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Julie Young. Coordinator for the this edition.

Stephen's Letter

Social Bubble

"Day and night, they sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, who was, and is, and is to come" - Revelation 4v8

Some of you may be aware that, in the last few weeks, government scientific advisors have been considering plans to manage a release from lockdown using the idea of "social bubbles" - that people could socialise with a certain number of people - typically, extended family - from outside their household. Of course, the reality of family life and a variety of personal circumstances mean that this model won't work for everyone and, in some families, someone could be excluded.

That's the way it is in this imperfect world - but it's not that way in the next world. On Trinity Sunday (7th June), we celebrate that God is three Persons but one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit are the three distinct Persons of God with different ways of being - yet, at the same time, one God, holy and undivided. And this reading from Revelation, the final book of the Bible, tells how the angels worship the eternal threeness and oneness of God in heaven.

Confused yet? Let's see what it means for us now. If God is three Persons perfectly together as one, he is social - and we humans are made in God's

image, so it shouldn't surprise us that we're social too! Together we can think thoughts and achieve things that we often cannot do as individuals. That's why we generally work well in teams and like to socialise - and that's why the lockdown has been so hard.

But if we are "in Christ" - in other words, rooted in God by our Christian faith - then we are in God's social bubble. And that means that we are in spiritual fellowship with others who believe too. We are together - even though, in this time of isolation, we may be apart.

And this gives us stability and comfort. Human relationships ebb and flow - and we know from our present season that, in this world, it is sometimes hard to make them work well. But the text from Revelation shows us that God's social bubble - which anyone can join at any time - is a bubble that won't burst! We can be together with a "together" God both now - and ultimately in heaven.

With best wishes for Trinitytide,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Church Calendar for June 2020

The usual pattern of services in our parishes is suspended because of the social distancing restrictions. Here is the calendar of Sundays in the Christian year for June, with worship, prayer and service resources available for that day.

Looking Up is our worship resource, with Bible readings, prayers and reflection for each Sunday, released in PDF form each Friday. If you would like to receive this, please contact me at stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com or 720392.

Sunday 7th June – Trinity Sunday

Looking Up, available from Friday 5th June

Zooming Up Zoom service at 10.30 am on Sunday

Trinity Sunday in the Valley video, released on Sunday

Sunday 14th June – Trinity 1

Looking Up, available from Friday 12th June

Video address, prayer and Holy Communion from Chedworth, released on Sunday.

Sunday 21st June – Trinity 2

Looking Up, available from Friday 19th June

Zooming Up Zoom service at 10.30 am on Sunday

Father's Day video address and prayer, released on Sunday.

Sunday 28th June – Trinity 3

Looking Up, available from Friday 26th June

Video address, prayer and Holy Communion from Yanworth, released on Sunday.

Sunday 5th July – Trinity 4

Looking Up, available from Friday 3rd July

Zooming Up Zoom service at 10.30 am on Sunday

Video address, prayer and Holy Communion from Coln St Dennis, released on Sunday.

Please look out **on email/social media** for any short-notice changes of arrangements following new Church of England guidance.

Church Briefing

Rogation Rounds

A big thanks for all who helped me make our film, **Rogation Rounds**, which has helped us to worship God in the Rogation season - to ask for God's blessing on the land and crops, and also on our livelihoods, to pray to God for the issues of our world, and to find out what the Bible tells us about serving God in the world. If you haven't already seen it, the film may be found on my YouTube channel.

I am grateful to the local farmers who produced footage for the film to give us an insight into their work – to Mike and Hamish Dewar for coverage from the Stowell Park Estate and Rob, Baden and George Richmond for coverage from Manor Farm, Chedworth – and also to David Jowett for his video on cheesemaking.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Church meetings have currently been suspended. The Annual Parochial Church Meetings, which usually take place shortly after Easter, will therefore take place later in the year this year. Please look out for further details in due course.

The Passion Week of Jesus

Please note that we hope to run the three remaining sessions of our **Lent Course on Tuesdays in September (Tuesdays 8th, 15th and 22nd September)**. This may not be quite as seasonal as during Lent – but any time is

a good time to study the Bible, and as those of you who have attended so far will know, Dan Button, from the Gloucestershire Theology School, is an excellent facilitator!

Prayer Requests

This is a turbulent time. If you have any prayer requests, or would value a confidential discussion of any concerns that you have, please get in touch with me at 720392 or stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com.

Chedworth Community Land Charity

The Chedworth Community Land Charity is a charity whose objective is to provide assistance to people in Chedworth parish facing particular urgent health or welfare needs or financial hardship. The Trustees consist of the Rector and two Parish Council nominees. The Chedworth Community Land Charity has helped various parishioners over the last few years and is able to respond rapidly to any urgent financial needs at this difficult time during the COVID 19 crisis. To find out more or to apply, please contact Rev'd Stephen Goundrey-Smith (720392) or Bryan Bowley (720369). All applications are dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Church COVID-19 Guidance

Just a reminder that the Church of England's full COVID-19 guidance may be found here <https://www.churchofengland.org/mor>

[e/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches#na](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches#na), As well as information on suspension of services, there are details of national online services of worship, prayer and worship apps for smart phones and devices, mental health resources and guidance on funerals, weddings and baptisms.

Diocesan guidance is that church buildings remain closed, even for private prayer at present. This is difficult for many of us for whom the church is a focus for prayer, particularly when we can go to other public places – for example supermarkets. However, the current restrictions have been made by the Church of England because of a number of factors: a) the difficulties of cleaning ancient church buildings, b) difficulties with establishing appropriate procedures for safe use of the buildings, especially in a tourist area, and c) concerns about the responsibilities this would place on local church personnel.

There are, however, plans for a phased reopening of church buildings, in line with the government's plan for a phased exit from the current lockdown. Please watch out for further details, and

contact Rev'd Stephen if you have further questions.

Chedworth's Got Talent?

We are still hoping to run **Chedworth's Got Talent** 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). And remember...lockdown is the perfect time to practice and perfect your act!

Wrong number

Customer: "I've been ringing you on 0700 2300 for two days. Why didn't you answer?"

Travel agent: "Where did you get that number from, sir?"

Customer: "It's there on the door to your Travel Centre."

Operator: "Sir, they are our opening hours."

Thank you Stephen

The Reverend Stephen has been with us ten years!

Last month marked the tenth anniversary of Stephen Goundrey-Smith's Ministry in the Hill and Valley Benefice. A lot of water has gone under the bridge since Stephen's Induction Service at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 9th May 2010.

Stephen's energy, enthusiasm and deep faith have been very much to the fore in his ministry. His pastoral care, especially during the Corin 19 crisis is much appreciated, as is his involvement with St Andrew's School. He has brought our rural churches into the digital age with his knowledge of technology. The use of the audio visual system at St Andrew's Church has transformed the Family and Tea Time Services. Who would have thought at the beginning of the year that by March, Stephen would be presenting church services by video and Zoom!



Little did we realise that among Stephen's many talents were playing the guitar, keeping goats, the appreciation of real ale and jogging!

On your behalf we would like to thank Stephen, who is ably supported by Sally and Family for all that he does for us and to wish him well in the years ahead.

The Church Wardens

JUDITH SWATLAND

Some Chedworth residents will remember Judith Swatland. She touched many people's lives. Always an enthusiast, among many other things she was a Macmillan Nurse, an end of life carer, a keen gardener and she also served tea and cake to walkers from her garden at Camomile Cottage. She lived in the village until 1992. Always a restless soul she then went to live variously in Cornwall, Kent and Devon but finally came back to Cirencester living at Homeberry House and latterly at Paternoster House where she died early in May at the age of 92. RIP Judith.

Sophie Blackwell

It has been suggested that photographs of scenes etc should state where they are. So when you submit a photograph could you please let us know the location.

Thank you.

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

**Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Yanworth**

**Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers**

June 2020

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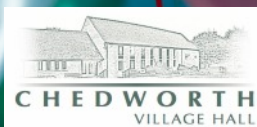
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Dates for your Diary have not been included this month due to the current situation.

Turn your event into an occasion at

Chedworth Village Hall

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



Chedworth Brownies and Guides

Brownies and Guides have been unable to have our usual meetings since March.

However, we have endeavoured to keep in touch and the Guides have started to have virtual 'zoom' meetings! It is certainly a different experience but we hope it is giving the girls a chance to keep in touch with each other and speak to people outside their household!

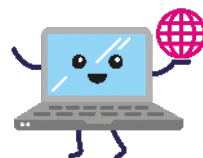


So far we have enjoyed lots of quizzes and scavenger hunts around the house - cue lots of mad dashing around the house to find something round or something beginning with a B!

A number of the girls took on the 2.6 challenge with choices ranging from running or cycling 2.6 miles, running up and down the stairs 26 times, 26 forward somersaults on a trampoline and 26 releves on pointe! It was certainly a great effort from everyone and lovely

to hear what all the girls had been up to. We have also tried some 'virtual crafting' - creating bunting and cake decorations for VE Day whilst singing 'We'll Meet Again'!

Lastly we had fun trying a 'taskmaster' evening with activities ranging from drawing self portraits with eyes closed to turning a cuddly toy into a super hero! We are missing meeting up in person, but it is great that we are still able to keep in touch.



We expect to have some spaces in Brownies and Guides when we are able to start meeting in person again so please do get in touch if you have a daughter between 7-14 years old. You can register online at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/> or contact Sarah Fulford (sfulford@btinternet.com) for more details.



If you are trying to think of fresh idea's to keep your children entertained at home, here are a few activities which need few resources and all be found within you home:

- Washing cars / trains / dollies (ensure dolls do not have soft body! All you need is a bowl of water, soap and a towel!)
- Bake a cake or some biscuits.
- Bark / leaf rubbings (crayons with paper - the crayons produce a better pattern when used lengthways)
- Mini beast hunt - move a small log / stone or flower pot to investigate what is living below - remember to place the item back where you found it)
- Recycling challenge! What can you create with the boxes within your recycling bag?

Most of all! Have fun creating memories with your children!

We have been very busy behind the scenes, ensuring that we can reopen Pre-School on Monday 1st June (fingers crossed that this does not change last minute?!) ensuring the environment is a safe and caring one for all of our children and staff. I would like to reassure everyone that we have each child and staff member's health and well-being at the fore front of our decisions.

If you are considering Chedworth Pre-School as an option for your child, please do take a look at our website, email or telephone us for further

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!

Maggie's Poem

Early Risers



Although early morning waking birds
Have beaten me to it
Going across the sky in pairs
So many pairs, there is no limit,
Even the little birds that feed
Have started their morning well,
The robin seems to be the first
To break the morning spell;
Morning bright, there is no cloud
The sun is on its way,
And, with the weather forecast,
It will stay with us all day,
So now we try and plan our day
With this virus, not so much choice,
Rely on friends and neighbours
That cheer us with their voice,
The blackbird loves to sing its song
That is what I love to hear,
I would like to whistle back - no chance of that, I fear!
Enjoy the garden, fresh air too,
God brings this beauty for me and for you!

God's blessings,



Maggie Scrivens

Chedworth Parish Council

The Parish Council last met in March with the Annual Parish meeting taking place a week later, just before lockdown. Although we haven't held a meeting we have still been working behind the scenes to keep things going and we also have plans for a virtual meeting (see details below).

Storage solution a step nearer

The parish council has obtained planning permission to build a shed on the field next to the playing field to provide storage for village organisations struggling to find a home for their equipment.

The next step will be to obtain firm quotes for the stable-type building.

Keep clear guidance for landowners

With more villagers using our footpaths in recent weeks it seems like a good time

to remind landowners of their responsibilities when it comes to rights of way which cross their property.

As the owner or occupier of land with a public right of way across it, you must:

- avoid putting obstructions on or across the route, such as permanent or temporary fences, walls, hedgerows, padlocked gates or barbed wire
- make sure vegetation does not encroach onto the route from the sides or above, bearing in mind the different clearances needed for users of different types of route, for example by horse riders



It is against the law to obstruct a path and we have recently responded to a complaint about a path blocked by an electric fence. One of the councillors walked the path to check out the issue and we have written to the landowner highlighting the problem which will hopefully be enough to get things put right. If the fence is not removed, we can report the issue to the county council who are able to remove any obstruction and recover the cost from the landowner.

Dog owners take note

At our last meeting we discussed the recurring problem of dog owners

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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>

Chedworth Parish Council

walking on the playing field and not picking up after their pets.

Since then Sue and Iain Robertson have gone 'above and beyond' and spent a morning picking up more than 20 piles of dog mess! The parish council, and I am sure everyone who uses the playing field, is extremely grateful to them for carrying out such an unpleasant job on behalf of everyone, and I hope the fact that two people who don't even own a dog are prepared to give up their time to do such a horrible task will make dog owners mend their ways.

Notice of virtual meeting

As there is no immediate end in sight to the restrictions on meetings the parish council will be holding a virtual meeting



on Monday June 1st which will be 'open' to the public.

The legal requirement to hold meetings in

person has been lifted and we will be using video conferencing to discuss urgent matter which have cropped up. The meeting will be open to the public and information on how you can log in

will be announced on Nextdoor and Facebook nearer to the meeting. We are all very new to this but hope to have a short session at the beginning when members of the public can raise urgent issues

In brief

- On behalf of the parish council I played a small part in helping set up the online system to provide help during lockdown and the council paid for the leaflet which was circulated giving people information on where they could get help
- The parish council's contractors are continuing to cut the playing field and do work on the Lower End Chapel graveyard.
- I have dealt with complaints and liaised with Jenny Forde to try to resolve problems with the new refuse and recycling collections.
- George Broad has taken responsibility for publishing the county council's Covid-19 information on the parish council website each day.

Ros JesYour

Sure

Then there was the caller who asked for a knitwear company in Woven.

Operator: "Woven? Are you sure?"

Caller: "Yes, of course. That's what it says on the label; Woven in Scotland."

Backrow Club in Lockdown

Before the Back Row Club was formed in September 2011, the first film shown, in November 2003, at the Village Hall under the Rural Cinema scheme sponsored by CDC, was 'Casablanca'. CDC provided all the equipment and a selection of films from which participating Village Halls could choose to show once a month.. It was a extraordinary evening as those who were there will remember, and at the end of the film the audience rose for a standing ovation!!

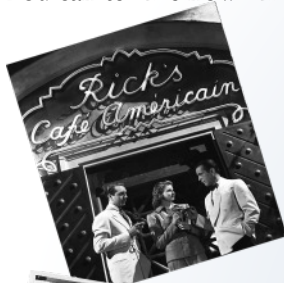


The play 'Casablanca', about Rick Blain's café, was written by Murray Burnett and Joan Allison, but initially found few admirers, until Warner Brothers purchased the rights to it and a screen play written by Julius and Philip Epstein, and Howard Koch made the film the masterpiece that it is. It was

Premiered in November 1942, in New York to coincide with the Allied invasion of North Africa and the capture of Casablanca. It was then on General Release in January 1943, to coincide with the Casablanca Conference between Churchill and Roosevelt. It was filmed entirely at Warner Brothers Studio in Burbank, California! Interestingly, the censors strongly objected to the use of any swear words and so there very few in the film. How different things are today!

The theme tune 'As time Goes By' was nearly edited out but became a world wide hit. Famous phrases from the film include 'Here's looking at you girl', 'Play it Sam'. 'Of all the gin joints in all the world.....'

'You can tell me now I'm reasonably sober' and 'Alright Major, you asked for it!'



Cotswold Crafts - Hedge Laying

Although most field boundaries in the Cotswolds are stone walls, there is a considerable length of hedge. Hedge laying is an ancient practice and was regarded as the usual method of management by early agricultural writers. John Fitzherbert in 1598 included a chapter on how to plashe a hedge in his farming manual, the Book of Husbandrie.

Hedge laying developed as a way of containing livestock in fields, particularly after the acts of Enclosure which began in the C16 which resulted in most of the open farm land being divided into fields. Many of the new boundaries were planted with quickthorn and on the heavier land, ditches were dug, the hedge was planted on the spoil. Left unmanaged, the quickthorns would grow unchecked and would not deter livestock as there were gaps between the plants.

Hedge laying or plashing was developed as a method of forming a strong stock proof boundary that encouraged future growth. The work is normally carried out when the hedge is about ten years old during the winter, when there are no leaves and the sap has not risen. First the hedge is cut back with a bill hook or chain saw and the lateral suckers are removed, restoring it to its true line. Weed growth such as elder, bramble and old mans beard (a killer of hedges) are removed and burnt. Next, the stems of the main plants are cut three- quarters of the way through at an angle of 45-60

degree, around four inches above the ground. The main stems or pleachers, are then bent downwards at an angle of at least 60 degrees so that each overlaps with its neighbour. At regular intervals upright stakes are placed along the line of the hedge, these give the finished hedge its final strength. Additional strength and finish is achieved by binding the uprights with hazel whips known as heatherings, woven around the top of the stakes and cutting off the tops at the same height and angle to give an even finish. This style is known as the Midlands, different styles are used in Wales and the South West. With hedge laying it is easier to encourage hedgerow trees to grow as without care tree saplings often fall prey to mechanical hedge cutting.



A cut and laid hedge at Woodlands Farm Chedworth

The benefits of hedge laying are that it provides a stock-proof boundary, shelter, rejuvenates the hedge by encouraging new growth, habitat for wildlife and a significant landscape

feature. The hedge can then be kept in check by trimming until it is ready for laying again on a 10-15 year cycle depending on the growth. This traditional management prevailed for many years but declined after the Second World War with the reduction in the farm labour force, changes in agricultural practice, the use of mechanical hedge cutters and the increased use of barbed wire to deter livestock. Hedges deteriorated and became leggy and gappy. The Ministry of Agriculture introduced the Farm Improvement Scheme in 1957 which included grants for hedge removal, to encourage larger fields. It is estimated that between 1946 and 1970 (when the grant was removed) about 4,500 miles of hedge was removed each year in England and Wales. This had a dramatic impact on the countryside and wildlife. Another factor was the damage caused to hedges by straw and stubble burning before it was banned some years ago.

Fortunately more enlightened views eventually prevailed with the advent of new Farm Conservation Grants for restoring overgrown and neglected hedges and planting new hedgerows. Over recent years there has been a good uptake of the grants, which has resulted in new hedges being established and more hedge laying, albeit this is an expensive operation with hedge cutting/flailing still the predominant management. The farm support and grant system, (which is to be reviewed), has encouraged farmers to trim hedges

on a rotation and not annually in order to provide cover and food for wildlife. Traditional farm tenancy agreements placed an obligation on farm tenants to cut and lay hedges, some agreements also required tenants to remove barbed wire during the hunting season. Modern farm tenancy agreements usually require hedges to be kept trimmed and tidy, not cut and laid.

The main hedge species in this area is hawthorn with some blackthorn, hazel, ash, field maple, sycamore, holly and dogwood. Max Hooper, an ecologist in the 1960's developed a formula which could be used to estimate the approximate date of a hedge:

Age of hedge = (no. of shrub species in a 30 yard length x 99) - 6 years.

This does need to be applied with considerable discretion as much depends on local conditions, climate and history.

In 1976 The National Hedge Laying Society was formed as a charity to document the skill of the craft, to develop hedgerow management skills through training and competitions and encourage the conservation and management of hedgerows. The craft of hedge laying is also promoted by local agricultural show and ploughing societies who hold competitions. In this area, the Moreton Show Society include hedge laying as part of their annual farm and crops competitions. The Cotswold

Cotswold Crafts - Hedge Laying

AOB also run training courses for hedge laying.

Robin Dale farming at Manor Farm Bourton on the Hill is a well known hedge layer who also judges hedge laying competitions and gives lessons. Robin is one of the hedge layers who taught the Prince of Wales the art. Hedge laying is a winter job and most hedge layers also carry out other crafts such as walling, forestry and countryside management.

Robert Young



Robin Dale judging a hedge laying competition at Dalysford between Stow and Chipping Norton.



Cotswold Friends Coronavirus Help

For Shopping, Prescriptions and Transport:

Tel: 01608 651115

For Telephone Befriending or General Enquiries:

Tel: 01608 651415

There are local community groups that Cotswold Friends can put you in touch with.



Email: info@cotswoldfriends.org

www.cotswoldfriends.org

Facebook: [@cotswoldfriends](https://www.facebook.com/cotswoldfriends)

Citizens Advice

Your local Citizens Advice is still here for you.

Our Advisers continue to work, just from home and are waiting to help you by phone and email.

Citizens Advice Cotswold District is here to give people the knowledge and confidence they need to find their way forward in these difficult times.

Many residents have contacted us about benefits, employment, debt, relationships and other issues.

Our highly trained advisers are keeping up to date on a daily basis with all the changes in the law and guidance due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Here are some of the things we have already helped clients with:

- Checking entitlement to benefits and advising how to make benefit claims - we know that many people are eligible for help but are struggling to know what assistance is available.
- Advising on employment options. Many Cotswold residents' work has been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic and the guidance from the government has changed frequently.
- Advising on options when they were struggling to pay their bills. Please do get in touch at the earliest opportunity as we can help you



make sure that your situation is resolved as quickly as possible.

- Signposting and referring to other sources of help, such as the Foodbank and other local charities.
- Helping with energy problems, including how to top up pre-payment meters.
- Advising on relationship difficulties and what options are available.

We are also aware that fraudsters are taking advantage of the crisis - we can help you check if something is a scam.

Please call us on 0808 500 0511 Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm (free from landlines and most mobiles) or visit <https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/stroud-cab-email-advice.php> to email your enquiry to us.

If you are looking for advice on consumer issues (e.g. issues related to products or services you've purchased) you can contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

If you have access to the internet you can also find frequently updated advice on a range of issues at [citizensadvice.org.uk](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk).

CHEDWORTH WI FIRST ZOOM MEETING 13TH MAY 2020

After some trial and error IT work, and some trepidation about 20 members braved the digital world of Zoom and met up for a meeting. With lots of delighted cries of how very good it was to actually see and hear friends and quite a bit of chatter about frosts in May, plants and coping in lockdown (mostly hair related!) and coming out of lockdown we dealt with a brief amount of business. Mostly cancellations of our normal activities sadly but we will find ways round.

Then we closed that zoom meeting and were invited to another one with Veronica Isaac who gave us a lovely introduction to the World of the Aesthetic Movement in late the 19th Century. With pictures and even music, it all seemed to

work very well, and I for one thoroughly enjoyed it - but then I might just be a bit biased as Veronica is my daughter!

It really goes to show that with a little IT support, courage and friendship we can keep calm, keep carrying on, keep safe and have some fun! If anyone would like to join our next Zoom meeting do let me know. Sadly, though just at the moment you will have to provide your own tea and cake.

Emma Isaac



COCONUT MACAROONS

2 egg whites
8oz caster sugar
4oz coconut
Cherries to decorate.

Whisk egg whites until stiff, add sugar and then the coconut.

Form into cake size heaps, add half a cherry on top and bake at approx 150 deg for approx 25 mins.

All of us who have tasted Doreen's macaroons will be delighted to add this to our recipe books.

Doreen chose this deliberately so that those of us who are short of flour can still enjoy it. Doreen is of an age, and I hope she won't mind me saying this, to remember recipes from WW2 which may have needed to be egg or fat free - not flour free! But she has still risen to the challenge.

CAN YOU HELP US?

The Chedworth WI needs your help. You may have seen on Nextdoor a link to the 1965 WI Scrapbook which Mike Tovey has painstakingly scanned and placed online so that everyone can view it. If you haven't had time yet perhaps now is the moment!

The WI is planning to make a scrapbook of 2020 - well it may certainly be different from 1965! And a remarkable if sadly poignant year to do it in. The first part of the original Scrapbook is a map and details of houses and housing in Chedworth. This is where you all come in, since 1965 a lot of houses and families have come to the village. If you live in a house built since 1965 would you be willing to take a photograph, or ask younger members of the household to paint a picture that we can include in our hard copy and online? We would be so grateful, as many of our members are self-isolating, we really need the help. Would you also, if you have the details and are willing to share them include the name of the house, where it is in the village and who built it and the current name of the family living in the house?

For instance, I know that our house 'Ballingers Hill House' was literally (it was a self-build) built by Martin and Sheila Hughes in 1985/86 - it even says so on the front on a little stone with the date and their initials! We are on the corner of Ballinger Row and Queen Street and before it was a house it was the garage for the delivery vans belonging to the Old Bakery. But if Martin and Sheila hadn't remembered all this and passed it on to us, together with all their plans, so much of the history of the house would be lost. It is recent history - but is very much the story of the house and part of the story of the village and this is what the Chedworth WI would like to record - but we can only do it with your help. So please do help us out. We are so grateful.

If are happy to do this or have any questions please do email me at emma@notout.co.uk , with pictures and/or scanned artworks, post them to me at Ballingers Hill House, Ballingers Hill, GL54 4AQ or just drop them in the large plastic box outside our front door! Thank you in advance.

Polite church

"The congregation was wonderful," said the visiting minister after the Zoom service. "They were so polite that they even covered their mouths when they yawned."

Other side?

Caller (enquiring about legal requirements while travelling in France): "If I register my car in France, do I have to change the steering wheel to the other side of the car?"

WI - How to make a face mask

HOW TO MAKE A FACE MASK

Materials

- cotton fabric, tightly woven
- 1/8" elastic, or fabric ties

Tools

- sewing machine and thread
- scissors
- ruler
- sewing pins or clips

Instructions

1. Cut the fabric.

For an adult size mask, cut 1 fabric rectangle 16" long and 8.5" wide. Cut 2 pieces of elastic, each 7" long. Or, cut 4 fabric ties 18" long. For a child-size mask, cut 1 fabric rectangle 14" long and 6.5" wide. Then, cut 2 pieces of elastic, each 6" long.

2. Sew the top side, with a pocket opening.

Fold the fabric in half, with the right sides facing. Sew along the 8.5" width edge, using a 5/8" seam allowance. Leave a 3" opening in the center of this seam to create an opening for the filter pocket, and to allow the mask to be turned right side out after sewing. Press the seam open. Topstitch/zig-zag stitch along both sides of the seam for a neater edge.

3. Pin Elastic or Fabric Ties.

Pin one piece of elastic to each side of the mask, one end to the top corner and one end to the bottom corner. If using fabric ties, pin one tie to each corner, with the rest of the tie sandwiched inside the two layers of fabric.

4. Sew the Sides.

Sew the sides of the facemask. Backstitch over the elastic or fabric ties to secure them. Clip the corners, turn the mask right side out, and press with an iron.

5. Sew the Pleats

Create three evenly spaced 1/2" pleats. Pin the folds in place, making sure all pleats are facing the same direction. Sew down each side to secure the pleats. Note: When the mask is worn, the pleats should open downwards to prevent any particles from collecting in the fold pockets.

6. Washing the mask

If you can, make the mask of cotton material that can be washed in a washing machine and wash after each wearing.

NB. Current Scientific thought is that the mask is more for others protection than your own.

Where is this?



Do you know where this is?

Answer on page 36.

Simon Colbeck



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Your Gardening Tips



May has been an odd month hot and cold, wet and dry and we could be in for some more dry weather so keep the water butts full! We should, however, be free of frosts by now.

- Weeds will grow rapidly and need be controlled by hoeing, digging out or weed killer.
- Dead head flowers to keep them looking tidy.
- Cut back (or mow) daffodils that have died back, if not already done.
- Plant out summer bedding if not already done, and stake tall or floppy plants
- Shade greenhouses when the sun is at its hottest.
- It is time to prune spring flowering shrubs and overcrowded stems of clematis
- Dig out tree and shrub suckers
- Keep sowing more salad seeds for continuous cropping, and carrots and beetroot for second crops. Try to avoid pulling carrots to thin them. It better to snip the tops off seedlings to thin them. Beetroot

thinnings, however, respond well to being planted out for an extra crop. To improve germination of lettuce seeds in high summer, cool the soil with water before sowing and then place a board over the seedbed for two or three days Sow radishes in succession, before the ground gets too hot, as they tend to bolt in very warm weather.

- Keep the herb bed stocked by continuous sowings.
- Plant out potted courgettes and French beans if not already done.
- Keep an eye on tomato plants to avoid them drying out and pinch out side-shoots. Feed when flowers have set.
- If you want to grow your own spring bedding plants for next year, many, including wallflowers and pansies need to be sown before July in order to flower next spring.
- Trim back trailing plants to encourage fresh growth.
- Keep tying in rambling roses.
- Keep a daily look out for pests such as aphids and remove as soon as infestation is seen. Keep slugs off your hostas, delphiniums, lilies, and vegetables by constant vigilance! Keep use of chemical controls to a minimum to avoid killing pest predators such as ladybirds, lacewings and hoverflies.
- Hellebore seeds can be harvested and sown immediately. They will

Your Gardening Tips

need winter frost to start germination..

- Add grass mowings to the compost heap in thin layers, or mix with other vegetation
- Liquid feed containerized plants every two to four weeks.
- Divide primroses after flowering, planting them in a nursery bed until

they are ready to be planted in the autumn.

- This a good month to take soft wood cuttings such as Fuchsia, Hydrangea, Philadelphus, Lavender, Rosemary and Forsythia

Simon Colbeck

*Chairman Chedworth & District
HORTSOC*

Who cares about social distancing?



Thanks to Annette Seymour for this lovely photo

Hill & Valley Tennis Club

Note from the Chair

Court 1 reopened on the 14th May

At the time of going to press the Tennis Club had just announced that Court 1 would reopen from the 14th May for restricted play in accordance with government and LTA guidelines.

We had predicted that tennis would be one of the first sports to be permitted once lockdown restrictions were eased as it lends itself to social distancing rules. Safety does, however, remain of paramount importance during the current coronavirus pandemic and before reopening the club the committee worked very hard to ensure that we complied with all the LTA guidelines. On behalf of our members I would like to thank everyone on the committee who helped to clear the courts, move benches, carry out a risk assessment, compile, print, issue and display safety guidelines, organise the provision of hand sanitisers and make the necessary adjustments to our online booking system.

At the moment it is only possible to play singles with someone from another

household. Doubles are permitted if all four people are from the same household which is a wonderful opportunity for families to exercise together, whatever the standard of play even if they are just practising ball skills.



Hopefully we will also soon be able to offer individual coaching for both children and adults.

Tennis has always had a lot to offer as a sport and now, more than ever offers a safe and enjoyable way to keep fit. If you are tempted to give it a try please contact our membership secretary Caroline Baker. We are also aware that some households have additional family and friends in lockdown with them. If they would like to play whilst they are here we can offer 3, 4 or 6 month pro rata memberships.

We look forward to seeing you on court!

Rosemary Scott-Smith

QUIZ

The quiz is still open until the Friday June 12th, it is shown in May's edition of this magazine or you can download it from the website

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC

Please email your answers to hillandvalleylta@gmail.com

A can of tennis balls will be awarded to the first three correct answers drawn'

The results will be published in the July edition.

STROUD WINTER LEAGUE

This is a relaxed mixed doubles league which is run on Sunday mornings throughout the Winter. There are three divisions with six teams in each (five home and five away matches). In Winter 2019/20 we were in Division 2. Sadly due to lockdown we were unable

to complete all matches, but we played 9 out of our 10 matches and finished second in Division Two, with 7 wins and 2 losses.

The full results can be seen on the website

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC



Larch cones by Mark Aveline

I think this was taken at Galley Hill Copse where I took the front cover photo.

Julie Young

Manor Farm News



TB test, grazing and silage making

We completed our TB test on the 1st of May. All cattle over 6 weeks old were injected with avian and bovine TB serum, with skin measurements taken on Tues 28th April, then the test was read (checking for any reaction) on Fri 1st May. With a 6am start and a break for breakfast, all 440 animals were injected by 12.30 on the Tuesday and the finished by 8.30 on the Friday with a clear test result.

TB testing program

If you have a reactor you need to pass 2 'short interval tests' - each test has to be completed 60 to 90 days after the previous test - this keeps going until 2 consecutive clear tests are achieved.

The next stage is a 6 month interval and test again. If this is clear you get put onto annual testing.

Over the last 16 years we have always failed on the annual test and had to start again. To pass this annual test was a fantastic result for us.

Pasture quality and silage

This spring conditions have been near perfect to produce high quality grazing. It's mid May as I write and we are half way through the second grazing rotation. The cow's diet is currently about 90% grazed pasture 5% Fodder beet and 5% concentrate.

These cows milk to their best and produce better quality milk when fed a high forage diet. We are currently producing some of the best quality milk for this time of year, that we have seen for a long time - thanks primarily to the



dry, sunny conditions producing very good quality grazing.

Hopefully we can make silage from some of this forage next week. This will be used to feed milking cows over the winter. Judging when to mow is a balancing act between quantity and quality, needing enough to make it worthwhile doing the job, whilst maintaining high quality to produce milk through the winter.

As I walk the farm at the moment it is good to see and hear the wide variety of birds we have around. Many of which are nesting at the moment. Thanks to the many insects we also have - beetles, spiders, bumble bees and butterflies - to name a few, they should be well fed this summer.

Rob Richmond

Right-click

Tech Support: "I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop."
Customer: "OK."
Tech Support: "Did you get a pop-up menu?"
Customer: "No."
Tech Support: "OK. Right-click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?"
Customer: "No."
Tech Support: "OK, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?"
"Customer: "Sure. You told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click'."



The twins had been doing Messy Church at home.

Lockdown Photo Challenge #5

The Results

Here are Ivan's top 5 photos

Louise Rotherford - Skyline, Treeline and Gate Lines, Roman Villa



Love this image, and just pipped James to the top spot - the low vantage point, close to the gate really emphasises the lines, as the gate points to the distant trees and horizon lines. Also, nice to have the balance of the other side of the gate, which stops the image falling off the edge, gives the eyes another resting place on the journey round the image. The tree cover on the upper right stops that being an empty space too, and the colour balance and exposure are spot on - great image!

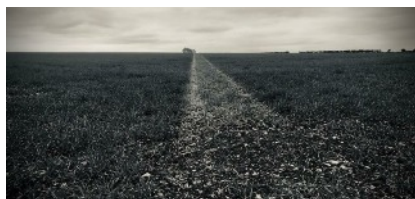
James Sleightholme - Field Lines



Second place this week goes to James for this very strong image. Minimising the sky to a sliver at the top of

the image, really focusses the eye on the lines in the field, but also the walls and horizon (with that superb row of trees) which all converge on a tiny tree in the top right of the image. A great combination of simple, almost abstract, lines while also being a strong landscape photo too, with a final point for your eyes to be led to. Great work James.

David Hayward - footpath to the Red Sheds (wherever that is!!)



My pick for third place goes to this image by David. A very nice mono image, moody atmosphere. A minimalist approach, which makes the subtle lines and off centre horizon, with tiny trees peaking over the top, even stronger. A lovely creative shot - nice work!

Sandra Marskell - Trees and Dirt Track in Calmsden



Fourth place goes to Sandra. Similar to James' image, I loved the convergence of the track and trees to a point just off-centre, which I always think is

stronger than dead central (although that can also work well with the right image). Lovely strong composition, great colour and an all round strong interesting image and good interpretation of Lines. Well done Sandra!

Sue Robertson - lines near Yanworth



Fifth place for Sue. Where do I start? So many lines, all moving in pleasing harmony, with the gate as a strong graphic focus while your eye wanders and discovers all the other lines in the scene. Plus that vibrant yellow and blue sky just gives it a wow factor. Great shot Sue.

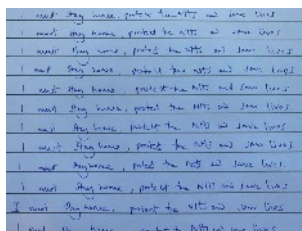
Honourable Mentions

David Musgrave - Commemorative Lines



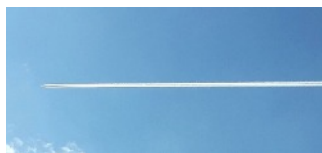
Very simple and striking image for the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Benjamin Sturges - written lines



I wondered if someone might interpret Lines in this way when I set the challenge! Good to see I'm not the only one! This nicely captures both Lines and what this lockdown malarkey is all about, so (almost) top marks to Ben for this "out of the box" thinking!

JB - Airline



A very simple graphic image with nice panoramic type composition. Reminds us of times gone and to come again, while being pleasing to look at. Good job!

Richard Abraham - Field Stripes



Another creative interpretation of the Lines remit and nicely executed to show the lines to full advantage. If you work out how to achieve this look let me know!

St James the Least of All

On how to run your notice board

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your decision to place a notice board outside your church seems a good one - and its design in blue plastic with luminous red detachable letters seems entirely in keeping with the aesthetics of your building. Make sure that it is lockable, however, as an innocent notice saying 'all are welcome' may be modified by a devotee of anagrams to say something far less polite by the following day.

We recently replaced ours, which had disappeared shortly before last bonfire night. That the Scouts' bonfire had a board which closely resembled our old one in its centre was, I am sure, a complete coincidence. The Venture Scouts' collective smirk during the following week's Parade Service did give one pause for thought, and the Cubs' collapse into helpless laughter at the chorus 'So light up the fire and let the flames burn' only increased suspicion.

On reflection, you may not have been wise to use your notice board to tell everyone your holiday dates. Certainly, various local burglars were tripping over each other inside the vicarage while you were away. However, the note the last one left you, saying that next time he broke in, he would bring you something,



since you had so little left, was quite touching.

Inevitably, now that your church has a notice board, there will be open warfare over who is allowed to display notices on it. Will the Slimmers Club be seen as biblical? Why is the Ladies Guild notice twice as large as all the others? And do remember that while everyone will want space to display their notices, no one will ever remove them once the event is over. Plaintive announcements of Christmas parties in April or of Summer Fetes in November only serve to take people down memory lane.

Here's the best way to manage a notice board: create that panacea for all problems: a sub-committee. These poor people only ever exist in order to get the clergy out of tight corners and to make sure that matters are discussed at such inordinate length that every issue eventually dies a natural death. And if even that fails, you could have a quiet word with our Scouts before next year's bonfire night.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Colour by Numbers



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"I think I've finally become fully accepted here. After 25 years, the villagers have stopped calling me, The new incumbent !"

Teddy Bear dot to dot

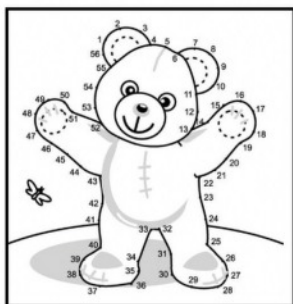
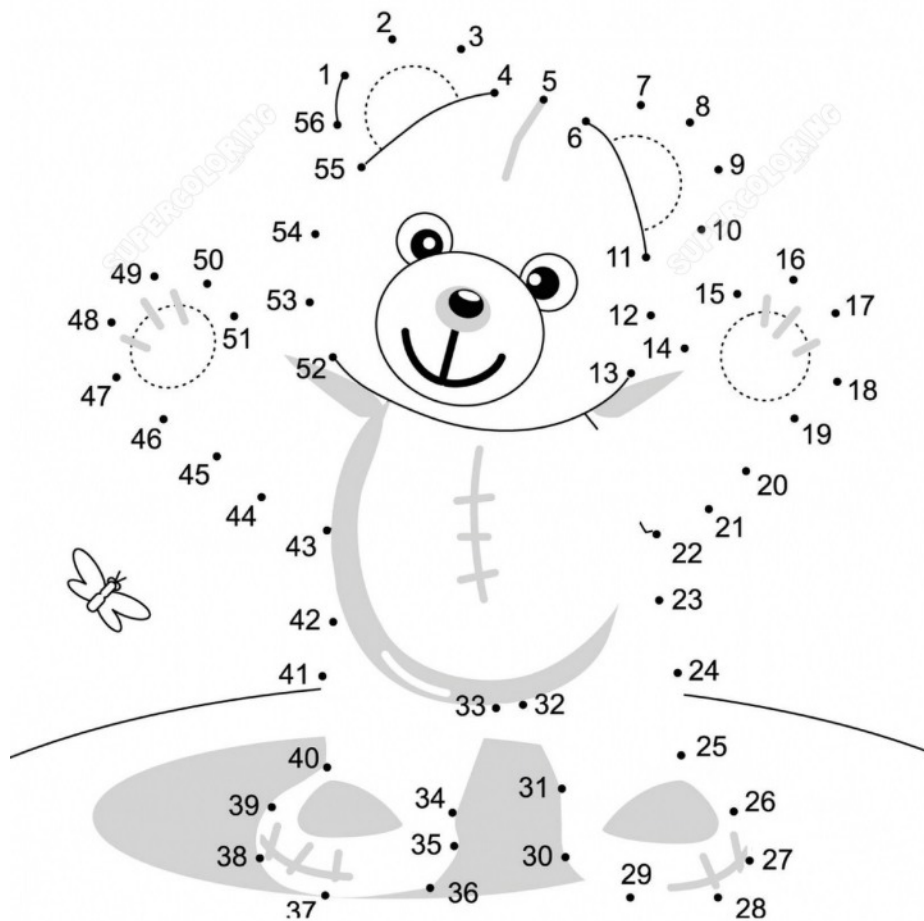


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9	2	5	6	3	8	7	1	4
4	1	3	2	7	5	6	9	8
5	3	6	8	2	7	9	4	1
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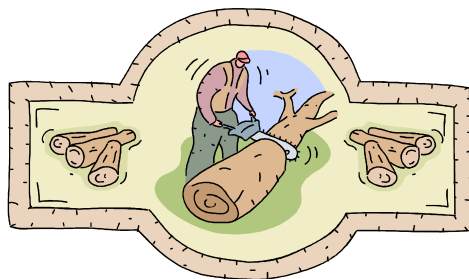
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