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Sue & Iain Robertson.
Coordinators for this edition.

Stephen's Letter

The Animals & Me

"And God said, 'Let the land produce living creatures according to their kind; livestock...wild animals...and God saw that it was good,'"
Genesis 1v24-25

Animals are an important part of our lives in many ways. Some animals are our valued companions. Other animals work for us - and, in some cases, are co-workers superior to ourselves. And there are some animals we choose to eat, and we farm them for that purpose. But, however we relate to the animals around us in our world, we can't avoid them (regardless of whether we eat meat), and they are an important part of God's world.

The Bible says two important things about animals. First, God created animals good (see Gen 1v24-25, above) - even the difficult and dangerous ones! Second, all creation will be renewed by God's redemptive plan in Christ (Romans 8v20-21) - which will include the animal world. God's purposes in history are much broader than the human notion of "personal salvation". As fellow creatures, humans and animals share in both creation and renewal with God (although animals don't have the moral obligations to God that humans do).

Animal theologians are divided on the issue of the human-animal relationship. Some, following a traditional Protestant

interpretation of Genesis 1, stress that, as God's sovereign representatives in the world, humans have stewardship of animals, and a responsibility for their welfare. Others prefer to think of the "shared creatureliness" of humans and animals, and to focus on the overall ecological needs of creation.

Both ideas are helpful, to some extent; the latter recognizes the scientific fact that humans and animals are made of the same biological material, whereas the former emphasizes the distinctive attributes and powers of human beings, and the responsibility of humans to act well in the world.

All this gives us food for thought about how we relate to the animals around us. However, what is most important is that we praise and thank God for animals as part of the blessing of his creation and that we pray for wisdom for all involved with animal care and welfare. This we will do in the Animal Services taking place in all three of our parishes this year - in the Valley on 19th May, Chedworth on 9th June and Yanworth on 23rd June. Do join us - and bring your animals!

With best wishes,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for May 2019

Sunday 5th May - Easter 3

Holy Communion
Evensong

10.30 am - Coln St Dennis
6 pm - Coln Rogers

Sunday 12th May - Easter 4

Holy Communion (BCP)
Holy Communion
Tea Time Service

9 am - Chedworth
10.30 am - Coln Rogers
4 pm - Chedworth

Sunday 19th May - Easter 5

Holy Communion (BCP)
School Family Service
Animal Service

9 am - Stowell
10.30 am - Chedworth
3pm - Coln Valley Village Hall

Sunday 26th May - Rogation

Rogation Service

10.30 am - Venue TBC

Thursday 30th May - Ascension Day

Holy Communion

7 pm - Chedworth

Sunday 3rd June - Sunday After Ascension Day

Family Communion
Evensong

10.30 am - Coln St Dennis
6pm - Coln Rogers

Rogation Service

Our **Rogation Service** this year will take place on **Sunday 26th May** - we will announce the venue by email/NextDoor nearer the time. Please do join us for an opportunity to ask for God's blessing on our land, and our work this year.

Animal Services

Following the success of last year's Animal Services at Coln Rogers &

Chedworth, there will be open air Animal Services in all three of our parishes in 2019:

- **Sunday May 19th** - Coln Valley Village Hall, **Coln Rogers**, at **3pm**
- **Sunday June 9th** - Playing Field, **Chedworth**, at **4pm**
- **Sunday June 23rd** - Field by Village Hall, **Yanworth** at **4pm**

All animals - and their owners! - welcome! This is an opportunity to gather as all of God's creatures together,

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to thank God for our animals, and to pray for animal welfare. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Our Parish Church - Volunteers Needed

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

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

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

Being a sides-person will not require you to attend every service, but to commit to helping at specific services on a rota basis. The duties are not onerous but

would make a real difference for me and the churchwardens and would assist with the welcome we give to regular congregation members and visitors alike. Please see this as a way of getting involved and serving your local community, as well as the church.

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

Church Consultation

Five years ago, in 2014, we held a consultation day of prayer and reflection, to consider the church's mission and outreach to the villages, and how the church might serve the community here. Since then we have been working to a benefice strategy concerning the events we do, the services we provide and the way we work here.

We would now like to do a follow-up **Church Consultation** - but this time, rather than having a meeting, which is time-consuming to arrange and which not everyone can attend at any one time, we will be using an innovative software package called **v-Wall**, to gather your views and opinions electronically. You will be able to engage with the consultation in your own time, and at your convenience, on your smart phone or device.

I will approach individuals who are on the church (incumbent's) mailing list in

the next month or so, with further information and a link to the survey. If you are not on the church mailing list, and have not received our privacy statement, but you would like to take part in the consultation, please contact me by email on

stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com.

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

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

Funerals

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

Barbara Finch - 2nd April - St Andrew's Church, Chedworth

Maurice Wilkins - 5th April - St Andrew's Church, Chedworth



Palm Sunday Celebration

Dates for your Diary

Day	Time	Event	Venue
08-May	19:15	WI - Resolutions	Village Hall
10-May	19:30	Back Row Club "Lady Bird"	Village Hall
13-May	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
14-May	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
15-May	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - Birthday afternoon with Diana	Village Hall
18-May	19:30	Chedworth Singers Concert - An American Adventure	Village Hall
21-May	19:30-21:00	"Basics of Dementia" talk organised by Rendcomb Surgery Patients Support Group	Rendcomb Village Hall
22-May	19:30	Supper Concert with Michael Bochmann/Violin & Gerry Hopkin/piano	Village Hall
31-May	13:00	HortSoc Garden Visit to Kingsmead Mill, Little Somerford	Village Hall car park
01-Jun	13:00	Pink Saturday Cricket Match in aid of Breast Cancer	Chedworth Cricket Club
02-Jun	14:00-17:00	Stowell Park Gardens Open	Stowell Park
08-Jun		Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament	
10-Jun	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
11-Jun	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
12-Jun	19:15	WI - Visit to Sue Callard's garden, Laines Farm	Chedworth Laines
14-Jun	19:30	Back Row Club "The Ballad of Buster Scruggs"	Village Hall
15 & 16-Jun	10:30-17:00	Chedworth Open Gardens Weekend 2019	Village Hall & Chedworth
16-Jun		<i>Father's Day</i>	
19-Jun	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - Visit to Abbeyfield	Village Hall
20-Jun	19:00	2019 Chedworth Midsummer Run Out - 10k cross country run	Chedworth Cricket Club
28-Jun	13:00	HortSoc Garden Visit to Miserden Estate, Stroud	Village Hall car park
29-Jun	10:00-17:00	Scarecrow Trail in aid of St Andrew's Church	Chedworth
30-Jun	10:00-17:00	Scarecrow Trail in aid of St Andrew's Church	Chedworth
30-Jun	14:00-17:00	Stowell Park Gardens Open	Stowell Park
08-Jul	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
09-Jul	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
10-Jul	19:15	WI - talk on "Horse Whispering"	Village Hall
11-Jul	17:00	HortSoc Garden Visit to Woodchester Park House, Nympsfield, Stonehouse	Village Hall
12-Aug	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers

Yanworth



May 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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27	28	29	30	31		

June 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Pre-School Building

Being a parent or carer and watching your children develop as they grow is an amazing experience. It can also be at times both stressful and worrying and is certainly full of challenges. Many of us nowadays don't have a choice about whether we go to work or not, so we **have to** rely on others to provide the sort of childcare we want our children to have. That's where a **really good** pre-school comes in.

In Chedworth, our pre-school provides the caring, nurturing environment that allows children to learn and develop at their own pace. Parents can have peace of mind, knowing that **each individual** will be well cared for and will thrive there.

Children learn and develop through playing, exploring, being active, creative and through being asked questions to help their thinking and understanding of the world around them. The Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS) sets out what to expect at each stage of a child's development between the ages of 0-5 years. Using this framework, our early years practitioners follow a curriculum which forms the basis of and links into what most people consider 'proper' school learning.

High quality preschool education gives children a head start when they begin formal schooling. With specialist educators trained in understanding the complex needs of the under 5s and

resources to make learning and doing fun, children soon become secure in the areas that we all know are important for life: social and personal development, how to deal with emotions, how to communicate successfully and develop language skills and last but not least, physical development.

With the right help, children also learn how to be excited and interested by the world about them. They begin to make sense of numbers, shapes and other maths concepts, enjoy books and use lots of different ways to practice early writing skills.

Just imagine how much more we could provide for the young children of our village and other villages in this area if we had a proper purpose-built facility for the pre-school! There would be opportunities to create child friendly **permanent** fixtures and fittings including, of course, toilets! Think how much children would benefit from an outdoor area created with exploring and learning in mind. What is more, there could be other benefits available - longer opening hours, holiday club, to mention just two.

There is no doubt that our village would be enhanced, our families encouraged to take advantage of the unique development on their doorsteps and our school to grow and thrive in its own right.

Sarah Smith

Chedworth Parish Council

News from our April meeting

Litter-picking good!

There was an excellent turnout for the annual litter pick which this year was blessed with beautiful weather. A jewellery box, a four-year-old election



poster and more than a dozen vodka bottles were some of the more notable items collected, but the general view was that

by doing a regular clean up, the amount littering our road-sides was getting less.

The parish council is grateful to all those who gave up their Saturday morning to do their bit and also to Chedworth

Brownies who spent an evening making sure one of the main approaches into the village was spotless.

No election for Chedworth and hunt for new councillors is on

There will be no election for places on Chedworth Parish Council this time around with only four people putting their names forward for the seven seats. Familiar faces returning to the council are David Broad, who has been a councillor since 1991, his son George who joined part way through the last four-year term and me, Ros Jess. The only newcomer is Tony Kingsley who lives in Upper Chedworth.

The good news is that there will be enough councillors to enable us to hold meetings and make decisions, but we desperately need to fill the other spaces to enable us to be effective and carry on the work which we have started over the last four years.

So, if you were considering putting your name forward for election but for what ever reason just didn't get around to it, then now is your chance to do your bit for the village.

The new council will be hoping to co-opt people to fill the three spaces as soon as possible, hopefully at our first meeting on May 13th, so if you are interested then please come along to the meeting, if you would like to get an

Councillors

Ros Jess	720248
David Broad	720313
George Broad	720313
Tony Kingsley	tbc
Ian Morgan	720885
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To contact the Council, email the clerk, Elizabeth Broad (clerk@chedworth-pc.org.uk), or call her on 720313, or get in touch with any of the councillors directly.

For more information check out our website <http://chedworthpc.org.uk>

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insight into what being a councillor involves then please give one of the current councillors a call.

Finally, as chairman for the past four years, I would like to thank all the councillors who have worked so hard on behalf of the village, rarely missed meetings and made my job very easy - let's hope the next four years are as productive.

Thames Water pressure pays dividends

Works to replace failing water pipes in Withington have been brought forward following a visit to the parish council by water board officials.

Representatives of Thames Water returned to our April meeting to report on progress since their visit in November after which we provided them with a comprehensive list of the times we had been without water. They outlined the work which had been carried out including checking the many air valves and investigating if there were alternative ways to bring water into the village if there was a problem with the normal supply. As a result of their investigations, the length of pipe in Harnham Lane is now programmed for replacement and it is hoped that this will reduce the number of problems we face. In the meantime, if you are ever without water then please report it to Thames Water on 0800 316 9800.

Could you help historic village charities?

If you think you could do a good job on one of the charities to which the parish council nominates trustees then please let us know.

The sad death of Maurice Wilkins, who had served on the Chedworth Allotment Trust as a council nominee for many years, means that we need to put someone else forward to take his place, and on the Chedworth Community Lands Charity, David Broad's term of office is coming to an end. If you would like to put yourself forward for consideration for either of the charities then please contact the clerk, Elizabeth Broad chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk before the meeting on May 13th.

Efforts needed to force a go-slow

The parish council is considering reviving the group which carried out speed check on Fields Road if there are enough volunteers who would be prepared to take part. Councillors agreed that speeds have been creeping up along the Fields Road making it increasingly dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. They are looking into possible solutions but felt that groups of volunteers checking on speeds were a good reminder that it is a village road and speeds should be kept in check. If you could help then please let the clerk or one of the councillors know.

Ros Jess

Cotswold Landmarks

The Rollright Stones

Are situated in Oxfordshire, on the eastern edge of the Cotswolds, between the villages of Little and Great Rollright about two miles north of Chipping Norton. The complex comprises three stone monuments which are distinct in their design and purpose, constructed during the later ages of the Neolithic and Bronze Age :-

The Kings Men - a Bronze Age circle of 77 closely spaced stones. As it stands



today, the monument is in part a reconstruction, because in 1882, the owner of the site re-erected around a third of the stones that had previously fallen, and in so doing, some were moved out of their original position.

The Whispering Knights - apparently the earliest of the Rollright Stones, are the remains of the burial chamber of an early or Middle Neolithic portal dolmen, lying about 430 yards east of the Kings Men. Four standing stones survive, forming a chamber about 2 yards square



around a fifth recumbent stone, probably a collapsed roof capstone.

The Kings Stone - is a single weathered monolith, 8 feet high by 5 feet wide, standing 25 yards north of the Kings Men. Unlike the other two Rollright Monuments, it is of uncertain date. There are many theories as to its age and origin, including the hypothesis that it was associated with burial and marked the position of a burial or wider cemetery.

Much folklore is associated with the stones, including the following unlikely legend. An unnamed certain king set out to conquer England. At this spot he was met by a witch. When he consulted her about his prospects, she answered: *"Seven long strides shalt thou take, if Long Compton thou canst see then king of England thou shalt be. If Long Compton thou cannot see then king of England thou shalt not be".*

Being close to the crest of the hill the king strode confidently forward, but reaching the top he found his view of

Cotswold Landmarks

Long Compton obscured by a large mound. The witch then turned the king and his men into stones, also a small group of knights who had separated from the main party and were whispering together plotting treason.

entry fee to allow access to the Kings Men circle. Several scenes of the 1978 Doctor Who series were filmed at the Rollright Stones. There is an annual performance of one of William Shakespeare's plays at the site.

The site is now owned by the Rollright Trust, a charity, who charge a small

Robert Young



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Smile Lines - Epitaphs found on headstones

In London:

Here lies Ann Mann
Who lived an old maid
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In Hartscombe:

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Jonathan Fiddle
Went out of tune.

In Pennsylvania:

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Jonathan Blake
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Chairman's note

I am pleased to announce that the courts have been painted in the new colours of Evergreen and Purple as a tribute to Allison Stock, who was a very active member of the club until she passed away last September. The club meets Sunday mornings 10am to 12 noon and Wednesdays from 5 to 8pm. Plus we have Monday evenings (men) and Saturday mornings (ladies). All other times you can book your own court via the web site.

Graham Stock (Chairman)

Membership

The new season has begun and you should have received the new gate code and on-line booking password. New members should contact Fred Shaftoe on 01285-720074 if you would like join. Individual adult membership will be £68, family membership just £144, junior £17, youth £25 and student at £33.

Visitors Welcome

We always warmly welcome new members so if you are thinking that tennis might provide an excellent way of keeping fit in a sociable and friendly atmosphere and would like more information please ring Fred Shaftoe on 01285-720074.

Club Coaching

We have appointed Vince Freeman as Head Coach and he has taken over the coaching programme for both Adult and Juniors. Information on coaching courses and private lessons are available.

Summer League

We have entered three teams into the Gloucestershire Dunlop County League. One Mens and two Ladies teams. All teams are in division two of the mens' and ladies' leagues. So, for all of you who like to play some friendly and competitive tennis, please confirm your intention to Hilary Swan 01242-890213 or Graham Stock 01451-860903.



Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tournament

The tournament is on Saturday 8th June 2019 and we are taking entries right now; the latest date for receipt of entries is Sunday 2nd June. The entry fee is £36.00 per individual which includes morning coffee, lunch and tea. This price is discounted to £28.00 per player for entries received with payment by

Sunday 19th May. It is an open tournament, so you don't have to be a member to enter. Let's hope for some more dry sunny weather!

Club Tournaments

You will see below that we have arranged some club tournaments for you to enter. Please contact Graham Stock or Rosemary Scott-Smith 01285-720431 for further information and to enter.

Sunday 26th May American Doubles Tournament (pm with tea and cake)

Saturday 8th June Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Open Tournament (all day)

Date TBC July Junior Club Championships (all day with refreshments)

Date TBC July Senior Club Championships (all day with refreshments)

Sunday 4th Aug **Allison Day** for Ladies (pm with tea and refreshments)

Sunday 22nd Sept John Robson Memorial Tournament (mixed doubles)

Wednesday May 22nd at 7 for 7.30pm at Chedworth Village Hall

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April Meeting

The business of the meeting highlighted our most successful Jumble Sale ever! Thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

The draw for our Denman Bursary was won this year by Ann Deamer; we look forward to hearing what she decides to treat herself to at Denman.

Arrangements started for our Cake Stall at the Village Hall on the Saturday (15th June) of the Open Gardens Weekend and for our stall at the WI Village Fair and Picnic at Cirencester Park on July 6th (not just cakes but savouries and cards as well on this stall!). (I think we will all be keeping pretty busy over the next couple of months!!).

We also had a report from Helen Taylor who had been to the Annual Council Meeting of the Gloucestershire Federation of WIs at Cheltenham Town Hall, good for us to remember that we are part of a much larger organisation sometimes! There Helen had heard all about what was happening at Federation level but also about our two resolutions for 2019 - 'Regret at the decline of local bus services' and 'Don't Fear the Smear' - more about these campaigns at next months meeting.

Following on from all our business we were joined by several visitors to listen to a most fascinating talk given by

Graham Short the 'Micro engraver'. Surely one of the most obsessive, driven



perfectionists I think any of us had ever met. His description of how he works on his passion from midnight to five in his workshop in the Jewellery Quarter of

Birmingham (to keep tremors from passing traffic to a minimum), self-medicating to lower his heart rate to 20 beats a minute, which he checks with a stethoscope and then works with a sharpened needle looking down a medical microscope, only engraving between heart beats.

The works that he has produced are incredible, mostly done now on the heads of gold pins specially made for him, apparently gold is easier to work than classic steel pins. They include 'The Lord's Prayer' in English and Russian, detailed portraits of the Queen and quotations from Oscar Wilde on the nib of a pen! All can only be viewed down microscopes!



It was good to hear that his day job included engraving and producing all the stationery for the Royal Family - wedding invitations included.

He brought much humour and tales of celebrities to his talk, but his greatest hero was his English teacher from school, who told his class that they had to be not just the best in Birmingham,

but the best in the world at whatever they chose to do. Well Graham may have left school at only fifteen, but he clearly took that lesson to heart!!

After such intensity we all enjoyed relaxing and chatting to our members and visitors over a rather scrumptious tea.

Emma Isaac

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

11 October 2019 at Chedworth Village Hall

Talk by Sir John Kiszley KCB, MC, DL on 'The British Fiasco in Norway 1940'



Lieutenant General Sir John Kiszley will base his talk on his book 'Anatomy of a Campaign. The British Fiasco in Norway 1940' which makes for depressing but fascinating reading and as well as cataloguing the blunders of that campaign suggests why more recent campaigns have found success so elusive. Sir John's talk is riveting and anyone interested in this little known disaster should not miss this event!



A mother's poem

"Cleanin' and dustin' can wait for tomorrow.
Babies grow up, I've learned to my sorrow.
So quiet down cobwebs; dust go to sleep
I'm rockin' my baby, cause babies don't keep!"

The Chedworth Singers

and Guests

Invite you on

*Leonard
Bernstein*

*Aaron
Copeland*



*Billy
Taylor*

*Rodgers &
Hammerstein*

*Music to enjoy from Spirituals to Musicals and
everything in between*

**Saturday
18th May**

7.30pm Village Hall

**Tickets £12 available from Neil Irving 01285 720403
(Under 16's £5) or any member of the Singers.
Refreshments included.**

This concert as always, is a charity fundraising event and we are supporting two charities in Cirencester, **CHYP & Signpost**, both providing practical & emotional support to the homeless.
So please come & support us - and them.

Elderberries

In March we appreciated our trip to Lechlade Garden Centre with plenty of time to look around and of course we thoroughly enjoyed our tea and cake. This time of the year the flowers are spectacular with all the vibrant spring colours making it an uplifting and most pleasant occasion.



In April after the magazine went to press we should have held our AGM although to be honest the business side does not take long at all and we like to talk about possible venues for outings later this year. We were also looking forward to hearing from Lyn Mitchell telling us about her fascinating life story.

In May it is our Birthday Party when Rendcomb group will be joining us.

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

Fred Shaftoe



Back Row Club



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SUNDAY 30th JUNE 2019

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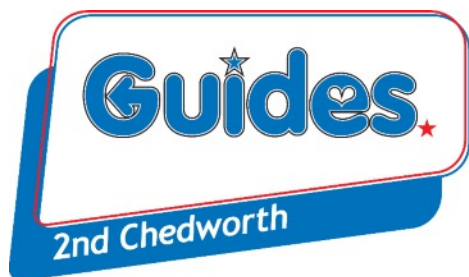
All proceeds to National Garden Scheme,
Yanworth & Stowell Churches,
Royal British Legion (Chedworth and District) and Dementia Care

Cream Teas in the Ballroom

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Chedworth Brownies and Guides



We've had another exciting term at Brownies and Guides! Both groups had a fun time visiting Far Peak where they enjoyed climbing and bouldering. The following week we had the fabulous Katrina from Young Performers in Cirencester teaching us musical theatre - the girls also loved learning some new moves and finished the evening with a performance. It was amazing how much they learnt in just an hour!

We joined together for some cake decorating for Mother's Day - some of the decorations were very creative. We also celebrated Mother's Day by attending the church service and giving out posies which the girls had arranged the previous day. In addition to the posy making, we spent Saturday afternoon planting trees as part of a programme organised by the Woodland Trust.

The girls in both groups have enjoyed a range of other experiences as well as lots of fun and games. The Brownies celebrated World Thinking Day by trying food from around the world - the cheese went down especially well! They have also learnt how to safely light

matches and practised on tea lights which were then used to toast some marshmallows.

The Guides have learnt to create fake wounds before learning to treat them! We also had a 'ready, steady, cook' style competition - each group had a mixed bag of ingredients and an hour to create a 3 course meal. The results were very impressive and we all enjoyed eating the result!

Next term we are looking forward to lighter evenings and more time outside. We will be learning to pitch tents and cook outside in preparation for our summer camps.

If you have a daughter between the ages of 7-10 (Brownies) or 10-14 (Guides) who would like to join us please register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk (Join Us). Younger girls are also invited to join the waiting list. For further details please contact Sally Smith (sally.smith237@yahoo.co.uk) or Sarah Fulford (slfulford@btinternet.com)

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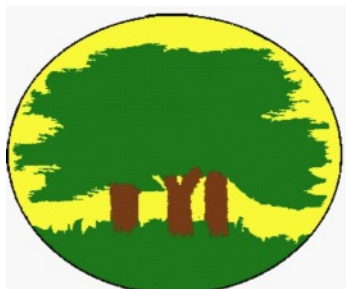
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Garden Visits

Spring has now arrived and we can look forward to the first garden visit date in the diary of the year to the wonderful private garden **Kingsmead Mill, Little Somerford, SN15 5JN on Friday 31st May at 2pm.** We visited this garden last August but have been invited back for us to be see the garden at its best. The garden was designed by Arne Maynard in 2008. Previous owners include David Puttnam and James Dyson.

£7.50 for garden visit and £7.50 for picnic tea by Claire Booth. By booking only. **Please contact me before 25th May to book your place.**

Meet at Village Hall for Car share at 1pm.

Our second visit in June is to **Miserden Estate, Stroud, GL6 7JA on Friday 28th June at 2pm.** Again we are **taking bookings now.**

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

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

Meet at Village Hall to car share at 1pm.



Kingsmead Mill



Kingsmead Mill

Other details for your diary.....

Thursday 11th July - 6.00p.m.

Woodchester Park House,

Nymphsfield, Stonehouse, GL10 3UN

£7.50 entry including glass of wine.

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

Thursday 29th August - 6p.m. -

Bruern Grange, Bruern, Milton under

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£10 entry including glass of wine

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Non-members are very welcome, but it is cheaper to join the Hort. Soc. to enjoy these subsidised prices.

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We are looking forward to sharing these lovely gardens with you.

Sue Bradbury

Garden Visits & Open Gardens
Organiser

Your Gardening Tips for May 2019

It is time to get sowing those seeds in the ground, and planting out potted on seedlings, but keep tender plants protected from late frosts.



● **Tackling Tomato\Potato Blight.**

It may seem to be early in the year to be addressing this problem, but timely prediction and defensive action will reduce the risk of disease. Although copper and or sulphur sprays and 'Serenade' fungicide can help to control development of the disease, the best control can be applied by good husbandry and use of resistant cultivars. This applies to potatoes too.

- ★ Be aware that warm moist temperatures where water remains on the leaves provide

the best conditions for an outbreak of blight.

- ★ Make certain that there are no diseased discarded potato or tomato plants in the compost heap or dump. Diseased plants should have been burnt. Do not save seed potatoes.
- ★ Trim side shoots and leaves of tomatoes to reduce the vulnerable surface area.
- ★ If blight is spotted, remove all spotted, dark brown and blacked leaves and burn them. The crop of tomatoes or potatoes will usually be unaffected i.e. edible, unless this action is left for too long.
- ★ Apply a rigid policy of crop rotation.
- ★ There are no tomatoes resistant to late blight, but for those with concerns about tomato blight, some reliably early blight resistant varieties are Mountain Magic, Primabella, Oh Happy Day (larger fruit), Honey Moon and Cocktail Crush.

- If you have not already made provision to collect as much rain water as possible, do so, because we may well have a dry summer!
- Put summer bedding plants into the ground at the end of the month
- Keep weeding! Hoe out most annual and newly germinated weeds on a sunny day so that any left on the ground dry out and die, but

perennial weeds such as ground elder, bindweed and dandelions, if not dug out should be left to develop leaf growth and then zapped with a good weed killer such as glyphosate. Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges. The nesting period is officially from February to August.

- Lift and divide any overcrowding clumps of daffodils, once they have died back. Apply liquid fertilizer to encourage next year's growth.
- Watch out for viburnum and lily beetle grubs as well as aphids and other pests.
- Tie in the leading shoots of greenhouse crops such as tomatoes, peppers and aubergines as they grow, to avoid stems breaking or growing in undesired directions. Pinch out the side shoots of tomatoes, to strengthen the crop.
- Sow winter bedding plants, and spring bedding plants such as wallflowers and pansies between now and July.
- Harden off plants raised from seed gradually exposing them to cooler conditions, but protect from frost. This especially applies to courgettes and squashes.
- Thin out direct sowings of vegetables, in stages to obtain good sized crops.
- Sow seeds such as lettuce and rocket in small numbers sequentially so avoid a glut. Plan to keep space available for this. Be adventurous!

Sow some coloured lettuces such as Edox, Feska, Pigale or Sahim.



- Tie in rambling roses as near to horizontal as possible to encourage side shoots to grow along the stems.
- Take softwood cuttings of deciduous shrubs
- If you still have it, use your 'Sow Grow and Show' leaflet to prepare your crops.

Simon Colbeck

Chairman

Chedworth & District HORTSOC

Manor Farm News

Calves, pastures and bumble bees

As I write this, we are 7 weeks into calving, and have calved 90% of the cows.

The calves which we have kept are now all outside. We rear them in groups of 20 in large pens inside for 2 - 3 weeks, then put two groups together and give them access to pasture. At this stage they still have the shed to shelter in. Within 10 - 14 days they tend to be living outside, so are moved away from the shed to allow for the next group to run out.



Calves are fed milk twice a day up to 6 weeks of age, starting off on 3 litres twice a day up to 4 litres twice a day at 3 - 4 weeks, before reducing again to 3 litres once a day from 6 weeks old until weaning at 12 weeks.

Feeding 40 calves at a time with the trailer feeder makes rearing a lot of calves very easy (see photo).



Last year at this time, the weather was very wet, resulting in damage being done to some of the pastures. With the dry weather that followed, the pastures had little chance to recover.

Conditions this spring have been ideal, allowing us to graze pastures cleanly with no damage. This encourages the grass plants to tiller, so improving swards density and hopefully production over the coming season - all we need now is the right amount of moisture, sunshine and warmth!

The 3rd week of March saw the first dandelions come into flower, along with the appearance of the first bumble bees.

Dandelions like fertile soil, have a strong tap root, and are rich in nutrients. They used to be added to pasture seed mixes in places where they didn't occur naturally, so providing a nutritional supplement for livestock and an important food source for pollinators.

We will have grazed the whole farm once by Easter, and with silage stocks now running low, hopefully warmer weather will boost pasture growth rates to keep the herd fully fed and produce surplus forage to replenish silage stocks for next winter.

As we go into May we have a whole herd TB test. Every animal over 42 days old has to be injected with avian and

bovine TB on one day, then 3 days later have to be handled again to check for any reaction. If an animal does react then it must be sent for slaughter and we have to test regularly.

Our last test was clear so fingers crossed!

Rob Richmond

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What is the difference between perseverance and obstinacy?
One is a strong will, and the other is a strong won't.

New mother: What is the most difficult thing I'll need to learn?
Nurse: That other women have perfect children too.

Maggie's Poem

Summer Coming

Holiday time is well on the way
Easter has been with us
What more can we say

All sorts of activities
Have been to the fore
Maybe an outing
You have not been before

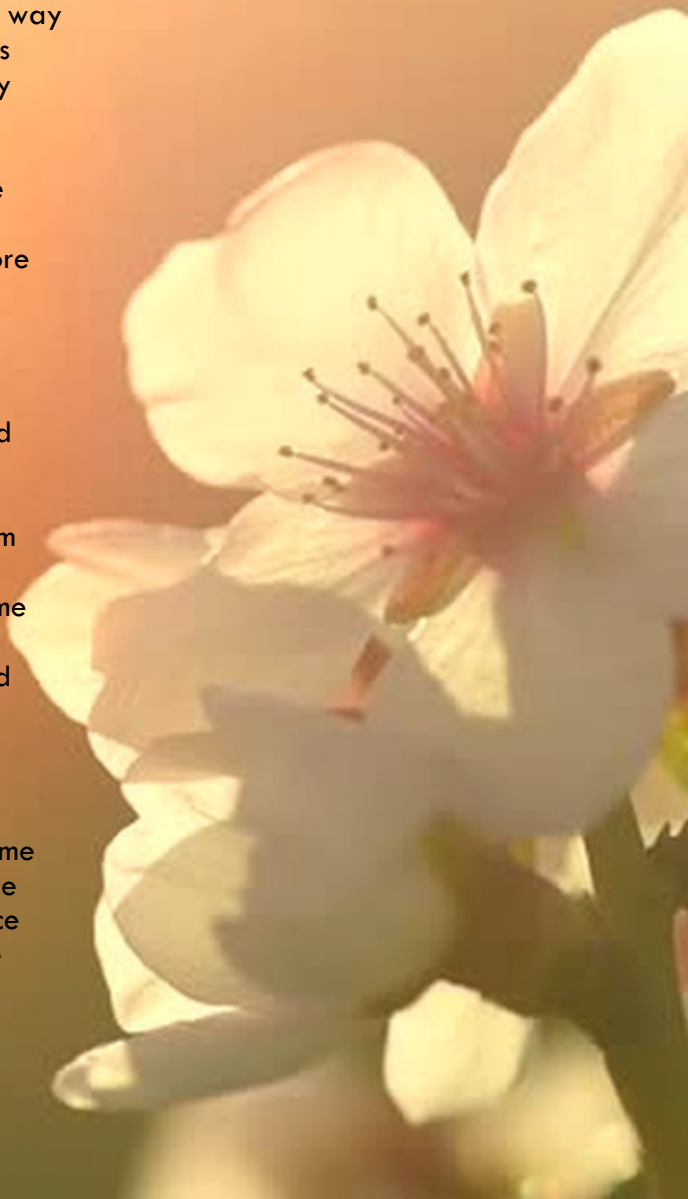
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Maggie Scrivens



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2019

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Scarecrows needed!

If you would like to enter a Scarecrow, please download your entry form from the village website (chedworth.org.uk) or contact Bee Eastman on 01285 720589.

Returned Entry forms will be numbered for a draw to award a bottle of wine and box of chocolates to the lucky entrant.

Closing date for entries is close of day **Thursday 27th June**.
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Chedworth Village Hall



Village Hall - Keeping busy but watching the pennies

The Village Hall is keeping busy. For example in April its use included Table Tennis, WI, Elderberries, Chedworth Roman Trail, a Roman Villa project, a company's First Aid training, Pre-School, Fitness Classes, Clothes Sale, Parish Council meeting, Brownies and Girl Guides.

But providing this key part of our community costs money. The accounts are not finalised for the period April 2018 to March 2019 but on a turnover

of £22,000 the Hall made a loss of £300. Included in these figures are £7,000 being spent on essential items such as a Fire Alarm system and decoration.

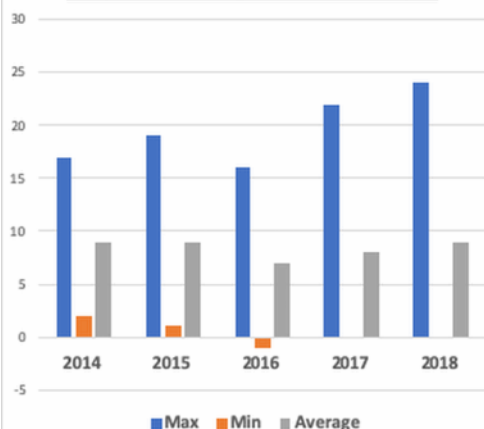
Looking to the future

Our Village Hall is not alone in being challenged by how to ensure that it has a viable future. The UK is almost unique in Europe in having community halls that have no formal state funding and are operated by volunteers. The free time given by volunteers ensures our Village Hall continues to operate. However this important resource is on the decline across all age groups. Therefore active thought is being given to how to make best use of volunteer's time alongside the use of paid staff. Watch out for news in the months ahead.

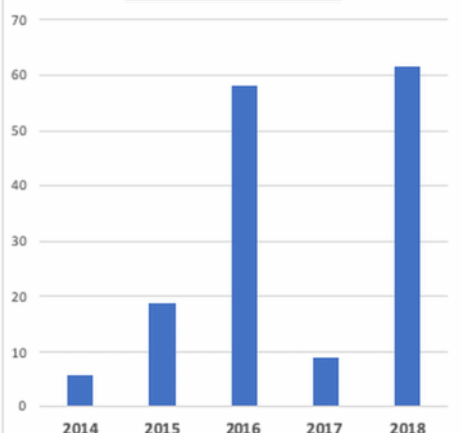
Iain Robertson

Chedworth Weather

Temperature in degrees Celsius for April



Rainfall in mm for April



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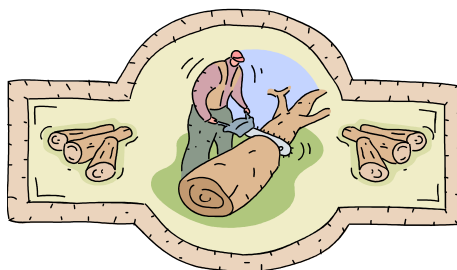
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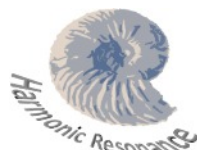
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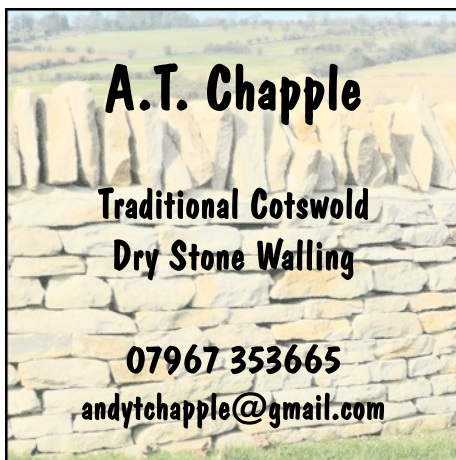
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