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Holly Sanders-Cowell, coordinator
for this issue & Silvia the Hen



Stephen's Letter

School's Out!

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight”. *Proverbs 3v5-6*

School's (almost) out for summer, and it's time for a well-earned rest after a busy year. St Andrew's School plays a vital part in the life of our community here in Chedworth – but there will be significant changes afoot at the school next academic year

Three teachers will be leaving – Mrs Angharad Fitch (Head Teacher), Mr Adrian Hunt and Miss Emily Lewis. Through their sterling work with the school, they also have contributed considerably to community life, so I would like to thank them personally here, and I'm sure that many of us here in Chedworth wish them well in their future careers.

But, as a church school, the work of St Andrew's School is of vital importance to the life of our local church too. Having the school in the village helps us with our mission to children and young people, and we hope that contact with the parish church enriches the lives of the school children, through joint services and events.

Furthermore, the church contributes to the Christian ethos of the school. In education, we live in an age of tight

budgets, rigorous inspections and demand for the highest standards. But, good and right though these things are, our endeavour for human knowledge – in any discipline – is ultimately derived from the true wisdom that comes from personal integrity, appreciation of the glory of the world around us – and due respect for the God who created us in the first place (see Prov 3v5-6 (above)) We would do well to reflect on this during the school holidays.

Change is inevitable at some point in any organisation and situation – but if we trust in God, and look to him for wisdom rather than rely on our own – often flawed - understandings, our path ahead will be clear. In September, please give Mrs Nikita Smith, the new Head Teacher, your full support as she and the new team settle into the school, and get to grips with the community context. Also, during the next year, there may be opportunities for local people to make a personal contribution to the life of the school as Foundation Governors, nominated by the church. If this might be of interest to you do get in touch.

So – school's out – and I hope you have a good and restful summer.

With best wishes,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for July & August 2019

Sunday 7th July – Trinity 3

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Evensong

6 pm – Coln Rogers

Sunday 14th July – Trinity 4

Holy Communion (BCP)

9 am - Chedworth

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln Rogers

Tea Time Service

4 pm – Chedworth

Sunday 21st July – Trinity 5

Holy Communion (BCP)

9 am - Stowell

Family Service

10.30 am - Chedworth

Evensong

6 pm – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 28th July – Trinity 6

Family Communion

9 am – Yanworth

Holy Communion

10.30 am - Chedworth

Sunday 4th August – Trinity 7

Family Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Evensong

6 pm – Coln Rogers

Sunday 11th August – Trinity 8

Holy Communion (BCP)

9 am - Chedworth

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln Rogers

No Tea Time Service

Sunday 18th August – Trinity 9

Holy Communion (BCP)

9 am - Stowell

Family Service

10.30 am - Chedworth

Evensong

6 pm – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 25th August – Trinity 10

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 1st September – Trinity 11

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Evensong

6 pm – Coln Rogers

Church Briefing

Scarecrow Trail

A big thank you to all who made our Scarecrow Trail on 29th-30th June a success. Particular thanks to Bee Brockman for organising the event this year.

Harvest Festival

Our **Harvest Festival** this year is on **Sunday 29th September** at **St Andrew's Church, Chedworth** at **10.30 am**. This year we are having a new-style informal Harvest Festival service, in conjunction with the **Chedworth Horticultural Society**. Come and thank God for the harvest of the fields and gardens – and find out from local growers their tips for success! This service is suitable for all ages. More details in the September H&V.

Advance Notice – Test of Faith

Our autumn course this year is entitled **Test of Faith** looking at the relationship between science and Christian faith, using a great set of resources from the It is often supposed that you cannot be a Christian AND trust in science. However, nothing could be further than the truth - many of the earliest scientists were Christians! Find out why in our course....The course will consist of a session each Tuesday in October – **October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 19th**. The sessions will be as follows: **1) Duel or Duet, 2) Creation & Evolution, 3)**

Good World? 4) Being Human and 5) Ethical Toolkit. This course is not specifically for scientists (although is especially suitable for those working in scientific professions), but is suitable for anyone who wants to explore these important issues. More details in the September H&V.

Advance Notice – St Andrew's Day Ceilidh – 30th November

After the success of last year's event, do join us for this year's **St Andrew's Day Ceilidh** on **Saturday 30th November** at **Chedworth Village Hall** - a whole-village family fun event to brighten up those dark winter nights! Join us for an evening of superbly choreographed Scottish dancing (no previous experience necessary!) with ceilidh band, **Hetty Pegler's Tump**, as well as a delicious Scottish buffet! This event is jointly organised by St Andrews Church and St Andrew's School PTA.

Tickets will be available from the September onwards, but for now save the date and keep a look out in the Hill & Valley Magazine and on the Chedworth Facebook and NextDoor sites after the summer break for ticket details. Help us make it a Chedworth St Andrews day to remember!

Church Consultation

Five years ago, in 2014, we held a consultation day of prayer and

reflection, to consider the church's mission and outreach to the villages, and how the church might serve the community here. Since then we have been working to a benefice strategy concerning the events we do, the services we provide and the way we work here.

We would now like to do a follow-up **Church Consultation** – to set our direction here for the next few years. This time though, rather than having a meeting, which is time-consuming to arrange and which not everyone can attend at any one time, we will be using an innovative software package called **v-Wall**, to gather your views and opinions electronically. You will be able to engage with the consultation in your own time, and at your convenience, on your smart phone or device.

We have a had a slight delay, but I will approach individuals who are on the

church (incumbent's) mailing list in the near future, with further information and a link to the survey. If you are not on the church mailing list, and have not received our privacy statement, but you would like to take part in the consultation, please contact me by email on stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com.

From the Registers

Funerals

“Nothing in creation can separate us from the love of God”. *Romans 8v39*

Beryl Leach – St Michael's Church,
Yanworth – 19th June

Baptisms

“You are all children of the light and children of the day”. *1 Thessalonians 5v5*

Samuel Vestey – St Leonard's Church,
Stowell – 23rd June



Finding out more about God in creative ways.
For 4-11 year olds. Every 4th Sunday of the month. 10.15-11.30 am
In Parish Room at The Vicarage, Chedworth
Phone Sally on 720285 to book a place
sally.smith237@yahoo.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

Day	Time	Event	Venue
07-Jul	13:30-16:00	Relay for Life Summer Fete	Village Hall
08-Jul	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
09-Jul	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
10-Jul	15:00	All About Pirates' display by Key Stage 1 children	St Andrew's School
10-Jul	19:15	WI - talk on "Horse Whispering"	Village Hall
11-Jul	17:00	HortSoc Garden Visit to Woodchester Park House, Nympsfield, Stonehouse	Village Hall
12-Jul	19:30	Back Row Club "Green Book"	Village Hall
14-Jul	14:00-17:00	Stowell Park Gardens Open in aid of Cobalt Unit Appeal Fund	Stowell Park
15-Jul	13:00	"Pirates of the Curry Bean" performed by St Andrew's School	St Andrew's School
16-Jul	17:00-18:00	Farewell Drinks with leaving staff	St Andrew's School
16-Jul	18:00	"Pirates of the Curry Bean" performed by St Andrew's School	St Andrew's School
17-Jul	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - Afternoon Tea outing	Stratton House Hotel
21-Jul		Fun Open Day at Hill & Valley Tennis Club	Village Hall
09-Aug	19:30	Back Row Club "Leave No Trace"	Village Hall
12-Aug	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
14-Aug		WI - Summer Outing to Chavenage House	Village Hall
17-Aug	18:00	Summer Garden Party at Laines Farm	Chedworth Laines
21-Aug	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - Signature Tunes	Village Hall
29-Aug	17:00	HortSoc Garden Visit to Bruern Grange, Bruern, Milton under Wychwood	Village Hall
31-Aug		Valley Fete at The Manor, Coln St Dennis	Coln St Dennis
09-Sep	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
11-Sep	19:15	WI - talk on "Rogers & Hammerstein"	Village Hall
18-Sep	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - Harvest Festival	Village Hall
22-Sep	10:30	Chedworth 5k Trail Run & Fun Run	Chedworth Cricket Club
06-Oct	11:00-16:00	Mystic Market	Village Hall
09-Oct	19:15	WI - talk on "Indian Charity"	Village Hall
11-Oct	18:30	"British Legion Talk by Sir John Kiszley on 'The British Fiasco in Norway 1940'"	Village Hall
14-Oct	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
16-Oct	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - Trains by Tony Condor	Village Hall
19-Oct	14:00	Table Top Sale by WI	Village Hall

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers

Yanworth

July 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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29	30	31				



August 2019

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26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Visit our website for full details including making
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chedworthvillagehall.co.uk



St Andrew's C of E Primary School



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Summer term is in full swing at St Andrew's!

This term's whole school topic of 'Pirates' is being thoroughly enjoyed by all, giving the children opportunities to apply their learning in all areas of the curriculum. We are also busy rehearsing for our Summer Plays; both promise to be absolutely marvellous!

Please do join us (and bring a little cash for refreshments!).



'Learning for life'

All About Pirates

(Key Stage 1, 5-7 years)

A spectacular collection of songs, drama, dance, poetry and art, prepared by the children themselves!

Wednesday 10th July, 3pm in the School Hall

Tickets on sale in School Office

£1 each

Pirates of the Curry Bean

(Key Stage 2, 7-11 years)

With colourful characters, sparkling songs and a witty script as sharp as a cutlass, this show is dripping with piratical style! It will be a real treat!

Monday 15th July, 1pm and Tuesday 16th July, 6pm in the School Hall

Tickets on sale in School Office

£1 each

September Reception Intake

We are very much looking forward to welcoming at least 15 Reception children (possibly more!) in September 2019 and are busy preparing for our transition week when the children will hit the ground running after having the opportunity of coming each Friday from Chedworth Pre-school or from their other settings.

Mosaic Mural

On 1st and 2nd July, we will be working as a whole school community to design and make a large Mosaic Mural with David Bowers (Mosaic Madness Ltd) to be mounted on the front of our school building. This will be a lasting, eye catching feature that will beautifully represent what is unique and special about our school. Please do pop by on 2nd July to see the project in action – you could even lay a few pieces of mosaic down!

As we approach the end of term, we are preparing to say a few goodbyes...

Our Year 6s have been truly magnificent; each and every one of them have shown such commitment, courage and joy throughout their time at St Andrew's. They will be sorely missed but they are absolutely ready and equipped to fly the nest and flourish in their Secondary Schools. Our Leavers' Service at St Andrew's Church, Friday 19th July at 9am will be a very special time to mark the end of their time with us. Please do join us if you can.

This year, we will also be saying farewell to Miss Lewis and Mr Hunt... Miss Lewis, our Year 1 & 2 teacher, who began her teaching career at St Andrew's 4 years ago, will be taking up the position as Key Stage 1 Lead in Brockworth Primary Academy,

St Andrew's C of E Primary School

Cheltenham. After 6 years with us, Mr Hunt, our Year 5 & 6 teacher, has recently been appointed as one of the Assistant Heads at Charlton Kings Junior School, Cheltenham. These are both fantastic next steps for Miss Lewis and Mr Hunt as they progress their careers and we are delighted for their successes. Needless to say, the Governors and I have been working hard with our new prospective Headteacher, Mrs Nikita Smith, to recruit new teachers for St Andrew's! We are very close to filling both positions and I'm sure there will be many opportunities for members of the community to meet the new staff at the start of the academic year.

You are all warmly invited to join us for Farewell Drinks before or after the Summer Play.

On: Tuesday 16th July.
At: 5pm – 6pm and / or between 8-9pm; pop by at a time to suit you.
You are, of course, very welcome to come and watch the children as they present *Pirates of the Curry Bean*, starting at 6pm.

Tickets on sale at school office, £1 each. You're in for a real treat! Our PTA will be selling refreshments so please bring a bit of change!

One final note:

May I thank you for the support and encouragement I have received from so many members of the community during my 13 years at St Andrew's and, in particular, over the past 3 and a half years as Head. It has been an absolute privilege to be part of such a happy and vibrant community and I have been truly blessed by it. The school has undergone a lot of change in the last few years and I am now proud to hand the leadership of the school over to the Governors and Mrs Smith who, I know, will work extremely effectively with the highly skilled staff, as the children continue to Learn for Life.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs A Fitch

We judge
ourselves by
what we feel
capable of doing;
others judge us
by what we have
done.

– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Lord Vestey has kindly agreed to be Patron of a new Pre-School building in Chedworth.

Following the Parish Meeting in March when a group of like minded residents agreed to help develop a new Pre-school building for Chedworth; along with the personal support and Patronage of Lord Vestey, the project has now developed into a firm proposal which means that subject to agreement with the Parish Council, local planning and important fundraising, there is now an opportunity to create a completely new facility to adjoin the Village Hall.

Designed to accommodate up to 24 children aged 2 years and above; in modern, comfortable and environmentally friendly conditions and enhanced by new dedicated teaching and play areas the new Pre-School would provide improved facilities for staff as well as continuing as an important opportunity for children to move on to St. Andrews Primary School.

Along with Chedworth itself, the Pre-School already provides education and care for children from Cirencester, Northleach, Yanworth, Woodmancote, Withington, North Cerney and Bourton-on-the-Water and therefore the increased capacity

to provide for more children of families within the area.

Originally established in 1976, when the Village Hall was opened, the Pre-School has evolved from a group of parents meeting with their children in



the under stage room, through to today where we provide care and education in accordance to OFSTED requirements. Meeting these requirements are challenging within the current space and to have a purpose built space would allow even more potential for the future!

Our hope is to accomplish this during 2020!

For more information please take a look at our website

www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk

Contact Sarah 07840 370220 or email:[chedworthpreschool@gmail](mailto:chedworthpreschool@gmail.com)

Hill and Valley Tennis Club
Village Hall, Fields Road, Chedworth
GL54 4NE

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Nature Valley Big Tennis Weekend 2019

FUN OPEN DAY



Hill and Valley Tennis Club would like to welcome families and adults alike, interested in learning, playing or returning to tennis, to their Nature Valley Big Tennis Weekend.

Come and join us at our club, meet other members and play all day for free. It's a great opportunity to see our superb, new tennis courts, refurbished in Wimbledon colours and discover what this friendly club has to offer. All equipment is provided on the day and our coaching team will be happy to meet you and offer any helpful tips and advice. Just make sure you bring sunscreen and non-marking trainers and leave the rest to us!

There will be a 20% discount on the day for all new memberships.

Andy Catchpole, from HEAD UK, will be here to demo tennis rackets and other equipment that you can try out.

Meet "Larry" the Lobster tennis ball machine.

If all this fresh air and exercise makes you hungry, there will be a BBQ too!

We look forward to seeing you!

Chedworth Parish Council

News from our June meeting

Back at full strength

That was quick..... just two meetings into the new four-year term and the parish council is back up to full strength.

Former chairman Susie Moore, who lives in Fossebridge, has re-joined the council and we now have our full complement of seven.

I am sure we will all work together well on the many important issues which are on the council's agenda at the moment.

One of the casualties of the handover to the new council has been the website and we are working hard to get this up and running as soon as possible. If you need information or want to send a message to the council please contact

Contact your new Councillors

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Alan McLellan – 01285 720642

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To contact the council, email the clerk, Elizabeth Broad chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk, or call her on 720313. You can also contact any of the councillors direct.

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

the clerk (chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk) or any of the councillors.

Pre-school friends ask for parish land for new building

The group which got together to help provide a new home for Chedworth Pre-school wants to build it on the playing field and has asked the parish council for the go ahead.

The group has chosen a site on the boundary with the village hall land immediately behind the goal posts (outlined in yellow on photograph) and presented its case for the location to the June meeting.

Councillors will first have to decide if they wish to provide the land for the building and then decide if they feel this is an appropriate site for the building. This will be considered along with other possible sites which may be put forward at the July meeting.

When deciding on the location the impact of the building on the playing field will have to be considered. The benefits to the village of having a purpose-built home for pre-school and the advantages to the village hall of freeing up the games room will also be taken into account when the council decides if it should donate parish land to the project.

To help us make our decision we would welcome any comments about whether parish land should be used for this

Chedworth Parish Council

purpose and whether this area on the playing field is the right place. Alternative suggestions would also be welcomed.

Royal Mail delivers good news

Thanks to the campaigning efforts of our county and district councillors and the skills of the Royal Mail workman, the post box at the bottom of Pancake Hill is now fixed and back in use.

Having been told that the Victorian box was being taken out of commission because of the damage, Paul Hodgkinson and Jenny Forde persevered with the fight to get it repaired and some skilful welding means that the box is now looking as good as new.

The parish council is grateful to all those who campaigned to ensure that the lower end of the village kept a collection box.

Electric cars spark debate

The issue of charging points for electric cars in rural areas was raised by a villager who was concerned that because many houses had no off-road parking the village could eventually become littered with charging points.

Jo Todd suggested that the council could become involved with the provision of charging points at locations like the village hall or the pub.

It was agreed that with technology constantly changing, the parish council should monitor the situation and always try to ensure that new developments included a charging point.

Drivers should be aiming for a smiley face

Motorists travelling along Fields Road will soon be getting an instant 'comment' on their driving.

As part of our efforts to reduce speeding, the parish council is borrowing a speed monitor which shows a smiley face to those who are keeping within the speed limit and a grumpy face for those who are speeding.

If the equipment has the desired effect then the council will consider buying one of its own.

Thanks go to Shipton Parish Council which is lending us the monitor.

Ros Jess

Jenny Forde is the new District Councillor. Please find Jenny's contact details below:

Cllr. Jenny Forde
jenny.forde@cotswold.gov.uk

Twitter: @jennyfordey

Chedworth Trail & Fun Run!

Chedworth 5km Trail & Fun Run!

Sunday 22 September

Fun Run – 10.30am

5K Trail Run – 11.15am
(11 yrs and over only)

START Chedworth Cricket Club GL54
4AD

ENTRY £4 for Fun Run

MEDALS FOR ALL
FINISHERS

PRIZES FOR FUN RUN
WINNERS AND AGE
GROUPS

5K TRAIL RUN 1ST,
2ND + 3RD MALE
AND FEMALE

NEW THIS YEAR!

Fun Family Races

BBQ, Cakes, Drinks & Ice Creams
in aid of St Andrews School

Entries via: www.entrycentral.com/standrews-chedworth-runs

Gardens Open

SUNDAY 14th JULY 2019 - 2pm – 5pm

IN AID OF THE COBALT UNIT APPEAL FUND

Entry is £6 for adults (children under 16 are free) Car parking is free.

Short talks from Head Gardener Chris Oldham, and Archaeologist Nina O'Hare will be held in the walled garden and the Church of St.Leonard

Homemade cakes served in the Ballroom. Assistance Dogs only.
Please see www.cobalthhealth.co.uk Supporter Events for more details.



Your Gardening Tips

FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2019

As I write this, the outside temperature is 9°C and a cold rain is falling. It is hard to believe that some forecasters are warning of a long hot summer!

Nevertheless trapping water (including bath/shower) by every means possible is essential if you want to be prepared for a hot dry period.

If you want to plant some more drought resistant flowers, try Kniphofia (Red Hot Poker) and Phomis (Jerusalem Sage) and Eryngium (Sea Holly) and Bottlebrush, and Cornus alba, especially 'Sibirica,' which will tolerate dry and wet periods. Try Zinias which prefer dry hot climates (See Photo)

Warm moist weather will bring ants to the surface of lawns, together with piles of soil. Brush away the raised loose soil and if you want to destroy the nest nematodes can be very effective in getting rid of them. Ant powder works well if the ants and the eggs are near the surface, or you can leave them for the Green Woodpeckers. If your lawn looks tired, give it a quick acting summer feed. Do not use lawn weed killers in dry weather.

Remove leaves from tomato plants to allow the fruit to develop and be protected from blight.

Liquid feed containerised plants and keep moist in dry periods.

Keep removing aphids from rose buds by hand or wash off with a mild soap mix. Pinch out and eat the tops of broad beans to avoid black aphids collecting there.

Black Spot on roses is common in August, but not really treatable at this time of year. Sweep up dead leaves and burn them.

August is a good time to apply nematodes and biological controls for vine weevil.

Treat apple scab.

Deadhead flowering plants regularly especially in high summer.

Prune wisteria in August

Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners. Take cuttings of patio and container plants ready for next year.

Clear algae and debris from ponds and keep them topped up with water.

Herbs and lavenders can be given a light prune after flowering in August. If, however, you want capture the full flavour of lavender essential oils for scent or culinary use, cut it when the flashes of the petals are just showing.

Prune rambling roses once they have finished flowering, but leave roses that have attractive hips.

Hedges need only a light trim in August as they will not grow much more once cooler autumn weather arrives.

Continue cutting out old fruiting canes on raspberries.

Take cuttings of shrubs such as Choisya, Hydrangea and Philadelphus in July.

Collect seeds from garden plants. Cheaper and more satisfying than buying new ones!

Trap earwigs to stop them chewing your dahlias.

Check for discolouration caused by leaf and bud eelworm on herbaceous plants such as Chrysanthemum, Anemone and Penstemon.

Make time to sit back and enjoy your garden in August!

Simon Colbeck

*Chairman Chedworth & District
HORTSOC*

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



The Chedworth & District Branch of the Royal British Legion

Invites you to 'The British Fiasco in Norway 1940'

**A talk by Lieutenant General Sir John Kiszley KCB,
MC, DL formally Scots Guards**

Friday 11th October 2019

at 6.30 p.m

At Chedworth Village Hall, GL54 4NE

Tickets a minimum donation of £15 to include a glass of wine and canapés followed by a talk at 7.30pm

Enquiries: Simon Colbeck
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Chedworth Successes

So lucky to live in this Cotswold village
With friends and people that care
The people than run the film club
Always they find time to spare

The Chedworth Silver Band that gives us lovely music
Joined by others that live far away
The singers that give us all pleasure
With their concerts they go all the way

People that work in the background
They run clubs, activities and more
Mend broken things when it's needed
So bringing their skills to the fore

Like moving the lovely old beech tree that fell
The fences, hedges and walls they repair
The old letter box being put back to use
With so many more stories to tell

A most beautiful church and also the school
Two of the things we are very proud
Last but not least where we get all our news
Papers delivered daily and Hill and Valley magazine
With beautiful views.

Maggie Scrivens

Chedworth Oil Club News

Future of Chedworth Oil Club

Chedworth Oil Club is approaching its 15th anniversary.

Originally, Paul Lunt set CHOC up supported by committee members Paul Deamer and Ted Broughton. It was one of the first in the country and initially gained national news coverage. Since then, many other clubs have formed and more recently CHOC was featured on BBC Radio Gloucester discussing the benefits of local oil clubs.

Paul Lunt and the then committee retired in 2014. With a combined age of 240 years between them, it was felt time for a well deserved break! As a last resort, I offered to take over and run it if no one else would come forward. I believed it a very worthwhile organisation, benefiting individuals and community good causes alike. No one else came forward.

At that time, I formed a new committee with Steve Scott-Smith and David Loveday. However, David Loveday has recently re-located and I will be doing the same in the near future.

We therefore need two new CHOC members to join Steve Scott-Smith and form a new committee with one of the new members handling the administration which I have been undertaking.

CHOC is non profit making, no expenses are claimed and the work is

voluntary. The time needed is not onerous. Templates, systems, database etc have been set up to manage the club and to ensure it runs smoothly and to maintain good communications between our oil service provider and membership.

Over the years many thousand of litres of oil have been won by members in the annual prize draws. Members have benefited from reduced oil prices, priority deliveries in bad weather and at times of oil shortages. The village benefits environmentally with one named day a week for deliveries and local good causes have gained many thousands of pounds in donations. But! If the village wants to continue with CHOC, it needs you!!

So please let me know of your interest to volunteer. I am more than happy to provide details on how it is organised and run if you wish to phone or email me.

We need to have a new committee in place by the end of August otherwise CHOC will sadly have to be wound up.

Annual Prize Draw 2019

As you know, this normally takes place at the Chedworth Show but with no show this year, the draw will be made later in August. Winners will be advised personally and the draw results advised to members soon afterwards via e mail if you are on the mailing list. It will then be published in the September edition of Hill & Valley.

Donations

St Andrews's School PTA recently asked for support for an IT project to help the school purchase tablet devices for classrooms. I am pleased to advise that CHOC were able to contribute £500 towards this worthwhile cause helping to keep the school up to date in the 21st century.

Current Funds

Our bank balance has been boosted with the 6 month rebate which was up over 12% to year to end May 2019 and

currently stands at £400. If your organisation needs funds that meet our donation rules, please let me know.

And finally to repeat, please think about how you might help to keep CHOC going in future and do please get in touch for more information.

Many thanks

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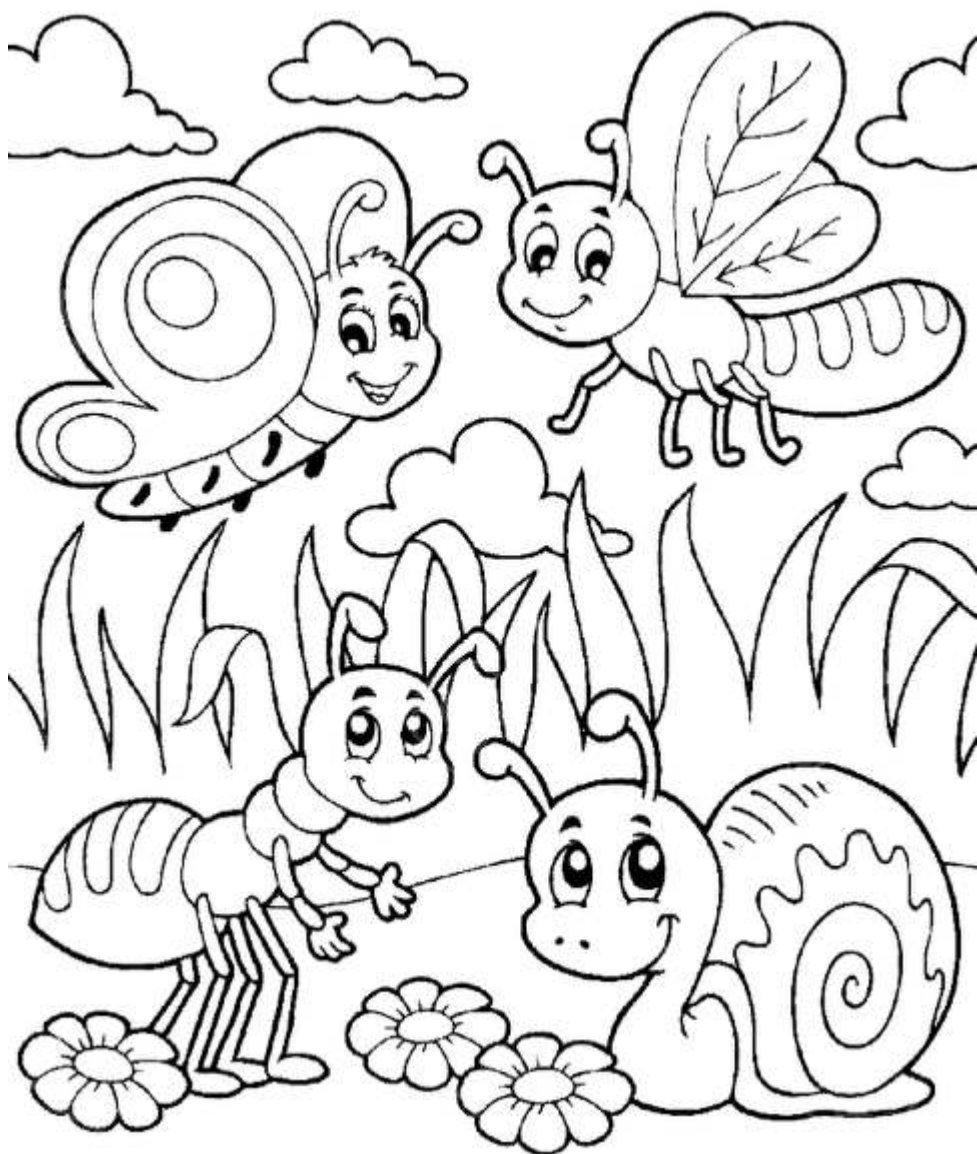
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Chedworth Cricket Club



On a beautiful sunny day on Saturday 1st June, fuchsia pink was set off tastefully against the Cotswold green of the Chedworth Cricket pitch as a most successful Pink Saturday took place, raising funds, split 50/50, for Chedworth Cricket Club and the charity, Against Breast Cancer. Pink bunting and balloons on the pavilion were the backdrop for a splendid cricket match against Churchdown where the home side scored a skilful 260 for 3 (Alastair Milne 62, Chris Miles 69 and Jamie Lait 64). The opposition passed this total with only four balls to spare for a narrow win on a memorable day of the

coming together of the local community.

The following Saturday, Chedworth had a hard-fought win against Apperley. Hayden Elsdale broke the fluent first wicket partnership and wickets fell at the other end to reduce them to 213. For victory, Captain Oli Lockey scored a commanding 80*, able supported by Jimmy Larner 38 and Chris Heaps 29*. The 'Chedworth Midsummer Run-Out' on the 20th June was well supported and competitive, skilful cricket was enjoyed in the Chedworth 8-a-side competition on the 30th June.

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Silage, serving cows and curlew

At the end of May we made some quality silage from 80 acres of young grass. This will be used to feed some milking cows this winter. As I write this we are waiting for an opening in the weather to make a lot more silage from taller grass to feed dry cows and young stock this winter. Once this later silage is cut, we will establish a mixture of kale and turnips on 50 acres to be grazed over the winter.

For the last 4 weeks we have been serving cows using AI. These cows will calve next spring. We use tail paint on the cows, when they come on year other cows ride them and rub the paint off. We draft out all cows without paint each morning, serve them and repaint them. In the first 3 weeks we served 93% of the herd.

This week we weaned and weighed the first group of calves. By the end of June we will wean the second group. The majority of the calves weighed between 90 and 110kg with 2 smaller ones at 70kg and a couple of bigger ones at 140kg.

At the end of May we attended a workshop on curlew.

This was run by FWAG (Farm Wildlife Advisory Group), Natural England and WWT Slimbridge. We visited a water meadow which is the

only place where curlew are nesting in Gloucestershire at the moment.

We learnt that the curlew spends most of the year on the coast but comes in land in the spring/early summer to nest, preferring higher ground; the Cotswolds were a preferred nesting site. In the early 1900's the population expanded so they began to nest in the vale.

Changes in farming practice are blamed for them leaving the Cotswolds.

Whether thus was due to an increase in arable farming or a move away from hay making to silage making – so the grass is cut much earlier was not known.

As with many things in nature, there are a lot of unknowns, so it's difficult to decide what can be done to encourage curlew back onto the Cotswolds.

Whilst writing this the blue tits in the dairy wall have just fledged and are in the trees opposite the dairy office.

In the first week of July we are hosting British Grassland Society's summer tour. They are bidding us to look at herbal leys and dairy farming, then looking at the bull calves which Toby Baxter is running on herbal leys at Chittle Grove, before visiting Toby's sheep enterprise in the afternoon. Hopefully it will be well attended and prove to be an interesting discussion on the day.



Rob Richmond
Manor Farm

Garden Visits 2019

Can't believe that when you read this that we would have already been to two garden visits this year and the Open Gardens will have taken place. So here are our last two garden visits for July and August.

Thursday 11th July – 6.00p.m.
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Thursday 29th August – 6p.m. –
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Backrow Club at the Village Hall

Cotswold Landscapes

St Nicholas's Church Lower Oddington



Known locally as “the old Church”, it is situated about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of the village down a single track road.

Oddington was acquired by St Peter's Abbey Gloucester in 681, ceded to the see of York in 1157 and exchanged with the Crown in 1545. Oddington was one of the Archbishop's residences.

King Henry III often stopped on his way from Woodstock to Gloucester and Worcester and in 1236 oaks from the Royal Forest were given to build the stables at Oddington.

There has been a church on the site since Saxon times. The church was built at various times from the C12th to C15th and has an unusual plan comprising chancel, nave, south aisle, south porch and south east tower. The oldest part is the south aisle built in the

C12th and was possibly the original nave. It is likely that when the King and Archbishop began to frequent the church, it was found to be too small and the church was enlarged by building on the north a new nave and chancel.

The original village around the church was abandoned in the C18th and moved to its current location. A new church was built in 1852 near the centre of the village. The old church was left to fall into disrepair. It was carefully restored in 1912 by the vicar, Thomas Hodson, although the villagers continued to use the new church.



A feature of the old church are the superb medieval wall paintings, which were whitewashed over during the Reformation, fortunately the plaster was not scraped off. It was not until 1913 that the restoration work revealed the wall paintings which were restored in 1970 by the Pilgrim Trust.

There is a large “Doom” Painting of the Last Judgement, created about 1340, which occupies the whole of the north wall about 32 feet long by 15feet high above 6 feet of wooden panelling. It is possibly the largest such medieval “Doom” painting in Britain.

Immediately to the east of the “Doom” painting is another equally tall painting, which dates from 1520 and is known as the Magnificence (Wolsey) Painting which depicts a very tall central figure surrounded by much smaller secondary figures in a variety of costumes, some of which are of contemporary Tudor style.

One possible explanation of this painting is that it depicts characters from a morality play “Magnificence” which was a pointed satire on the high living Cardinal Wolsey.

There was a connection between Wolsey and Oddington, as between 1512-1529 he was as Archbishop of York also Lord of the Manor of Oddington, so there is the possibility that the central figure is Wolsey.

The earliest wall painting is the small C13th or possibly C14th image in the south chapel, thought to represent a nativity scene or a life of the Virgin Mary .

The church contains many interesting features including the carved stone corbel heads in the nave, the mass sundial scratched into the side of the porch, a fine Jacobean wooden pulpit and one of only two royal coats of arms of William IV in Gloucestershire over the chancel arch.



The old church occupies a peaceful location adjacent to farmland and woodland in the Evenlode Vale. It has no electricity and services are only held in the summer apart from the Christmas Eve Midnight Communion and the patronal St Nicholas Day candlelit evening communion on 6th December.

This service is very atmospheric with the shadows flickering on the Doom painting, a reminder of just how meaningful this would have been to a medieval congregation.

Robert Young

The Hill & Valley Lawn Tennis Club

Tournament that never fails to please

Despite the mixed weather, participants in the **38th Coln Valley Annual Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament** on Saturday 8 June enjoyed a vintage day of social tennis. Organised by **Hill & Valley Lawn Tennis Club**, the annual 'country house' tournament took place in Chedworth and on 11 lovely private courts in surrounding villages. Seventy six competitors entered, coming from at least 15 different clubs around the country, including **Sophie Clark** who is on a full scholarship tennis degree in Ohio, USA!

The coveted **Speke Challenge Cup** was won by **Neil Little** from **Ramsbury** and **Sophie Clark** from **Delta Club** who beat last year's winners **Jason Stevens** and **Rachana Patel**, both from **Purton Tennis Club**, 6:4 in a riveting final.

The winners of the **Scott-Smith Silver Salver** were **Di** and **Dan Horsall** (mother and son) from **Cirencester Tennis Club** who came back from 2:5 to defeat **Julia Jamieson-Black** from **Cirencester** and **Dave Bond**, Minety, 7:6.



Finalists in the 2019 Coln Valley Tournament on Saturday 8 June, left to right: Scott-Smith Silver Salver winners Dan and Di Horsall; Speke Cup winners Neil Little and Sophie Clark; Speke cup runners-up Rachana Patel and Jason Stevens and Scott-Smith Salver runners-up Julia Jamieson-Black and Dave Bond

Players competed at stunning properties in **Aycote, Calmsden, Chedworth, Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers, Fossebridge, Rendcomb, Shipton Oliffe, Withington, Woodmancote and Perrotts Brook**. The finals were played on the club's new purple courts, recently painted in Wimbledon colours as a special tribute to **Allison Stock**, the event's past co-ordinator, who died last year.

Hilary Swan, who ran the competition side of the day with **Dee Greatorex**, said: "We had a terrific turnout and there was a fantastic community spirit from the club and local organisations. I particularly want to thank **Adrian Potter**, of **Cirencester Tennis Club**, a keen supporter of our tournament, who gave up his time both before and on the day to help us run the competition so

seamlessly. We are very grateful to **Savills** for their sixth year of sponsorship, to **Ione McMahon** of **Sophie de Rouet & Partners Financial Management** for sponsoring the tennis balls, **Grimshaw Sports** for the runners-up trophies and **D&J Sports** and all the other local companies who gave us generous raffle prizes. Our sincere thanks go to the court owners for letting us use their facilities and to our willing volunteers who helped with the organisation and baking cakes for tea. Together with a delicious lunch by Chedworth-based **Claire Booth Cooks** and superb overall co-ordination by **Rosemary Scott-Smith** it was a truly great day".

Next year's tournament will take place on **Saturday 13 June 2020**.

Walking on the moon in July 1969

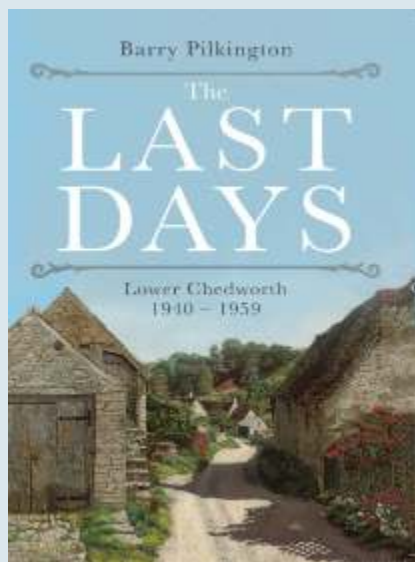
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Both men were Christians. Aldrin, who was an elder at Webster Presbyterian Church, Texas, had got special permission to take bread and wine with him to space and take Communion privately. He did this with Armstrong watching in silence.

Armstrong wrote later: "We had come to space in the name of all mankind – be they Christians, Jews, Muslims, animists, agnostics or atheists. But at the time I could think of no better way to acknowledge the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God."

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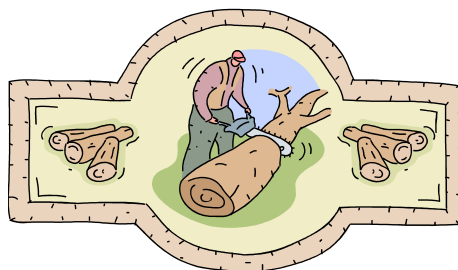
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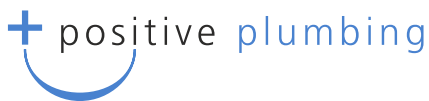


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