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Holly Sanders-Cowell. Coordinator for the April edition.

Stephen's Letter

Chexit!

"Christ once raised from the dead dies no more. Death has no more dominion over him"

– Romans 6v9

Breaking news! Following a popular vote, Chedworth & District has decided to break away from the United Kingdom! Chedworth will secede from the UK at 06.00 hours on April 21st, and the people of Chedworth will have freedom, independence and a great quality of life from then on. Yes, trade across the border with Withington has been a contentious issue, but a deal has now been agreed for the long-term benefit and prosperity of all Chedworth citizens. The future is ours!

Only joking! Of course...everyone wants to be free. Everyone wants to have independence, choice and freedom of expression – in the place where they live. This core principle has underpinned the development of western modern democracy from the Renaissance era onwards.

Easter – where we remember Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection – is a celebration of freedom. At the first Passover, each family of Israel sacrificed a lamb, ate the meat and put the blood on the doorposts of their homes – and then God set the Israelites free from

slavery in Egypt and led them to the land that God promised them.

Centuries later, Jesus' death and resurrection happened when the city of Jerusalem was full of patriotic Jews, gathered for that year's Passover festival. At that time, some thought that Jesus would lead a rebellion against Roman rule and stage another great bid for freedom for Israel. In fact, Jesus achieved freedom for everyone in the world when he died on the cross - but a different kind of freedom - freedom from slavery to sin, guilt and regret, regardless whatever cultural or political turbulence there is in the world. Jesus was the ultimate Passover lamb.

Do you want to experience freedom, joy and peace, right here where you live in Chedworth & District, irrespective of what's happening around you? You can – through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, who died and rose again to set you free, and to give you true hope. So be a Chexitteer this Easter and join us as we celebrate freedom and redemption – the Chedworth way – with our services and events for Holy Week and Easter.

A happy and blessed Easter to you all.
With best wishes,

Stephen



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Services for April 2019

Sunday 7th April – Lent 5/Passion Sunday

Holy Communion	10.30 am – Coln Rogers
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Sunday 14th April – Palm Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP)	9 am - Chedworth
Palm Sunday Family Communion	10.30 am – Coln St Dennis
NB – No Tea Time Service	

Thursday 18th April – Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion	7pm – Chedworth
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Friday 19th April – Good Friday

Good Friday Walk	10 am – the Brew House, Lower Chedworth
Last Hour	2pm – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 21st April – Easter Day

Holy Communion (BCP)	9 am - Stowell
Holy Communion	10.30 am - Chedworth
Evensong	6 pm – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 28th April – Easter 2

Family Communion	9 am – Yanworth
Holy Communion	10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 5th May – Easter 3

Holy Communion	10.30 am – Coln St Dennis
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Palm Sunday – Family Communion & Garden Gathering – Coln St Dennis

On Palm Sunday – Sunday 14th April - there will be a Family Communion & Garden Gathering at Coln St Dennis. Meet at Neil & Teresa's (Anchor Cottage, Coln St Dennis, 720403) for bacon rolls and hot drinks at 9.30 am, then we will head down to church for Family Communion at 10.30 am. This is a great gathering for the whole family, with children's activity. All welcome!

Easter Saturday – Easter Egg Hunt – Yanworth

On Easter Saturday – Saturday 20th April – there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at St Michael's Church, Yanworth, at 4pm. Traditional Egg Hunt for younger children, and – new for this year – the Twenty Paces Challenge for older children! Refreshments afterwards – all welcome!

Lent Course – Shapes for Living

Our Lent Course this year is entitled Shapes for Living and is themed on St Benedict's time-honoured "Rule of Life", for Christian living. It will help us think how we can be reflective and faithful in all areas of our life, focusing on a different aspect of life each week.

The course takes place on Tuesday evenings in Lent at 7.30pm, at the Vicarage. There are two sessions remaining, but it's not too late to join!

2nd April - Playing

9th April - Growing

Everyone attending will get a course booklet, and each session will feature video or Bible study material, and resources for reflection.

Everyone is very warmly welcome, especially if you have not previously attended any of our Lent meetings. Refreshments will be available. If you would like further details, contact Rev'd Stephen on 720392 or stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com.

Lent Lunches

Our Lent Lunches will take place on Tuesdays during Lent from 12 noon – 2pm. Everyone is warmly welcome. Many thanks to our hosts this year.

The remaining two lunch dates are as follows:

**April 2nd – Stephen & Sally,
The Vicarage, Chedworth**

**April 9th – Neil & Teresa Irving,
Anchor Cottage, Coln St Dennis**

**Our Parish Church – Volunteers
Needed**

Our parish church is perhaps unique among local Chedworth village organisations in that it has been going for over a thousand years. During that time, has been a place where anyone in our parishes can worship God, celebrate significant occasions in life and find peace and comfort in times of trouble.

Of course, all local organisations need helpers and supporters if they are to

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survive and thrive, and the church is no different. We are very grateful for the support we have received during the last five years or so from many friends and supporters including the Friends of St Andrew's Chedworth (FoStA).

Now, we are looking for people who can help at our Sunday services and the work of the church in general. In the next year, we would like to recruit two new churchwardens, who would work closely with me in the oversight of the church building and ministry. However, we also want to recruit some additional sides-persons, who act as assistants to the churchwardens at particular services.

Being a sides-person will not require you to attend every service, but to commit to helping at specific services on a rota basis. The duties are not onerous but would make a real difference for me and the churchwardens and would assist with the welcome we give to regular congregation members and visitors alike. Please see this as a way of getting involved and serving your local community, as well as the church.

If you would like to help, please contact Stephen (720392), Robert (720398) or Sue (720468).

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 – but this time, 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.

I will approach individuals who are on the church (incumbent's) mailing list in the next month or so, 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.

Advance Notice – Scarecrow Trail – 29th-30th June

After the success of previous years, the Chedworth Scarecrow Trail, in aid of St Andrew's Church, Chedworth, will be run again this year on the weekend of 29th-30th June, kindly organised this year by Mrs Bee Brockman. See separate publicity.

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Dates for your Diary

Day	Time	Event	Venue
06-Apr	09:30-16:00	Vintage & Secondhand Designer Clothes Sale	Village Hall
08-Apr	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
10-Apr	19:15	WI - Open meeting with "Micro-Engraver" talk	Village Hall
12-Apr	19:30	Back Row Club "Sweet Country"	Village Hall
13-Apr	10:00	Church Spring Clean	St Andrew's Church
14-Apr	10:30	Chedworth Roman Trail - 10 mile cross country run	Village Hall
16-Apr	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
16-Apr	19:00	Chedworth Drama Group AGM	Seven Tuns
17-Apr	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - AGM & Sharing Time	Village Hall
08-May	19:15	WI - Resolutions	Village Hall
10-May	19:30	Back Row Club "Lady Bird"	Village Hall
13-May	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
14-May	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
15-May	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - Birthday afternoon with "Tommy Cooper"	Village Hall
18-May	19:30	Chedworth Singers Concert	Village Hall
21-May	19:30-21:00	"Basics of Dementia" talk organised by Rendcomb Surgery Patients Support Group	Rendcomb Village Hall
31-May	13:00	HortSoc Garden Visit to Kingsmead Mill, Little Somerford	Village Hall car park
01-Jun	13:00	Pink Saturday Cricket Match in aid of Breast Cancer	Chedworth Cricket Club
08-Jun		Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament	
10-Jun	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
11-Jun	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
12-Jun	19:15	WI - Visit to Sue Callard's garden at Laines Farm	Chedworth Laines
14-Jun	19:30	Back Row Club "The Ballad of Buster Scruggs"	Village Hall
15&16 Jun	10:30-17:00	Chedworth Open Gardens Weekend 2019	Village Hall & Chedworth
16-Jun		<i>Father's Day</i>	
19-Jun	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - A Trip to the Holy Land by John Taylor	Village Hall
20-Jun	19:00	2019 Chedworth Midsummer Run Out - 10k cross country run	Chedworth Cricket Club

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers

Yanworth

April 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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29	30					

May 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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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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chedworthvillagehall.co.uk



Church briefing

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings in the Benefice are as follows:

Yanworth with Stowell

Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm at
St Michael's Church, Yanworth

Chedworth

Monday 8th April at 7.30pm, at
Chedworth Village Hall.

Coln St Dennis with Coln Rogers

Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm, at
Coln Valley Village Hall.

These meetings are open to all parishioners, not just regular church attenders, and are your opportunity to hear about the church's plans and progress and to contribute your views.

Funerals

*"Nothing in creation can
separate us from the love of
God"*

- Romans 8v39

Margaret Brown

4th March – St Andrew's Church,
Chedworth

Geoffrey St John

20th March – St Andrew's Church,
Chedworth



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

St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



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We are, once again, packing it all in to our Spring Term, here at St Andrew's.

The children are thriving as they enquire, create, reflect and work as a team to become ever more effective in their learning. These skills sit within our TOP Learning Skills Framework.

We are encouraging each other to be Thoughtful, Organised, Positive (TOP) learners; all of these key skills are woven through all areas of our Values-led curriculum to equip the children to 'Learn for Life', which is at the very heart of our school vision.

These Learning Skills and Christian values are demonstrated in countless different contexts in school life.

Here are just a few examples of how our TOP Learning skills help us in all areas of the curriculum:

Thoughtful enquiry when presenting Topic projects

Organised and adventurous at Forest School

Positive teamwork during Sports events

Thoughtful and creative during Art and Design

Organised and resilient during Cookery

Positive and optimistic in Drama performances

You can see that certainly keep ourselves very busy!

Finally, it is with a mixture of emotions that I inform you, as members of this community, that I will be moving on to pastures new at the end of this academic year.

I have been fully invested in the life of St Andrew's since joining the team as a class teacher in 2005 and subsequently as Head since January 2016. I've thoroughly enjoyed watching the pupils thrive and flourish as a result of the

St Andrew's C of E Primary School

unique quality of education that this school provides.

From 1st September 2019 I shall be taking up the post of Head teacher at St Mark's Church of England Junior School, Cheltenham. Although it will be extremely hard to leave St Andrew's after 13 years, I will be proud to hand the school over to my successor.

In the meantime, we have a lot to pack in to the coming months and I will continue to take each opportunity to work with the whole community to provide the best education possible for our very special children.

With my warmest regards,

Mrs A Fitch

Hello kids,

Take a look at pages 28 to 31 – there are lots of fun things for you to do whilst exploring!

These activity sheets can be found on the Woodland Trust Nature Detectives website.

So, get outside and get detecting!

Let us know what you find...



Where has the last month gone?! We have been so busy at Pre-School that the weeks are going by so quickly that the Easter holidays will soon be upon us!

My son (9 years old) asked what we had been learning at Pre-School recently, he was very surprised when I explained that day we had been practicing science, discovering about 'forces' in fact! We had a fabulous impromptu moment when a child spotted a toy vehicle moving in the wind, so we turned this in to an ideal learning moment for the children to discover what other toys could move in the wind and predicting whether they thought the toys would move or not! Unplanned moments such as these provide far more learning opportunities!

We are busy fundraising at this present time, we have given the children a tube of Smarties each (Easter treat!) with the thought that once the chocolate has

gone to refill the tubes with silver coins to return to Pre-School!

We will also be holding a sponsored obstacle course (for Pre-School children) on Friday 26th April at 2pm. If you are a prospective parent and wish to come along and join us, please do get in touch and you will be more than welcome to join in with the fun!

For more information please take a look at our website

www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk

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



Chedworth Parish Council

News from our March meeting

Thames Water to attend April meeting

Following the visit to the parish council in November, representatives of Thames Water have asked to come back and provide answers to the questions which we raised.

Their visit in November gave us the chance to highlight just how many times the village had lost its water supply and following the meeting we provided them with a detailed list of all the outages for the past few years.

They are coming to the April meeting to explain how they are going to improve things.

The meeting will start earlier (at 7.00pm) on 8th April and anyone who would like to hear what the company representatives have to say or ask any questions will be very welcome.

Councillors

Ros Jess (Chairman)	720248
David Broad (Vice-Chairman)	720313
George Broad	720313
Matt Fulford	721134
Ian Morgan	720885
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To contact the Council, email the clerk, Elizabeth Broad (clerk@chedworth-pc.org.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>

It's not too late

Anyone planning on putting themselves forward for the parish council elections on May 2nd has only a couple of days to get their nomination papers in. According to Cotswold District Council's website you must 'deliver completed nomination papers and supporting documents by hand to the Returning Officer at the Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX by 4 pm on Wednesday 3 April 2019.'

Nomination packs are available on the CDC website.

Fosseway to close for repairs

The parish council has been given advance notice of plans to close the Fosseway for resurfacing from the village turn to Fossebridge some time between April 1st and June 30th.

Signs will be put up on site at least one week before the work is due to be carried out so keep an eye out for those.

Speed under the spotlight

Various initiatives have been carried out over the years to try to persuade motorists to drive slowly through the village and in particular on Fields Road.

Councillors have noticed a marked increase in vehicles using Fields Road and many of those are driving too fast for the conditions so we will be discussing ways to tackle the problem at our April meeting.

Ros Jess

Manor Farm News

Calving progress and bull calves

We passed the halfway mark of calving on day 17. Our busiest day saw 17 cows give birth to 18 calves – beating last year's record of 16.

Calves this year have had good vigour – being up and suckling quickly. Calf size has been very variable for some reason.

This year we have weighed all calves at birth – the range for calves off heifers (1st time calvers) has been from 20 to 40kg – the larger ones causing some issues resulting in 2 caesarian, both on one night. Calves from cows have weighed from 25 to 55kg with few calving issues, and only 3 sets of twins so far.

Deciding what to do with bull calves is always an issue. Our cow breeding policy has always been to breed a dual purpose animal – where the cows are efficient milk producers, and the bull calves are a good shape for the beef industry. In this area TB also influences decision making. When clear calves can be sold up to 42 days old without need for testing, but if we're under restriction then we need to rear them until we have opportunity to sell them.

This year the majority of our bull calves are heading next door onto herbal leys on an arable farm. These calves are going to graze for 20 months producing quality grass fed beef, whilst rebuilding soils.

With planned grazing these pastures have the ability to sequester large amounts of carbon. Over the last 12 years the pastures



at Manor Farm have been sequestering the equivalent of 25 tonnes carbon dioxide per ha per year (5000 tonnes per year across the farm). This is a net gain of carbon in the soil year on year, improving soil structure, water holding capacity and overall fertility.

Hopefully these bull calves can achieve this level of carbon sequestration on this arable land. Some thing which needs to be done over a greater acreage for climate mitigation. Another small outlet we are developing for bull calves, in conjunction with The Seven Tuns, is veal. These calves (like all our calves) are reared at pasture from 3 weeks old, being fed milk up to 3 months of age, then grown on pasture topped up with a few nuts. The aim is for these calves to reach a live weight in excess of 300kg between 8 and 12 months of age, before they go.

Rob Richmond

Looking at...

Chedworth inclosure maps on your computer

In my last article I listed the dwellings listed in the Chedworth 1803 Inclosure Maps. These three beautiful maps were carefully digitised in Gloucester archives about ten years ago.

Using this simple guide and a computer connected to the internet this is how you can see these maps for yourself:

Log on to <http://www.kypwest.org.uk/>

Scroll down the home page and click on 'Gloucestershire'

You will now be looking at two maps side by side of Gloucester. In the box at the top of the map click 'search' and in the box that appears type 'chedworth' and click search.

In the box will now appear the metadata associated with some photographs that I

have submitted to kypwest. Click on the blue word Map.

Up pops a box showing an old photograph of Old Farm. Click the cross to remove it and now you have two maps side by side of Chedworth. Click the word 'Basemaps' at the top of the box and then click 'Comparison map' and scroll down the list of maps and click on '1840-pre Gloucestershire Enclosures – limited coverage' and the image of the Chedworth 1803 Inclosure Map appears on the left hand side of the screen.

By holding down the mouse button with the cursor on the dividing line between the maps you can slide from side to side, by holding the mouse button over a map you can move the maps and by using the mouse scroll wheel you can zoom in and out. Experiment and enjoy!!

Mike Tovey



It's Spring again ...

Time to Clean Up on Earth

Do please come and lend a hand.

Join our convivial spring cleaning session in

St. Andrew's Church & Churchyard

Saturday 13th April starting at 10:00am

Coffee, Tea and Biscuits provided.

Bring your own energy and tools.

Cotswold Landmarks

Broadway Tower

Is situated $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile south of Broadway off Buckle Street at the second highest point in the Cotswolds 1,024 feet above sea level, and is built on a beacon hill, where beacons were lit on special occasions.

This imposing folly, the brainchild of Capability Brown, was built in 1798 by James Wyatt for the 6th Earl of Coventry. It is claimed that on a fine day it is possible to see 13 counties from the top, do take a pair of field glasses. When the Earl married, his bride saw the hill and thought that it might be visible from her family home at Croom Court (now owned by the National Trust), near Worcester, about 22 miles away.

A beacon was lit to prove her right and Lord Coventry had the tower built to please her ! The 65 foot tall tower is Listed Grade II, is built of limestone

ashlar, has three round corner turrets linked by two-bay canted sides and is on three floors.

Between 1822 and 1862, the tower was used by the bibliophile Sir Thomas Phillips who lived nearby at Middle Hill to house his private printing press. The Tower was subsequently leased to Camel Price, an Oxford tutor.

Among the people who stayed at the Tower were the painter Edward Burne-Jones, the designer and social reformer William Morris and the poet Dante Gabriel Rosseti. William Morris was so inspired by Broadway Tower and other ancient buildings that he founded the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings in 1877. Later the Tower was occupied by tenant farmers and estate tenants. It is now a tourist attraction and the centre of a country park.

Robert Young



The WI Meeting on March 13th opened with a welcome to the 35 members and the Speaker, Jan Long. Several points of interest were discussed including the WI Quiz, the first round taking place on March 20th in Chedworth village hall. Good luck to the local team.

The Group Social will take place at Andoversford Community Centre on May 22nd and the talk titled 'The Wild Apothecary' will be given by Amy Dadachanji. The evening will be hosted by Sevenhampton who will give us a good welcome offering refreshments and a raffle. It's a happy social occasion for the diary.

Jan Long was introduced and entertainment followed. We enjoyed her tales of moving to Bromsberrow Heath near Ledbury in retirement and being encouraged by the local Priest in becoming a Churchwarden. Jan has natural charisma and she told us stories of removing bats in bat boxes from the

church tower, a row at the altar before a wedding, discovering a young man who was down on his luck asleep under the altar table. The disaster of a pet service with dogs, gerbils and a duck out of control.----- We have been warned as both Chedworth and Rendcomb have Pet Services booked in the summer months-----.

Much laughter was given throughout the talk and Jan told us of the successful fund raising ideas, trips up the tower, selling steeplejack hooks for hanging baskets, writing names on wooden tiles, and climbing close to the golden cockerel at the top of the tower. Jan's talk highlighted the variety in a Churchwarden's lifestyle and her sense of humour was a treat.

The next meeting is on April 10th at 7.15pm in Chedworth village hall.

Carol Bailey



Chedworth Drama Group

Time for our AGM!

Tuesday 16 April at the 7 Tuns
Chedworth 7pm

Please come and join us - we would love to have new members

Chedworth Open Gardens Weekend

Due to the success of our Open Gardens 2017. The HortSoc have decided to make this a biannual event. Therefore please save the date **Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th June between 10.30a.m. and 5p.m.**

We have a lovely selection of 10 gardens throughout the village whose owners have kindly agreed to throw open their gates to share with visitors. But this time we shall be opening under the National Garden Scheme as we have done many years ago.

Visitors to the village will park in the field at the village hall and two small coaches will shuttle continuously around Chedworth as before. Lunches, Tea's and refreshments will available from the village hall and there will be

plant, flower and other fabulous stalls available too.

We are now asking for volunteers to help with stalls, manning gardens, car parking etc. again please let us know if you are able to help with this, even if its two hours.

Many thanks,
Sue Bradbury,
Open Gardens Organiser
Bradburydesigns@aol.com
& *Sooz Trafford*
Event co-ordinator
susiesue96@hotmail.com.



Chedworth & District HortSoc

Garden Visits 2019

Friday 31st May 2p.m. – Kingsmead Mill

Little Somerford, Wiltshire SN15 5JN

Last August we visited this garden and had almost 50 visitors. Tony Craven Walker has kindly invited us back to visit at the end of May as he felt the garden is at its best. The riverside garden was designed by Arne Maynard in 2008. Previous owners have been James Dyson and David Puttnam.

£7.50 for garden visit & £7.50 for picnic tea by Claire Booth

Meet at Village Hall at 1pm for car share

Friday 28th June – 2p.m. Miserden Estate, Stroud GL6 7JA

Miserden won the Historic Houses 'Garden of the Year' award 2018 sponsored by Christies. That says it all! Tom has taken the reins from father, Major Tom Wills and is a passionate tree man. The walled garden is the jewel in the crown. Also a noble topiary yew walk designed by Lutyens.

£13.50 for Group Tour of garden to Cream Tea in glasshouse and a chance to buy from the plant nursery.

Meet at Village Hall to car share at 1pm

Thursday 11th July – 6.00p.m.

Woodchester Park House.

Nymphsfield, Stonehouse GL10 3UN

The private garden of Robin & Veronica Bidwell who have created this beautiful garden from scratch. Veronica is daughter of the late Rosemary Verey and has obviously inherited her mother's talent for Garden Design.

£7.50 entry including glass of wine

Meet at Village Hall at 5.00p.m. for car share

Thursday 29th August – 6p.m. –

Bruern Grange, Bruern, Milton under Wychwood OX7 6QA

The private garden of David & Clare Astor. This glorious garden is never opened to the public, but we have been invited to have a guided tour with the Astor's and their gardener Susanna Wilcox.

£10 entry including glass of wine

Meet at Village Hall at 5pm for car share

Non-members are very welcome, but cheaper to join the Hort. Soc. to enjoy these subsidised prices. Please note that it is important to book the visits so we can inform our hosts of numbers and in the case of the first two garden advise on catering.

To book the visits please contact: Sue Bradbury on 720628

Or email bradburydesigns@aol.com

Looking forward to sharing these lovely gardens with you.

Your Gardening Tips



For April...

What a change this warm spring has been from last year's Beast from the East! The daffodils may well be over before Easter!

Pinch off old flower heads from spring flowering bulbs that are going over, but allow to die back before trimming or mowing so that the bulbs retain as much energy as possible.

Tie in climbing and rambling roses and climbing plants such as clematis and honeysuckle. Climbing roses will flower better if trained to grow horizontally. The hormones are normally concentrated at the tip of the plant, but if spread equally along the stem, each bud will be encouraged to grow a leaf and eventually a flower.

Slightly tender plants such as penstemons and lavender can be pruned, cutting just above fresh new shoots.

Sweet peas can be sown outside when the ground has warmed up.

Herbaceous perennials such as Geranium can be divided and planted outside in well prepared soil.

Loosen any tree ties that are biting into the bark.

Feed trees shrubs and hedges, with a balanced fertilizer, then mulch.

Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds, and plant out plugs already started off under cover

Increase water to house plants, and if you have any citrus plants, now is the time to start feeding them

If not done in late March, sow grass seed over bare patches and apply lawn feed and weed control.

Keep an eye out for aphids and remove by hand as soon as spotted.

Keep weeds under control as they will want to be growing vigorously.

There is still time to sow an annual wild flower meadow or corner.

Cover ground to be sown with a membrane to help warm up the soil. Ready for sowing seeds.

Brassicas can be sown outside, but it may be better to start them off in the greenhouse, making good use of old loo rolls.

Simon Colbeck

*Chairman Chedworth & District
HORTSOC*

Elderberries

In February we followed up our January Pilates session with more chair based exercises which again found muscles we'd long ago forgotten we had. But it was good fun at the same time. Then we enjoyed a more leisurely session of Bingo whilst reminding us of those more familiar bingo calls like Two Fat Ladies, Buckle my Shoe, Made in Heaven and so on. Afterwards as always we enjoyed our Afternoon Tea which yet again featured Maggie's famous cheese scones.

By the time you read this we should have enjoyed a trip to Lechlade Garden Centre with plenty of time to look

around and of course to appreciate even more tea and cake. Also we do hope that Norma Grimes' move into Cirencester will have gone well and we hope that she will still find time to join with us each month.

As always we offer a very warm welcome to anyone over the age of 60 to join us normally at the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every month starting at 2.30pm. If you would like to know more please ring Helen Taylor on 720702 or Carol Shaftoe on 720074.

Ps The bingo calls above are 88, 32 and 67.

Fred Shaftoe



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Tree tops appear above the mist
Blue skies are all around

Smoke curling from the chimneys
Birds are in full flight
A wonderful view from the window seen
As we wake from a peaceful night

This dawning day what will it bring
When we say our morning prayers
Ask the Lord to help us
As we descend the stairs

It is a Sunday morning
To my church I hope to go
To thank God for all these blessings
And his guidance to us show

Maggie Scrivens

Your Village Hall needs you!

Audio/Visual Expertise

We're looking for someone in, or connected with, the Village who has technical knowledge and expertise to be able to help maintain and give advice on the audio/visual and communications equipment needed and currently installed in the Village Hall.

I'm sure you know that for some time now Chedworth Village Hall has had the vision to be recognised as the most welcoming, desirable and sought after community-based venue in the Cotswolds. One of its many aspirations is to ensure it can stay ahead of the game by making available to the local community and other Hall users

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If you are interested, or know someone who has this expertise may be able to assist us, please contact John Selway on 01285 721061.

Chedworth Cricket Club



The cutting of the square and rolling of the pitch is the final work on the Cricket Ground in April to prepare for the first League Match at home against Cricklade on Saturday 4th May starting at 1pm.

The players will be honing their skills at Cricket Net sessions at Rendcomb College on the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th April from 7pm to 8.30pm. If you would like to attend any of these practices, do contact me or just turn up.

Arrangement are going ahead for the Pink Saturday cricket match in aid of Breast Cancer and Club funds. This will be incorporated around a League Match at Chedworth on Saturday 1st June. All visitors will be very welcome to gather and socialise at the Cricket Ground at Beech Walk, Manor Farm, GL54 4AA, to raise money for this good cause. Food and drink will be available to buy from 1pm throughout the day and players will also arrange personal sponsorship to raise funds.

After the success of last year's event, on Thursday 20th June at 7pm, we are organising a Trail Run of just over 10km, starting and finishing at

Chedworth Cricket Pavilion. This is called the Chedworth Midsummer Run-Out and we have already had a good amount of entries for the Run. If you would like to run this picturesque course through the Withington Woods and returning through the Chedworth Woods, please sign up on www.chedworthruns.com.

Finally, we do hire out the Pavilion and Ground so please contact me if you would like to hire the facilities.

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Much needed wheelchair accessible vehicle for the North Cotswolds

With the help of a generous grant from the Weston Anniversary Fund, Cotswold Friends is delighted to announce the addition of a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle, (named Weston of course!), to its Community Transport Service.

The Volkswagen Caddy has been specially adapted to carry a person whilst seated in a wheelchair, meaning that transfer from wheelchair to car and back again is no longer needed. A wheelchair can be provided if required. The vehicle can carry three additional passengers and also features an adapted front passenger seat which swivels, allowing people with limited mobility to get in and out more easily.

Julie Mitchell, Community Transport Manager, believes this new service is much-needed and said, “We are really

excited about the opportunity to reach wheelchair users in the North Cotswolds who have been unable to access safe, reliable transport and may have become isolated as a result. With our new vehicle, Members no longer need to struggle to transfer from a wheelchair into a car but can be safely transported in their wheelchair, accessing the vehicle via a ramp. We have two drivers operating the new service, both fully trained members of staff. I am sure that the freedom and independence this service offers will prove a wonderful support to our community”

Margaret Clayton has recently tested out the new vehicle. After suffering a stroke last year Margaret is currently a wheelchair user and explains, “I have very good friends who will take me out,

but I have to transfer from the wheelchair to the seat and then they have to fold the wheelchair up and put it in the boot, all of which is very difficult, whereas with the new vehicle you can just push me straight onto it.

Three friends can come with me and we can go out for an afternoon. I will go out





favourably to the cost of a taxi and a wheelchair user can travel with a friend or carer for the same price as travelling alone.

Amanda Howard, CEO at Cotswold Friends said, “I am so pleased that we can provide this vital new service. If you, your friends and family or an organisation you belong to could benefit from our new vehicle please do get in touch.”

much more because it is easy to get into the vehicle and easy to get out, whereas it takes at least ten minutes for me to transfer. It was very good indeed, very comfortable and you can easily speak to the people in front of you. It's splendid altogether – I think it's a wonderful addition to the facilities that Cotswold Friends' supply.”

Cotswold Friends has worked hard to make the new service as cost effective as possible and as such the journey costs will be £1.00 per mile for passengers travelling alone, with the cost going down to 50p per person per mile, whenever multiple passengers travel together. For individuals, groups or organisations wishing to use the vehicle throughout the day, a daily charge may apply. The pricing structure compares

Visit the Cotswold Friends website at www.cotswoldfriends.org to watch a short film showing the new vehicle ‘Weston’ in action.

To book ‘Weston’ or for further information please contact:

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Look for the first signs that spring is on its way



Bird song

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Frogspawn

Look for balls of jelly in ponds, ditches and slow-moving streams. The black specks are eggs.



Hazel catkins

These are the male flowers of the hazel tree. They're sometimes called lambs' tails.



Snowdrops

One of the earliest bulbs to flower. Look out for them in damp woods and by streams.

First signs of



Birds building nests

Keep your eyes peeled for birds carrying materials for nest-building.

signs of spring



Bluebell shoots

These pop up early to get as much light as possible before the tree canopy closes over.



Primrose

Primroses like damp and shade; spot them in woods, meadows and hedgebanks.



Lesser celandine

Look out for shiny yellow flowers and heart-shaped leaves covering woodland floors.



Elder budburst

The elder is one of the first trees to sprout leaves. Look out for its dark red buds bursting open.

Keep your eyes peeled during January and February – spring's not as far off as it seems.

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At the time of this magazine's going to press the equivalent hours booked for the year ending 31st March 2019 is 4,845, a rise of 8%. There are

already 3,533 hours booked for the year starting 1st April.

Your feedback

There is now a process in place to actively ask those individuals and organisations who hire the Hall for their feedback on their use of the Hall and its facilities.

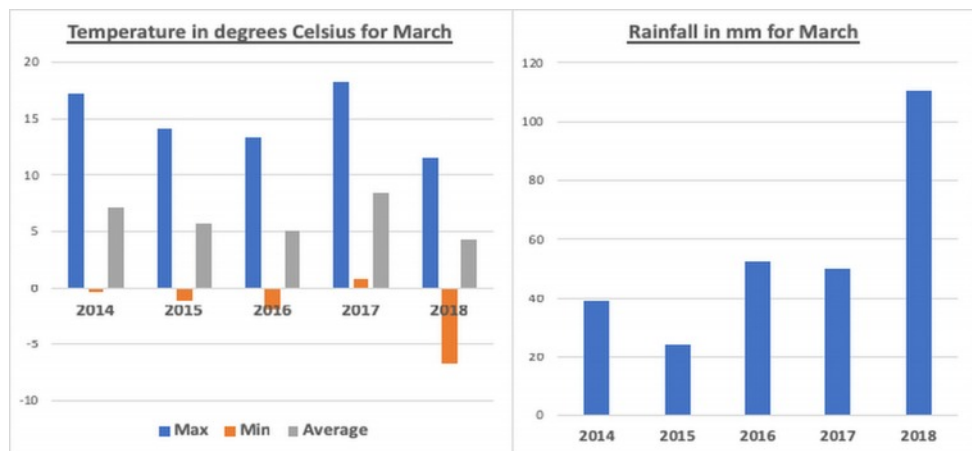
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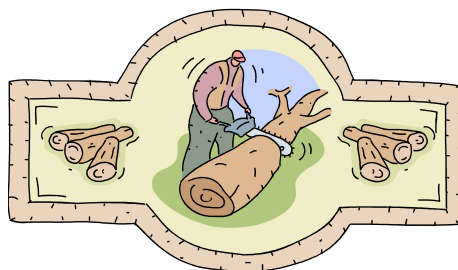
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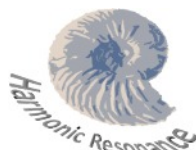
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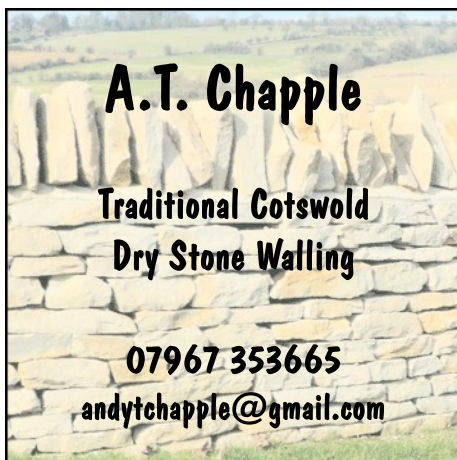
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