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Sue & Iain Robertson.
Coordinators for this edition.

Stephen's Letter

Crisis?

Then the Chief Priests & Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked, [Jesus] "is performing many miraculous signs! If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away our place and our nation." John 11v47-48.

As I write this, the nation is gripped by coronavirus fever...if you'll pardon the..er.. unfortunate turn of phrase! Government advice about self-isolation has been issued, people are panic-buying, and there is - understandably - an atmosphere of uncertainty and anxiety.

There was a national crisis in Israel too, at the first Easter - but of a different kind. The leaders of Israel were concerned that, if Jesus became too popular, the Roman Empire would assert its authority and suppress the national life of Israel. This is why the Chief Priests and Pharisees plotted to kill Jesus - and one of the political reasons why Jesus was crucified.

The irony, of course, is that Jesus was not a threat to Israel, but rather the saviour of Israel - and indeed of all nations - when he died on the cross to forgive the sins of the world. To misquote the Pharisees in John 11v50, it was indeed good that one man should die for the people.

The message that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to demonstrate God's love for the world and to bring forgiveness, peace, joy and eternal blessing into our lives is a glorious message and one that should gladden our hearts. But even so, Jesus is a threat for some people today too because the forgiveness he provides and the new way of life to which he calls us has implications for all of us - implications more far-reaching than coronavirus.

So let us take courage at this difficult time, remembering that we are all in it together, and that we should help each other out, whilst taking reasonable precautions - for others, as much for our own health. And above all, let us remember that the death and resurrection of Jesus - which show we cannot be parted from God's love - has comforted and strengthened people in centuries past, in times harder and more dangerous than our own. Let it be our comfort and strength now, in our own age and our current crisis.

Crisis? Our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us - let us keep the feast! With best wishes and prayers for a joyful, blessed - and healthy! - Easter.

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for April 2020

Sunday 6th April - Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Family Communion
Evensong

10.30 am - Coln St Dennis
6pm - Coln Rogers

Thursday 9th April - Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion

7pm - Chedworth

Friday 10th April - Good Friday

Good Friday Walk
Last Hour

10 am - the Brew House, Lower Chedworth
2pm - Coln Rogers

Sunday 12th April - Easter Day

Holy Communion (BCP)
Holy Communion
Evensong

9 am - Stowell
10.30 am - Chedworth
6 pm - Coln St Dennis

Sunday 19th April - Easter 2

Holy Communion
Family Service
Evensong

9 am - Stowell
10.30 am - Chedworth
6pm - Coln St Dennis

Sunday 26th April - Easter 3

Family Communion
Holy Communion

9 am - Yanworth
10.30 am - Chedworth

Sunday 3rd May - Easter 4

Holy Communion
Evensong

10.30 am - Coln St Dennis
6pm - Coln Rogers

Palm Sunday - Family Communion & Garden Gathering - Coln St Dennis

On **Palm Sunday - Sunday 6th 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. All welcome!

Church Briefing

Easter Saturday - Easter Egg Hunt - Yanworth

On **Easter Saturday - Saturday 11th April** - there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** at **St Michael's Church, Yanworth**, at **4pm**. All welcome! Refreshments served afterwards.

Easter Sunday - Chedworth

Please note that there will be a childrens' activity at the 10.30 am Holy Communion service at Chedworth on Easter Sunday.

Lent Course & Lent Lunches

A big thanks to all of you who supported our **Lent Course & Lent Lunches** this year. I'd especially like to thank all who hosted the Lent Lunches. Also, we are particularly grateful to **Daniel Button** from the **Gloucestershire Theology School** for his able and inspiring leadership of our Lent Course, the Passion Week of Jesus. I know many of you found it very interesting and informative, and worked hard on it.

Sunday 10th May - Confirmation Service

On **Sunday 10th May at 10.30am** at **St Andrew's Church, Chedworth** 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. Please do join us for this special service, and pray for **Ciara, Orla, Hannah, Kathryn, Abi, Tilly** and **Martha** as they prepare for confirmation.

Do you have what it takes to be a star?!

Chedworth's Got Talent takes place on **Saturday 26th September** this year at **Chedworth Village Hall**.

If you have a talent - whether singing, dancing, music, magic or sport - come and take part. Our panel of (local) celebrity judges are friendly - but they are discerning, and their decision will be final!

There will be great prizes available for the winners (Under 16, Adult and Group categories). Bar and light refreshments available.

A great family evening of entertainment brought to you by St Andrew's Church, Chedworth! If you'd like to find out more or to take part, please get in touch with Stephen Goundrey-Smith (stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com, 720392)

General admission - £5 for adults; £2 for under 16s. Proceeds in aid of St Andrew's Church. Also: do get in touch if your business would like to sponsor the event. We will be name-checking a local business alongside each act!

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The **Annual Parochial Church Meetings** in the Benefice will take place at the following dates and times:

- Chedworth - **Monday 20th April** at 7.30pm, at **St Andrew's School**.
- Coln St Dennis with Coln Rogers - **Tuesday 21st April** at 7.30pm, at **Coln Valley Village Hall**.
- Yanworth with Stowell - **Thursday 23rd April** at 7.30pm at **St Michael's Church, Yanworth**

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.

Church Coronavirus Update

Further to recent announcements about coronavirus, the church has issued guidance concerning Holy Communion, as follows:

- *Holy Communion should now be distributed in one kind only i.e. the wafer only - with the priest alone taking the wine.*
- *The Peace should be shared in a way that does not involve touching.*
- *There should be no direct laying on of hands when blessing or praying for people.*

Nevertheless, please be assured that this Eucharistic celebration is efficacious and God is still in our midst when we share the sacrament this way. As many of you know, people routinely received the

sacrament in one kind only during medieval times.

The church's guidance is that there is no reason at present to cancel church services - people have been meeting to worship God in times harder and more dangerous than our own. Indeed, as the people of God in Chedworth & District, it is important that we do meet together to praise God and pray for the needs of our world at this time.

Nevertheless, we should take reasonable precautions. Obviously, people who are ill and self-isolating must not attend church, and we should refrain from physical contact during the services. If you are self-isolating and you need urgent assistance - for example, to get groceries or medicines - please contact one of the Ministry Team (see the inside front page of the Hill & Valley Magazine) who will arrange support for you.

The Church of England's full coronavirus guidance may be found here <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches#na>, Please contact Rev'd Stephen on 720392 or at stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com you have any questions.

Funerals

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

Ellen Archer - 31st March - Cheltenham Crematorium

Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
01-Apr	14:00	Bridge with Afternoon Tea in aid of FoStA - POSTPONED UNTIL 7 OCT	Village Hall
03-Apr	15:00	Chedworth Pre-School's Easter Fayre	Village Hall
04-Apr	10:00	Church Spring Clean	St Andrew's Church
04-Apr	14:00-16:00	WI Jumble Sale POSTPONED UNTIL 19 SEPT	Village Hall
05-Apr	10:30	Chedworth Roman Trail - 10 mile cross country run - CANCELLED	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 "Judy"	Village Hall
15-Apr	14:30	Elderberries - An afternoon with Di Alexander	Village Hall
24-Apr	19:30	The Withington Players present " 'Allo 'Allo!"	Withington Jubilee Hall
25-Apr	13:30-18:00	Hill & Valley Tennis Club's Open Fun Day	H&V Tennis Club in Chedworth
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
17-May	14:00-17:00	Stowell Park Garden Open & Plant Sale	Stowell Park
20-May	14:30	Elderberries - Birthday celebration	Village Hall
21-May	19:00	NT Live screening of "The Welkin"	Village Hall
30-May	13:00	Pink Saturday Cricket Match in aid of Breast Cancer	Chedworth Cricket Club
06-Jun	19:00	Music for a Summer Evening performed by The Hill & Valley Singers	Cirencester Baptist Church
08-Jun	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
10-Jun	19:15	WI - Garden Visit	Village Hall
12-Jun	14:00-19:00	HortSoc Garden Visit by coach to Ilford Manor, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire	Village Hall
12-Jun	19:30	Back Row Club	Village Hall

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

**Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Yanworth**

**Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers**

April 2020

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



May 2020

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

Turn your event into an occasion at

Chedworth Village Hall

Visit our website for full details including making
booking enquiries

chedworthvillagehall.co.uk



St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



Every child in our school knows that they are loved by God and learns all that they need to flourish and live their lives to the full.

Learning to live out our Christian Values

On Thursday 12th March we had our SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). This was our first inspection under the new, more rigorous, framework. The last time we were inspected under the SIAMS system, there were four possible grades. A school might have been awarded 'outstanding', 'good', 'satisfactory' or very rarely 'inadequate'. The SIAMS process has now been reviewed and these grades have been changed. The old 'outstanding' grade has now gone, and the criteria that would previously have attracted an 'outstanding' grade have been merged with those for a 'good' grade. A new grade of 'excellent' has been introduced with a higher threshold than the old 'outstanding' grade. It will be awarded only in exceptional circumstances.

There is no longer a 'satisfactory' grade but 'requires improvement' might be awarded instead. Very occasionally a school may be deemed 'ineffective' as a Church school.

I personally felt the inspector really understood our school and was hugely positive about all of the wonderful things going on. Mrs Geddis undertook numerous meetings with parents, staff and pupils. She undertook a book scrutiny, observed collective worship and looked at a huge amount of evidence collected this year. I am so immensely proud of our staff, pupils and parents for their hard work and support. Results of the inspection will be published in due course.

Learning through an inspiring curriculum

We have been very busy this term- we held a fantastic music recital, led by Mr Trim; we dressed up for World Book Day- always a treat; and have raised money for Sport Relief. Goldfinch class were also treated to a workshop by the fantastic team at the Wilson Gallery in Cheltenham.

Learning to live as part of the wider community

With increasing anxiety around COVID-19, we are working hard to educate the pupils on how to stay healthy and hygienic. We recognise the role we should also play in supporting our

relatively isolated community during these times. As such, we would like to offer our services in collecting any urgent supplies for those who are unable to during these difficult times.

- Our school number is: 01285 720 427
- Our school email is: admin@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk

We are more than happy to help with collecting essential supplies/sending post or helping in any other way possible.



Our next topic is '*V is for Victory*', and we would love to hear from anyone in the community who could support or enrich our topic.

Our fabulous PTA are hoping to run two 'Tidy up' days in the school grounds to help spruce our fabulous site before the summer term. These will run on April 4th and April 19th from 10am - all are welcome - please bring relevant tools and equipment (gloves, trowels etc.).

Mrs N Smith (Head teacher)



Please follow us on
Twitter
[StAndrewsCofE1](https://twitter.com/StAndrewsCofE1)



Best to impress

An older man, not in the best physical condition, went along to his local gym. Carefully dressed in his new exercise clothes, he approached a trainer in the gym. "I want to impress a beautiful young girl as soon as possible. Which machine should I use?"

The trainer took one look at him and smiled: "I would highly recommend the ATM machine outside!"

Packet?

A small boy was asking his mother where he came from and when he heard his mother's explanation, he replied: 'Mummy, when God planted the seed in your tummy, was there a photo of me on the packet?'

The Hill & Valley Singers

Calling all singers !

Come and join our fun and friendly
4-part choir!

The Hill and Valley Singers

(formerly the Chedworth Singers)



There are no auditions and it's not essential to read music. Just bring your enthusiasm, commitment and enjoyment of singing. You can be sure of a warm welcome!

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



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

MUSIC FOR A

Summer Evening

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE 2020 7.00PM

**Cirencester Baptist Church,
Chesterton Lane, GL7 1YE**

featuring

**The Hill and Valley Singers
& The Minpins Children's Choir**

with special guests

**Giles Francis (Violin)
Kate Hicks Beach (Mezzo-Soprano)
Clemency Rubinstein (Flute)**

TICKETS £10

**IN ADVANCE & ON THE DOOR
(CHILDREN UNDER 16 FREE)**

**This is a charity concert in aid of the Duntisbourne Churches
& Parkinson's UK (Cirencester & Stroud Branch)**

For further information contact Shirley Jee 01285 821548 shirley.jee@mail.com

We have enjoyed a musical theme this month with one of our parents kindly bringing in her violin to play whilst the children guessed the tune before allowing the Pre-School children to explore and play the violin too.

We offer Boogie Beat sessions every other Monday morning; these sessions involve lots of singing, interaction with stories and plenty of movement! One of the most recent Boogie Beat sessions involved the retelling of 'The Three little Pigs'; the children enjoyed this so much that we ended up with a pack of wolves by the end of the week and no pigs or houses left as they had all been "huffed and puffed" away!!!



Another of our parents has been rearing chicks at home and so kindly brought some in to visit the children at Pre-School, this was such a nice experience for the children to be able to hold and be so close to the chicks, the children all remembered their kind and gentle hands to hold them too.

Sarah Smith

Please do join us for our Easter Fayre, Friday 3rd April, 3pm.
Easter Bonnet parade, Easter Egg hunt,
raffle, teas and book sale too!

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 March meeting

Come on dog owners pick up or risk a ban!

People who walk their pets on the village playing field and don't pick up are in danger of getting all dogs banned.

We have received a complaint from Chedworth Pre-School who said the field was an unpleasant place for the children to play because of the amount of dog mess, and there have also been complaints on the Nextdoor site.

The parish council appreciates that the playing field is an attractive place for dog walkers, particularly those who are

less mobile, but the health and safety of users is our priority.

The field is not only used by pre-school but also by the primary school, as well as children and adults for informal games, so it is essential that it is clean and safe for them to use.

The parish council will be monitoring the situation and if things don't improve we will have to consider what action to take and options include insisting that dogs are kept on leads or banning them all together.

It's also worth owners remembering if they don't clean up after their dog they could face a hefty fine.



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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>

If you see someone who does not clean up after their dog you can report it to Cotswold District Council who will follow up your complaint and may prosecute the offenders. The council needs the time, date and place it happened and the name and address of the person with the dog and the dog owner could face a £75 fixed penalty notice or a fine of up to £1,000.

Storage plans moving forward

The application for the parish storage shed has been submitted to the district council.

Chedworth Parish Council

The shed, which will be used to store council equipment, as well as items belonging to organisations including the drama group, will be located next to the mobile phone pole. It is proposed to use a stable building so that the it is in keeping with the rural location.

Don't get caught out by the con men



Cotswold District Council is running a campaign to cut down on fly tipping with some useful advice to anyone

considering paying someone to take away their rubbish.

Councillor Jenny Forde highlighted the efforts which are being made to keep the countryside tidy and also urged us all to report any fly tipping which we come across. She explained that it was often possible to identify the source of the rubbish from papers found among the discarded items.

For more information or to report a problem you can contact Cotswold.gov.uk/flytipping.

Still on the hunt for a new councillor

Despite some early interest we are still looking for a volunteer to join the council. We will continue our search and hopefully appoint at our next meeting. If you are interested just come along in April or have a chat to one of the councillors in advance of the meeting

Ros Jess

Family

A mother and son were washing dishes while the father and daughter were watching TV in the family room. Suddenly, there was an almighty crash of breaking dishes, then complete silence. The girl looked at her dad and said, "It was Mum."

"How do you know?" asked her father in amazement.

"She didn't say anything."

Back Row Club

Hill and Valley Tennis Club

What's On

Please see our website for full details
www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC

Sunday Club Mornings 10am-12pm are fun, social sessions for ALL abilities, and are a great way to improve your tennis! Contact grahamstock@aol.com
Wednesday Club Evenings will recommence after Easter.

Next Event is a Fun Day on Saturday 21st April; we will be raising funds for our Allison Stock Coaching Fund. This has been set up to help support the provision of tennis coaching for local children. There will be a range of fun activities for all ages and it is open to everyone. You do not need to be a member so please come and join in the fun. Full details are on the poster.

Membership Subscriptions were due for renewal on Sunday 1st March 2020. We always welcome new members so if you are interested in joining or would like to know more please get in touch with our Membership Secretary, Caroline Baker
carolinebaker75@gmail.com 07733 322176

Friday Coaching with James Morris
Adult for ALL levels 3.30-5pm Ladies', 7.30-9pm Men's
Junior is open to Non-Members and is running after-school
Full details on the website
Individual book directly
jamesmorris7@aol.com 07592440514

Caroline Baker

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 25th April

Sunday 17th May

Saturday 13th June

Saturday 11th July

Sunday 6th September

Open Fun Day for ALL

John Robson Rose Bowl Mixed Doubles

Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Open Tournament

Adult/Child Tournament

American Doubles Tournament

Please follow us on

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Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/hillandvalleytennisclub/>)

FREE TENNIS AND GAMES FOR ALL AGES AND LEVELS!

At Hill & Valley Tennis Club's

OPEN FUN DAY!

CHEDWORTH — SATURDAY 25th APRIL 1.30-6pm

Bring your friends and family, if you've never played but always wanted to try now's your chance to give it a go!

We're fundraising for the Allison Stock Fund to help provide tennis coaching for children



BBQ, BAR AND REFRESHMENTS from 1pm

TEA AND CAKES from 3pm

RAFFLE, PRIZES AND VOUCHERS
FOR EAST GLOS TENNIS CLUB PRO SHOP



PROGRAMME

Court 1: Coaching with James Morris

1.30pm-2pm **AGES 4-8**, 2pm-2.45pm **AGES 9-12**, 3pm-3.45 **TEENS**

4pm-5pm **ADULT QUICK FIX CLINICS (10-15mins)**, 5pm-6pm **FRYING PAN CHALLENGE**

Court 2: Demo Rackets with coach Steve Evans from East Glos Tennis Club

1.30pm-3.30pm **TRY A RANGE OF BABOLAT, WILSON AND HEAD RACKETS AGAINST LARRY THE BALL MACHINE**

3.30pm-4.30pm **MEASURE THE PACE OF YOUR SERVE WITH A SPEED GUN!** 4.30pm-6pm **FREE PLAY**

For more info and to book in <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Events>

Cotswold Crafts - Stone Masons

One of the most ancient and enduring of Cotswold crafts is that of building in stone. Some of the earliest work can be seen in Cotswold churches of the Anglo Saxon period such as St Andrew's Church, Coln Rogers. The Saxon nave and chancel have survived almost intact save for the enlargement of all but one of the original windows, the rebuilding of the east of the chancel and the erection of a tower. The distinctively Anglo-Saxon features include the simple plinth, the long and short quoins at all the angles except the northeast and the small round headed north window in the chancel.

The advent of the Normans saw many new churches built and alteration to existing Saxon churches, some of the stonework was carried out by Norman masons. Most churches in the Cotswolds, including those in the Hill and Valley Benefice, reflect to a greater or lesser extent, work of this period.

The medieval masons believed their craft to be rooted in geometry with the use of the set square and compass, tracing it back to Euclid, thus combining craft with science. They developed Guilds which laid down the rules and standards of their craft, protected the interests of their members and insisted on a high quality of craftsmanship. Apprenticeships were for seven years and members had to be born a free man and not tied to the manor of his lord.

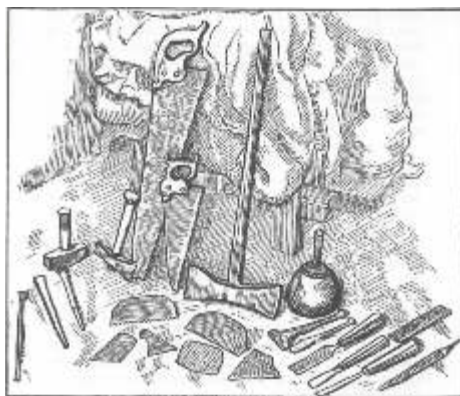
They had to know how to read plans, drawings and keep accounts.

There were three types of mason:-

Apprentice Masons

Freemasons - who cut freestone to make square blocks (ashlar) or complex shapes and put the stone in place.

Master (Banker) Masons - were responsible for the carving of mouldings, ornaments, cornices and the dressed stones surrounding doors and windows. They had overall control of the building site and usually wore a leather apron.



Banker masons were so called because they worked at a bank or stone bench. Most masons had their own tools made by a local blacksmith to their own design. The basic tools have not changed over the centuries, other than the introduction of power saws.

Each Banker mason had his own mark which he incised on his work, a simple arrangement of a few lines less than inch high. One of the earliest known in the Cotswolds is a T shaped mark on the west wall of the south aisle in Northleach Church, said to be of Norman origin. The marks served to identify the banker mason who had prepared the stones to their paymaster.

On the building site, a wooden lodge would be constructed to provide shelter and house tools. Site work usually took place between spring and autumn as it was not always possible to build in winter due to the fear of frost damage to the stone. Freemasonry traces its origin to the local fraternities of stonemasons from the end of the C14.

The period of expanding wealth, especially from the Cotswold wool trade in the late C14 and the whole of the C15, saw the major rebuilding of parish churches in what is known as the Perpendicular style. As this work was financed by lay people, it was church naves that received most attention from the builders, the chancel being the responsibility of the clergy. During this period the parish churches of Cirencester, Chedworth, Chipping Camden, Fairford, Northleach, Rendcomb and Winchcombe were remodelled.

The increase in wealth from expanding trade was also reflected in the number

of fine houses that were built in the Elizabethan and later periods. The masons evolved a Cotswold vernacular style with steep pitched roofs, gables, mullioned windows, drip moulds and fine chimney stacks. Fine manor houses were built, a good example is Ablington Manor, as well as substantial farm houses and barns and town and village houses. In market towns such as Cirencester and in particularly Chipping Campden, there are excellent examples of high quality period houses and cottages in the Cotswold vernacular style.

The Cotswold stone masons were renowned for the quality of their work. Two of the most important masons were Thomas Strong of Barrington and Christopher Kempster of Upton Quarry, Burford. Thomas Strong became Sir Christopher Wren's master mason in the building of several London churches and was the principal contractor for St Paul's Cathedral. His brother, Edward was involved in the rebuilding of London after the Great Fire and became the foremost master mason in England.

Christopher Kempster built many houses in Burford, including The Old Vicarage at the foot of the High Street (date stone 1679), using stone from Upton Quarry and was also involved in the rebuilding of St Paul's and helped with work on other London churches.

Cotswold Crafts - Stone Masons

From the C19 architecture became a new interest for the wealthy. Patrons who had employed master masons to act as architects and supervisors began to act as their own architects using copy-books and plans or employed architects. Over time this slowly but surely diminished the prestige and authority of the master masons and the role of the stone masons guild became less relevant. Stone masons still had a vital role to play in the construction and repair of buildings and some of the more entrepreneurial set up their own family building firms, training their own apprentices.

With the advent of cheaper building materials such as reconstituted stone and tile, fewer new traditional stone houses are being built, albeit some large new house have been built in the area such as Court Farmhouse, Bibury. The skill of stone masons is still very much in demand for the repair and restoration of the many traditional buildings in the Cotswolds, as well as commissions for new work.

Peter Juggins, who lived in Chedworth for many years, worked as stone mason in the Cotswolds all his working life. His handiwork can be seen in many buildings and churches, especially Fairford Church where over a period of ten years, he restored the pinnacles and gargoyles. In 1967 Peter restored the beautiful C15 Perpendicular south windows in Chedworth Church. For the



Millennium Peter carved the fine stone lectern which reflects the design of the mid C15 wineglass pulpit opposite. The lectern took 180 hours to carve out a two ton block of stone from Cotswold Hill Quarry, Naunton.

David Verey in the Buildings of Gloucestershire: The Cotswolds comments "the Gloucestershire benefactors of new buildings did not lack for master masons of first rate quality" This allied with the plentiful supply of good quality ashlar stone has ensured a fine heritage of traditional buildings. It is encouraging that new stone mason apprentices are being trained, especially by cathedrals. Pascal Mychalysin, the master mason at Gloucester Cathedral has trained some forty stone masons during his time at the Cathedral. The work of stone masons is one of the keys to ensuring the preservation of traditional buildings.

Robert Young

Our WI meeting on March 11th was well attended and the membership for this year has reached 39. There was discussion about the proposed outings and the Jumble Sale arrangements. Since then the Committee has made the decision to postpone the Jumble Sale (which was to have taken place on April 4th) to later in the year on September 19th.

Our speaker was Lynda Thompson who, in her early 20's in the 1980's, had volunteered for 'Operation Raleigh'. This operation was based in the Fiordland region of the South Island, New Zealand. Over 100 young volunteers formed camping groups and their main task was to complete a trekking track across this inaccessible Fiordland territory. Her account was full

of bravery and stoicism and there were many questions from the interested audience.

The photographs were stunning with beautiful shots of Milford Sound in its glory with the different natural light that the camera demonstrated.

A delicious supper followed with many thanks to the cooks.

Hopefully our next meeting will be on April 8th at 7.15pm in Chedworth Village Hall. Our speaker will be William Reddaway with his talk entitled "A Ride Around England (Visiting Cathedrals on Horseback)". Visitors and new members will be welcome.

Carol Bailey

The Soroptimist Club of Cirencester and District invites applications from local charities and individuals for small grants, to its charity The Dorothy Minnis Trust (registered charity number 281078).

Application forms and further information are available on the club website:

www.sigbi.org/cirencester/dorothy-minnis-trust

Applications can be made at any time however, the deadline for consideration at the next Trustee meeting is 5th July 2020.

*Barbara Banks
SI Cirencester and District*

Elderberries



In February we were pleased to hear Paul Evans who narrated some of his huge collection of Poems and Monologues. Many reflected on life events that many of us had experienced and they were delivered with accents and minor costume changes that highlighted both at times pathos and

more frequently gentle humour. It was good to have such a light hearted afternoon.

Meanwhile we will have to be wary of the affect that coronavirus could have on our group who are particularly at risk. So our March afternoon visit to Dobbies was cancelled and we will be reviewing our activities from month to month taking full account of what our group would prefer to do.

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.

Fred Shaftoe



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Chedworth Brownies & Guides



Brownies and Guides have continued to meet regularly in Chedworth.

Last summer both groups were lucky enough to have amazing opportunities to camp at the Girlguiding headquarters at Foxlease in Hampshire. The Brownies



went to a circus themed camp called 'Magic and Mayhem' and experienced camping with 300 others in a Big Top! Whilst there they took part in circus themed workshops and tried out the high ropes.

The Guides went on a four day festival camp called 'Wellies and Wristbands'. By day the girls took part in a range of activities including zip wires, abseiling and high ropes. We also tried out the escape rooms, had henna tattoos and enjoyed a myriad of arts and crafts. The girls also loved riding the 'sky flyer'! By night the stage lit up and we saw lots of up and coming bands playing. The night café offerings of chips and churros also went down a treat! A huge thank you to Pete Heaps for his generous donation last year which enabled us to subsidise these trips and allow a lot of local girls these great opportunities. Thank you also to the other leaders who gave up so much of their time to accompany the groups.

Back in Chedworth we have also been doing lots of fun activities. The Guides continue to love cooking and food in general! We have tried pizzas, cookies and the mocktails badge is always popular. The girls also loved making shadow puppets recently. The Brownies have also enjoyed cooking and making cheese straws. They have learnt how to use screwdrivers and drills and more recently had a great night playing skittles in Yanworth.



Both groups joined together for an engineering evening run by Inventor Ben - the challenge was to use cardboard to create a bridge capable of taking their own weight! Whilst the adults took a deep intake of breath the girls were happily learning to use craft knives and glue guns and really worked

as teams to produce some great results! The bridges were rigorously tested and I am pleased to say a number of them did survive the weight test!!

We have already had our first campfire of the season and it was so lovely to see the girls sat under their blankets, drinking hot chocolate, toasting marshmallows and enjoying a very loud sing song with many repetitions of "There's a worm at the bottom of the garden"!!

We do have some spaces in Brownies currently so please do get in touch if you have a daughter between 7-10 years old.

We expect to have Guide places available in September so again do get in touch and put names on our waiting list. You can register online at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/> or contact Sarah Fulford (slfulford@btinternet.com) for more details.

Sarah Fulford

Environmentally friendly transport

While driving in the countryside, a family caught up to an old farmer and his horse-drawn cart. The farmer obviously had a sense of humour, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign: 'Ecologically efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust.'

The Friends of St Andrew's Church

Repointing of the Nave Floor

One of FoStA's objectives is to encourage volunteers to support the church by helping with various tasks.

A member of FoStA has very kindly repointed, cleaned and sealed the nave

floor. This work included the replacement of the paving slabs that were left with holes when the radiators were removed. The work was carried out during the winter.

The PCC are very grateful for this help.

Robert Young



More Poems by **Margaret Scrivens** **2019**



Maggie Scrivens would like to thank all those who bought her poetry book and everyone who made the book possible, including Sue Robertson who put it together and arranged for the printing. Maggie has raised the wonderful amount of £740 which she has donated to St Andrew's Church.

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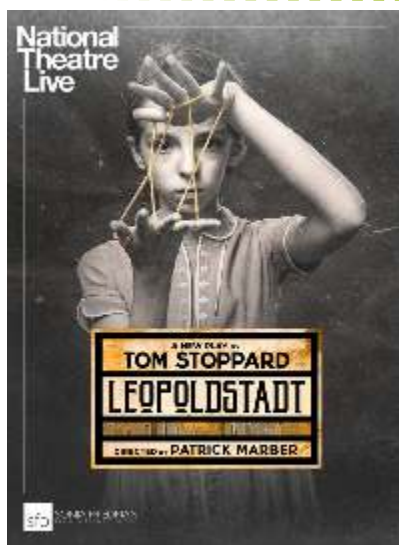
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Your Gardening Tips for April

Last year's warm spring has been repeated this year and, yet again, the daffodils may well be over before Easter!



- With the warm weather encouraging new growth perhaps this a good time to consider growing edible plants that attract pollinators.
 - ◆ In this month the bees will be looking for prunus blossom, such as plums, damsons and peaches as well as cherries and apples. Black and redcurrant flowers are equally attractive as are early sown broad beans and gooseberries.
 - ◆ In May the bees will, additionally, be seeking the flowers of sage, rosemary, strawberries chives and early blackberries
 - ◆ In June the bees will additionally, welcome courgettes, French beans, globe artichokes runner beans and tomatoes (especially the cherry variety)
- ◆ In July the bees will, additionally, be very happy to find the flowers of squashes, perpetual and wild strawberries, autumn fruiting raspberries, borage and coriander
- ◆ In August and September the bees will be seeking out any late flowerings you may have in your garden.
- 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, but also try sowing some quick maturing root crops such as radishes , spring onions and baby beetroot.
- Brassicas can be sown outside, but it may be better to start them off in the greenhouse.
- Do forget to rotate your crops around the vegetable patch.

*Simon Colbeck
Chairman Chedworth & District
HORTSOC*

Maggie's Poem

Spring Daffodils

Oh what a joy to see daffodils in bloom
A vase on the table brings life to your room
Down the garden all bulbs are so strong
Even produce new ones when winter has gone

A pleasure to see them on the side of the road
They come every year, their beauty to unfold
When snowdrops and crocus have faded and gone
Then come the daffodils telling us spring won't be long

We all hope they bring sunshine after the rain
Look forward to summer and plan holidays again

Maggie Scrivens

Managing the Spring in Wet Conditions

As I write we are three quarters of the way though calving, which on the whole is going well, producing strong calves which are quickly up onto their feet and suckling.



The biggest challenge at the moment is how to manage pastures so that we set them up to grow well during the spring and summer, whilst needing to graze them now.

At the moment we are using several different approaches with different groups of animals, determined by the group and the pasture which they are grazing.

The dry cows get a short time on pasture and then put back to their straw with hay and silage to eat - this is for ease of management of cows at calving.

Milking cows are on a similar routine to limit the area of pasture that they graze through March, allowing them to graze day and night from the beginning of April when we will be able to reduce reliance on other feeds, with the aim of starting to graze pastures for the 2nd time from late April.

One group of young stock is set stocked (had access to the whole field all of the time) in a large field with access to silage. This field will be closed from late March to allow it to grow for silage. The continuous grazing at this time will encourage the grass plants to tiller so producing a denser leafier sward.

A second group of young stock is grazing the pasture which they will be on all summer. They are currently being moved every 2 days with silage bales in the paddock to make the first rotation last until late April, giving the area they first grazed enough recovery time before the next grazing.

As soon as we get some dry weather, we will be looking to cultivate the fields which were in turnips this winter, to establish a mixture of peas and barley, with a new pasture sown at the same time - hopefully by mid April.

Rob Richmond

Chedworth Cricket Club



Work on the square and ground has been delayed by the persistent wet weather. However, the new Ride-on Mower has been out already and we are confident of producing fast outfielders for the season.

In the March issue, there was a mistake over the dates for Pre- Season Nets. The correct date are as follows:

1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd April

The Nets will be held at Rendcomb College Sports Hall from 7pm to 8.30pm.

The League season gets under way on Saturday 2nd May against Apperley at home at the Beech Walk, Chedworth.

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 at the

Beech Walk to watch the cricket and enjoy a piece of cake and a cup of tea.

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At going to press only 9 places remaining

Friday 12th June Iford Manor, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire

By coach. Leaving village hall at 2pm. Enjoying private garden tour by the owners, followed by cream tea's returning to Chedworth approx 7pm. £19 per person. (Limited to 40 people)

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£20 per person (Limited to only 25 people)

At going to press only 1 space available

**Friday 17th July. The Newt, Bruton.
Somerset**

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Cyder Barn, Tour of gardens by the
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£37 per person. (Limited to 40 people)

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**Thursday 20th August. Radcot
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By car share arriving at garden at 6pm
and enjoying a private tour by the

owners, followed by wine and nibbles.
£15 per person. (Limited to 40 people)

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I look forward to enjoying these very
varied gardens with you. There is
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Sue Bradbury

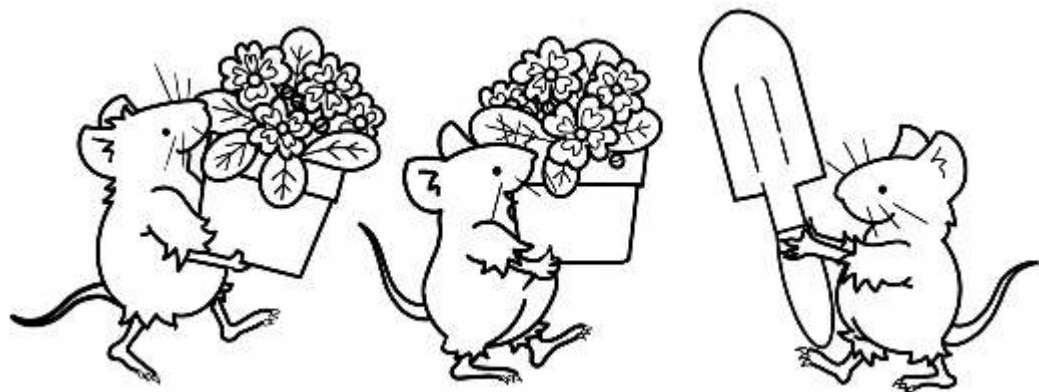
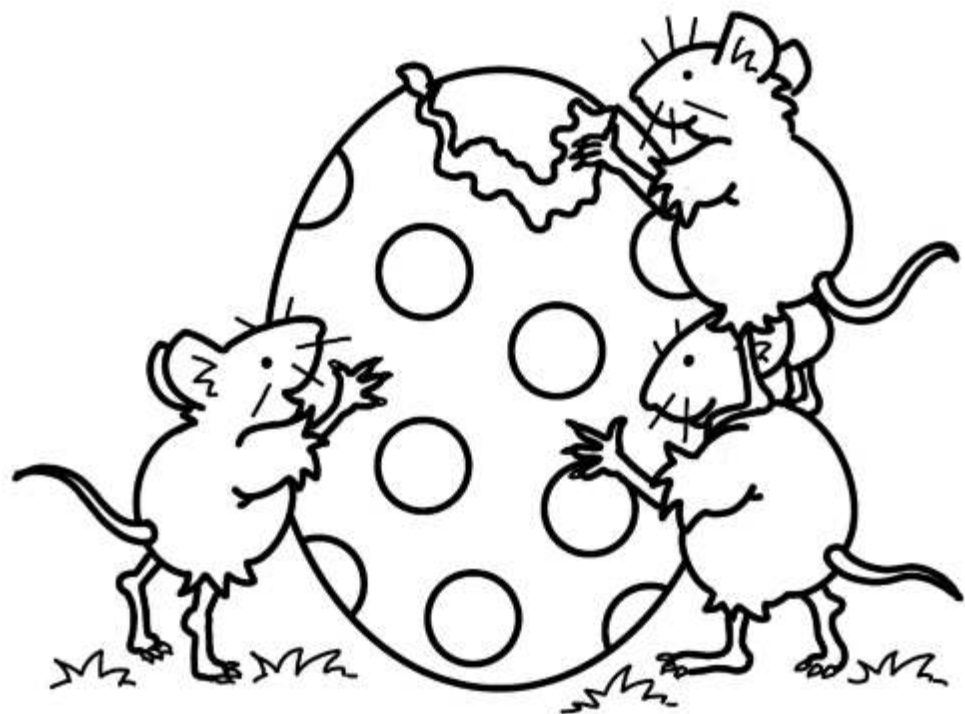
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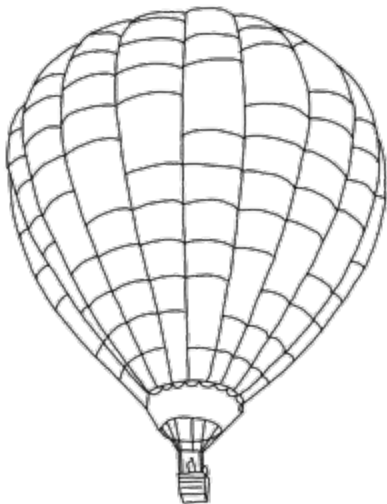
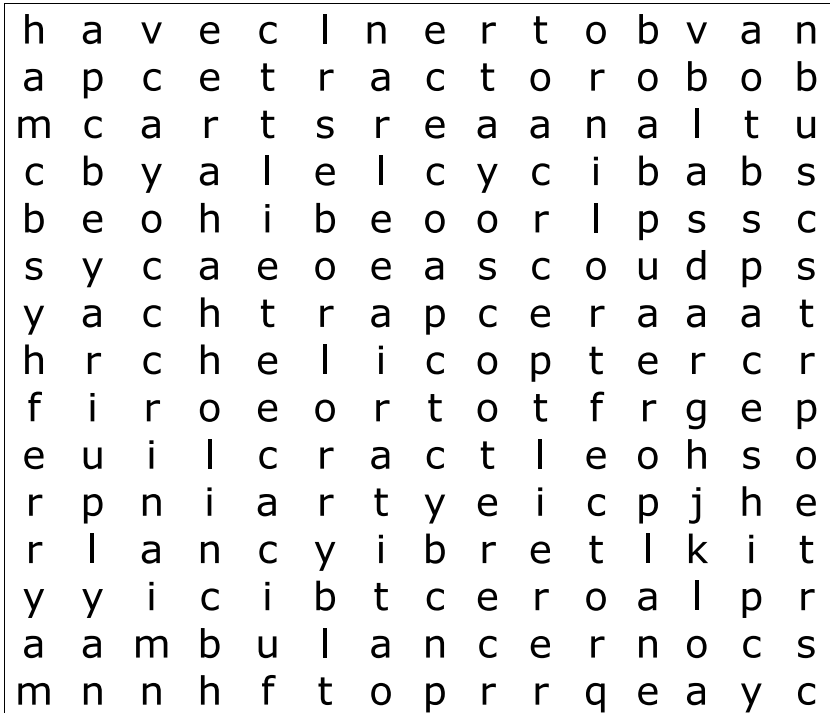
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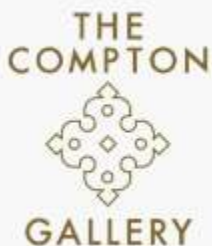
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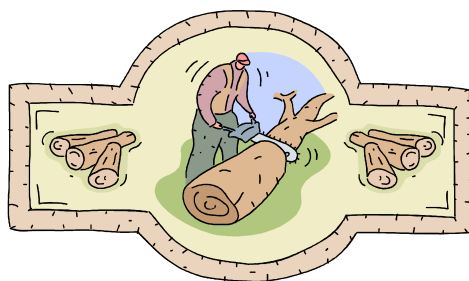
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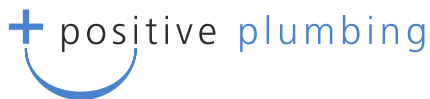
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