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Julie Young. Coordinator for this edition.

Stephen's Letter

Our Ticket

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

At this cold, drab time of the year, our thoughts might be turning to holidays in warmer climates - especially this year, with possible Brexit-related travel complications on the horizon! I recently came across the photos of my visit to Israel some years ago and, with my photos, I've kept my boarding card for the flight to Tel Aviv - my ticket to the sights and experiences of the Holy Land.

At this time of year, at Candlemas, the church remembers what Simeon said when Jesus was presented in the Jerusalem Temple as a baby (see above). The infant Jesus was taken to the Temple according to the Jewish legal requirement for Mary's purification after birth. Simeon, a holy man who had been waiting to see God's Messiah, saw Jesus, and he was convinced by the Holy Spirit that he had found the Saviour of Israel.

But Simeon also described Jesus as a light to lighten the Gentiles. For the Jews, the Gentiles were "the rest of the world" and very much looked down upon. So amazingly, here we have a devout Jew declaring that Jesus was for

the whole world, not just Israel. While Jesus was born into the Jewish people, his destiny was the cross, where he died to forgive the sins for all people - Jews and Gentiles, people of all nations, races and cultures. People from our own country - and people far away.

Jesus' death on the cross was the ticket for God's love and salvation to go out to the whole world. And, while you might never have visited the Holy Land, faith in Jesus is your ticket to Israel - to the blessings and promises that God has made to his people in the Bible. Here, we are (mainly) British people, living in the Gloucestershire Cotswolds and we may not have any Jewish connections. But, because of Jesus, we too can know and experience God's love, though faith in the Saviour who came to be a light to the whole world.

So wherever you travel during the course of this year, remember that Jesus is our ticket to God. And if you travel with him, you won't go too far wrong.

With best wishes,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for February 2019

Sunday 3rd February - Candlemas/Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Family Communion 10.30 am - Coln St Dennis

Sunday 10th February - 4th Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion (BCP) 9 am - Chedworth
Holy Communion 10.30 am - Coln Rogers
Tea Time Service 4 pm - Chedworth

Sunday 17th February - 3rd Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion (BCP) 9 am - Stowell
Family Service 10.30 am - Chedworth
Evensong 6 pm - Coln Rogers

Sunday 24th February - 2nd Sunday before Lent

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

Friday 1st March - Women's World Day of Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer Service 7.30 pm - Chedworth

Sunday 3rd March - Sunday next before Lent

Holy Communion 10.30 am - Coln St Dennis

Wednesday 6th March - Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes 7pm - Chedworth

Lent Course

Our **Lent Course**, this year will take place on **Tuesday evenings** during Lent (**12th, 19th, 26th March, 2nd & 9th April**) at the **Vicarage** at **7.30pm**.

This year, we will be following the Diocese of Gloucester's Lent Course, **Shapes for Living**, which looks how we can be faithful disciples of Jesus amidst the challenges and dilemmas of daily life, with the time-honoured Rule of St Benedict to help us. The sessions

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will focus on **Relating, Praying, Working, Playing** and **Growing** respectively. The course will include video material, Bible study and multimedia tools! Do join us for what could be a stimulating and thought-provoking course.

Lent Lunches

Our Lent Lunches will take place on **Tuesdays** during Lent (**12th, 19th, 26th March, 2nd & 9th April**) from 12 noon - 2pm. Everyone is warmly welcome. Details of venues to follow in the March H&V.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The **Women's World Day of Prayer Service** takes place on **Friday 1st March** at St Andrew's Church, Chedworth at **7.30pm**.

Advance Notice - Scarecrow Trail - 29th/30th June 2019

After the success of previous years, the **Chedworth Scarecrow Trail** will be run again this year on the weekend of **28th & 29th June 2019**, in aid of St Andrew's Church.

Baptisms

The church has always understood that the baptism (christening) of a child is the beginning of a relationship with God - and with the church. Furthermore, the recent Diocese of

Gloucester Vision consultation has found most unsolicited enquiries to local churches from people in the 30-44 age group (a group that is under-represented in the church) are baptism enquires. The Diocese has therefore asked parishes to consider how they can improve their procedures around baptism, and our ministry team has given this careful consideration. Unlike larger churches, we do not have the resources to do intensive training/preparation for families seeking baptism, but we would like to get to know families better.

Consequently, we would like to invite families who are resident in the Hill & Valley Parishes to attend a family-style service (Family Service, Tea Time Service or Family Communion) in the parishes, if they have not already done so, prior to the baptism. Please contact Stephen if you have any queries.

From the Registers

Funerals

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

Frank Scrivens - 14th January -
St Andrew's Church, Chedworth

Diana Legg - 24th January -
St Michael's Church, Yanworth

Pauline Jewell - 25th January -
St Andrew's Church, Coln Rogers

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer - A Christian based ecumenical service for all faiths and people to be held at St. Andrew's Church, Chedworth on Friday 1st March at 7.00pm.

Please note that although the word 'women' has been removed from the title of the service, following a vote last year, to make it even clearer that everyone is welcome, (not just women!) women are always very welcome - particularly with helping to organise and run the service. If you would like to be involved, please give me a ring on 01285 720276 or drop me an email on emma@notout.co.uk or message me on nextdoor. The theme this year is 'Come - Everything is Ready', a wonderful and optimistic theme, but extra help might be needed to fulfil it!

Emma Isaac



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
08-Feb	19:30	Back Row Club "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society"	Village Hall
11-Feb	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
13-Feb	10:30-12:00	Coffee Morning	Rendcomb Vill. Hall
13-Feb	19:15	WI - Open meeting with talk on "Marie Claire Resistance Heroine" by Peter Seymour	Village Hall
19-Feb	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
20-Feb	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - Bingo	Village Hall
02-Mar	10:30-12:30	Snowdrop viewing in aid of Rendcomb Surgery	Covertside, Perrott's Brook
02-Mar	18:30-21:30	Chedworth Society's Spring Drinks & Buffet Party	Whitegates, Upper Cheap Street
08-Mar	19:30	Back Row Club "The Man Who Knew Infinity"	Village Hall
11-Mar	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
13-Mar	19:15	WI - "Church Warden Stories" talk	Village Hall
15-Mar	16:00-18:00	Nearly New Clothes Sale	To be confirmed
16-Mar	10:30-16:00	Nearly New Clothes Sale	To be confirmed
17-Mar	11:00-16:00	Mystic Market	Village Hall
18-Mar	19:30	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
19-Mar	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
20-Mar	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - Northleach Prison Afternoon Tea	Northleach Prison
22-Mar	19:30	Talk by Lord Hoffman in aid of FoStA	Village Hall
30-Mar	09:00	Annual Village Litter Pick	Village Hall car park
30-Mar	14:00	WI Jumble Sale	Village Hall
31-Mar	01:00	<i>Clocks go forward one hour</i>	
31-Mar		<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	
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
14-Apr	10:30	Chedworth Roman Trail - 10 mile cross country run	Village Hall
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

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers

Yanworth



February 2019

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

March 2019

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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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St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



As always, Christmas at St Andrew's brought with it magical joy and fun ... and, this year, an Ofsted Inspection (on 18th December, 2 days before the end of term)!!

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that St. Andrew's has been awarded 'good' (the official Ofsted category judgement). A copy of the inspector's report can be found on the school's website under the heading 'Information' and the sub-heading 'Ofsted Report'.

Below is a note from the school's **Chair of Governors** that summarises the inspection findings and outlines the significance of the judgement. I hope you can make a little time to read about some of the fantastic ways that your local school provides for the children in Chedworth and our surrounding towns and villages.

From the Chair of Governors:

The inspector spent a full day at school with Mrs Fitch, observing lessons, looking at the children's books and

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reviewing the school's safeguarding procedures and a range of documentation including assessments and pupil progress data. Additionally, the inspector spoke with the teaching and support staff, the children, a group of governors and to parents. Following this intensive and rigorous review of our school it is great to read so many positive things about St. Andrew's in the inspector's letter report.

I wanted to highlight just a few of the points that the inspector made, which I think accurately reflect our school and the ambition and vision we have for the school and children.

1. Good teaching ensures that the majority of current pupils make effective progress in all subjects.
2. Pupils say they 'love school'.
3. Adults place pupils' wellbeing and safety at the heart of all they do.
4. Pupils maintain positive attitudes to their work because they are keen to learn.

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5. In 2018 effective teaching led to strong progress at the end of key stage 2 in all subjects. As a result, more pupils attained well and a high proportion of pupils achieved greater depth in their learning.
 6. Children routinely achieve well in early years and Year 1 phonics
 7. Pupils' attainment in reading at the end of both key stages is high.
 8. Approximately one fifth of pupils in both key stages, including the most able pupils, are working at greater depth in mathematics.
 9. Most pupils achieve well and several pupils are working at greater depth in writing.
 10. Pupils are extremely welcoming and polite.
 11. Almost all parents who shared their views praise Mrs Fitch's effective leadership and sensitive approach to dealing with their concerns.
 12. In their feedback, parents refer to the teachers as 'enthusiastic' and 'inspiring'.

Overall, the inspector found that "the leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school". This is particularly impressive and important as the last Ofsted inspection (September 2014) took place before the introduction of the new *Ofsted Inspection Framework* in 2016, which is widely recognised to be much tougher than the previous one. This achievement reflects the huge amount of work and effort put in by Mrs Fitch and all the teaching and support staff.

The inspector specifically praised Mrs Fitch as a "well respected leader" who has cultivated a school where "all the adults who work at the school share [her] ambition that all pupils should achieve their full potential". It is great that this has been recognised. The inspector acknowledged that, following Mrs Fitch's appointment in 2016, she "identified that teaching particularly of writing and mathematics needed to improve" but the inspector also concludes that Mrs Fitch has taken "concerted action to remedy this".

The inspector had particular lines of enquiry for the current visit which came from the areas for improvement or recommendations made in the last 2014 Ofsted inspection as well as from published data. These areas of enquiry are set out in the letter report but were essentially: **1)** how well leaders have improved writing, **2)** checking the consistency of maths teaching at key stage 2 and, **3)** how well teaching supports pupils with SEND (Special Educational Needs). I am pleased to say that the inspector was satisfied in relation to all lines of enquiry and had no further recommendations to make in relation to writing and maths. In fact, the inspector made only one recommendation which is to "ensure that continued improvements to teaching ensure the pupils, particularly those that need to catch up, make consistently strong progress and achieve the highest standards of which they are

St Andrew's C of E Primary School

capable". This is something the school remains thoroughly committed to continuing to do.

I understand that it is relatively unusual to come away from an inspection with only one recommendation and so this is a pleasing reflection of the quality of our school, our Head and all the staff. On a final note, I would like to express my gratitude to all the staff for their hard work and the effort they put into teaching the children at St. Andrew's.

I trust you will find a quiet moment to enjoy reading this superb report.

Best wishes,
Ms Jenni Glass
Chair of Governors

I am sure you can appreciate that this is a very special time for the school, where achievements have been recognised and we can take a moment to celebrate what wonderful school St Andrew's is. We look ahead to all of the possibilities that 2019 will bring with hope and thanksgiving.

With my very best regards to you all for the New Year,
Mrs A Fitch and the staff team.

Friends of St Andrew's Church (FoStA)

A Talk by our Patron,
Lord Hoffman,

at 7.30pm
on Friday 22nd March 2019
in Chedworth Village Hall.

Tickets £7.50 each from
Sue Callard 720468 and
Sue Sharman 720408.

More details to follow in March.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre, we rely on fundraising to help with our running costs. We raised around £850! A fabulous amount!

An enormous thank you to Chedworth Drama group for helping us to find 'Father Christmas' (Ross Aldridge) and to Northleach Fire Brigade for making the arrival of Father Christmas extra memorable!



We are enjoying experimenting with fresh herbs, fruits and vegetables! Great fun was had cutting, pouring, mixing and creating 'soup' and 'potions'.

Last term we signed up with Fare Share, who arrange for us to receive fruit and vegetables from Tesco's that should be thrown away due to the date. This is providing snacks and lots of opportunities to explore in a wider context.

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!

Thank you from Maggie

Thank you to everyone who has helped me during and following Frank's spell in hospital and his passing on 21st December.

I received many beautiful flowers, cards, letters and sympathetic messages from people far and wide which have touched my heart. Many kind people drove me around after my car failed and was beyond economic repair, taking me

to the hospital to visit Frank so that I didn't miss seeing him for a single day, to the doctor's and so on. Chedworth Silver Band played beautifully at Frank's funeral on 14th January.

A huge thank you to everyone from the bottom of my heart.

Maggie Scrivens

Thank you to the H&V teams

Thank you to the teams that produce and deliver Hill and Valley

We would like to thank all those involved with the production and distribution of Hill and Valley, the coordinators- Sue and Iain Robertson, Holly Saunders-Cowell, Julie Young and Simon Colbeck and the distribution team organised by David Edelsten that deliver over 500 copies throughout the five parishes in all winds and weather. A lot of hard work and thought is required to

produce and deliver our excellent and informative church and community magazine. The prudent management of the finances, in particular the development of the advertising, has ensured that the income continues to cover the costs and so there is no need to ask for donations this year. As part of the continuing improvement of the magazine, it is planned to introduce some new features where space allows.

The Church Wardens.

Chedworth Parish Council

News from our December and January meetings

County will step in if verges are unsafe

Over the past couple of years the Parish Council has been spending a lot of time and a fair amount of our budget on trying to tidy up the village - often in response to complaints.

As well as employing contractors to cut back the hedges and to help us manage the verges to encourage biodiversity, we have also written to some villagers whose trees and bushes were overhanging the road and causing a hazard.

While most people's response has been positive and the offending plants have been cut back, there have been occasions when the problem has not been tackled.

Councillors

Ros Jess (Chairman)	720248
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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>

We have taken advice from county highways who have told us that if we report trees or hedges which are causing a hazard on the highway they will serve notice on property owners to cut them back.

Members of the public can also report problems using the following email address: gcchighways@amey.co.uk.

The county can also serve notice on property owners who place items, including posts and stones, on the verge outside their property which are considered to be dangerous or an obstruction.

Generally property owners do not own the verge and nothing which causes a hazard to motorists, cyclists or pedestrians should be placed adjacent to the road.

Litter pick

This year's litter pick will take place on 30th March. Gloves, litter pickers and bags will be available from the Village Hall from 9.00am so if you can spare a couple of hours then please come along.



Council grateful for volunteer

The noticeboard at the top of Tuns Hill which was a casualty when a branch fell from the Copper Beech is now looking

Chedworth Parish Council

better than ever thanks to the efforts of villager Adrian Fletcher who offered his skills to repair the board.

The parish council would like to say a massive thank you to Adrian for all his hard work and skill in putting the board back together.

Water Board follow up on complaints

Thames Water have asked to come back to our April meeting to update the council on the result of investigations they are carrying out into why we have such a poor service.

When they came to our meeting in November representatives from Thames Water were surprised to hear just how many times our water supply had been interrupted. The parish council has since

sent a comprehensive list of all the times we had no water to Thames Water and this has prompted them to look further into the area.

Election time

Don't forget that this parish council will soon end its four year term and all seven members of the parish council must stand down. Elections will take place in May to find a new council and if you think you might be able to do your bit for the village by joining the council then why not come along to a meeting and find out more about what being on the parish council means.

Ros Jess



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The Last of the Chedworth Cobblers

John Henry Collett - The Last of the Chedworth Cobblers (or Cordwainers) by Mike Tovey

During the 19th century Chedworth was home to many cordwainers but, to my knowledge, only the Collett family remained in Chedworth for over one hundred years plying their trade.

Members of the family came to Chedworth in the early 19th century from Notgrove - they were possibly attracted by strong connections to friends belonging to the Congregational Church.

John Collett lived in Badger Cottage at Gadbridge all his life. The following is a transcription of the newspaper report of his funeral.

Cheltenham Chronicle 24 April 1937

Loss to Chedworth - Many Tributes to a Fine Craftsman



By the death of Mr. John Henry Collett, Chedworth has lost another of its most skilled craftsmen. Mr. Collett was a bootmaker, an art that has been in his family for generations.

He was widely known for his excellent work and had carried on the business for over 50 years. He had lived the whole of his life in the house in which he died at the age of 84.

Mr. Collett had not been too well lately, and when his sister went to call him on Thursday last he did not open the door,

and he was eventually found dead on the floor, apparently having collapsed as he was going to dress.

Mr. Collett in his young days was very fond of singing, and was considered a good bass. He was also a very keen horticulturist when the old village society was in being.

He has left a sister, who has been living with him. She is 92 years of age and still walks to Chapel.

The funeral took place on Monday at the Congregational Church, the Rev T. D. watkins (the pastor) conducting the service with Miss J Dayment at the organ. Two of Mr. Colletts favourite hymns were sung. "Sometimes a Light Surprises" and "There is a Land of Pure Delight".

The chief mourners were Miss Rhoda Collett, Miss Eliza Collett,, and Mrs P. Bliss (sisters), Mr. H Collett and Mr. Ebby Collett (brothers), Mrs Joe King, Mrs A.J. Peachey and Mrs. J Scotford (nieces). Mr. Hubert Collett was ill and unable to attend.

Others present were Mrs. C. Holland, Mrs Watkins, Mrs. Broad, Mr. Dayment, Mr. T A Deane, Mr. H Bridges and many others who had come to pay their last tribute of respect.

The bearers were four of Mr. Colletts nephews, Mr Allen Bliss, Mr. J. Scotford, Mr A H Scotford and Mr. A. J. Peachey



Henry (father) and John Collett



Update report - Chedworth & District Poppy Appeal Collection 2018

2018 was a particularly poignant year for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal with the 100 year anniversary of the end of the Great War and the 100th birthday of The Royal Air Force. Our huge thanks must go to local residents, the local Branch of the Royal British Legion, Compton Abdale PCC, and Coln Rogers with Coln St Dennis PCC. Their combined generosity has resulted in our 2018 Poppy Appeal for Chedworth and District (Calmsden, Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers, Compton Abdale, Fossebridge, Stowell Park, Yanworth) raising a fantastic £7,164.40p (compared with £4,365.38p plus £374.25p 'Gift Aid' raised during 2017). We are currently awaiting confirmation of our 'Gift Aid' claim figure for 2018 but it is likely to be in the region of £388 which will mean that our final Poppy Appeal figure for last year will be in the region of £7,552 which is our best result ever.

Breakdown of Poppy Appeal collection figures for 2018 :

Church Remembrance Service £715

House to house £2702.50p

Static points £529.90p

Poppy Wreaths £102

Donations

£100 - Coln St Dennis & Coln Rogers PCC

£2,000 - Chedworth & District British Legion Branch

£740 - Remembrance Concert Chedworth Village Hall

£250 - Compton Abdale PCC

£25 - Charity Aid Foundation donation

Once again our heartfelt thanks go to the gallant team of 18 'house to house' Poppy Collectors, the staff at our 'static points' (Chedworth Farm Shop and Café foyer, St Andrew's School, The Fossebridge Inn, The Hare and Hounds, The 7 Tuns and Chedworth Roman Villa) and our wonderful team of independent money counters (Gill Tovey, Sue Robertson and Myra Burridge).

Thank you once again for your support for and generosity towards the annual Poppy Appeal.

David & Felicity Peake

Honorary 'Poppy Appeal' Organisers for Chedworth & District

Nearly New Sale

Dear Valley!

In the past we've held a New or nearly new sale running up to the valley Fete. Sadly as the Irvings retired after a very successful 40 years of running the fete the new and nearly new sale didn't happen last year, fingers crossed that we can get it together at the fete this year.

It came to my attention when Stacey Dooley did a documentary about how much clothing goes into landfill and the amount of water which is required to make these clothes, what a problem this is. I thought it would be a good idea to reinstate the new and nearly new sale but at a different time from the fete. This I was planning on running on the Friday the 15th of March from 4pm to 6pm and then on the Saturday from 10.30am to 4pm.

So if you are sorting out your wardrobe and have any new or nearly new clothes

men's, lady's and children's clothes that we could possibly sell

for the church and the other charities this would be extremely appreciated. The clothes can be dropped off at Glebe House Coln Rogers where there is someone around most days and left inside the back gate or at the Irving's home in Coln St Dennis. If you need to have things picked up from your home please contact janicewright@me.com

Obviously if you would like to volunteer to help out either with sorting the clothes or for a few hrs at the event this would be extremely appreciated.



Thank you.
Janice Wright



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Motoring

If we kept the cars we bought years ago what could they be worth today?

We all have happy memories of cars we may have bought in our youth or before families came along and finances took other priorities but what if we had kept them to this day?

It is an interesting concept especially when you see examples like the following which I have selected for this article.

If you bought a 1978 Mini 1275 GT it would have cost you around £1750.



In 1971 the 1275 GT took over from the 1275 Mini Cooper as the only sporty Mini on sale for the rest of the decade.

The last Mini to leave the Longbridge plant did so in 2012, and a total of 1,581,887 Minis were sold in Britain. Today, this example has just been sold for £12,000!

Out of interest a litre of petrol in 1978 cost just £0.17p

Photograph provided by owner Mr Shone

And as another Mini example a 1966 Mini Cooper S is currently shown on a leading Auction site as being valued at £29,950.

A new Mini today starts at £15,445 so the car purchased 40 years ago is still worth close to the price of a new model today!

If you were in the money in 1996 and went for an exciting Morgan 4/4 it would have cost you £18,500.

22 years later in 2019 it is still worth £18,450. Not a bad investment and zero depreciation!



Photograph courtesy of Mehryn Rutter, The Morgan Garage, Nr Bishops Stortford

Another exciting sports car to have owned could be an MGC which was the big brother to the popular MGB model.

Introduced at the London Motor Show in October 1967 the MGC was British Motor Corporation's replacement of the Austin Healy 3000 which, itself, is a valued classic car today with prices well in excess of £65,000.



This MGC recently advertised for sale is valued at £22,500 and once again demonstrates the long term value of a car kept over time. Its original London Motor Show price in 1967 was £1150.

Photograph kindly provided by owner Mr Cooper

What about a Ford Capri like Del Boy's?



Originally the Capri cost £890, but looking through the modern classic magazines today you can often find them advertised in good condition for circa £24,000.

Of course, all today's prices are dependent of these cars being maintained and presented in good condition.

I wonder what cars of today will be one of the collectables of the future.

Colin Peirce

Since the last WI Report 3 successful meetings have taken place. A very happy evening was enjoyed by 40 members in November at the AGM and Annual Dinner, at which the Committee with the 3 Vice Presidents and President were elected for 2019. It is hoped that the idea of sharing the Vice President role will encourage other members to join the Committee in future years.

The Meeting in December was enhanced with a wonderful travel tale from Chris O'Grady describing 'A Pilgrimage Walk from Pershore to Rome. He follows up the talk by sending us an e-mail, and I quote:

'Repeating some of the tales of my walk inspires me to continue to trust in the innate kindness of the world, so thank you for the chance to revisit with you all the Pilgrimage that I made.

The new committee met on January 2nd to discuss the following week's meeting, at which there was busy discussion on the 2019 Resolutions and a reminder that subscriptions are now due. When Members are signed up there will be the Annual Denman Bursary Draw at the March meeting.

The Speaker on January 9th was the retired Foreign Correspondent, Richard Owen with a talk titled

'From the Kremlin to the Vatican'.

He was entertaining with stories of the celebrities he had interviewed including Actors Sophia Loren and Colin Firth. He was in Rome at a time of the filming 'Tea with Mussolini' and met the 2 Dames and 1 Lady, Maggie Smith, Judi Dench and Joan Plowright.. At stages in his Career he faced danger and in Jerusalem a catapulted rock just missed his head, here he had to carry a gas mask and have a bullet proof vehicle. It was evident that he was fulfilled when reporting 'In the Field'.

He also had great admiration for Pope John Paul and Pope Benedict, just before retiring he had the great experience of having a 15 min audience with Pope Benedict. The members were enthralled with the stories and applauded loudly. The next Meeting February 13th at 7.15

Talk by Peter Seymour - Marie Claire Resistance Hero.

Open Meeting, All Welcome.

Carol Bailey January 14th.

Cotswold Landmarks

Cotswold Landmarks - The Four Shire Stone

The Four Shire Stone is situated 1.5 miles east of Moreton-in-Marsh, on the A44 Chipping Norton road by the turning to Great Wolford.



This nine foot high monument, surmounted by a sundial and ball finials, is built of local Cotswold stone and marks the spot where Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and Warwickshire now meet.

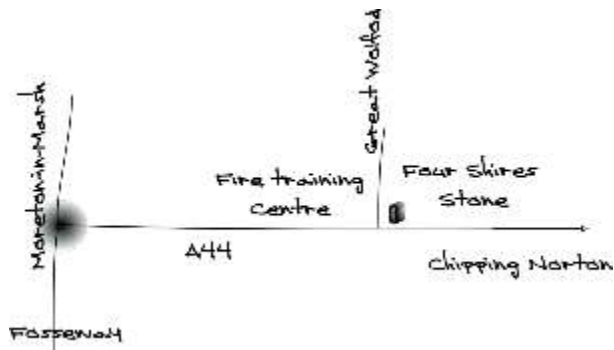
The names of these counties are marked

on the three faces of the monument. The fourth face is labelled Worcestershire, a reminder of the fact that before 1931, when the Parish of Evenlode was transferred to Gloucestershire, the area to the north east of the monument was part of Worcestershire.

The monument was probably built in the 18th century and is a Grade II listed building.

There was an earlier "4 shire stone" on or near the site in 1675. Thomas Habington's Survey of Worcestershire mentions "the stone which toucheth four sheeres, a thing rarely seen". The stone reflects the decision taken by Edward the Elder in the 10th century to divide the west Midlands into administrative areas called shires, each forming an easily defended block. These were based on the military centres of Warwick, Oxford, Gloucester and Worcester. Edward disregarded the boundaries of ancient kingdoms but took note of existing estate boundaries.

Robert Young



Your Gardening Tips for February



The somewhat benign January weather might have changed, so you may be in true winter mode by now.

- Chit potato tubers. A trip down to Dundry Nurseries near Staverton is a good option if you want choice and good advice about varieties.
- If the ground is suitable, prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover or in a green house.
- Continue to protect vulnerable pot plants, keeping pots raised off the ground. Once the warmer weather arrives replace the top layer of soil with fresh compost.
- Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green', if they have not already gone over!
- Heavy soils can be improved significantly by working in coarse gravel or sharp sand as well as organic matter.
- Use leftover tea and coffee grounds to acidify the soil of acid-loving plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and even blueberries. A light sprinkling of about one-quarter of an inch applied once a month will keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side
- Dahlia tubers stored over winter can be potted out in a frost free space. Prune wisteria by cutting back the side shoots to two or three buds. Avoid cutting off flower buds.
- Protect your, delphinium, hosta and lily shoots from slugs and snails before they appear above ground.
- Continue to prune roses as required, and cut late summer and autumn flowering clematis down to the lowest pair of strong buds. Mulch and feed.
- Check box and holly trees for box blight and holly leaf blight. Best to remove the affected plants.
- Plant roses, avoiding areas where roses have been immediately before.
- If you are netting your vegetables against pigeons, remember to remove the netting before a heavy snowfall!
- **Home Grown Kiwi Vines.** Many keen gardeners may be familiar with and have harvested blueberries and gogiberries from their gardens, but for those of you who like kiwi fruit, it appears to be relatively easy to grown the vines in a sunny spot or north facing wall. The self-pollinating mid-size cultivars are

Actinidia deliciosa 'Solo' and 'Jenny'. The sweeter grape sized variety Actinidia arguta 'Issai' can be eaten whole. Regular pruning is required to control growth vigorous that can extend to 25ft, and the vines are best trained along an espalier. Nip out the tips of spurs at 5 leaves. Harvest late autumn. It is not too late to order plants from

'victoriananursary.co.uk' or another supplier and get them in the ground.

- Feed the small birds. They will be good to you in the spring and summer.

Simon Colbeck
Chairman Chedworth & District
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Manor Farm how it works and why

I have been asked on several occasions to write a regular piece for Hill and Valley magazine, so have now decided to do so.

I intend to discuss what is happening at Manor farm, why we do what we do, and talk about the wider implications of our actions - on wildlife, water management and green house gasses (especially carbon dioxide).

Dairy farming in the UK has a wide range of systems and herd sizes, ranging from a few cows to hundreds of cows, and from intensive high yield systems, to pasture based low input systems.

Manor farm is farmed organically (do not use any synthetic fertilizers or chemicals), running a spring block calving dairy herd (all of the cows have their calves in a 10 to 12 week 'block' from late Feb to early May).

The cows are outside grazing all year- we stop milking just before Christmas, and the 'dry cows' spend two months grazing a mixture of deferred grazing (pasture left to grow talk over the summer) and brassicas (turnips/forage rape/kale), with straw and silage used as a supplement when required.

Once the cows have calved (given birth) they come back into milk and are grazed on quality pastures. These pastures are based on diverse swards

or 'herbal leys'- as discussed on The Archers - we pioneered their re-introduction into productive agriculture, planting the first of these pastures in 2005.

Most productive grassland is a mixture of different varieties of ryegrass, with or without clover added to it. These tend to be fuelled by nitrogen fertilizer to be productive, and are less well suited to organic farming - especially on drought prone soils such as the Cotswolds.

Our mixtures contain ten different grass species, five different legumes, and five herbs. This mixture is productive under organic management, and is the basis of the system here. Under careful grazing management (resulting in 300 cows regularly crossing the road) these pastures are



productive, resilient to weather extremes, and can sequester a large amount of carbon into the soil year on year. This builds soil organic matter,

which improves the soils ability to hold nutrients and water - so increasing productivity and resilience.



to prepare for the coming year . Last year we managed to weather the drought reasonably well and are hopefully well set for this year - spring permitting! Hosting several groups of farmers over the year was interesting, and always makes you question what you are doing and why.

Attending Frank Scriven's funeral, I realised that true countrymen who understood the seasons and natural rhythms are few and far between now. We rely on science to justify what we do - instead of intuition.

This time of year is a good time to reflect on what happened last year, and

Rob Richmond
@herbalpastures

Chedworth Table Tennis Club

The Table Tennis club is now in its' 20th year, we have a lively membership and a good mix of ages and abilities with about 50% lady players.

We meet in the Village Hall with excellent facilities and equipment provided. We meet on Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00pm. A modest charge of £15.00 per season plus £1.00 per session for members (first evening free) or £2.00 a session for casuals.

Come and enjoy the fun, we welcome all ages and abilities, for further information contact Geoff Bailey wrenny61@gmail.com or 01285 831836.

Geoff Bailey.

Chedworth Silver Band

Chedworth Silver Band would like to thank everyone who supported the band over the busy Christmas period. In addition to our own fundraising mainly in local Pubs and Restaurants, we had Christmas concerts at Bourton on the Water which raised over £700 for CLIC Sargent and one at Purton which raised over £500 for Purton Methodist Church.

The Band is currently seeking additional players especially Cornet Players and can provide some tuition if required.

We play a wide range of music, from the 18th century to modern including Abba, Shostacovitch, Beatles, Waldteufel, Lloyd Webber etc from Hymns to

Waltzes to middle of the road and when in concert we make a feature of interacting with the audience. We play at fetes, shows, concerts, on bandstands at church services, wedding receptions and many more venues, and bookings are already coming in for summer 2019. If you would like to book the band or to join us please see

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David Broad



A minister in a little church announced: 'Before we pass the collection plate, I would like to request that the person who stole the chickens from Brother Martin's hen house please refrain from giving any money to the Lord. The Lord doesn't want money from a thief' The collection plate was passed around, and for the first time in months everybody gave.

The Inclosure of Chedworth 1803

The Inclosure of Chedworth 1803 by M Tovey Part 1

Nothing has had a greater influence on the Chedworth of today than the Inclosure Act of 1803. Walls, roads, paths and fields were all established leaving behind the old medieval strips of land and open fields forever*1. The rich got richer and the poor lost ancient common rights but it also meant that farmers could become more efficient by having their land in larger fields thus eventually freeing up people to populate the mills and factories of Britain during the forthcoming Industrial Revolution.

The most common interest in Inclosure today is that ownership of each house and cottage (as well as of the land) was recorded and this is the aspect that my follow-on article next month will focus upon.

The Act of Inclosure

It is difficult to be certain how many pre-Inclosure meetings took place in local Inns between land owners or how much consent was achieved but we do know that Lord John Howe of Chedworth*2 Lord of the Manors of Chedworth and Compton Abdale was the main architect of the petition to Parliament to pass an Act which was granted in 1803. Commissioners Joseph Pennington, Richard Richardson and John Davis together with surveyor Richard Wright Hall of Cirencester were duly appointed and sworn in on 3 July

1804. The grinding detail of who owned what and how land was to be re-proportioned together with detailed maps took just under a year to complete. Commissioners were paid two guineas each per day for their labours - a cost that the land owners of the community were forced to fund.

As a rule of thumb the more affluent land owners gained most from inclosure and smaller land owners often struggled to fund the walls mandated to "inclose" their fields and were forced into distress sale.

*1 For a map of the medieval open field layout of Chedworth see:
<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/glos/vol7/pp163-174>

*2 A recluse who died unmarried on 29 October 1804. He rarely visited Gloucestershire.

Land Owners who Supported Chedworth Inclosure

Benjamin Grisdale Vicar of Chedworth

Reverend John Allen of Northleach

Edward Durell Gentleman Usher and
John Allen Master of the Free Grammar
School at Northleach

Lord John Howe of Chedworth

James Payn Esquire of Maidenhead in
the County of Berks

The Inclosure of Chedworth 1803

Joseph Pitt Esquire of Cirencester

John Ballinger Gentleman of Chalford.

Thomas Child Surgeon of Northleach

John King Gentleman of Stapleton

William Massey Victualler of Chedworth
(Foss Cross)

Thomas Smith Yeoman of Chedworth

Robert Smith Yeoman of Chedworth

Robert Robins Cordwainer of
Chedworth

Peter Glover Baker of Chedworth

David Taylor Carpenter of Chedworth

William Midwinter Gardener of
Chedworth

William Dyer yeoman of Compton
Abdale

Lawrence Chandler Yeoman of
Naunton (Uncle and Guardian of Mary
Ann Chandler of the same place
Spinster - a Minor)

Land Owners who objected to Chedworth Inclosure

Source: Gloucester Journal Monday 11
October 1802

The following was placed in a local
newspaper:

"Whereas intimation has been given, of
an intended application to Parliament
for leave to bring in a Bill, to inclose the
Common and Waste Lands, Woods and
Downs within the parish of Chedworth
in the County of Gloucester. Notice is
hereby given, that we whose Names are
hereto annexed are determined to
oppose such Inclosure, as inimical to
our interests in the said Commonable
Lands. Dated this 25th day of
September 1802.

John Morris

William Midwinter

John Dickinson

Thomas Robins

Robert Robbins

Thomas Bayley

Charles Ballinger

Thomas Courte

John Townsend

William Wilson

William Massey

Margaret Wilson

Caleb Smith

Richard Green

John Trotman

Wm Shereborne

Simon Wilson

R. Smith (mark)

Joseph Sly

John Peachey

William Scriven

J. Smith (mark)

Nathaniel Glover

Charles Lane

William Robbin

In summary Inclosure was very hard on the poorer people. It removed their rights to keep animals on common pasture and restricted their rights to forage and hunt for food. The old benign way of parish life never recovered.

What we have today is a rich source of unique local history information that helps us understand how our communities changed. Original copies of the 3 Chedworth Inclosure Maps and documents are preserved in the Gloucester Archives and were digitised about 11 years ago.

Inclosure is a complicated subject and I commend "Enclosure Records for Historians" by Steven Hollowell ISBN 1-86077-128-9 for further reading.

Below is a small detail from Map B showing Orchard Cottage and Badger Cottage in Lower Chedworth (Gadbridge).



An exasperated woman, being questioned by a HM Revenue inspector about her tax deductions, was heard to say: 'I wish the government were half as fussy about how it spends money as it is about how I spend it!'

One teenager was talking to another, 'I'm really concerned. My father slaves away at his job so I'll never want for anything, and down the years has set aside thousands of pounds so that I can go to university. And my mother spends every day washing and ironing and cleaning up after me. She even takes care of me when I'm sick.'

The other teenager said: 'Sounds perfect – so what are you worried about?'

The first teenager replied: 'I'm afraid that one day they might try to escape.'

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, or St Valentine's Day, is celebrated every year on 14 February.

It's the day when people show their affection for another person or people by sending cards, flowers or chocolates with messages of love.

Who was St Valentine?

The day gets its name from a famous saint, but there are several stories of who he was.

The popular belief about St Valentine is that he was a priest from Rome in the third century AD.

Emperor Claudius II had banned marriage because he thought married men were bad soldiers. Valentine felt this was unfair, so he broke the rules and arranged marriages in secret.

When Claudius found out, Valentine was thrown in jail and sentenced to death.

There, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter and when he was taken to be killed on 14 February he sent her a love letter signed "from your Valentine".

The first Valentine's Day was in the year 496!

Having a particular Valentine's Day is a very old tradition, thought to have originated from a Roman festival.

The Romans had a festival called Lupercalia in the middle of February - officially the start of their springtime.

It's thought that as part of the celebrations, boys drew names of girls from a box. They'd be boyfriend and girlfriend during the festival and sometimes they'd get married.

Later on, the church wanted to turn this festival into a Christian celebration and decided to use it to remember St Valentine too.

Gradually, St Valentine's name started to be used by people to express their feelings to those they loved.

Be my Valentine

Young man: Do you love me?

Young lady: Yes.

Young man: But can you live on my income?

Young lady: Certainly. Though – what will you live on?

Valentine present

Man in car showroom: 'I've come back to buy that car you showed me yesterday.'

Sales assistant: 'That's fine, I thought you'd be back. Tell me, what was the dominant feature which made you decide on this car?'
'My wife.'

Maggie's Poem

Age Spare Parts

What would we do without spare parts
When age it comes your way
All the things that start to fade
As we live from day to day

Hearing has gone a little quiet
So hearing aids now take its place
Eyes that do not clearly see
Glasses now to fit the face

What have all our old teeth been doing
As we munch away our food
Think the dentist has a visit
Some new teeth may well be glued

Walking may get a bit unsure
As we slowly make our way
Walking sticks then come to hand
Making sure your feet won't stray

As for the name arthritis
For joints there is no cure
Only have a replacement joint
And that can be very sore

There is always one thing we can do
And that is keep our smile
When we meet with all our other friends
That go that extra mile

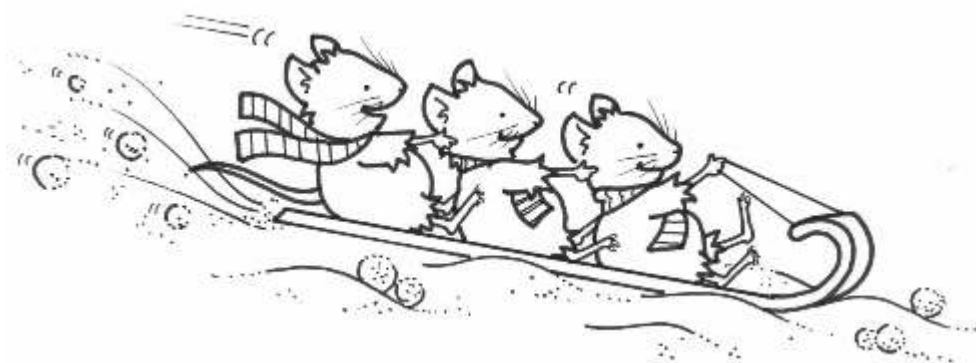
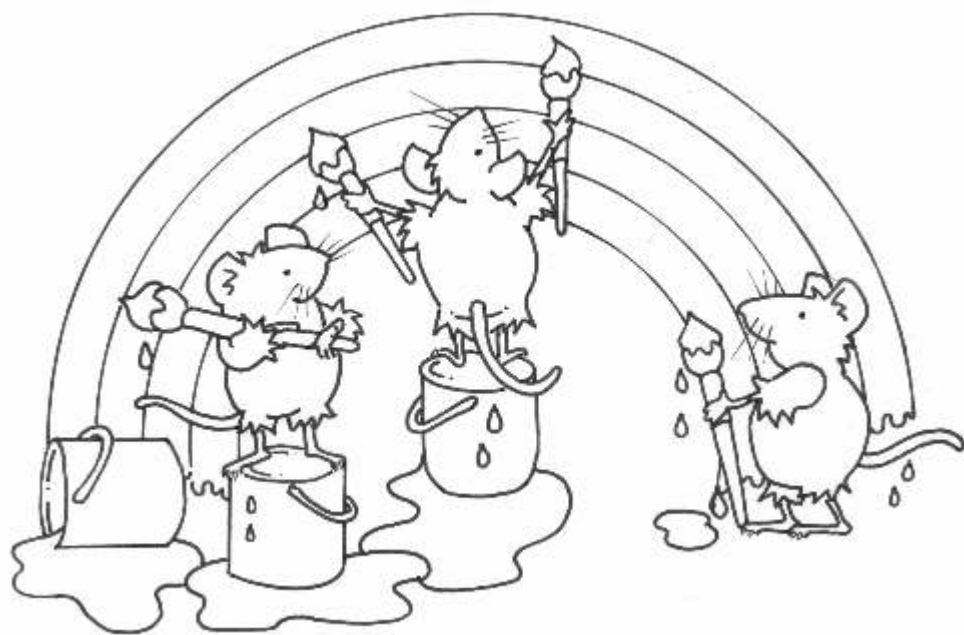
Maggie Scrivens

Children's Riddles

1. What is so delicate that saying its name breaks it?
2. What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?
3. They come out at night without being called, and are lost in the day without being stolen. What are they?
4. What is next in this sequence? JFMAMJJASON . . .
5. What ship has two mates, but no captain?
6. When is a door not a door?
7. Bobby throws a ball as hard as he can. It comes back to him, even though nothing and nobody touches it. How?
8. Mary's father has five daughters – Nana, Nene, Nini, Nono. What is the fifth daughter's name?
9. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in one thousand years?
10. What begins with 'T' ends with 'T' and has 'T' in it?
11. How many letters are there in the English alphabet?
12. Which month has 28 days?

Answers on page 37

Pictures for you to colour



Matchstick Puzzles - #4

SOLUTIONS

1. Move two matchsticks so the glass is reformed without the coin inside.



4. Change three matchsticks into six without breaking any of them.



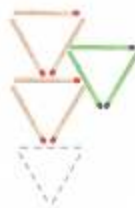
2. Can you make the fish swim in the opposite direction by moving only three matchsticks?



5. Using just six matchsticks, make four equilateral triangles.



6. Move three matchsticks to make four equilateral triangles.



3. Move one matchstick to make a correct equation.



A man in a lift puzzle - Answer

The man is of short stature. He can't reach the upper lift buttons, but he can ask people to push them for him. He can also push them with his umbrella.

Answers to riddles on page 35

1. Silence
2. A palm
3. Stars
4. The letter "D." The sequence contains the first letter of each month.
5. A relationship
6. When it is a jar
7. He throws it straight up.
8. If you answered Nunu, you are wrong. It is Mary!
9. The letter M
10. A teapot
11. There are 18: 3 in the, 7 in English, and 8 in alphabet.
12. All of them, of course

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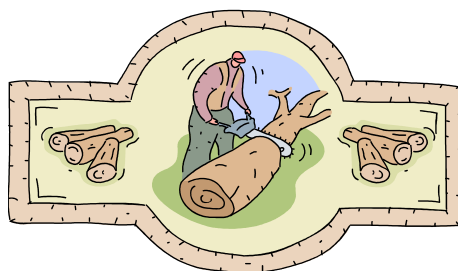
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