
- Those who are over 60 years old

If you or someone you know would benefit from being registered with the priority service, you can call FREE on 0800 294 3259 from a landline or mobile. Or 0800 316 5457 from a textphone. Or use the website <https://www.ssen.co.uk/Home/> SSEN also want to remind everyone that to report a power cut the number to call is **105**, and that those with a smart phone can use the **PowerTrack App**, which allows you to log on and track a power cut. They say the App is continually updated to advise of the estimated time of power restoration.

To report all power cuts and emergencies call 105





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Seasonal Wild Flowers - Snowdrop

Its botanical name *Galanthus nivalis* is derived from two Greek words meaning "milk" and "flower". Although considered a wild flower, most colonies probably began as garden escapees. Snowdrops are not native to this country but were known in gardens by 1597. They were not recorded as growing in the wild until the 1770's when colonies were found in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire. It is regarded as a native in northern Brittany, which is not that far from some of the best known wild colonies in the south-west of England.

Snowdrops are locally common in damp woodland and other shady places. They are often associated with churches, the ruins of monasteries and abandoned dwellings. They are a hardy herbaceous plant that reproduces by underground bulbs, which get spread around by animals or eroded from stream banks and carried downstream. Most species flower before the vernal equinox on 20/21 March, usually in late December, January and February and is one of the first signs that winter is coming to an end and therefore a symbol of hope for better times ahead.

Local names for snowdrops include "Snow piercer", "Candlemas bells", "Mary's taper" and "February's fair maids". The last name refers to the old custom connected with the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary, celebrated at Candlemas, February 2nd,

when village maidens would gather bunches of snowdrops and wear them as symbols of purity. At the Benedictine Priory of our Lady at Burford, large bunches of snowdrops were picked to decorate the chapel for the Feast of Candlemas.

The commonest British snowdrop is a simple single small and elegant flower, although many of the double form occur naturally. Hundreds of hybrids have been created from cross breeding these two with natives of other countries. Snowdrops have a feint honey scent and provide an early feast for bees, which in turn pollinate the flowers. There are many well known colonies of wild snowdrops such as "Snowdrop Valley" near Timberscombe Somerset. Locally there are famous collections of snowdrops at Colesbourne Park, which contains over three hundred varieties set in ten acres of private garden and woodland and at Painswick Rococo Garden, which has over five million snowdrops in the Snowdrop Grove.

Snowdrop bulbs range in price from a few pounds for a bulb of the common varieties to many hundreds for rare varieties. In 2020, £725 was paid for a single bulb of *Galanthus woronowii*-Elizabeth Harrison, a unique striking variety with a golden ovary and yellow petal markings. This was almost twice as much as the previous highest price of £360 paid in 2019 for a single bulb of Green Tear.

However, this is small beer compared with the price of bulbs during the Dutch Tulip Mania of the 1630's when the price of recently introduced and fashionable tulips reached extraordinary high levels before dramatically collapsing in February 1637, leaving many investors with burnt fingers. At the height of the bubble, some single tulip bulbs sold for approximately 10,000 guilders each, equal to the value of a mansion on the fashionable Amsterdam Grand Canal.

Despite its religious association, the snowdrop is regarded by some people as being unlucky if brought into the house. I can well remember my Grandmother giving me a stern lecture to this effect when I was a small child. In parts of Northumberland, Westmorland and Hampshire, single flowers are regarded as "death tokens", possibly because they look like a corpse in a shroud.

Traditionally, snowdrops were used to treat head aches and as a pain killer. Nowadays, a compound on the bulb has been used to develop a dementia treatment. Snowdrops are poisonous if eaten.

Snowdrops feature prominently in art and literature, often as a symbol of spring, purity and religion. Walter de la Mare in his poem "The Snowdrop"

likened the triple sepals in each whorl to the Holy Trinity:-

*Beneath these ice-pure sepals lay
A triplet of green-pencilled snow
Which in the chill-aired gloom of day
Stirred softly to and fro*

Folk lore has it that in the days of outside privies, cottagers planted snowdrops alongside the path to the privy to aid night time visits!

This is a photograph (*courtesy of Avon Bulbs*) of the snowdrop Chedworth - AG. Nivalis which was found in Helen



Milford's garden at the Old Farm Chedworth by Daphne Chappell, a snowdrop collector and expert. It is regarded as a vigorous variety and spreads itself quickly.

Robert Young

Hill and Valley Tennis Club

Club News

In between lockdowns the club has been a busy place with tennis being a permitted activity, and while it lasted it has been wonderful!

Our first Christmas holiday Junior Camp with Level 3 guest Coach Tom Wyman ably supported by our coach James Morris and Joe Kenning had a fantastic turnout even though it was pouring with rain. At the end of December (after clearing the courts of snow) we were able to run the second Junior tennis camp which was very well attended and was followed by two Adult's group coaching sessions. Little did we know this was to be the last session on court as restrictions followed immediately. Camps will resume as



soon as permitted and we look forward to hosting our keen players again - perhaps for February Half Term? The coaching team, co-ordinated by Chrissie



Kenning, has made inspiring progress with numbers attending rising, and much fun has been had.

We held our AGM on Zoom in early December and I can report that membership is in a healthy state and finances sound; and we have renewed and slightly slimmed down club committee. We thank our outgoing Chair Rosemary Scott-Smith for her sterling work over the last somewhat testing year. She has steered the club through a period of many unexpected changes with skill and patience and we all thank her for her significant contribution to the club. Both Robert Young and Ian Taylor step down from formal committee work but remain most willing and valued supporters of the facility and its future.

We are keeping a close eye on the proposed housing development on the land adjacent to the tennis courts and the Village Hall. This has received 'Planning in Principle' consent from CDC Planning Dept despite many objections being submitted by both local Chedworth residents and club members. We are concerned to avoid any future

undesirable effects of club activity on new residents should houses be built in close proximity to the courts.

Looking to the coming spring season, in common with everyone of course, we face many uncertainties over when activity can commence but we will be working hard to prepare some good things to look forward too. We are most grateful for the status of tennis as a permitted activity under some Tiers and hope that we will be back to a level of normality as soon as possible.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2021, and please do get in touch if you would like to know more.

Robert Baker
Chairman

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www.instagram.com/hillandvalleytennisclub
<https://twitter.com/HillValleyTenn1>



Walking in Gloucestershire

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Gloucestershire www.walkinginengland.co.uk/glos is the website for you!

With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John said "There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Gloucestershire (part of the Walking in England suite of

websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) - one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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On January 13th a lively Zoom meeting took place with 25 members entering the online space.

Congratulations to the Birthday members were given and a particular mention of a Diamond Wedding celebration which was marked by a telegram from the Queen, and since the date was close to Christmas she had wished the Family a Happy Christmas.

The President asked for numbers of people who had received the vaccination and we were pleased to discover that 9 members had had the first injection.

We were introduced to the speaker, Simon Sladen from the V and A Museum.

His talk on Pantomimes took us through 4 centuries. It had all started in Italy with Street Performers in 1571. When the first performance reached London in 1574 where in the theatres women were forbidden on stage, men played the feminine characters.

It was in the 1660s that women were allowed to act.

In the 1800s the Folk plays called the Mummies plays depicted the legends and familiar stories. Harlequin actors were popular and in the 1750s Greek tales with their magic were told. There were amazing costumes and scenery and John Rich opened the Royal Opera House on the proceeds.

The popular stories on stage were Aladdin, Cinderella and Jack and the Beanstalk.

Clowns and slapstick were in these shows and the famous clown Joseph Grimaldi was in great demand.

His father was very superstitious and he had a dream that the Devil would bully him on the 1st Friday in the month.

Children teased the old gentleman and would run up to him and shout
HE'S BEHIND YOU,

And so the famous Pantomime chant was born.

Pantomime is still very popular in many English theatres and it's a wonderful chance for children to experience live theatre.

There were many questions, one asking where are Pantomimes held.

Answer --- America, Canada, Singapore and South Africa.

Simon was applauded and thanked and the evening drew to a close.

The next meeting is on February 10th online as a Zoom Meeting.

Details will follow.

Carol Bailey.

Horticultural Society Garden Visits

Garden Visits 2021

Well we certainly need something to look forward to this year, so here is our list of gardens visits 2021. Some of the visits are carried over from last year, so if you have already booked and paid for those please just make a note of the new dates.

Friday 21st May

South Wood Farm, Honiton.

25 people maximum allowed to this beautiful garden created by Arne Maynard.

Arrive 13.15 for guided tour by Head Gardener Patrick Burt, followed by tea and cake to depart approx. 16.00.

Cost per person £15

Friday 4th June

Iford Manor, private garden tour of this garden which was home of designer Harold Peto.

£20 for special private tour followed by cream tea.

Thursday 24th June

Tour to **Allt-y-Bela, Momouthshire.**

Home of Arne Maynard.

Private tour to this very special place.

Maximum of 25 people.

Please note this is booked from last year, but please put your name down on waiting list in case anyone drops out.

£20 per person

Friday 17th July

The Newt, Bruton, Somerset.

Guided tour of this newly created garden and picnic from the Cyder Barn to be eaten in the garden.

£34 per person.

Should you like to join us please book your place by contacting

Sue Bradbury

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Chedworth Drama Productions

As I am sure you can all imagine the COVID-19 pandemic has had a shocking impact on live theatre, unfortunately, Chedworth Drama were unable to put on its longed planned revue, which had been organized as a celebration of its 20th year anniversary as a Drama Group .

Despite these setbacks we are positively looking ahead to 2021 with renewed vigour with a view to performing a show later this year. In respect of this, the group would welcome your thoughts on some potential ideas on what show you would like us to perform this year, we are a versatile group of performers so any ideas would be most welcome.

In addition to this if you would like help with the preparation of the show or even be part of the cast .

Let me know what you think, let us go for another 20 years .

Have a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Sue Sharman

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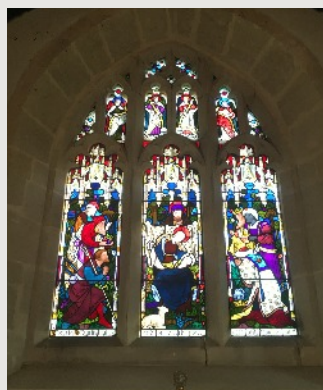
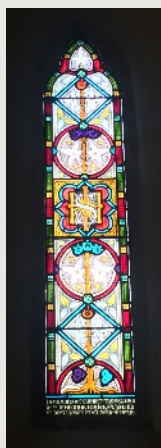
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The Seven Tuns



It's not often you see an article about The Seven Tuns in Hill & Valley magazine, but the pub is as much a part of Chedworth as its undulating AONB, world-renowned Roman Villa, historic Church, Primary School and the community of people who make things happen here. As a place for social interaction, it's there with the Village Hall, Farm Shop and the many clubs and societies that estate agents so enthusiastically say make Chedworth 'one of the most desirable villages in the Cotswolds'.

Nestling at the bottom of Tuns Hill, The Seven Tuns is the only pub in the Chedworth and District Benefice that sits at the heart of a village and has, over generations, played a strong supporting role to its close neighbour, St. Andrews Church. Many a bridegroom's nerves have been steadied by his best man and

a tot of Dutch courage in the bar before the marriage ceremony, and solace found among fellow mourners over a cup of tea and sandwich after a funeral. Even in the extraordinary year of 2020, the Tuns catered for four weddings and six funerals, albeit on a reduced scale. As well as enjoying the occasional craft beer there, Reverend Stephen Goundrey-Smith always gives the team advance notice of special events coming up. "It's natural that there should be a good relationship and mutual support between the village pub and the parish church" he says, "as they are traditional features of village life. St. Andrew's has collaborated with the Tuns in many ways, with the pub providing hospitality for church groups and a venue for occasional services as well as family parties after baptisms, weddings and funerals. Long may this relationship continue."

Much is known and has been written about St. Andrews and Chedworth Roman Villa, but what of The Seven Tuns? For example, the history of its 400 year-old Grade II-listed façade, the events it has witnessed over time, or even what is involved in running an award-winning¹ inn and restaurant to the exacting standards that today's owners have set themselves? There are many strands to The Tuns' story, even if there isn't a great deal of documented history on the pub.

Early days

We do know that in 1816 the occupier of the Seven Tuns, Peter Glover, appeared in court for the illegal manufacture of malt. Whilst the Beerhouse Act of 1830 enabled any rate-payer to brew and sell beer on payment of two guineas for a licence, that was quite a sum to recover when selling at 1p a pint. In 1851 the building was occupied by baker and brewer Robert Wilson. Back then, there was more competition in the village with at least two other pubs, the Waggon and Horses, which closed in 1961 (now

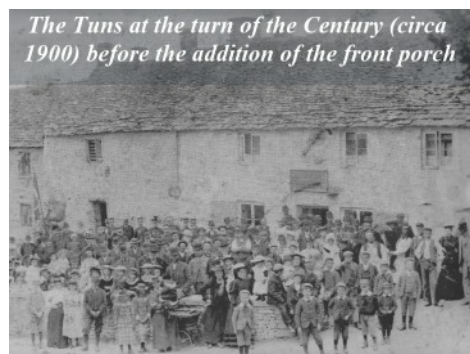
Walnut Tree House), and Smuggs Barn at the top of School Hill Lane, which closed in 1925. All three Chedworth pubs had been acquired by Cripps Brewery of Cirencester by the turn of the 20th Century.

If you have any snippets of history or old photographs which might promote further research and discussion we'd love to hear from you.

Today



The pub's current owners, Simon Willson-White and Head Chef Thomas Conway took over in October 2018, bringing with them professionalism and expertise acquired at some of the country's top restaurants - and a vision which set The Seven Tuns on a new and exciting course. Both being modest by nature, it's probably not widely known that sommelier Simon's career has included The Ritz, The Ivy and Hix, and Tom has Nobu and The Potting Shed on his CV. They first worked together at the Rosendale in West Dulwich (where they



The Seven Tuns

won the Time Out Gastropub of the Year award) and Simon went on to recruit Tom at Criterion on Piccadilly when he became General Manager in 2009.

Their uncompromising pursuit of excellence underpins all aspects of the pub - from the warm, professional welcome and beautiful interiors, to sourcing the best locally produced, organic ingredients and cooking fine food to order. Tom's menus are complemented by a range of local craft beers and a renowned cellar of wines to satisfy both discerning palates and diners seeking something delicious that's also affordable. Ask them about the farm in Tetbury on which the beef for their wagyu burgers is raised, or their support for the rearing of ethical British rose veal (which gives 8-12 months of quality life to calves who would otherwise be killed soon after birth) and

Local and ethical - Tom at Manor Farm, Chedworth, supplier of whole rose veal



you are quickly caught up in their passion and commitment. They are equally fanatical about their fish which arrives fresh from Cornish markets and



their vegetarian and vegan options, which are prepared with as much thought and care as the

rest of the menu. It's this desire to be special that is gaining the Tuns such a reputation both locally and afar.

No one expected Covid-19 to become part of our language in early 2020 or, by the end of it, for around five per cent of British pubs (over 2,500) to have been lost to the pandemic². Simon and the team are determined that this will not happen in Chedworth. From the start of the outbreak they stepped up to the additional workload created by constantly changing restrictions and the extra cleaning and sanitising required, keeping everyone safe and continuing to smile and serve their signature food in the periods they could open. During the first lockdown the interior was given a total makeover and, in the second, work outside included new planting at the front and a beech hedge to separate the gardens from the car park.

It is clear that it will take more than the pandemic to beat the Tuns team, and their mood is upbeat. Says Simon: "We know that our customers and the village want the pub and we're committed to being here for the community in the future. We had some amazing months in the summer and early autumn when we reopened, boosted by the government's 'Eat Out to Help Out' campaign. The feedback from



customers was a hugely enthusiastic endorsement of everything we're doing here."

Looking forward

As we went to press in mid-January



The team (from back left): Chris, Simon and Josh, Waty, Jordan and Tom

2021, the nation was under its third lockdown and the pub temporarily closed. "It was not a lightly taken decision" says Simon, "but we could see another lockdown ahead and people were very fearful of the new Covid variant. Far better to come back fresh and strong in the spring than lose money trying to predict takeaway demand. Once the Covid numbers are reduced, more people have been vaccinated and allowed out again and, crucially, have regained their confidence about socialising, we'll be here and ready to serve. Everyone - myself, Tom,

Jordan, Chris, Waty and Josh - are looking forward to hitting the deck running as soon as restrictions are lifted."

Whilst we all look forward to enjoying a nice glass of something in the sunshine, there's a buzz of ideas and enthusiasm fermenting within the team. 'The Tuns' 'cook at home' online videos with Tom creating new dishes, customers' favourites and meals for kids to make are going down really well on social media, and in the pipeline are plans for new events and ways to provide more for the needs of locals. More will be revealed in the months to come.

Positive cause for hope that once its doors reopen, The Seven Tuns will be busy and thriving once more, and the choppy waters of recent times receding into history.

Claire Watson

¹ Good Pub Guide

² British Beer and Pub Association, December 2020

Follow The Seven Tuns on Facebook, Instagram and Next Door. Watch Tom in action on YouTube (search Seven Tuns) and sign up at www.seventuns.com to receive the latest news updates. And do send in your interesting old photos and stories!

Memorial to George Hayton Hewetson

In St. Andrew's Church there are memorials to father and son John and George Hewetson. John was vicar of Chedworth 1898-1908. This is the short story of his eldest son George.

George Hayton Hewetson was born on 26 January 1877 to Deputy Grammar School Master John Hewitson and his wife Isabella (nee Heslop) in Chester and was baptised at Holy Trinity Chester on 2 March 1877.

George was educated at St. Andrew's College, Bradfield in Berkshire and Worcester College, Oxford and followed his father into a career of teaching being an assistant master at the magnificent Stancliff Hall Preparatory School in Darley, Derbyshire in 1901.

In 1906 George again followed his father by becoming a Royal Navy

Chaplain. He served on HMS Britannia, HMS Minotaur 1910-1912 (flagship of the China Squadron, Hong Kong), at the RN Barracks Portsmouth (1912-July 1914) and on HMS Bulwark.

George married Lilian Guy (daughter of another vicar) at Harrogate on 3 Feb 1914 at Harrogate.

George was killed at 0735am on 26 November 1914 when HMS Bulwark blew-up on the Medway Estuary. It is thought that one of the internal magazines had exploded. There were very few survivors.

George's widow Lillian gave birth to their daughter on 10 January 1915 in Yorkshire and between the wars the two ladies travelled widely.

Lillian Hewetson died on 11 May 1948 at Netherne Hospital, Coultston, Surrey.



HMS Bulwark

Chedworth & District Poppy Appeal Collection 2020

A BIG thank you to all our readers

On behalf of the Royal British Legion and most particularly our local Branch, may we thank everyone who has kindly supported our local Poppy Appeal during October and November this year and also in the past.

We are delighted to inform you that at the time of writing (1.12.20) the Chedworth & District Poppy Appeal has raised a grand total of £3,035.94p this year. This is as a result of donations received from local residents and visitors to the area at our 10 'static points' and also once again, very generous donations received from the local Branch of the Chedworth & District Royal British Legion and the Coln Rogers with Coln St Dennis PCC.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions this year our wonderful band of 18 Poppy Appeal Collectors could not undertake 'house to house' collections and we were unable to make a collection at the St Andrew's Church Remembrance Service due to cancellation.

It should be noted that in 2019 a total of £3,157.90p was raised during the 'house to house' and Church Service collections.

In 2020 residents were also able to donate online via BACs and make reference to our local Chedworth & District Poppy Appeal reference MCB09 and/or via the Royal British Legion donation webpage to make a gift aid donation.

During the past 27 years the Chedworth & District Poppy Appeal has raised a grand total of £96,709.48p. This is an absolutely fantastic achievement and testament to all the hard work of our gallant band of 18 Poppy Appeal collectors' past and present and the generosity of local residents.

Once again our heartfelt thanks to you all, most particularly this year, in such challenging times.

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2020 - When Chedworth and Christmas 'Together

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'Together'



Climate emergency but where is the urgency?

I am currently studying a masters in Sustainable Energy Provision and Demand Management at The Centre for Alternative Technology and thought this would be a topic of interest.

Climate emergency, climate crisis, mass extinction, global warming, the greenhouse effect. All terms we are becoming well acquainted with. But beyond words and discussions what is being done to combat the climate emergency? After all, it is an emergency...

There is no getting away from the fact that a culmination in all of the terms above are happening, and are happening at an increasing rate. Thankfully, there is no getting away from a growing mass recognition of this issue. 74% of District, County, Unitary & Metropolitan Councils have declared a climate emergency, which includes the Cotswold District Council (Declare A Climate Emergency.com), and this is gradually increasing month on month. Those that have taken an interest in the subject will be well versed on the scale of the issue. We have likely all heard the 2 degree Celsius target by 2050, which is a legally binding goal. However, we are currently not on track to meet the 4th, 5th and 6th carbon budgets leaving the UK on a trajectory for global temperatures of 3 degree Celsius (set out by the Climate Change Committee). It is important to note that these are no longer "eco warrior" opinions but deeply investigated, highly modelled and scientifically analysed outcomes. The



UK's new Nationally Determined Contributions of a 68% reduction of emissions by 2030, compared to 1990 levels do help to bring that trajectory back on target. However, of the 25 policy actions set out by the Climate Change Committee in 2018, only one had been delivered by Government in full in 2019 (2019 Progress Report to Parliament, theCCC.com). This doesn't instil much confidence.

Covid 19 has taught us many things, but arguably the most hard felt lesson has been the lack of preparation. Unlike the pandemic, we know what is coming and crucially what must be done to combat it. The speed of vaccine development suggests industries can rapidly mobilise in the face of adversity. But this approach will be redundant to the vast global climactic system if we try to use it at the last minute. The technologies exist to overcome this emergency and are becoming increasingly commercialised. What is required is short term action for long term benefits. But what we are getting is policy agreements made in the short term for action to be taken in the long term.

We have no choice but to try to tackle the issue. This does propose

unprecedented market indicators for business confidence. Many companies are ahead of the trend to ensure their survival. But where the biggest inroads have been is amongst investors. These morally led decisions to invest into sustainable companies is building momentum. Where they are struggling is to find large enough pay-outs on their investments from what are still relatively small companies.

Beyond the opportunities for markets we are able to make individual choices that will help to relieve the pressure on our natural systems. Personal decisions on what products we buy and where we source our food produce are regular and important choices. But I would stress the importance of the energy performance of our homes. Something we can all do and see a difference. Retrofit work is undoubtable expensive, but if you are serious about the climate emergency then you must be serious

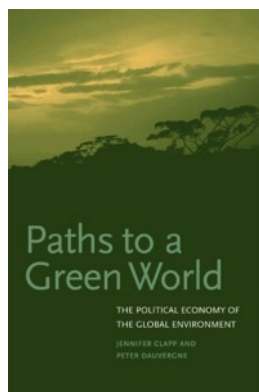
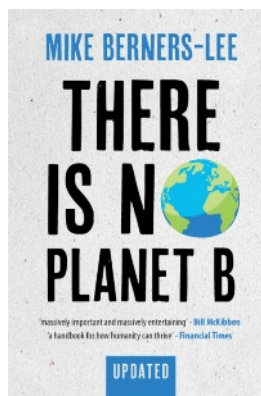
about domestic energy consumption. At the least costly end a simple energy survey can highlight areas for improvement of which can be taken incrementally. From there, one can choose how much to spend. If you really want to have an impact this is an essential place to start.

The climate emergency should not be something that we only associate with radical views and feel isolated from. It will affect all of us at a range of levels. Regardless of how one may envisage overcoming the crisis, it is essential to bring discussion and action into everyday life. This should be exciting and is vital for societal development.

I welcome any comments, discussions and disagreements.

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Freddie Baker



A Very Unusual Musician and His Inventions

Whilst in the first lockdown, I researched a musician who designed a very strange looking item with an even stranger use! It is called a 'Blind Musician's Notation Board' and can be found at Snowhill Manor (National Trust), near Broadway, where I volunteer as a Room Guide. For those of you who are not familiar with Snowhill, this is a manor house full to the brim with one man's collection of handcrafted items from furniture, toys, samurai armour to bicycles, costumes, musical instruments and everything in between! The notation board was created by a very gifted Scot, James Watson, who went blind aged 5yrs due to smallpox and at 13yrs old, went to school at the 'Asylum for the Blind' in Edinburgh, where it was noted that he was very good with making mechanical items.

This particular item has always fascinated me for two reasons. Firstly, the object itself and how it was to be used - a very complicated process - and secondly, the blind musician himself, a talented man with a very inventive mind.

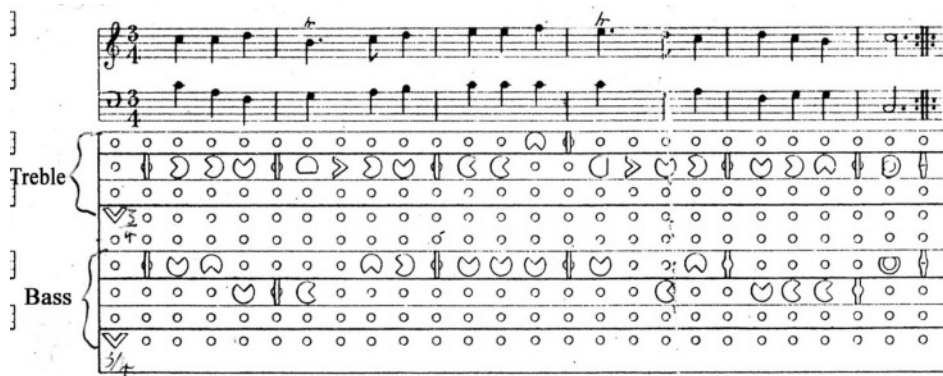
So, what do we know about him? He invented the Notation Board which you can see in the photo (left) and he was awarded the Vulcan Silver Medal (right), by the Society of Arts, London (later the Royal Society of Arts). Watson had presented the Society with one of these Boards in 1822 which he described as being 'advantageous in teaching . . . the blind' with detailed instructions of how



The Notation Board, about the size of a small desk.
H 840mm(2'9"), L 970mm (3'2"), W 606mm(2ft).

it was to be used, and fortunately for us, a very graphic diagram demonstrating it in use.

The use of the Notation Board is too complicated to explain in detail, suffice to say that the flat board represented a blank sheet of music with horizontal rows of holes, and at the back there are 20 small compartments, each holding different shaped pegs. The pegs were inserted into the holes and represented the musical notations e.g. notes, bar lines, rests etc., in fact everything one would normally see on a sheet of music. Watson used an ingenious system for ensuring that one peg could represent one of four notes, thereby saving the number of rows of holes that were in use. He did this by putting a notch in the peg and depending on its position in the hole, it would allow the blind musician



An excerpt from James Watson's diagram showing how the pegs represent the notes of The National Anthem. For instance, the first six notes are C,C,D,B,C,D which we sing to the first line of words -'God save our gracious Queen,!. The corresponding pegs can be seen below the notes and are drawn as if you were looking from above, with the notch clearly visible.

to feel whether it was an A,B,C,D, etc. He allowed for the composition to be extended by adding further boards slotted under the top one.

So, having dealt with the actual Notation Board, we can turn to the man himself. He was obviously very talented as he played both the violin and the cello, and performed at many concerts. However, not satisfied with that, he wanted to play both instruments at the same time and set about making a device so that he could play the cello with his feet! His first attempt was not totally successful as a report in the Edinburgh Philosophical Journal states that at a later concert 'he has not only improved, but extended the mechanism'. He apparently used his right foot in a kind of shoe for bowing, and his left foot controlled the stops by which he shortened the strings. This is

difficult to imagine, especially if you are not familiar with stringed instruments, but if you think of a violinist moving their fingers up and down the strings to produce different notes, you will get the idea. Just to complicate matters, he invented a second cello to use alongside the first! This was reported in another magazine as 'the one upon which he plays the principal strain, is so contrived as to have the power and tone of two played by different performers so that he may be said to play three cellos - the principal strain upon two and bass upon a third'.

So, it can be seen that James Watson was indeed a very talented man with an unusual but inventive mind as well as a musical one.

A Very Unusual Musician and His Inventions

I very much enjoyed researching this fascinating man and his amazing inventions, and it certainly filled up many days during lockdown! I should add that we have not been able to find evidence of there being more than two

of the Notation Boards, the one at the Royal Society of Arts and the other at Snowhill Manor.

Sue Nashe

Fall down

One way to find out if you're old is to fall in front of a group of people. If they laugh, you're young. If they panic and start running toward you, you're old.

Miscellaneous observations on modern life

As any member of a church committee will tell you, after all is said and done, there's a lot more said than done.

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink lager all day.

If I wanted to hear the pitter-patter of little feet, I'd put shoes on my cat.

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Good judgment comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

'Most cars on our roads have only one occupant, usually the driver.' (BBC reporter)

I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.

I thought getting old would take longer.

Cleaning is just putting stuff in less obvious places.

During my surgical residency I was called out of a sound sleep to the emergency room. Unshaven and with tousled hair, I showed up with an equally unpresentable medical student. In A&E we encountered the on-call medical resident and his student, both neatly attired in clean white lab coats. The resident said to his student, "You can always tell the surgeons by their absolute disregard for appearance."

Two evenings later, I was at a banquet when called to A&E for another emergency.

I was stitching away, wearing my dinner jacket, when I encountered that same medical resident. He looked at me, then said to his student, "Sure is sensitive to criticism, isn't he?"

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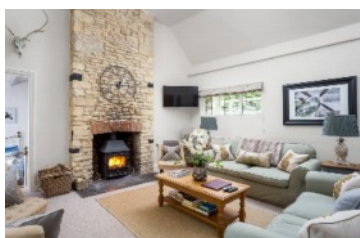


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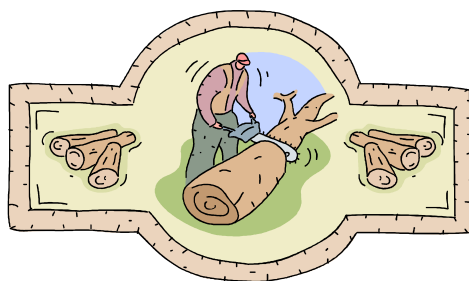
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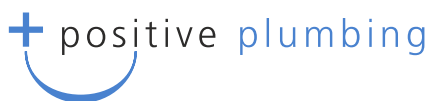
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