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Stephen's Letter

Message from the Mothership

"3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.." 2 Corinthians 1v3-4

Incoming message from The Mothership to Chedworth & District:
"Be kind to your mothers! In lockdown, mothers everywhere are facing many difficulties. Younger mothers are struggling with home-schooling their children. Elderly mothers are anxious about being vulnerable to COVID. Mothers with families at home will be cooking more meals, doing more tidying up - and giving more hugs - than ever before! And there's no escape! Mothering Sunday is approaching - so make sure you look after these special ladies in your lives, and give them a treat!"

We all know that Mothering Sunday (March 14th) is the day we should give thanks to God for our mothers and to make sure they have a special day (although, of course, we should look after our mothers all the time!). But why? And just what is this mysterious Mothership, broadcasting this important message to Chedworth & District?

Well, you'll be pleased to hear that The Mothership is not an alien spacecraft, waiting to invade the earth and subjugate humanity to abject slavery! No, The Mothership is your local parish church,

with its message of comfort from God through Jesus Christ's sacrifice for us, a message that, on the contrary, we hope will liberate humanity in these difficult times.

Mothering Sunday was not originally about mothers, but about mothering. It was a time in mid-Lent when people working away from home returned to their home community - and home church - for some home comforts. The church's message at Mothering Sunday is that all human nurture and care, which (hopefully) we first experience from our earthly mother, is a gift from God, who is bringer of eternal comfort and spiritual nurture, through the sacrificial work of Jesus.

There will be a Zoom service for all the family on Mothering Sunday, so be ready to heed the message, and beam up....to The Mothership!

With blessings for Lent,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for March 2021

At the time of printing, the usual pattern of Sunday services in our parishes is voluntarily suspended because of the national lockdown (see below). Here is the calendar of Sundays in the Christian year for February, 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 01285 720392.

Sunday 7th March - Third Sunday in Lent

Looking Up, available from Friday 5th March.

Video Service released on Sunday 7th March.

Sunday 14th March - Mothering Sunday

Looking Up, available from Friday 12th March.

Zoom Mothering Sunday Service at 10.30 am on Sunday 14th March.

Sunday 21st March - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Looking Up, available from Friday 19th March.

Video Service released on Sunday 21st March.

Sunday 28th March - Palm Sunday

Looking Up, available from Friday 26th March.

Zoom Morning Service at 10.30 am on Sunday 28th March.

Easter Service details to be announced in due course (see below).

Please look out on **email/social media** for any short-notice changes of arrangements following new national regulations. We will be reviewing the situation concerning our service provision again at Easter.

Lockdown & Church Services

As you know, the national lockdown is still in force, and the COVID vaccination programme continues. Many

members of our congregations are older or otherwise clinically vulnerable - and we are aware that many parishioners are still cautious about attending church at present, which is entirely understandable.

Church Briefing

Consequently, even though we can legally offer public worship, the churchwardens and I, with the approval of the PCCs, have made a decision to voluntarily suspend our in-person Sunday worship, as this will best protect our most vulnerable members, and show solidarity with the situation faced by our community as a whole.

Please note, however, that the pattern of Sunday Zoom and Video Services will continue. *Looking Up* will be available on a weekly basis on Fridays. And, importantly, our parish churches will remain open for private prayer.

We intend to run in-person, outdoor services during Holy Week and Easter, as this is the most important time of the Christian year, and we hope that you will join us then.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Also, if you have any pastoral concerns, or are aware of anyone in need, please do let me know.

Easter Services

We will be holding outdoor services at Easter. These will include a **Good Friday Gathering at 11 am on Good Friday (Friday 2nd April)** and an **Easter Sunday Service at 10.30 am on Easter Day (Sunday 4th April)**, both in Chedworth churchyard. Further details will follow in the near future.

Lent Group

Our Lent Group this year will take place on **Tuesdays in Lent - Tuesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March - via Zoom, at 7.30 pm.**

We will be reflecting on some well-known Bible passages chosen by members of the Ministry Team:

- Tuesday 2nd March - Mark 12v28-31 - chosen by Helen Oldham
- Tuesday 9th March - 2 Corinthians 5v11-21 - chosen by Teresa Irving
- Tuesday 16th March - 1 Corinthians 13v4-13 - chosen by Sheila Bowley
- Tuesday 23rd March - 1 Kings 18v25-39 - chosen by Stephen GS

If you would like to join, please contact Rev'd Stephen on stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com to get the Zoom link.

Do you have Star Quality?

Chedworth's Got Talent has now been rescheduled for **Saturday 17th July** this year and will take place at **Chedworth Playing Field**.

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

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

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.

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.

From the Registers

Funerals

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

Betty Smith - Cheltenham Crematorium - 1st February.

Samuel George Armstrong Vestey - St Michael's Church, Yanworth - 11th February.
Ian Dunbar Smallman - St James the Great, Coln St Dennis - 15th February.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
1 to 2-Mar		Fields Road Closure - tree work	Fields Road
08-Mar	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Zoom
10-Mar	19:15	WI - talk on his Ride Around Britain by William Reddaway	Zoom
15-Mar		Rolling road closure through Withington Woods until 1 April	Withington Hill
28-Mar	01:00	<i>British Summer Time begins - put clocks forward 1 hour</i>	
12-Apr	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Zoom
14-Apr	19:15	WI -	
10-May	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	
12-May	19:15	WI - Resolutions. Who Am I? discussion	
21-May	13:15	HortSoc Garden Visit to South Wood Farm, Honiton	Honiton
24-May		Annual Parish Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
04-Jun		HortSoc Garden Visit to Iford Manor	Bradford on Avon
09-Jun	19:15	WI - Garden meetings (tbc)	
12-Jun		Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament	
14-Jun	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	
24-Jun		HortSoc Garden Visit to Allt-y-Bela, Monmouthshire	
12-Jul	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	
14-Jul	19:15	WI - Milking Parlour to Pulpit talk by Canon Morris	
17-Jul		HortSoc Garden Visit to The Newt, Bruton, Somerset	Bruton
17-Jul		Chedworth's Got Talent	Chedworth Playing Field
09-Aug	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	
11-Aug	19:15	WI - outing	
08-Sep	19:15	WI -	
10-Sep		Chedworth Charity Golf Day	Monmouth
13-Sep	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	
11-Oct	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	
13-Oct	19:15	WI -	
See www.hillandvalley.co.uk for more dates of events			

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

**Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Yanworth**

**Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers**

March 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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April 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



Learning to live as part of the wider community

A huge thank you to the local community for your overwhelming support in helping us support our pupils during this recent lockdown. We have had two very generous donations from local charities within the village and this has enabled us to buy more laptops for pupils to use and replenish our phonic book supplies ready for when children return.

The virtual fun run, which took place over November and December raised over £720, a phenomenal total for a virtual event. We are so grateful to the huge number of families within Chedworth and the surrounding villages, who supported this event. We have donated £25% of the final proceeds to

Sue Ryder, Leckhampton Court Hospice to help them with the important work they do all year round.

In other fundraising news, we are enormously thankful to our previous PTA committee, who raised a staggering amount of money for the school over the past few years. The new PTA committee have hit the ground running with our first ever virtual quiz in February. It was so heart-warming to see so many local faces on the screen- a special thank you in particular to the WI, who put together a very good team.

You will hopefully have read about our exciting new building project on Facebook, Nextdoor and Twitter. We are one of the first schools to receive the government decarbonisation grant and works are already well underway.

Planning permission has been submitted for the school to install solar panels and air source heat pump units, which can be viewed on the local council website.



We are really looking forward to leading the way in our commitment to the environment and sustainability of the school.

Learning through an inspiring curriculum

While -once again- we are closed to the majority of pupils, their learning has been continuing online. We are immensely proud of every single student (and their incredibly committed and patient parents); the work they have been submitting is incredible. We have been sharing examples of this with 'Mystery Markers' each week. These Mystery Markers have included Nick Knowles, Adam Henson and Alistair Humphreys, who have been extremely complimentary about the quality of the work they have seen.

The children have made the most amazing cards, gifts and poems to share with people within their communities

and we would love hear from you if you'd like to receive something. Please email head@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk

Learning to live out our Christian values

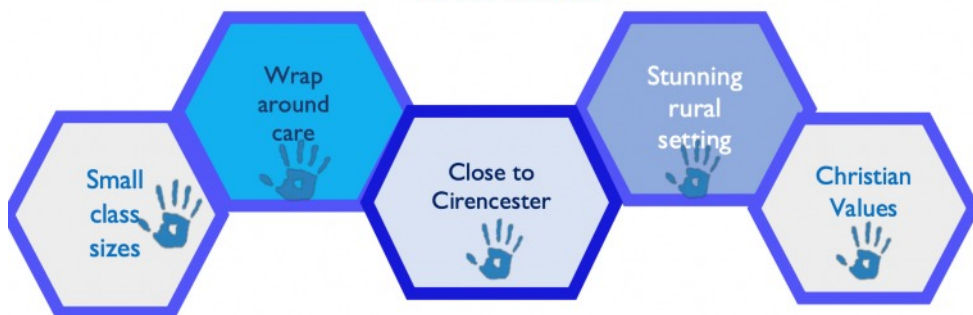
Our Christian values this term are 'Love and Respect' and, as always, the children are being kept well entertained while learning about these values in a Christian context thanks to Reverend Stephen.

Finally, we would like to express our deepest condolences to the friends and family of Lord Vestey at this most difficult time. Lord Vestey will be immensely missed from our local community and his support of our school was gratefully appreciated.

Mrs N Smith
Head Teacher



StAndrewsCofEI



We had great fun with National Story Telling week at Pre-School. Inside we had our puppet theatre out to provide lots of traditional tales to be retold - the children initiated making puppets to



retell the story of Goldilocks and the 3 bears. Outside we used a cut out of a balloon and used it to create our own story "That's not my balloon it is too.....". Muddy; rough and bumpy were some of the descriptive words the children used!

Chinese New Year provided a lovely learning experience for our children too! We watched a short clip of a "Lion dance" along with using chop sticks and trying a variety of different fruits - the

papaya was very popular! We feel it is very important that our children are introduced to a variety of traditions and cultures, within their younger ages so that they can build upon the wonderful multicultural and diverse society that we live in.

We were saddened by the news of Lord Vestey's passing. Lord Vestey had become Patron of Chedworth Pre-School and was always incredibly supportive towards our projects. We sent our

deepest condolences to the Vestey family.



In place of our Easter Egg hunt, we would like to hold an Easter raffle. If you would like to donate a raffle prize or buy a raffle ticket or two, please do get in touch! (Donations to be

with us by Friday 26th March; the draw will take place on Thursday 1st April)

Sarah Smith

For more information please take a look at our website

www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk

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

Chedworth Parish Council

Notes from our February and Budget meetings

Annual parish meeting delayed by Covid-19

The Parish Council has decided to delay the annual meeting, when members of the public can raise any issues they want and the council and charities give a report on the past year, in the hope that we may be able to have a proper face-to-face meeting.

Last year's annual meeting was the last time we met in the hall before the first lockdown and subsequent restrictions have forced us to hold meetings using Zoom. The annual meeting has to be held by early June and it was decided that we should do anything which gave us the chance, however slim, to have a 'real' meeting so it will take place on **Monday 24th May**.

Fields Road closure imminent

Fields Road is to be closed on 1st and 2nd March to allow Gloucestershire Highways to fell trees which are suffering from Ash Dieback. The official diversion is via the White Way and the Fosseway but it is likely that there will be more cars in the village so please take care.

A word of caution - the work due to take place at the end of January on the

road by the telephone kiosk at the top of the village was delayed so there is no guarantee that the work on Fields Road will take place at the time announced.

Planting for the future - are you interested in helping?

The idea of creating a community copse or orchard on parish land next to the mobile phone pole has been discussed at the parish council following a suggestion by Alan McLellan.



There are plenty of organisations which will provide the trees but in order to go ahead we need a firm commitment from people who are prepared to undertake long-term maintenance.

If you are interested in helping then please drop an email to the clerk (chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk).

Council takes control of parish verges

After more than a year of negotiations the parish council has finally agreed to take on the cutting of the verges from the county council.

Chedworth Parish Council

Thanks go to Ian Morgan who has had to contend with changes of staff and the many complications caused by COVID-19 to finally come up with a proposal which is acceptable to both sides. (There are more details in the report of the budget meeting below.)

Work finally scheduled to repair Withington Hill

More than two years after the work was due to be completed, the road through Withington Woods is due to be resurfaced later this month. The parish council and our county councillor, Paul Hodgkinson, worked hard to persuade the highways department to fix the road because we were so concerned that there would be a serious accident caused by the appalling surface.

After a number of hiccups the work is finally on the calendar and the road will be closed on a **rolling programme from 15th March to 1st April**. We are assured that signs will indicate if the closure is in force.

Help us keep a grip on icy roads

Just a quick reminder that if you notice that any of the grit bins need topping up please drop an email to the clerk. Thanks to those people who have already been in touch to let us know which bins were getting low.

Cash boost for Neighbourhood Plan

Groundwork, a charity which helps people improve their communities, has provided a grant of just over £1,000 to get work on the village Neighbourhood Plan off the ground.

The Steering Group is still looking for new members as it's important that it represents as broad a range of villagers as possible. If you would like to find out more or volunteers please contact Bella Amory (07808 724972)

Budget Meeting

At the end of January the Parish Council held its budget meeting - here is a summary of the decisions. The detailed budget is available in the meeting minutes on our website:

Budget drawn up with COVID-19 in mind

The Parish Council has set its budget for the coming year and has been able to reduce the amount of money villagers will have to pay in council tax.

It was felt that with so many people facing uncertainty over jobs and income because of the Coronavirus pandemic it was important that the council kept its figures as low as possible while still providing as good a service as possible.

One big change for the coming year is that we have included sufficient funds to enable us to take on total responsibility

for verges in the village. The final decision on whether we do the work will be taken shortly, but the proposal is to take over all verge cutting from the county council which will allow us to manage them in a much more environmentally friendly way. The good news is that much of the cost of the extra work will be paid back to us by the county council so although the £6,000 included in our budget is a large sum, this will be offset by income of more than £2,000.

One other new potential big spend item is the Neighbourhood Plan for which we have included £3,500 for next year. The hope is that much of the potential expenditure will come from grants but we have included the sum as a contingency.

Donations form the other potential big spend and we have included £6,300 to enable us to respond to requests for financial help throughout the year. New items which have been included and will be discussed during the year are £500 to provide Christmas lights to provide some festive cheer and £700 for a community copse or orchard on land next to the mobile phone pole.

The parish council income includes the £1,000 annual rent we receive from the mobile phone providers and potential rent from the parish storage facility which will hopefully be built early in the next financial year. Our income from

organisations renting the playing field took a hit this year and we anticipate next year may also be hit by COVID.

After some discussion the council took the decision to take money from our balances to enable us to keep down the amount we ask Cotswold District Council to collect on our behalf. It is important to have money available for unexpected emergencies but in previous years this sum had been growing and we have reduced it to a more acceptable level.

Last year we asked Cotswold District Council to precept just over £18,000 on our behalf and this year the total is just under £16,500. This means that a Band D property will pay £38.37.

Ros Jess

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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 Verge Group



remnant hay meadow species from cowslips to orchids.

Wide, wildflower-rich roadside verges used to be a traditional characteristic of limestone grassland areas such as the Cotswolds. Increased traffic has dramatically reduced verge width while recent poor management strategies have reduced their biodiversity.

Bringing Back the Wildflowers

Can any of us remember drinking cider, with or without Rosie, in the shade of a loaded wain during the hay harvest?

Large-scale haymaking is a thing of the past now that concentrate feeds have become more popular as winter stockfeed. Modern intensive grass production requires that wildflowers ("weeds") be clobbered by herbicides. As a result 97% of the UK's wildflower (hay) meadows have been lost since the 1930's and our rich diversity of wildflower species has declined with them.

But all is not yet lost. In the UK today the total length of rural roadside verge makes up around half of the remaining flower-rich grassland habitat and could provide a lifeline for the survival of

Within the Parish there have been two approaches to verge management over recent years both of which have led to a deterioration in the biodiversity value of the verges and, arguably, in their aesthetic appearance. Where landowners have close-mown verges several times during the growing season we have a tidy, grassy sward often devoid of wildflowers and supporting a limited range of species. Where managed for the last twenty years under Gloucestershire Highways' programme of repeatedly mowing only the first metre width, verges have a grassy roadside edge but the rest has been encroached by scrub - blackthorn, brambles, coarse grasses and nettles (see picture opposite). Although scrub is another valuable habitat, the roadside is not necessarily the best place for it and prevents landowners from maintaining their dry stone walls and fences.

Changing the management strategy to return our verges to a habitat rich in low-growing wildflower species, supporting a range of animal and bird species while providing corridors for species to move between other types of habitat such as woodland or wetland, is the objective of the "Chedworth Verge Group" which is supported by the Parish Council with invaluable guidance from the Cotswolds Conservation Board's grassland expert, local resident Harvey Sherwood.

The underlying principles are simple: wild flowers thrive in poorly-fertilised soils. Rank species like being fertilised. Do nothing and you will end up with scrub.

The new regime involves:

- delaying cutting until later in the season to allow wild flowers to flower and set seed
- removing the cut material before it rots down and fertilises the soil, preventing nutrient-loving grasses and nettles from thriving at the expense of low-nutrient-tolerant wildflowers



- cutting the entire width of the verge

We have made a good start on this project and hope that momentum will gather with the Parish Council's recent decision to retake control for the management of our verges from Gloucestershire Highways.

Cutting back vegetation at road junctions will still be undertaken as required for road safety and in the first seasons additional mowing of dominant species may be required but once the programme becomes established we should be able to enjoy at close quarters an abundance of locally characteristic plant species plus all the bees, butterflies, bats and bugs dependent on this habitat. And all achieved with far fewer fossil fuel-gobbling, noisy, smelly mechanical operations.

Volunteers would be welcome to help with surveying* and light scrub removal. If you want more information contact Ian Morgan via the Parish Council or have a look at verge initiatives at www.plantlife.org.uk

Susie Moore

**Indicator species we will be looking out for include:*

common bird's-foot trefoil • kidney vetch • oxeye daisy • rough hawkbit • cowslip • lady's bedstraw • salad burnet • betony • common rockrose • devil's bit scabious • great burnet • greater knapweed • horseshoe vetch • small scabious • wild thyme

Your Gardening Tips for March

It has been a wet and cold end to winter and the ground is still heavy with water with springs flowing strongly. Hopefully, we will have some drier weather to help us prepare the garden for the summer harvests. It does, however, look as if it will be cold for the next few weeks. The snowdrops and aconites have had a good showing, and now it is time for the daffodils to please our eyes.



- Avoid digging or planting in wet soil; working it damages the soil structure.
- Clear up weedy beds before mulching.
- Top up pots with fresh compost or replace completely, adding a thin covering of grit to deter slugs.
- Start sweetcorn inside or in warm greenhouse as it needs a long growing season.
- Prune to the ground autumn fruiting raspberry canes if not already done.
- If your rhubarb sends up flower stalks, remove them so the plant will focus on foliage production, not seed production.
- Most vegetables need full sun to perform well. If you have some shade, try growing cool season crops such as lettuce, spinach, radishes and cabbages.
- Plant shallots, onions and early potatoes, if the ground is not too soggy. Start brassicas and lettuces off indoors.
- Plant summer flowering bulbs, sow sweet peas outside, and protect all new shoots from slugs. If the weather warms up remove protective fleece and straw to avoid damage to new shoots.
- Lift and divide overgrown lumps of perennials. Divide hostas before they come into leaf.
- Prune back Cornus (Dogwood) and Salix (Willow) to two buds above ground level, and mulch to get a good showing of winter stems.
- Prune fruit trees.
- Insects cannot stand plants such as garlic, onions, chives and chrysanthemums. Grow these plants around the garden to help repel unfriendly insects.
- Prune winter flowering jasmine, once flowers have faded, then feed and mulch.
- Feed roses as they come into growth. This the best month for planting roses in heavy soils or cold areas. Prune bush and climbing roses.

- Remember to put in place any supports needed for tall border plants now to allow the plants to grow through them.
- Feed shrubs, hedges and especially newly planted trees with a balanced fertilizer such as Growmore or Blood Fish & Bone.
- This is a good month to start layering bushes such as Philadelphus

(Mock Orange), Forsythia, Cotinus (Smoke bush) and Lonicera. Buried stems should have taken root by next spring.

Simon Colbeck
Chairman Chedworth & District
HORTSOC

Chedworth Drama Group



Let's Make a Drama out of Lockdown!

Play readings on Zoom - Join us for a bit of fun! Act the Part!

Chedworth Drama Group will be organising a series of evenings to read some one act plays together over Zoom. Anyone who has an interest can join in. You don't have to become a member. You don't need any experience. All ages

are welcome and we would especially encourage young people to give it a try. One of our experienced actors will lead the sessions and he/she will ensure that everyone has the opportunity to read. You may be asked to read a part for a few pages or you may be asked to read all the parts for a page or two. We will see what works best in the circumstances. See and hear how different people interpret each part, often with hilarious consequences. Try out your favourite dialect or characterisation.

To join in the fun, please register your interest by submitting the form on contact page at www.chedworthdrama.co.uk and we will contact you with timings and other information about the events.

Stephen Scott-Smith

A WI Zoom meeting on February 10th with 27 members discussed topics including the success of the donation of 8 boxes of snacks, fruit and hand cream to Gloucestershire Royal Hospital ITU to the delight of the staff (see below).

Dr Jenny Richardson was introduced with her interesting talk about the Munitionettes in WW1. Pictures of their uniforms showed the thick material which proved to be work safe but not all the factories would offer this. It was very dangerous work and the use of TNT and other toxic materials caused their skin to become yellow and the girls were known as 'the Canary Girls'. They also suffered injuries to their eyes, fingers and hair.

The larger factories had their own clothes-making workshops and made the safer tunic and trouser uniforms. There was controversy with the wearing of trousers by the women. At the time there was criticism of the fact that women were undermining the men, known as 'reversing the role of Eve', war women in the guise of men.

As quoted from 'A Day in the Life of a Munitions Worker':
"Of all the roles women took on during the First World War their work in munitions factories was probably the most vital. Without the bullets and shells they produced the British Army couldn't have carried on fighting."

Jenny told us of the Factory in Quedgeley, close to Gloucester and that local historians have discovered that two women living in Chedworth were munitionettes and probably worked in Quedgeley.

After many questions to Jenny she was warmly applauded with many thanks from us.

The next meeting will be on March 10th on Zoom at 7.15pm with the talk from William Reddaway on his trip around England on horseback, visiting 30 cathedrals.

A warm wish to everyone and Take Care and Keep Safe.

Carol Bailey

How Chedworth WI and the Community supported the ITU at Gloucester Royal Hospital

At our January WI meeting (by Zoom of course) one of our members (a retired nurse) suggested that we might put together a donation of snacks and toiletries for the ITU at Gloucester Royal.

This idea had come about when she heard a interview on Women's Hour with an ITU nurse who expressed a

regret that the support from the public did not seem as forthcoming as in the first lockdown. The suggestion of a donation was welcomed with enthusiasm but we had two issues to answer first - what would the staff most like to receive and how best could we get it to them.

Our first problem was how to contact the ITU. This was surprisingly difficult as we didn't want to phone the ITU direct for obvious reasons but initially, there didn't appear to be any alternative means of contact. After much Google searching, the ITU's Charity came up with contact details and a quick phone call was all that was needed to answer both our queries.

We were given a list of the most popular items: individual wrapped chocolates (no surprise there), crisps, fruit, fruit drinks, hand cream etc. Getting it to them was relatively easy, we just had to let them know when we would deliver and someone would collect them from outside the Hospital.

Having solved these two issues, our Committee planned on how donations were to be collected, the final date for donations and then informed all the WI members. We decided we should enlarge the opportunity for donations by putting a notice in Nextdoor and the response from our members and the wider community has been amazing! We had

hoped to have 1 or 2 boxes but we ended up with 8 and large boxes at that! There was every sort of chocolate snack, an entire crate of fruit, individual fruit drinks and 2 boxes of hand cream, moisturizing cream, etc, plus a variety of other items.



The admin staff who collected the boxes were amazed by the quantity that we were donating and needed two supermarket type trolleys to collect everything. They were most appreciative that we had done something worthwhile to show those hard working and exhausted staff that we had not forgotten them.

Thanks to Sue Nashe who suggested the idea, Mick Marsh and Emma Isaac for acting as the two collection sites, and Richard and Emma Isaac for delivering the boxes to the hospital.

Finally a special thank you to everyone who donated - without you there would have been no donation.

Lord Vestey



The tributes in the national media to Lord Vestey, who died on 4th February, have understandably focused on his business interests, horse racing and official appointments. However, having lived in the Cotswolds for most of his life, he was foremost a countryman and the steward of the Stowell Park Estate and was very much a landowner and farmer. He took a keen interest in the estate staff, his tenants and the local area and organisations. He was especially interested in conservation and the environment as seen in the high standard of maintenance on the estate with the restoration of stone walls, hedge and tree planting schemes. He was keen on country sports and was a supporter of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust. In 2000 the estate undertook a landmark scheme and built four alms houses, designed for the

elderly, in the estate yard for retired estate staff. Lord Vestey was a frequent visitor.

He took great pleasure in opening the Stowell Park Gardens to the public in the summer on several Sundays raising funds for Stowell and Yanworth Churches, the Royal British Legion, the National Garden Scheme and other nominated charities. The last time that we visited, he was standing by the fish ponds and explained that there had been a steep decline in the fish population but said that he could not be annoyed, as they had been taken by otters which had re-colonised the River Coln after an absence of many years. A sure sign that the river water quality had improved.

Lord Vestey was a regular worshipper at Stowell and Yanworth Churches, where he was church warden and he ensured that the churches were maintained to a high standard. He enjoyed attending village events such as the harvest supper and the Christmas staff party. Over the years, he raised large sums for restoration work at Gloucester Cathedral.

Cricket was one of his great passions. He was a keen supporter and a past Patron of Gloucestershire County Cricket Club and regularly attended their matches, particularly the one day limited over finals at Lords, where Gloucestershire had a very good record. The estate has its own cricket ground

which is home to the Stowell Park Club and the Gloucestershire Gypsies.

He took a great interest in local organisations as recorded by the number of community buildings that he officially opened, including the Chedworth Village Hall in 1976 and the Westwoods Surgery in 2003. Lord Vestey was President of the Chedworth Silver Band, who often played at Stowell Park. It was a tradition from 1948 that the band played at Stowell Park on Christmas Eve. Lord Vestey was greatly saddened that last year the band had to break tradition due to COVID-19.

He followed with interest the development of our local schools, youth organisations sports clubs, the Chedworth Horticultural Society and others.

Lord Vestey was very affable, as illustrated by a story told to us by an acquaintance of ours who lives in Northleach. He was in the Wheatsheaf one evening when Lord Vestey called in to collect his daughter, who was working there in the holidays. Lord Vestey struck up a conversation and asked whether our acquaintance was local, which he confirmed. Knowing full well who Lord Vestey was he thought it would be interesting to ask him the same question, to which Lord Vestey replied "Yes, I live just up the road!"

Lord Vestey's encouragement, support and involvement in our locality will be very sadly missed.

Robert Young



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A Tribute to Brian Kennell

A tribute to Brian Kennell,
1946-2020, The School
House, Chedworth



I only had the pleasure of knowing Brian for the last two years, and our relationship was truly forged over the last 12 months. I would like to offer a brief recollection of my recent memories of our neighbour, a modest and dignified man,

Brian had battled with cancer for many years and thus over the period of the pandemic we offered to help him where we could. I had offered to help him with his garden while my partner Amy would help with his weekly shopping and it was during this period we learnt so much

about him and his time as long standing resident of Chedworth village. Living opposite Brian, it was always noticeably clear that he had pride in his garden. He took immense pleasure in guiding me through the workings of his mower, the right settings for various times of year, and the most efficient way to get round the lawns. Despite his weak condition he would always help where he could. On one occasion I recall catching him scaling his step ladder to attempt to jump down the excess garden waste in his green bin, fortunately talked down at the last minute!

A staple on his shopping list was a Fursty Ferret Ale (room temperature of course) and on a summer's afternoon we used to sit in his garden putting the world to rights while he imparted his knowledge on numerous subjects. Sometimes the conversation kept local ranging from a brief history of the Seven Tuns over the last four decades, to his local plant sales and many other Chedworth antics he'd witnessed through his time as a local tradesmen.

Brian had a passion for sport, as a player in the Leicester City youth team, he was an avid fan and loved to discuss his beloved Leicester City's best formation for this season, or review the recent performances, always a tough but fair critic.

He adored his two daughters Nicola and Mel who lovingly checked up on him at

all available moments. I recall popping over one afternoon to see if he wanted a chat through the window, where he explained that with the amount of chatting he'd already done that day, the only thing he truly wanted to do was catch up on the Snooker!

Brian, a modest and content man with overwhelming pride for his daughters who he loved to visit in Scotland and Poole. A man who knew a Marks and Spencer steak and kidney pie from all lesser alternatives. I'll remember him as

an (all weather) shorts-wearing, sports-loving, ale-drinking gardener and Chedworth Legend. He passed away peacefully at The School House on 8th December with Nicola and Mel by his side.

Donations in memory of Brian can be made to Kate's Home Nursing, who supported Brian and the girls through his final days. kateshomenursing.org

*Simon Bird
The Station House, Chedworth*



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Season Wild Flowers - The Primrose

The scientific name *Primula vulgaris* refers to the fact that the primrose is among the first flowers to appear in spring. When the first primroses start to bloom in March, they are a sign of spring and hopefully warmer weather. There is an old Cotswold saying that winter is not over until after the end of the Cheltenham race meeting in March!



Wild primroses prefer moist heavy soil and are found in deciduous woodland, hedgerows, roadside banks and old grassland. Primroses are one of the species that are an indicator of ancient woodland and thrive particularly in coppiced woods where there is plenty of light; they also require years of shade to suppress the tall grasses and other non woodland plants that would overwhelm them outside woods. They prefer light

shade and regular bursts of light to flower and set seed. The beneficial impact of coppicing is illustrated by an area of coppice in Buff Wood, Cambridgeshire that was cut for the first time in over 60 years. The primroses, which had been inconspicuous, began to flower in the following November and produced at least a hundred times their usual output of flowers for the next eighteen months.

Although most primroses are yellow, they can produce flowers in a range of shades from deep yellow to palest cream. The flowers are borne singly on shaggy hairy stalks, saucer shaped with five pale yellow petals and orange-yellow eye.

The primrose produces two kinds of flower and their sticky seeds are produced only when pollen from one sort of flower is transferred to the other. One flower has the stigma showing in the flower centre, with the anthers placed further down to the tube formed by the petals. The other has a ring of anthers in the flower centre, with the stigma further down the tube. Their slightly sticky seeds attract ants, which disperse them.

As primroses bloom when few insects are about, the flowers are often not pollinated. In 'The Winters Tale', Shakespeare wrote of "pale primrose that die unmarried". Although Shakespeare mentions primroses as a harbinger of spring in several of his plays, in 'Cymbeline' he calls them "feint" and "pale", and he sighs that they flower so early in the year that they never live to see the summer sun. Companion flowers include cuckoo flower, greater stitchwort and wild strawberry.

In the Middle Ages, a concoction made from primroses was used as a remedy for gout and rheumatism. An infusion of the roots was taken for nervous headaches and has been used commercially in cough syrups. The leaves and flowers can also be used as a tea to alleviate anxiety, insomnia and migraines. It was one of the flowers used in the preparation of love potions. The young leaves can be used as a green vegetable or in salads.

Traditionally, primroses have been picked as presents for parents and to decorate churches. In some areas it has

been customary to pick primroses on Good Friday to decorate churches. In Victorian times, it was the custom to plant primroses on the graves of small children.

Primroses were an important cash crop with vast quantities being sent from country areas by train to London and other cities. This practice was particularly prevalent in Devon. In the South Hams district in 1978 approximately 13,000 boxes of primroses containing 1,300,000 blooms were mailed out. However in the light of increasing concern at the environmental impact and a perceived reduction in primrose numbers, the custom was ended. Interestingly, in 1977 a team of ecologists from Plymouth Polytechnic were invited to carry out an independent assessment of the practice and monitored a number of trial plots. Their preliminary conclusion was that the level of picking carried out was not a serious biological threat to the survival of the primroses, especially as the individual plants seemed to have a life of about 15 to 20 years.

Robert Young

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Club News

We have great hopes of being able to re-start tennis this month and all fingers are crossed.

The new membership year starts on 1st March and we invite existing members to renew their subscription via our website where you'll see a variety of membership levels which hopefully everyone should feel are suitable as we remain one of the lowest cost membership clubs in the region for two all-weather courts with floodlights.

If you would like to join the club or would like to find out more please get in touch with our Membership Secretary, Caroline Baker, 07733 322176
carolinebaker75@gmail.com

Coaching News

Our regular coaching sessions with James Morris and training sessions with Hilary Swan will resume as soon as we can.

In the meantime our coaching team has been busy planning activities for both Adults and Juniors for the Easter holidays as we are optimistic that play will resume by then. Our Club coach James Morris will be bringing along Tom Wyman LTA level 3 coach to help with all the Easter activities at the club.

All Junior activities are open to non-members.

Please make a note of the following for your diaries.

Junior Easter Camps Age 4-12

Hugely popular group session for all abilities of children aged 4 - 12, lots of games to promote hand eye coordination, teamwork, stroke technique whilst having great fun and making new friends.

Tuesday 6th April 9am - 12pm

Wednesday 7th April 12pm - 3pm

Tuesday 13th April 9am - 12pm

Wednesday 14th April 12pm - 3pm

Teens/ Young Adult Clinics

Wednesday 7th April 4pm - 6pm

Teens/young adult

Wednesday 14th April 4pm - 6pm

Teens/young adult

Adult Clinics

Tuesday 6th April 1pm - 3pm

Beginner or Rusty Returner

Tuesday 6th April 4pm - 6pm

Intermediate/advanced

Tuesday 13th April 1pm - 3pm

Beginner or Rusty Returner

Tuesday 13th April 4pm - 6pm

Intermediate/advanced

New Cardio Tennis

Cardio Tennis is coming for the first time! It is a fun, sociable group fitness class set on a tennis court and open to people of all ages and abilities.

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Wednesday 7th April 10am - 11am

Wednesday 14th April 10am - 11am

All details will be on the website as soon as we have confirmation they can go ahead, please put these dates in your diaries. For any queries please get in touch with Chrissie Kenning, 07717 460240 chrissiekenning@hotmail.co.uk

Ladder

We were just about to run a singles ladder for all abilities before the last lockdown so this will start as soon as we can.

Wimbledon Tickets

Wimbledon is planning to go ahead with various scenarios being looked at. But there will be no public ballot this year, ticket holders from last year will be rolled over to this year. The organisers will be looking at options for additional

ticket provision. We are monitoring the situation and will keep you updated.

Keeping Tennis Fit

This is a good idea to help prevent injury for when we start playing again. There are lots of suggestions and ideas on the LTA website www.lta.org.uk and we have 3 top tips on the home page of our website.

We are looking forward to playing again soon!

Robert Baker
Chairman

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The Seven Tuns



Living through Lockdown

When pubs and hospitality establishments have to shut during lockdown, not everything to do with running them can stop completely. Essential admin and housekeeping still have to be done as well as planning for the day when the doors can be opened to customers again. But when you aren't able to work as normal there is a fair bit of frustration and tedium too. In this current COVID-19 lockdown, how have members of the Seven Tuns' team been occupying themselves and coping with being furloughed?



Lately **Tom's** been high profile, cooking up a storm online, sharing and demonstrating his recipes from his own

kitchen and building up quite a following for the Tuns' Cook at Home videos on YouTube and Facebook. He kicked off in January with *Tandoori Style Lamb Chops with Spicy Potatoes, Onion Bhajis and Mint Yoghurt* and since then has treated viewers to his delicious *Thai Beef Salad*, easy and affordable *Pizzas* for all the family to make and, his all-time favourite dish, *Beef Lasagne*.

Saturday 13 February saw a steady stream of villagers (and customers from further afield) leaving the pub, arms piled high with red-ribboned boxes containing the Tuns' special Valentines Cook at Home Boxed Dinner for Two. On the menu were *Pan fried Scallops and Black Pudding in a Pea Puree and Lemon Dressing* (Baked



Callum Davis collecting his Boxed Supper for Two

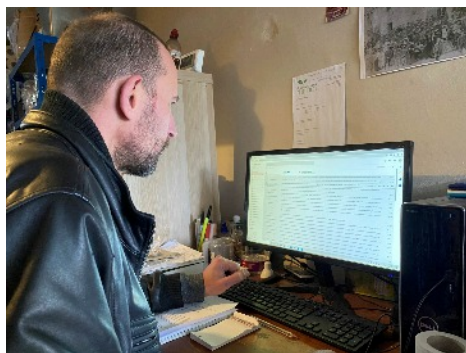


The Hasletts, all set for the evening!

Goats Cheese with Black Olives for vegetarians) followed by *Roast Rib of Beef with chips, tomato, mushrooms and pepper sauce (Mushroom Wellington* for vegetarians) and decadent *Chocolate Fondant with a Berry Compote and Crème Anglaise* for dessert. Eighteen couples ordered dinner for two, many taking advantage of the wine selection that **Simon** compiled at special prices and collecting bouquets by Pancake Hill Flowers to complete their evening. Everything needed to create the perfect meal was included, even a little forcing bag of pea puree, butter to finish the scallops with dressing and herbs for garnishing. Inside each order was another lovely touch - a poem written for the occasion by Tom's mother, Sue. Feedback from customers has been both enthusiastic and fulsome. "We were completely blown away by some of the lovely comments we had," says Simon.

"It's inspired us to come up with more ideas."

Although the success of the Valentine's evening was never going to be a make or break for the Tuns' finances, it did bring in some useful revenue and Simon says it was worth it just to keep up their profile and create some excitement for customers fed up with lockdown dragging on. "Back in March 2020 who would have bet on us being in a third lockdown a year later? Everyone who has been furloughed is struggling to find things to do to break the monotony of not working. However in my case, keeping The Seven Tuns here for when this is all finally over takes up quite a bit of my time. Bills must be paid and grants and furloughing claims must be made and chased. Forward planning and



Simon keeping up with admin

calculating how far the money we have in the bank will stretch is the cause of many sleepless nights". Simon actually made it out of the country in January and even saw some

The Seven Tuns

sunshine, although the amount of time he spent in quarantine and isolating vastly outweighed the duration of his visit. "Ilaria (my better half) was caught up in family matters in Italy, which has led to us being separated a lot lately, so it was good to spend some time with her over there. Air travel as we once knew it is a thing of the past, it's been replaced



There are worse views to have when quarantining!

with a stressful sequence of forms, Covid tests and long queues, only to be met with more of the same at one's destination - followed by two weeks of quarantine (and yet more Covid tests). I stayed in the beautiful medieval town of Casperia which is about an hour north of Rome. Not much happening as they were in full lockdown too, but definitely slightly better on the weather front and the view from my window was not too shabby, as you can see!"

Now that he's back in Chedworth with Ilaria, Simon is making plans with Tom for the next few months which include a Drive Through event on February 26th and ideas for March which will be promoted on social media.

Chris has been keeping fit, running and walking, as well as working with Freya who manages the social media content for the Tuns. "I've been making sure we are keeping up with regular posts as well as uploading the Tuns' home cooking videos Tom has been recording. Whilst



Chris on his daily exercise

Simon was in Italy I responded to the emails coming in and liaised with him regularly to ensure everything was running smoothly and was up-to-date. I've recently found a new love for audiobooks which I listen to when I go for my daily walk/run. That and Zoom catch-up calls with close friends have helped to keep the brain ticking over".

Josh says it's been quite a lazy period for him. "I've really not been up to much, mainly gaming and trying to build a new computer. But finding parts at the moment is very difficult with the explosion of popularity of gaming PCs and cryptocurrency mining! I use an app called Discord for chatting with mates while gaming with them. I've also been doing a lot of cooking and using the

cross trainer to try not to gain too much weight."



Josh - King of Gaming

Waty has also been in her kitchen, creating some wonderful Malaysian cuisine which she has offered via her Facebook page. Her *Beef Rendang, Chicken in Tamarind Sauce, Malay Beef (or Egg Noodle) Stir Fries*



Some of Waty's ready to go dishes

and her vegetable dishes have quickly sold out each time she has advertised. Waty's entrepreneurship augurs well for some authentic Malaysian dishes emanating from the Seven Tuns' kitchen once things reopen!

As Simon says, everyone is gritting their teeth and just finding their own way to

get through. "I try not to get too despondent at the various government pronouncements such as reopening without being able to sell alcohol or the figures for brewery and pub closures. If anything has characterised the UK's response to the pandemic it is the speed with which the rules and restrictions have to be amended as the situation changes. The worst part of this lockdown has been the grim weather, but mid-February brought the news of the UK having vaccinated 15 million people. As that momentum continues the outlook will be much improved, and everyone's mood will be further helped

by the longer days and better weather come April. Whilst we wait for that, Tom and I will be putting our efforts into events such as the upcoming Drive Through. We'll be posting more news and information on Facebook, Nextdoor and Instagram".

Claire Watson



Waty and her dog Biru

Tom creating in his kitchen at home



Stone Stiles in Gloucestershire

Could you help to discover more?

Did you know in the main in Gloucestershire there are three types of stone stiles - step, squeeze and slab? Step stiles are not so common. For centuries they have provided access across field boundaries to locals walking



along ancient pathways as they went about their business. Despite the historic value of these stiles scores of them have been abandoned and some lost forever.

Stone stiles are found in many areas of the county including around Chedworth and district.

In 2020 Peter Wilson, a member of CPRE, launched **'The Stone Stile Project'**. Peter has extensive knowledge of the history of stone stiles but was surprised to learn there was no comprehensive record of stiles in neither our county nor apparently elsewhere in the country. In association with



CPRE and the Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club, Peter's aim was have a record of every remaining stone stile in Gloucestershire before they were lost forever. Through support from these two groups and other keen walkers almost 450 stiles have been recorded but it's known there are at least 100 more stiles yet to be mapped.

When you are out walking, if you spot a stone stile, or if you know of an existing stile, please photograph it, if possible from both sides. Download a Stile Recording Form by going to the CPRE website,

<https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/creating-a-record-of-gloucestershire-stone-stiles/>
Please give as much information as possible before emailing the form to: peter.wilson@woodchestervillage.co.uk

Any 'duplicate' stiles are fine as you may have taken a better picture than one already on file.

With the many sightings of stiles across the county, Peter has now launched Phase 2 of the project. He is seeking help on a voluntary basis from local people with an historical knowledge of their own parish; also historians, geologists and archaeologist. The aim is to create a comprehensive record of the history of the stiles before some are 'lost' forever. If you can help with the next phase or have friends who can, please contact Peter.



The information received will then be made available to develop an interactive App. for the enjoyment of everyone who loves the

countryside. There is no doubt this will encourage more people to explore our

wonderful county adding to their enjoyment of country walks. It will also help wheelchair users and families with children in buggies to plan their walks.

If you would like to make a donation in support of **The Stone Stile Project** please go to the CPRE website where there is a 'Just Giving' page and more details on the Project.

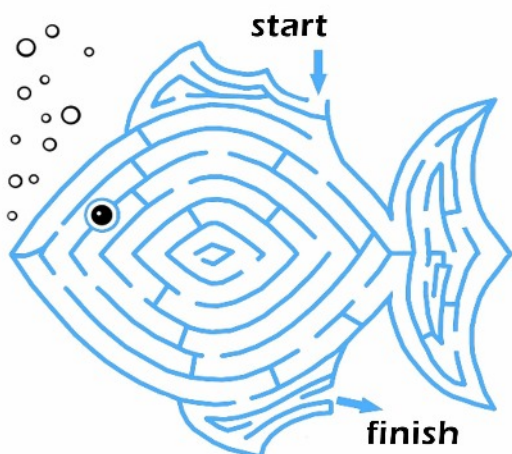
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Kids' Corner

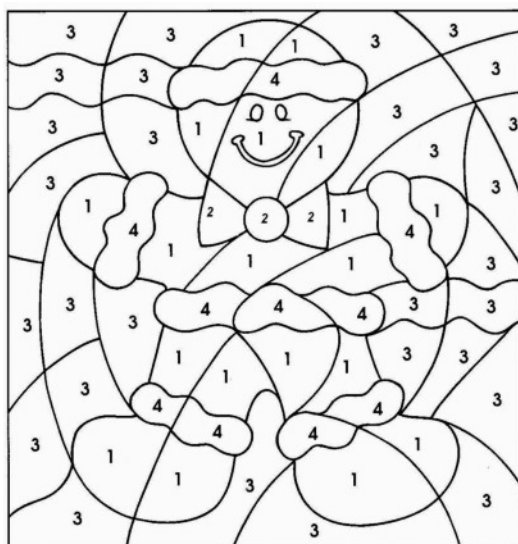
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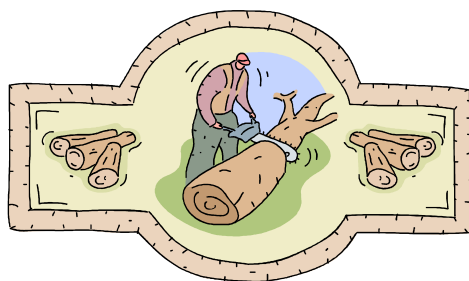
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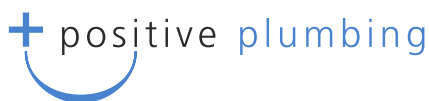
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