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Sue & Iain Robertson.
Coordinators for this edition.



Stephen's Letter

Spring Growth

Jesus said "I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener...every branch that bears fruit, he prunes so it will bear even more fruit...remain in me... you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me." John 15v1,2,4

Back in January, I pruned my apple trees. They had various tall branches - which often had lots of apples, but small apples and too high up to pick from ground level. I am hoping that, after a day up a ladder with the pruning saw, my crop of apples this year will be better - and more accessible!

In this Bible reading, Jesus described himself as the true vine and his followers as the branches. And, as we see plants budding this spring, this reading reminds us that spiritual fruitfulness can be found by "remaining in" - being rooted in - God, from whom all life flows, and who came into our world as Jesus Christ.

If we are rooted in God, just as the branches of the vine (or apple tree) are fed by the soil, then our lives will naturally bear the spiritual fruits - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are all signs that we love, and are loved, by a holy and generous God.

But any kind of fruit-bearing plant needs to be pruned to get the best fruit - and it's the same with our lives. Lent is a good time for reassessing our lives,

thinking carefully about how we can live well - and getting rid of anything in our life that prevents us from doing this.

If this raises issues for you, then there are things you can do. Perhaps spend some time this Lent in St Andrew's Church, Chedworth, at our Lenten Prayer Stations, and ask God for guidance, in quiet time on your own (see Parish Notices). Or maybe contact me, as your parish priest, for confidential advice or guidance (stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com). As a pastor and spiritual guide for these parishes, I would be pleased to hear from you, and would endeavour to help you however I can on spiritual issues.

But remember, as we see our fruit trees budding, we all hope for a good crop later in the year. And, in the same way, I'm sure we all want to thrive and to experience physical, emotional, social - and spiritual - flourishing in our lives.

With prayers and blessings for Lent,

Stephen



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Services for March 2020

Sunday 1st March - Lent 1

Holy Communion

10.30 am - Coln St Dennis

Wednesday 4th March

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 am - Chedworth

Friday 6th March - World Day of Prayer Service

World Day of Prayer Service

7.30 pm - Chedworth

Sunday 8th March - Lent 2

Holy Communion (BCP)

9 am - Chedworth

Holy Communion

10.30 am - Coln Rogers

Tea Time Service

4 pm - Chedworth

Sunday 15th March - Lent 3

Holy Communion (BCP)

9 am - Stowell

Family Service

10.30 am - Chedworth

Evensong

6 pm - Coln St Dennis

Sunday 22nd March - Mothering Sunday

Family Communion

10.30 am - Chedworth

Sunday 29th March - Lent 5

Mothering Sunday Family Communion

10.30 am - Yanworth

Sunday 5th April - Palm Sunday

Family Communion

10.30 am - Coln St Dennis

World Day of Prayer

The **World Day of Prayer Service** (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer Service) takes place on **Friday 6th March** at St Andrew's Church, Chedworth at **7.30pm**.

Lent Course - The Passion Week of Jesus

A large portion of each of the four Gospels is devoted to the final week of Jesus' life on earth - the passion week. We think we know the story - but do we really? Christians believe Jesus' death and resurrection was the most

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significant event in the whole of human history. But what were the events leading up to that fateful day? What happens when we read all four Gospels together? Challenges and new insights come to light, as well as a few mysteries that have baffled theologians for 2,000 years. The things Jesus said and did in that final week take on a new significance when seen in the light of the cross - where only he knew the path was leading.

Come and join us for our fascinating **Lent Course** this year, which will take place on **Tuesdays** in Lent (**3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March**) at **Chedworth Village Hall** from **7.30pm - 9.30pm**. The course will be led by the **Rev'd Dan Button** from the **Gloucestershire Theology School**. Further details from stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com or info@gtstheology.org. A perfect way to reflect and prepare for Easter.

Lent Lunches

Our Lent Lunches will take place on Tuesdays during Lent (**3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March**) from **12 noon - 2pm**. Everyone is warmly welcome. Many thanks to our hosts this year. Lunch venues are as follows:

- 3rd March - Juliet Stainforth, Denfurlong, Chedworth
- 10th March - Sue Callard, Laines Farm, Chedworth Laines.
- 17th March - Emma Isaac, Ballingers Hill, Chedworth.

- 24th March - Clare Dewar, Home Farm, Stowell Park
- 31st March - David and Charlotte Boehm, Saffron Hill, Chedworth

Prayer in Lent

St Andrew's Church, Chedworth, will be open during Lent for reflective prayer (from 9am to 5pm). Drop in any time you like....visit the prayer stations...spend time with God...light a candle. Take some time out for you, you're worth it!



Mothering Sunday - 22nd March

This year, our **Mothering Sunday Family Communion** takes place at **10.30am** at **Chedworth** on **Sunday 22nd March**. This is an opportunity to praise God for mothers and to pray for family life everywhere. There will be refreshments after the service.

Palm Sunday Family Communion & Garden Gathering - 5th April

This year, the **Palm Sunday Garden Gathering** will take place at the home of Neil and Teresa Irving (Anchor Cottage, Coln St Dennis). Bacon sandwiches served from **9.30am**, childrens activity, and then procession to church for Family Communion at **10.30am**.

Confirmation Service - 10th May

On **Sunday 10th May** at **St Andrew's Church, Chedworth** at **10.30am**, we will be joined by **Bishop Robert**, the Bishop of Tewkesbury for our **Confirmation Service**. Confirmation is an important service where people growing in faith - young or older - have an opportunity to take their faith further, and make a public commitment to the Christian faith. We already have a number of candidates for confirmation but if you, or someone in your family, would like to be confirmed, please

contact Rev'd Stephen (720392, stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com).

Church Consultation - Our Next Step

During autumn last year, we ran a consultation using the v-Wall virtual business engagement software tool to gather ideas to help us to determine our strategy for the church for the next few years. We received a range of helpful responses and the following themes have emerged from respondents' comments:

1. People of all ages are well catered for by different church services and events, and feel welcomed at our services.
2. Concerning services, people valued sermons/talks and good hymns. Some said that it would be good to have more live music in church. A number of people said they would value more quiet, spiritual services, and some expressed a wish for a midweek service.
3. People enjoy the range of different services available, especially those services that take place outside the church buildings (for example, Rogation Service and the Animal Service).
4. Services and events for the major festivals - Christmas and Easter - are especially valued and appreciated.
5. People are happy with the role of the church in the villages and local community.

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6. No major changes are needed in what the church offers.
7. Some people are attracted by social events organised by the church (for example, Friends of St Andrew's Church Drinks Party and the St Andrew's Ceilidh), rather than "religious" events, and want to support the church that way.

The consultation has turned up no major surprises, and it seems that people are by and large happy with church life as it is. We will be making a few small, but important, changes to reflect the preferences people expressed, and further meet the needs of parishioners.

Ministry Team

On January 26th, we were visited by Archdeacon Phil (the Archdeacon of Cheltenham) who recommissioned our Ministry Team - Stephen Goundrey-Smith, Ian Smallman, Helen Oldham, Teresa Irving, Stephen Phillips, Sally Smith and Sheila Bowley (left to right in picture with Archdeacon Phil on right). It was great to celebrate with the team, and I'd like to thank everyone for their contributions to the ministry of our local church.



Church Spring Clean



It's Spring again ...

And time for our annual Chedworth Church spring clean.

**Do please come and lend a hand and
join our convivial spring cleaning session in
St. Andrew's Church & Churchyard**

Saturday 4th April starting at 10:00am

Coffee, Tea and Biscuits provided.
Bring your own energy and tools.



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Every 4th Sunday of the month

10.15-11.30 am

In Parish Room at The Vicarage, Chedworth

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sally.smith237@yahoo.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

Day	Time	Event	Venue
01-Mar	19:30	"The Great Cabaret Safari" via AIRinG (Arts in Rural Gloucestershire)	Village Hall
09-Mar	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
11-Mar	19:15	WI - "Operation Raleigh" talk	Village Hall
13-Mar	19:30	Back Row Club "Official Secrets"	Village Hall
14-Mar	10:00-12:00	HortSoc Spring Compost Day & Sow Grow & Show Advice Day	Chedworth Farm Shop
15-Mar	11:00-16:00	Mystic Market	Village Hall
16-Mar	19:30	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
18-Mar	14:30	Elderberries - Dobbies Garden Centre visit	Village Hall
21-Mar	19:30	NT Live screening of "Cyrano de Bergerac"	Village Hall
31-Mar	10:30-12:00	Coffee Morning in aid of Rendcomb Church	Rendcomb Village Hall
01-Apr	14:00	Bridge with Afternoon Tea in aid of FoStA	Village Hall
04-Apr	10:00	Church Spring Clean	St Andrew's Church
04-Apr	14:00-16:00	WI Jumble Sale	Village Hall
05-Apr	10:30	Chedworth Roman Trail - 10 mile cross country run	Village Hall
06-Apr	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
08-Apr	19:15	WI - "A Ride Around England" talk	Village Hall
10-Apr	19:30	Back Row Club	Village Hall
15-Apr	14:30	Elderberries - An afternoon with Di Alexander	Village Hall
24 & 25 Apr	19:30	The Withington Players present " 'Allo 'Allo!"	Withington Jubilee Hall
02-May		Cricket Match v. Apperley	Chedworth Cricket Club
08-May	19:30	Back Row Club	Village Hall
11-May	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
13-May	19:15	WI - Resolutions	Village Hall
15-May	11:00-16:00	HortSoc Garden Visit by coach to Oxford Botanic Gardens	Village Hall
20-May	14:30	Elderberries - Birthday celebration	Village Hall
30-May	13:00	Pink Saturday Cricket Match in aid of Breast Cancer	Chedworth Cricket Club
06-Jun		Concert by The Hill & Valley Singers	

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers

Yanworth

PLEASE NOTE
NEW waste collection
schedule from 20 March

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Yanworth

Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers

March 2020

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April 2020

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St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



Learning through an inspiring curriculum

Although this has been a short term, we have achieved a huge amount. Our topic, 'Not all heroes wear capes' has been a great success with pupils and teachers. The children have been learning about a wide range of inspirational people (Rosa Parks, Florence Nightingale, Mary Anning & William Morris) and have enjoyed learning about their lives through music and art.

Learning to develop healthy lifestyles

We have been so proud of all of our pupils this term but we have seen



particular successes in our competitive sports. Late in January we took a small team of Year 3 & 4 pupils to The Cotswold School to take part in a gymnastics competition. Each child had to learn a floor routine and two separate vaults. We had a fantastic time and came 7th overall, which is a huge success for our first outing.



around 60 competitors. We were thrilled to have 7 children place in the top 10 for their ages and be invited to the next stage later in February.



Learning to live as part of the wider community

Be part of the school!

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to support children in the school with reading and maths.

Other ways to get involved are through our next few topics, which will include focuses on childhood books, VE day and the Olympics.

Perhaps you would like to read your favourite book to a class or come and speak to our pupils about your line of work in order to inspire them?

Could you be our clerk to the governors?

- The key roles and responsibilities would be to:
- Provide advice to the governing body on governance, constitutional and procedural matters.

- Provide effective administrative support to the governing body and its committees.
- Ensure the governing body is properly constituted.
- Manage information effectively in accordance with legal requirements.

Please contact chair@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk if you would like to find out more about the role and salary.

Mrs N Smith (Head teacher)



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The Hill and Valley Singers

(formerly the Chedworth Singers)



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We meet on **Thursdays 7.30-9.00 pm**, at St Andrew's School, Chedworth GL54 4AJ

Rehearsals start on **March 5th, 2020** in preparation for our next concert on June 6th.

Musical Director - Shirley Jee
Accompanist - Rachel Emmerson

For more information contact our
Chairman, Neil Irving, 01285 720403

Thank you very much to the Chedworth Allotment Charity for your very kind donation which has funded my Forest School training; this has benefited both Pre-School and all the children so much and for this we are very grateful!

This morning, we have enjoyed 'We're going on a Daffodil hunt' (to the tune of we're going on a bear hunt!). Along with listening to the birds singing, spotting the beautiful primroses and crocus appearing around the Village Hall, Spring is definitely on its way!

With the play area being just so wet and slippery, we are spending lots of time upon the playing field, however this is not pleasant with the amount of dog mess that has appeared again. Please can we appeal for you to pick up after your dog when walking in public areas!

Sarah Smith



Secretary required!

We are a committee-run Pre-School and desperately need a Secretary to join our committee. Meetings are once a term and held in the evenings.

If you are interested in this role, please contact Sarah or pop in for a chat!

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

News from our February meeting

Come and join us..... we need your help!

The Parish Council is currently one member short and as no-one has called for an election we will be co-opting a new member to fill the vacancy and hope to do it at our March meeting.

We are looking for volunteers to come forward and offer their services, and if more than one person is interested we will ask them to say a few words at the meeting before we make our choice.

For anyone considering joining us, parish council meetings take place once a month (two in January) and last

around two hours. Between meetings councillors take on projects but it is very much up to the individual councillor how much they do take on.

If you would like more information, please drop us an email or speak to any of the councillors and if you would like to join then please turn up on 9th March at 7.30.

The appointment will last until the next elections which take place in May 2023.

Parish budget set to help improve verges, shine light onto the village hall stage and provide storage for village organisations

Parish councillors also met for a second time in January, this time to set the budget for the coming year.

In recent years the council's budget has risen quite dramatically. Only five years ago the amount we asked Cotswold District Council to collect for us from villagers via the council tax bill was just over £7,000 while last year's demand was £19,000.

There have been a number of factors which have led to this increase, including a big increase in the amount we spent on keeping the village tidy, plans to build a parish storage facility on our land adjacent to the playing field and sizeable grants to the village hall.

Councillors

Ros Jess (Chairman)	01285 720248
David Broad (Vice-Chairman)	01285 720313
George Broad	01285 720313
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>

Chedworth Parish Council

This year we have managed to trim our request to just over £18,000 while hopefully maintaining, and in some cases increasing, our expenditure on items which we believe the village considers to be important.

Last year we were approached by the Drama Group to ask if we could help with their storage issues so we included £5,000 so we could put a wooden stable-type building on the Diggers Field adjacent to the playing field. This year we decided to include an extra £2,700, so that we can hopefully build a larger building and offer space to the Horticultural Society as well.

Many of the complaints which the council receives are to do with the state of the verges around the village. Many of the problems have been created because the county council has been forced to reduce the number of cuts it carries out in order to save money and we have already taken on to do a cut late in the season

We are now investigating the possibility of once again taking on full responsibility for cutting the verges so that we can cut them at the appropriate times and, more importantly, collect and remove all the cuttings, to encourage biodiversity. This year we have spent more than £2,600 on verge and hedge cutting and have included an extra £2,000 for the coming year.

The largest single sum on our budget for next year is the £6,000 we have included to enable us to make a donation to the village hall. Although the Village Hall Management Committee had asked the council for a grant of £12,000 for the coming year, parish councillors felt that £6,000, which represents almost 30% of our total expenditure, was a more appropriate figure. The village hall management committee is hoping to install new lighting on the stage and a new entry system and these are the projects to which they plan to direct any parish donation.

This financial year we have agreed to support the hall by purchasing a new projector and screen at an estimated cost of £6,000 and with a similar donation on the cards in the coming financial year, it means that over three years we will have given the management committee £16,000 towards improvements to what everyone considers to be a valuable asset for the village.

On the income side we continue to receive a small amount for hire of the playing field and rent from the tennis club and for the grass keep field. The biggest sum is the £1,000 rent we received from the telecommunications company for having the mobile phone pole on parish council land.

Ros Jess

Maggie's Poem

Window View

It's lovely to have a big window
The beauty outside I see
Looking right down the long valley
Gives great pleasure to me



Even from the smaller kitchen window
There is a beautiful old tree
Away in a friend's garden
A few hundred years old maybe

The squirrels love that shaped tree
But no food there do they find
Now they have found my bird seed
They leave that old tree behind

Antics they cut when hung on by their tails
To get to the seed which they never fail
These poor little birds
With the sparrowhawk as well

My lovely big window has many stories to tell
Not very nice when it's been raining all day
But when the sun shines
Brings love and warmth all the way

Maggie Scrivens

HortSoc Garden Visits 2020

Chedworth & District

HortSoc

140th Anniversary

Garden Visits 2020 Revealed

This is a very special year for us as we are celebrating 140 years!

As a member one of the benefits is to be offered first choice of our visits.

So I have organised 4 very special visits and the HortSoc is subsidising our visits by paying for the coach travel to the tune of over £1000, for which I am very grateful.

So here are the long awaited details. All of these trips are by booking only and are limited to 40 people per visit. If you aren't a member already, then please join to enjoy the subsidised prices.

Please contact me by email to confirm booking.

Payment should preferably be made online by BACS:

Account No: 00054788

Sort Code: 30-92-06

Account Name: Chedworth & District Horticultural Society

Please use your surname as reference.

Friday 15th May to Oxford Botanic Gardens by coach.

Leave village hall at 11am, enjoy guided tour of gardens and picnic lunch by Claire Booth Cooks, returning to Chedworth at 4pm.

£15 per person

Friday 12th June to Iford Manor, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire by coach.

Leave village hall at 2pm. Enjoy private garden tour by the owners, followed by cream teas and returning to Chedworth at approx 7pm.

£19 per person.

Friday 17th July. The Newt, Bruton, Somerset by coach.

Enjoy a vegetarian lunch in Cyder Barn and tour of gardens by the gardeners.

Leave village hall at 10.30am returning to Chedworth approx 7pm.

£37 per person.

Thursday 20th August. Radcot House, Bampton, Oxfordshire by car share.

Arrive at garden at 6pm and enjoy a private tour by the owners, followed by wine and nibbles.

£15 per person.

I look forward to enjoying these very varied gardens with you.

Best wishes

Sue Bradbury

07831 464956

bradburydesigns@aol.com

Stop Press - Extra Garden Visit

I have exciting news of an extra visit to this year's Garden Visits calendar. I have been trying to book this for the last 5 years and am very excited to announce a very special trip on **Thursday 25th June at 2.30pm to Garden Designer Arne Maynard's private garden Allt-y-bela in Monmouthshire.**



We will be given a private tour by Head Gardener Dean Peckett around the fabulous gardens and enjoy tea and cake for just £20 per person.

The HortSoc is very kindly paying for the mini coach, which will be leaving the village hall at 12.25pm and returning to Chedworth at approx 6.30pm.

This is limited to only 25 people and offered on a first-come basis. Don't forget non-members are very welcome, but it is cheaper to join at £10 per person or £15 joint membership.

Please contact me on bradburydesigns@aol.com to book your place today. I look forward to seeing you.

Sue Bradbury



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Another busy meeting was held on February 12th with the business news of the Jumble Sale on April 4th, a Group meeting in Andoversford on May 20th and a reminder of the date of the Table Top Sale on September 19th.

The proceeds from the Sale Table held at the monthly meetings will be going to the Big Yellow Bus Project in Cirencester which provides overnight accommodation for those in need, with hot meals and drinks.

The speaker for the evening was Peter Preece from Studley, Warwickshire. He gave a talk entitled 'Every picture tells a story'. As a wildlife photographer he is keen to share his wonderful photographs with lectures, creating greeting cards, calendars and large photographs for sale. He has won many competitions and David Bellamy and Simon King have presented him with awards, namely British Birds Journal 2011 Photograph of the Year Award with the image of 'Kingfisher catching fish'.

Peter showed us numerous beautiful kingfisher photos, his clever practical ways of enticing the birds close to his camera were fascinating and good ideas were given to those who have an interest in photography. Margaret, his wife, ably helped with the images shown on the wall - beautiful flowers, butterflies and mammals. My favourites were the fox, the hare and an impish red squirrel

which was taken at the Lockerbie Reserve in Scotland.

See www.peterpreece.com

The Members enjoyed the talk and there were many chats with Peter and Margaret while enjoying the delicious supper.

The next meeting is on March 11th in Chedworth Village Hall.

There is a change of speaker from that advertised: Talk titled 'Operation Raleigh' from Lynda Thompson. A trip in the Fiordland region of New Zealand.

Carol Bailey



CHEDWORTH WI JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 4th April

2pm - 4pm

Chedworth Village Hall

50p Entrance Fee (Children free)

Bric-a-brac, books, clothes, shoes, etc

Good quality and many bargains



Tea and Cakes



Please come and enjoy the afternoon

Donations of Jumble gratefully received from 10am

Back Row Club

A senior moment

I made a list. I checked it twice. I left it at home.

Hill & Valley Tennis Club

A Note from the Chair

Tennis is a wonderful, inclusive, sociable sport that can be enjoyed at different levels by all ages and abilities. If you want to keep fit, learn a new skill or revive an old one in a friendly club right on your doorstep then come and join us and share our excellent facilities. We recently had an LTA safeguarding audit which we are proud to say we passed with flying colours and we are passionate about providing tennis for all in a safe and secure environment. Our 2020 Newsletter has all our latest news and can be found on the home page of our new website (see below).

We are holding a Fun Day on Saturday, April 21st, when we will be raising funds for our newly created Allison Stock Coaching Fund which will help to pay for coaching for children. There will be a range of fun activities for all and it is open to everyone, you do not need to be a member, so please put the date in your diary. More information to follow soon. We look forward to seeing you on the courts!

Rosemary Scott-Smith (Chair)

New Website

<http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC>

We now have a new website which gives you all the information about the club and what's going on. It enables the Club to collect membership fees and members to make and delete court bookings on line.

Membership

Membership subscriptions are due for renewal on Sunday 1st March 2020. If not received your invitation to renew please get in touch with Caroline Baker.

Court Booking

From March 1st we will be using our new booking system on the website, but you will need to be a member to use it. The ClubSpark Booker App makes this very simple. Please note if you book a court using the old system it will not be picked up.

New Members

We always welcome new members so if you are interested in joining or would like to know more please get in touch with our new Membership Secretary, Caroline Baker 07733 322176 carolinebaker75@gmail.com

Want to learn how to play or improve your game?

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Contact James for more info and to book in on 07592440514 jamesmorris7@aol.com

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 1st March	Social Club Sunday for ALL inc children with coffee & croissants
Wednesday 25th March	Wimbledon Ballot
Saturday 25th April	Club Open Fun Day in aid of Allison Stock Coaching Fund
Sunday 17th May	John Robson Rose Bowl Mixed Doubles Club Tournament (all day)
Saturday 13th June	Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Open Tournament (all day)
Saturday 11th July	Adult/Child Tournament
Sunday 6th September	American Doubles Tournament (pm with tea and cake)

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As a cow's lactation progresses the quality and quantity of milk produced varies. By quality we mean the butter fat and protein content. This is especially important for cheese production, as it determines the cheese yield obtained from the milk - the higher the quality the more cheese per litre of milk. There are several factors affecting the quality of the milk including the breed of cow, stage of lactation, frequency of milking (once, twice or three times a day), and diet.

We have a crossbred cow (a mixture of breeds) including Friesian, Holstein and Shorthorn which produces average milk quality with a good ratio between protein and butterfat content. For the first four days after calving the cow produced colostrum - this is a rich milk full of immunoglobulins which are essential for stimulating the calf's immune system.

The normal milk follows the colostrum, initially lower volume with good quality (typically 4.5% butterfat and 3.6% protein), then as the volume increases to a peak about 10 to 12 weeks after calving, the quality decreases. Hopefully we can hold peak production for 4 to 6 weeks before the volume begins to gradually decrease from then to the end of lactation - with a corresponding gradual increase in quality.

The majority of cows in this country are milked twice a day (as ours are), but some farms milk once a day - these cows produce less milk but of a higher quality throughout their lactation. There are also some milked three times a day, producing higher yields of milk but typically lower quality.

Diet has a significant influence on milk quality - with higher fibre diets producing more butterfat. With spring calving cows we time calving so that peak milk production coincides with peak pasture growth through May. This grass is high in oil and sugars, but low in fibre, which produces high volumes of milk (with some cows giving over 30 litres per day) with good protein content (typically 3.3%) but low butterfat (3.5% occasionally lower), which affects cheese yield.

This year I was keeping some hay to feed through this peak period to try to buffer the butterfat - as hay is high in fibre - but I am going to have to feed it now as the local deer herd have eaten 80% of a good crop of turnips on their night time raids, before we got to them with the cows - so leaving a hole in our winter forage budget.

As the year progresses, the fibre content of the pasture increases, which when coupled to decreasing yields the best milk quality is produced through the autumn (typically up to 5% butterfat and 3.8% protein).

Manor Farm News



David Jowett will now explain more about the cheese making here at Manor Farm. The photos show milk being delivered to the dairy, Alex Jess stirring the vat, and cheeses

ripening on the racks.

Cheese Making at Manor Farm

We relocated King Stone Dairy from Chipping Norton to Manor Farm at the end of 2019 after having built a new creamery to house our business.

Rollright is our core cheese, a washed rind soft cheese bound in spruce bark, based on the seasonally French cheese, Vacherin Mont d'Or. We have been producing Rollright for five years now, and know that the better the milk is, the better the cheese is. For our cheese we want a good level of high-quality solids

(protein and butterfat) in the milk, but also, we want milk which has been produced from interesting pasture.



Diversity of plant species within the pasture results in milk with a greater potential for us to produce cheese with a complexity of flavour and aroma and a cheese with a flavour profile specific to a place. It has been very interesting to see how our cheese has changed in character since we have been making it with milk produced at Manor Farm.



While we have maintained a consistent recipe and process, the increased quality of the raw material we use has, I believe, elevated the baseline quality of our cheese substantially. Aromatic, volatile flavour producing compounds within the milk, released during the ripening process, and unique to this milk have given our cheese a satisfying fullness of flavour and more complexity than previous.

We have just restarted production of our second cheese, **Evenlode** (a semi-soft washed rind cheese) and will soon be expanding into the production of our traditional county hard cheeses, and we look forward to tasting how the farm's "terroir" is expressed in the flavours of other styles of cheese.

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Chedworth Scarecrow Trail 2019



Remember this sunny day! We had great fun walking around the village to see these great creations. So much creativity and inventiveness in Chedworth. Not only amusing but also a fund raiser for St. Andrew's Church. **The next Scarecrow Trail will be in 2021.**

Bee Eastman





Chedworth Scarecrow Trail 2019



The winning Scarecrows were chosen by the votes of those who attended the Trail. The winner of the adult category was Angela Hobart and the young person's category was Fergus Mort.



Chedworth Cricket Club



There is much keen anticipation for the 2020 cricket season at Chedworth. As soon as the wind and rain abate, we will be getting underway with all the necessary preparation.

Four pre-season Net Sessions will be run at Rendcomb College Sports Hall in April from 7pm to 8.30pm on:

3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th April

Anyone who would like to attend, please turn up. You will be most welcome.

The League Season starts on Saturday 2nd May when we play our first fixture against Apperley at home, at the Beech Walk. The next week we are away at Kingsholm. This pattern of home and away will be repeated throughout the season, so do come up to the ground to

watch the cricket whenever you would like.

For the League match against Kings Stanley, on Saturday 30th May, we will be again organising our Pink Saturday match to raise money for Breast Cancer and the Cricket Club. It was very successful last year and the team are looking forward to dusting off their pink caps for the day. The stumps will also be pink. Do come up and join us to watch the cricket and enjoy a piece of cake and a cup of tea.

Another date for your diary is Thursday 9th July at 7pm, when we will be again organising a 10km Trail Run to raise money for the Cricket Club. If anyone is able to help as a marshal, we would be very grateful. If you are interested in doing this, please contact me. It was lovely to have so many from the village running last year and I hope you can all make it again this year.

Thank you again, in anticipation, of your kind support during the 2020 season.

John Watson

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Smart money

"Dad," said the son, "what is a financial genius?"

"A financial genius," said his harassed father, "is a man who can earn money faster than his family can spend it."

Cotswold Crafts - Quarrying

The Cotswolds are rich in Oolitic (from the Greek, meaning egg stone) Limestone. Stone has been quarried here for many centuries, the earliest mention is in the Domesday Book. Stone has many uses, especially for building, from small cottages, farm buildings, fine manor houses and the magnificent wool churches. The ready availability of stone was also used for making and repairing roads and tracks, in the production of lime in lime kilns and for building Cotswold dry stone walls in the C18th and C19th when large areas of open land were enclosed under private Acts of Parliament. Cotswold stone varies in quality and colour from the honey colour of the north and north east of the area, through to the golden colour of the central area. The texture of Cotswold stone enables masons to produce interesting and intimate architectural details such as mullions, gargoyles and the intricate detailing on church stonework.

J B Priestly wrote of Cotswold stone “the truth is that it has no colour that can be described. Even when the sun is obscured and the light is cold, these walls are still faintly warm and luminous, as if they knew that trick of keeping the lost sunlight of centuries glimmering about them.”

Transporting heavy stone was not straightforward and so wherever possible it was quarried and used locally. There are quarries near most

settlements, many have now been worked out and filled. Peter Juggins can remember several quarries around Chedworth, including the large quarry near to the Farm Shop where a considerable quantity of stone was extracted for the construction of the airfield in World War II. Fields Road had to be widened to accommodate the quarry lorries. Peter can also remember a number of limekilns in the village.

Stone was also exported further afield, especially in past centuries from the Windrush Valley quarries at Sherbourne, Windrush, the Barringtons and Tayton which produced high quality freestone for ashlar and other precision masonry. This stone was used for the building of many of the older Oxford colleges, Blenheim Palace, St Paul's Cathedral and other prominent buildings. Some of the stone was transported part of the way on the River Thames. The logistics of hauling stone were considerable. In the C17th Sir Compton Reade had a stone mash tub made at Tayton to hold 525 gallons, a team of 21 horses was required to haul it by road from Tayton to Shipton-under-Wychwood, a distance of about 4 miles.

Before modern machinery, a quarry was opened by clearing away the topsoil in a rough semi circle. This involved a lot of muscle power and skill using hand tools such as crowbars, sledge hammers and stone saws. The workings then gradually ate into the hillside so that after many

years, a tall rounded cliff was formed. A cartway of easy gradient grew from the original opening as the sides widened and deepened, leaving a broad flat floor covered with the residue of fine grains of stone immediately in front and a scree beyond. This provided a working space for a crane and windlass and room for trolleys and sleds to be driven close to the quarry face. In traditional quarries, after the stone was split into sizeable blocks by crowbars, a chain was put round each block and a windlass with two men working the winding gear brought it to the surface. Then with stout planks and wooden rollers it was moved onto the bed of the sled or wagon and taken to the stone yard or stone bench.



Some quarries such as Westington, which was once the parish quarry from which stone was taken to build Chipping Campden, had mines opening into them enabling the quarrymen to reach the stone at base level, the most valuable building stone, without the need of removing all the brash, ragstone and

weatherstone. This was a hazardous operation and became unsafe!

Traditionally, slate quarrying began at Michaelmas (29th September) and ended at Christmas. The stone was dampened, covered with earth in clamps to keep the quarry sap in the stone until the frost came when the clamp was opened to let the frost reach the layers of stone to naturally split the slabs. There were renowned slates quarries at Filkins, Stonesfield and Naunton, where at one time 30,000 slates a week were dug.



Modern excavating machinery and equipment has enabled large scale quarrying as seen at Daglingworth Quarry, Farmington and the quarries near Naunton and Guiting Power. The Cotswolds has one of the highest number of Listed Buildings in the country, as well as a huge length of stone walls. In order to maintain these and provide for new building it is essential that where necessary that the planning system permits adequate quarry workings to ensure continuity of supply of stone and slates.

Robert Young

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Your Gardening Tips for March

It seems that spring has sprung with snowdrops displaying two weeks early, and daffodils hot on their heels. Let's hope that we have some dry if cold weather to dry out the waterlogged ground.



- Whilst on the subject of snowdrops, I have been advised by someone extremely well qualified to know, that if snowdrops are left to die back into the ground and not lifted until August, the plants will be much stronger than those traditionally lifted 'in the green'. If you want to try this, do not forget to mark and label the spot!!!
- Avoid digging or planting in wet soil; working it damages the soil structure.
- Clear up weedy beds before mulching.
- Top up pots with fresh compost or replace completely, adding a thin covering of grit to deter slugs.
- Start sweetcorn inside or in a warm greenhouse as it needs a long growing season.

- If your rhubarb sends up flower stalks, remove them so the plant will focus on foliage production, not seed production.
- Most vegetables need full sun to perform well. If you have some shade, try growing cool-season crops such as Lettuce, spinach, radishes and cabbages
- Plant shallots, onions and early potatoes, if the ground is not too soggy. Start brassicas and lettuces off in doors
- Plant summer flowering bulbs and sow sweet peas outside, and protect all new shoots from slugs. If the weather warms up remove protective fleece and straw to avoid damage to new shoots.
- Lift and divide overgrown lumps of perennials. Divide hostas before they come into leaf.
- Prune back Cornus (Dogwood) and Salix (Willow) to two buds above ground level, and mulch to get a good showing of winter stems. Prune fruit trees.
- Insects can't stand plants such as garlic, onions, chives and chrysanthemums. Grow these plants around the garden to help repel unfriendly insects.
- Prune winter flowering Jasmine, once flowers have faded, then feed and mulch.
- Feed roses as they come into growth. This the best month for planting roses in heavy soils or cold

Your Gardening Tips for March

areas. Prune bush and climbing roses.

- Remember to put in place any supports needed for tall border plants now to allow the plants to grow through them.
- Feed shrubs, hedges and especially newly planted trees with a balanced fertiliser such as Growmore or Blood Fish & Bone.

- This is a good month to start layering bushes such as Philadelphus (Mock Orange), Forsythia, Cotinus (Smoke bush) and Lonicera. Buried stems should have taken root by next spring.

Simon Colbeck

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CHOC is Chedworth Oil Club, a well established cooperative buying group for domestic heating oil. Founded more than 13 years ago, it has some 160 members. Membership is open to all householders in Chedworth, Yanworth, Fossebridge, Calcot, Chedworth Laines and outposts. Membership is free.

How does it work?

Full details of membership, links to the constitution and an application form are on the village website.

<https://chedworth.org.uk/chedworth-oil-club-choc/>

In summary the supplier automatically discounts a penny (£0.01) per litre to CHOC members from their standard

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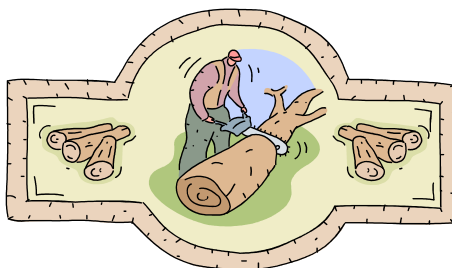
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