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Julie Young. Coordinator for this edition.

Stephen's Letter

Land of Confusion

"Some in the crowd shouted one thing and some another, and since the commander could not get at the truth because of the uproar, he ordered that Paul be taken into the barracks", Acts 22v34

This Bible verse is a freeze-frame from the fast-paced story of the Acts of the Apostles, which we have looked at in church this summer, as Paul causes yet another riot, this time in Jerusalem, by proclaiming the Christian Gospel. When the new and radical Kingdom of Jesus Christ first challenged the status quo and vested interests of this world, confusion and dispute were an inevitable result!

But actually, this situation is not dissimilar to the society we live in today, especially with the current challenges we face. In our society, some in the crowd are shouting one thing, and some another. With restrictions on COVID that are unclear and often introduced at short notice, together with fresh speculation about Brexit, there is confusion! With differing views on how to deal with the wicked problems of our age (in both senses of the word - evil and complex), there are disputes!

More than ever, we will want to search for a truth that makes sense of this land of confusion in which we live. How can we do this? First, we should be discerning about the truth claims we hear. How can we test them? Second, we

should remember that the God who showed himself to the world as Jesus Christ is a God of truth (Titus 1v2, 1 John 4v6) - so we can trust his message. And thirdly, when events are moving fast, we need to trust in God's providence - because he has the wisdom to see our world clearly when, from our limited human perspective, we are confused.

At the beginning, the Gospel brought confusion and disruption - but today, in a land of confusion, it can bring clarity and peace. Embrace it this autumn! Do join us for our services, or watch out for our videos, to find out more about the Kingdom of Jesus.

With best wishes,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for October 2020

Sunday 4th October - Trinity 17

Holy Communion

Evening Prayer

10.30 am - Chedworth

6 pm - Coln St Dennis

Sunday 11th October - Trinity 18

Holy Communion

10.30 am - Chedworth

Sunday 18th October - Trinity 19

Holy Communion

Family Service

9 am - Yanworth

10.30 am - Chedworth

Sunday 25th October - Bible Sunday

Holy Communion

10.30 am - Chedworth

Sunday 1st November - All Saints/All Souls

Family Communion

Harvest Evensong

10.30 am - Coln St Dennis

5 pm - Coln Rogers

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

Service Pattern

From September, we introduced our autumn service pattern. We are continuing to have the weekly 10.30 am service at Chedworth, but we are now having a monthly service in each of the other two parishes - an Evening Prayer at 6 pm on the first Sunday of the month at either Coln Rogers or Coln St Dennis, and a communion service at 9 am on the third Sunday of the month at either Stowell or Yanworth. This will ensure each of our parish churches has a service over a two-month period.

We will continue this service pattern through the winter, unless any further government restrictions come into force. There are special arrangements for Remembrance Sunday - see below - and do look out for details of Christmas service arrangements nearer the time. We recognise that this service pattern is limited in comparison to our pre-lockdown service pattern prior to March this year - but some churches are operating an even more limited in-person service schedule. We simply cannot justify scaling the service pattern up any more at this time, given the rising COVID infection rate and the winter health pressures ahead.

Benefice Administrator Wanted!

Following a review with the PCC's, it has been decided that it would be very helpful to appoint a Benefice Administrator to help me with the

Church Briefing

administration required for the running of the three parishes. I very much hope that someone will be willing to volunteer for this important role in our community. If you are interested please contact me and I will forward a brief outline of the tasks involved - Rev'd Stephen,
stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com, 720392.

Service of Remembrance - Sunday 8th November

Due to the COVID-19 requirement for social distancing, the maximum number that can be seated in St Andrew's Church, Chedworth, is about 60 people. As the number attending the annual Service of Remembrance in the past has been more than double this number, regrettably it will be necessary to limit the size of the congregation inside the church this year. We will, however, put a speaker at the porch to relay the service for anyone who is willing to join the service outside the church.

Priority for seating inside the church will be given to Royal British Legion representatives and families and representatives of Chedworth Guides and Brownies, leaving 30-40 seats generally available for others wishing to attend the service. If you are not a regular church attender, you should bear in mind that, whilst the current regulations allow for people to attend church, masks must be worn at all time (with some exceptions) and there will not be any singing. Additionally, as hand

sanitising will slow down entry for those joining the congregation inside the church, attendees are asked to arrive in good time to avoid any disruption at the start of the service.

I would be grateful if anyone who wishes to attend the service email Simon Colbeck to let him know - simoncolbeck@msn.com. The allocation of spaces will be made on a first come first served basis. We recognise that the yearly Service of Remembrance is an important civic event and is meaningful for many people in our community, but sadly this situation is unavoidable this year.

Prayer Requests

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

Chedworth Community Land Charity

The Chedworth Community Land Charity is a charity whose objective is to provide assistance to people in Chedworth parish facing particular urgent health or welfare needs or financial hardship. The Trustees consist of the Rector and two Parish Council nominees. The Chedworth Community Land Charity has helped various parishioners over the last few years and is able to respond rapidly to any urgent financial needs at this difficult time during the COVID 19 crisis. To find out

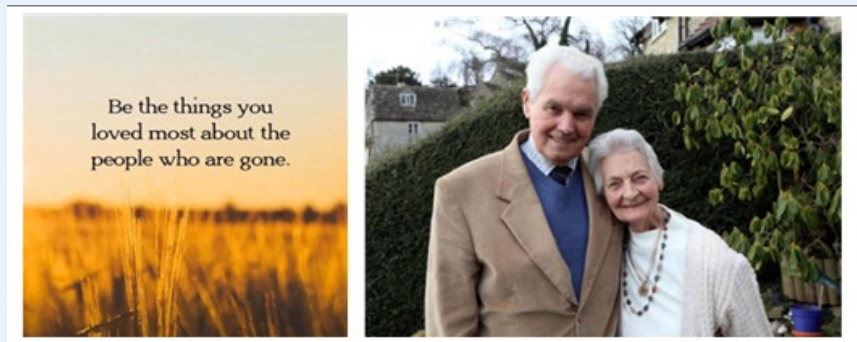
more or to apply, please contact Rev'd Stephen Goundrey-Smith (720392) or Bryan Bowley (720369). All applications are dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Church Covid Requirements

We hope that you have enjoyed a visit to our parish churches, either for a service or for private prayer. Please maintain social distancing when in church for any reason, being especially aware of elderly and vulnerable people, and use the hand sanitiser provided. Face coverings must be worn in services, unless you have an exemption.

The Church of England's full COVID-19 guidance may be found here <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches#na>. Here there are also details of national online services of worship, prayer and worship apps for smart phones and devices, and mental health resources. For details of specific requirements for baptisms, weddings and funerals, please contact Rev'd Stephen.

Tribute to Maggie



Sally Smith writes....

"We will all have our special memories of Maggie. I have found this little quote helpful. For me Maggie was the epitome of joy and generosity. Much like the God she served. I am going to be more Maggie in tribute to her. How about you? God Bless you Maggie- we love you and miss you."

From the Registers

Funerals

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

Maggie Scrivens - 18th September - Cheltenham Crematorium
(memorial service to follow at a later date)

Frances Higgins - 23rd September - St Michael's Church, Yanworth

Dates for your Diary

Day	Time	Event	Venue
07-Oct	14:00	Bridge with Afternoon Tea in aid of FoStA - CANCELLED	Village Hall
12-Oct	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Zoom
14-Oct	19:15	WI - "A Hotel with a Famous Guest List" talk	Zoom
17-Oct	10:00-12:00	HortSoc Compost Sale	Chedworth Farm Shop
22-Oct		RBL'S Launch of Poppy Appeal	
24-Oct		Chedworth clean-up - See Facebook, NextDoor & Notice Boards,	
09-Nov	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Zoom or Village Hall
11-Nov	19:15	WI - AGM & Party -TBC	Zoom
23-Nov	19:30	Tennis Club AGM	Zoom
09-Dec	19:15	WI - "Operation Drake; Papua New Guinea" talk	Zoom
14-Dec	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Zoom or Village Hall
2021			
12-Jun		Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament	

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

**Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Yanworth**

**Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers**

October 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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November 2020

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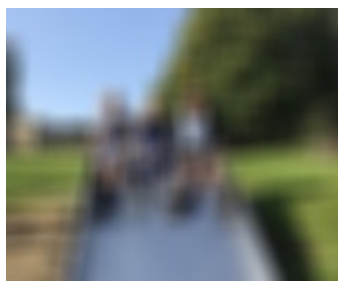
St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



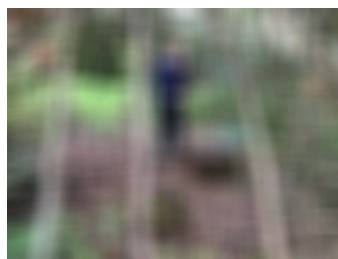
Every child in our school knows that they are loved by God and learns all that they need to flourish and live their lives to the full.

We are so excited to have all of our wonderful staff and children back together once again! We have had an amazing start to the term, with children, parents and staff coping brilliantly with the new procedures during drop off and pick-up and the additional cleaning and sanitising routines becoming second nature.

As always, our children have amazed us with their resilience, positivity and energy. Due to our small setting, we have been fortunate enough to mitigate COVID risks by keeping our children in three bubbles (Reception, Year 1 & Year



2; Year 3 & Year 4; and Year 5 & Year 6). Children stay with their groups all day for lessons, have their own toilet facilities and are in zones while playing in our extensive grounds. We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful rural setting, which we are making great use of with lots of outdoor learning and play.



Learning through an inspiring curriculum.

Our topic this term is 'Daring Discoveries', through this topic, classes are learning about a wide variety of incredible and daring explorers throughout history; finding out about space, dinosaurs, Vikings and Aztecs- to name but a few. Our incredible teachers are working hard to assess and support all the pupils back into their learning after a considerable time at home for many.



We are looking forward to working with the Hill and Valley Tennis club this term, who have been hugely supportive of the school and will be helping to coach our pupils in tennis.

**We welcome new families to
find out more!**



This year, due to COVID restrictions, we are being asked not to host open evenings. We would love to tell you more about our school so please contact the school office directly via the school phone number or

email. admin@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk



Mrs N Smith (Head Teacher)

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rural
setting



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from
8am – 5pm



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VJ Day Commemoration

15 August 2020



The weather was fortunately fine for the service of commemoration for those who lost their lives in the WW2, fighting the Japanese in Malaya and Burma, led by Reverend Stephen Goundry-Smith at the Pancake Hill War Memorial on Saturday 15 August.

The service was attended by 30 people including the Lord Vestey, President of the Chedworth RBL Branch and other RBL members.

Simon Colbeck

Remembrance Sunday Service 8 NOV

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE 8 NOVEMBER

ST ANDREWS CHURCH CHEDWORTH



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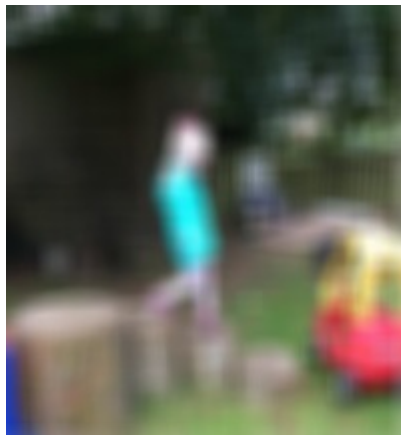
Nine-year-old Joseph was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school.

"Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joseph, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked, somewhat alarmed.

"Well, no, Mum. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

We have had a wonderful time with our fabulous new addition of stepping logs! With a big thank you to Dick Handy and his team at Central Tree Services, for this fantastic donation. The children have been practicing their climbing, balancing and jumping skills on them, all of which has added to their confidence levels too!



Our Forest School sessions are proving lots of fun! Our amazing group of Rising 5's (Friday afternoon sessions) created their initials using our tool set, nails and wool! Each child concentrated, listened and took their time to achieve the wonderful letters above! The children were all so proud of what they had achieved!

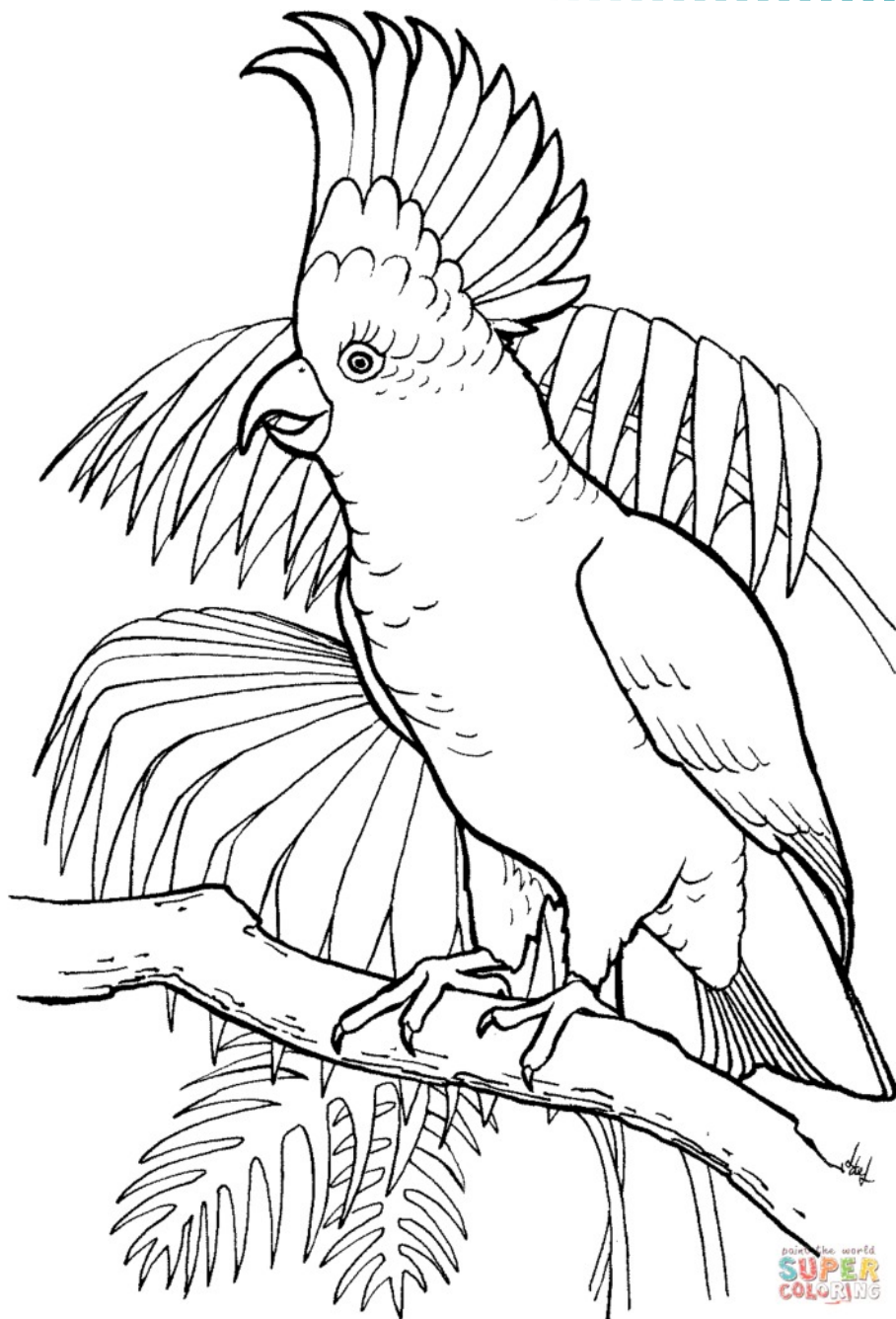
We have spaces available for children aged from 2 years, please do telephone or email for more information or to make an appointment to view the Pre-School (unfortunately due to current restrictions these appointments must be held at the end of our Pre-School day, this is in line with Local Authority guidance and will be lifted again as soon as it is safely possible for our children and staff)

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!

Colouring Page



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Chedworth Parish Council

Notes from our September meeting

Village to join national campaign
The annual litter-pick which normally takes place in the Spring fell foul of Coronavirus earlier this year but the parish council is planning to join in with the Great British September clean - in October!

Notification of the clean-up came too late for us to arrange one last month but this is definitely a case of Better Late Than Never.

Our Chedworth clean-up will take place on Saturday 24th October.

For more information on how to take part please keep an eye on Facebook and NextDoor and the village noticeboards and if you do volunteer please take care and observe the Covid advice which is in force at the time



Developers ask for Parish Council help

The company which obtained the Planning in Principle approval for up to three houses on land next to the village hall has asked to attend one of our meetings in order to get the views of the village on their detailed proposals before they submit the application to the planning authority.

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions which mean that we are currently not having face-to-face meetings so we have told them that this is not a practical suggestion.

We have suggested some alternatives which we hope will enable the village to get its views across to the developers and have an influence on the final application.

Whatever happens there will be a further opportunity to comment once the full application has been submitted to the district council.

Councillors

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Alan McLellan 01285 720642

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To contact the Council, email the clerk,
Elizabeth Broad
(chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk), or call
her on 720313, or get in touch with any of
the councillors directly.

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

Chedworth Parish Council

Planning for the future

Discussion about the development next to the village hall has also revised talk about a Neighbourhood Plan for Chedworth.

Neighbourhood Plans are legal planning documents which are put together by the parish and can be used to identify areas where development would be supported, what type of development would be welcomed, etc. They cannot be used to stop development.

The parish council looked into the possibility of creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Chedworth around five years ago but there were not enough people prepared to get involved and do the work required.

With planning rules changing the council would be interested to hear from anyone who is now prepared to give the time and effort to create a Neighbourhood Plan. If there are enough volunteers then there is money and expert help available.

Missing the signs

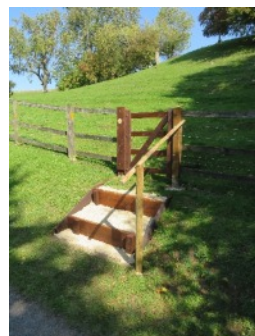
The parish council needs your help. Many of our footpaths are missing waymarks making them difficult to follow which can lead to the routes being lost forever.

We would like to get the missing signs replaced and order to do this we would like to create a list of locations where the waymarks need replacing so that we can contact landowners and call on the help of the Cotswold Wardens.

If you know of any spots on the rights of way where there used to be a sign which is no longer there, or where it's hard to know in which direction the path goes, then please drop the clerk an email giving as much detail as possible. Ideally you can get the path number from the map on the parish council website.

New path gets thumbs up

Councillors have been to inspect the revised path layout at Hartshill and were delighted to see some smart new steps which provide easy access to the diverted



path. We will be recommending a few additional signs which will help walkers follow the new route, which moved the path a few metres from the garden to the adjoining field, but the general view was that the alterations have not been too detrimental to walkers.

Planes may be breaking the rules

Complaints about noise from planes flying from Rendcomb airfield have prompted an investigation by Cotswold District Council into potential breaches of planning rules.

The parish council has been contacted by villagers who are unhappy about the

apparent recent increase in flying and we have agreed to gather any comments which anyone would like us to pass on to the district council.

If you would like to add your comments, preferably with details of times when you were disturbed etc, then please email the clerk.

Grant agreed to update village hall windows

Councillors have agreed to a donation of £5,000 towards village hall plans to replace the remaining single glazed windows with new energy efficient double glazing.

Earlier in the year the parish council completed the purchase of the new audio-visual equipment for the hall, which was agreed in last year's budget, at a total cost of more than £7,000

Offer still stands for pre-school

Plans for a purpose-built pre-school building on a corner of the playing field are back on.

Last year the council offered an area of parish land to pre-school but since then discussions have taken place between pre-school and St Andrews school about the possibility of building there instead. That idea didn't get off the ground and so the pre-school committee has come back to the parish council for confirmation that the offer of parish land is still on the table.

We were happy to confirm that our views have not changed and we will do what we can to help pre-school get its own home.

Ros Jess



Finding out more about God in creative ways.

For 4-11 year olds

Every 4th Sunday of the month

10.15-11.30 am

In Parish Room at The Vicarage, Chedworth

Phone Sally on 720285 to book a place

sally.smith237@yahoo.co.uk

Your Gardening Tips for October

Autumn will bring changing colours to gardens and the countryside before plant life begins to close down for winter.



- It is time for tidying the borders, leaving seed heads for the birds. Trim back lavender if not already done.
- Add compost or rotted manure to the garden to reinvigorate the soil over the winter. Dig out the composted leaf mould and spread on the garden to make way for this year's leaves. Clear up fallen leaves regularly and shred through the mower with the last grass mowings to make good compost. A layer or two of horse manure will make it better!
- If not done, there is still time early in the month, to rake out the dead grass from lawns and treat with autumn feed to strengthen the roots. Keep the grass no lower than 1 inch high over the winter.
- If you can, resist harvesting all your carrots, kale, cabbage, parsnips and brussels sprouts until after the first frost, as they will taste better.
- Put green tomatoes in a drawer with a banana to ripen.
- Divide herbaceous perennials and rhubarb crowns.
- Plant out winter lettuce, autumn onion sets, garlic and spring cabbage. Remove yellow leaves from over wintering brassicas, and if not already done, cover your brassicas with bird proof netting. Remember to remove the netting if there is heavy snow forecast! Stake tall brassicas, against wind damage.
- Plant wallflowers, forget-me-not, primulas, violas and other spring bedding plants in prepared ground or pots.
- Shrubs that are pruned hard in the spring, such as Buddleja, Cornus and Lavatera, can be cut back by half to prevent wind rock
- This is a good time to apply glyphosate weed killer to perennial weeds, if you can get hold of it!
- Prune shrubs and if not already done, fruit trees, to increase ventilation. Inspect for signs of disease.
- Prune climbing roses
- Clear out debris, weeds and excess oxygenating plants from ponds. Leave by the side of the pond for 36 hours before composting, to allow wild life to return to the pond.
- Take cuttings of tender perennials, such as pelargonium.
- Do not feed plants at this time of year as it will encourage soft sappy growth which is vulnerable to frost and wet damage.

- Bring tender plants in doors or into the greenhouse.
- Attracting hedgehogs will help keep your slug population down, so now is the time to start thinking about providing places for them to hibernate. If you do not have space for a log pile there are numerous designs on the web for making a shelter and if you want to feed them make sure that other animals cannot

reach the food by providing a small tube to the feeding box

- Do not forget that Compost Day is Saturday 17 October at the Farm Shop 1000-1200

Simon Colbeck
Chairman Chedworth & District
HORTSOC

Soroptimist Club Charity Grants



The Soroptimist Club of Cirencester and District invites applications for small grants to its charity, The Dorothy Minnis trust (registered charity no: 281078), from local charities and individuals.

Application forms and further information are available on the club website: www.sigbi.org/cirencester/dorothy-minnis-trust.

Applications may be made at any time however, the deadline for consideration at the next trustee meeting is 1st November 2020.

Telling the time

The cable repairman was on my street and asked me what time it was. I told him it was between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

On the 9th September a Zoom Meeting was held with 21 members sitting comfortably in front of their Computer screens, some enjoying a cup of tea and coffee and others a glass of wine.

The Secretary asked everyone to contact her with any Resolutions that they had in mind. She told us of a new idea from the Federation of the membership fee for new members, with a reduction and a cost of £10 for 6 months,

From October to next March.

The decision has been made by a ballot for our future meetings to be on Zoom. Information for members without Zoom will be sent to them by our Secretary.

The thunderstorm afternoon was mentioned and it was bad luck that the Picnic had to be cancelled. The Committee hope to plan other outdoor meetings, this is still under discussion, if anyone has an idea for everyone to meet up please contact the Secretary, a large thank you for this.

The President for the evening then introduced Rev Dr Henderson who gave a talk on

Great Mysteries and Conspiracy Theories.

He began with the Bermuda Triangle and the reasons behind the sinking of many ships and planes disappearing in a section of the Atlantic Ocean. Many, many theories --- take your pick. Rev Dr Henderson's clever skill with the

presentation was very watchable, we had to make a choice,

Was it Electric Fog
 St Elmo's Fire
(Thunderstorms and lightening)
 Jelly Hole

Apparently the shipwreck in Shakespeare's The Tempest was based in the so called Devil's Triangle.

We were then taken on to discover the proof of Ghosts and his chat on Manifestations and Poltergeists.

The Dr also encouraged us to have a weekend visit to see and hear 'The Brown Lady of Raynham Hall, Lady Dorothy Walpole who died in 1726. Another overnight stay suggested was Shepton Mallet Prison.

The talk was very entertaining and Fun and it led into a chat from members who had remembered Ghostly tales in the Cotswolds.

Lets hope everyone slept well after they had disappeared from the Zoom Meeting.

The October meeting will be on Zoom on the 14th with a very fascinating historical account of the guests in a particular Hotel in the Midlands.
7.15pm.

The idea is to have a Quiz for our November meeting.

Carol Bailey.

Cotswold Crafts - Cheese Making

Traditionally, most farms that kept cows, had a dairy which was the domain of the farmers wife for making butter and cheese. Most produce was for home consumption but as agriculture and the economy developed, surplus produce was sold at local markets which became an important part of the economy. In the Cotswolds there were regular markets at Cirencester, Northleach, Stow, Moreton-in-Marsh and Chipping Campden. Sir Thomas Atkyn's recorded in the mid C18th that at Stow Fair large numbers of farm livestock were sold together with "an immense trade in cheese". Dairies are frequently referred to in English literature, especially George Elliot in Adam Bede and Thomas Hardy in Tess of the d'Urbivilles.



The county was famous for its Gloucester Cheese which at one time was made only with the milk of the once nearly extinct Gloucester cattle. Double Gloucester is allowed to age for longer than single which is more crumbly, lighter in texture and lower in fat. The yellow flower, Ladies Bedstraw was responsible for the distinctively yellow colour of Double Gloucester Cheese.

There are many opinions and different views on what makes a true Single or Double Gloucester and how they vary as cheeses. The height, the weight, the richness, the age, the colour, the skim of the milk, using two milkings instead of just one, and adding extra cream - all have been cited at various stages in Britain's cheese-history to explain what makes the difference between the two styles.

Traditionally one of the main differences in the two types was the thickness. Single being about two to three inches thick and weighing about fifteen pound and Double about four to five inches thick and weighing about twenty four pounds. Cotswold farms supplied a good portion of Gloucester cheese for export to the big cities and overseas, especially the West Indies. Cheese for London was taken by boat on the Thames from Lechlade.

Cheese making followed the farming year in that "hay" cheese was made in the winter months when the cattle were kept in yards, was a hard cheese, while summer or "grass" cheese was made from the milk of cows fed on the first sweet bite of early summer and considered the best cheese suitable for children and invalids as well as adults.

The usual method of traditional cheese making was to set the evening milk for cream, which was then skimmed. A part of the skimmed milk was heated and the whole added to one morning's milk. If

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the milk was very rich, cream was sometimes taken from the morning milk as well. The curd was broken into pieces as big as peas and hot water or whey or a mixture of both poured on to it and the curd crumbled into the vat, then squeezed by hand and the vat tilted to let the whey run off.

After repeating this process the curd, still in its cloth, was replaced in the vat and tucked in, the vat was then put in the press and pressed for about three hours, turned and pressed again till evening, when it was taken out and salt rubbed into it. It was then pressed again, turned morning and evening for a couple of days, taken out and put on the rack. Pressing time was about twenty four hours.

For the next ten days the cheeses were turned at intervals and it was by the duration and regularity of these intervals that a good cheese-maker showed her experience. After this period of turning the cheeses were soaked in whey for a few hours and then scraped smooth until the cheese looked neat and polished. A final rinsing in whey, a wipe with a cloth to get rid of moisture and the cheeses were put on shelves to store and await buyers.

Cheese was an important part of the national diet. Rural poverty was a fact of life and at Ebrington, near to Chipping Camden a unique Cow Charity distributed surplus milk which was made into cheese and shared among the villagers up to the Second World War. This was a Charity which brought more

prayers for the founder's soul, more appreciation of his benevolence than that of the usual doles of bread or pence. "It was summat good to fill our bellies when there was more dinner times than dinners", as one old man put it.

Cheese making was not immune to the agricultural depression between the two World Wars. Increasing large scale imports of cheap "colonial" cheese on large refrigerated ships from Canada, Australia and New Zealand undermined home farm scale cheese makers. This was at a time of mass unemployment and low wages. The price for farmhouse cheese slumped so badly in the 1930's that it was no longer economic to continue making it on the farm. The price dropped to sixpence a pound and less at Stow, Banbury, Cirencester and other markets and marked the end of most farmhouse scale cheese production. The milk that had previously gone into cheese was used for butter or sold as liquid milk.

The introduction of the Milk Marketing Board in 1933 (which was disbanded in 1994) encouraged the development of cheese production which in this country after the Second World War, was increasingly carried out in large processing plants.

As the economy improved and more people travelled to Europe, foreign cheeses gained in popularity as evidenced by the large range of cheeses now available in the large supermarkets.

Fortunately, there has been a renaissance in craft cheese making in recent years, underpinned by a willingness of some consumers to pay a premium for quality produce. This has seen an increase in the production of a wide range of regional cheeses, which has been one of the success stories of British agriculture.

In the Cotswolds there are a number of local cheese makers. At Chapel Farm North Cerney, goats cheese is made. At Kirkham Farm between Lower Swell and Lower Slaughter, Simon Weaver makes hand crafted cheese from organic cows milk which graze on traditional low lying river meadows which have never been intensively farmed and on higher ground nitrogen rich clover meadows.

At the old dairy unit at Manor Farm Chedworth, David Jowett of Kings Stone Dairy is producing cheese from the high quality organic milk from the Manor Farm dairy herd. The cheese



making is carried out in a purpose built modern cheesery and a conversion of the adjacent former parlour.

Approximately 1000 to 2000 litres of milk is used most days to produce four varieties of cheese:-

Rollright - a washed rind soft cheese banded in spruce bark.

Evenlode - a washed rind semi-soft cheese

Ashcombe - a soft cheese

Chedworth - a traditional English hard cheese. To obtain accreditation as "Single Gloucester", some of the milk has to be from Gloucester cows..

When the milk arrives, it is pasteurised, starter culture is added to encourage fermentation, rennet is added to curdle the milk, the milk is stirred, some of the whey is drained and the mixture is stirred again until at the right constituency and then poured into moulds.

The cheese making process is very skilled and labour intensive, involving constant monitoring, turning and pressing of the moulds. The busiest period is from mid summer to autumn when grass and milk quality are at their best. The peak demand for cheese is at Christmas. The cheeses are stored for four weeks before distribution.

The majority of the cheese is sold to wholesalers, much of it for sale to restaurants. It is available locally at Waitrose in Cirencester.

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The Manor Farm cheese operation is a good example of aiding the local economy and farm diversification by adding value to some of the milk, utilising a redundant dairy, providing local employment (there are four staff, two of whom live in Chedworth) and producing high quality local cheese in a sustainable way.

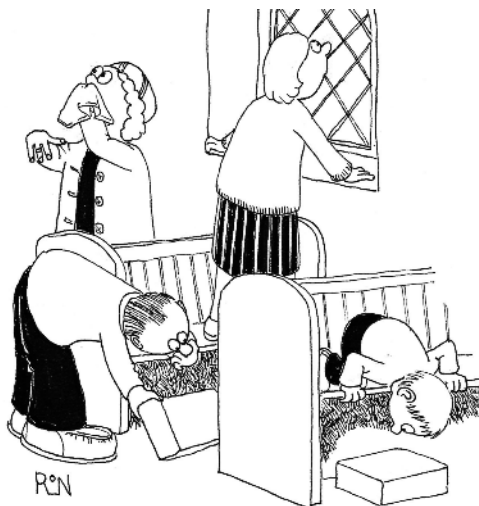
Acknowledgement to Edith Brill for extracts from "Life and Tradition on the Cotswolds"

The Chedworth's on their ripening boards

Robert Young

Where?

The police officer asked me where I had been between 5 and 6. He seemed irritated when I answered "kindergarten."



They knew it was left over from the Harvest Festival, but not what it was, or where...

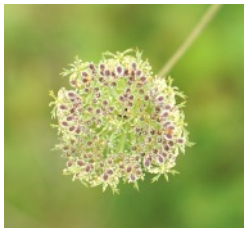
Wild Carrot

Is a beautiful and intriguing plant that flowers in June to August. It is a plant of down land and road verges, especially on dry chalky soils. The plant is thought to have originated in the Mediterranean and was brought to Britain in the C15.

A distinguishing feature is the one deep blood red flower in the centre of the plant. This gave rise to the common name of Queen Anne's Lace, who is said to have been sowing lace with a flower pattern when she pricked her finger and a drop of blood stained the middle of the flower.



The small green bead like seeds around the perimeter of the plant resemble a Catherine Wheel of narrow stems.



These invert as they dry into a concave birds nest, by which name they are known in Somerset.



Wild carrot is the ancestor of the cultivated carrots, the leaves and root smell of carrot but the root is too thin to be used as a vegetable.

In the C16, a concoction of the centrally placed red flowers of the wild carrot was held to be a certain remedy for the "falling disease", an old name for epilepsy. A century later the portion was recommended for such diverse complaints as stitch, kidney stones and dropsy.

Robert Young

Ten Commandments

A Sunday School teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honour thy father and thy mother', she said: "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered: "Thou shalt not kill."

For Maggie

For Maggie

To our dearest Maggie
You made the sun shine every day
Your poems cheered us on our way
But now, so sad, we say adieu
To your pure and kind heart - the lovely lady we knew.

God called you to Him - your life here is at an end
But your memory will live in our hearts
- Our Very Dear Friend

RIP

Anon

Maggie in Memoriam

Maggie in Memoriam

When Maggie died all the birds
Went silent
Flowers in her garden bowed
And cried

The landscape went quiet
For nothing would be
Seen the same again.

Her simple life has ended
Leaving a legacy to many
With a memory of her smile
And the courage of her journey

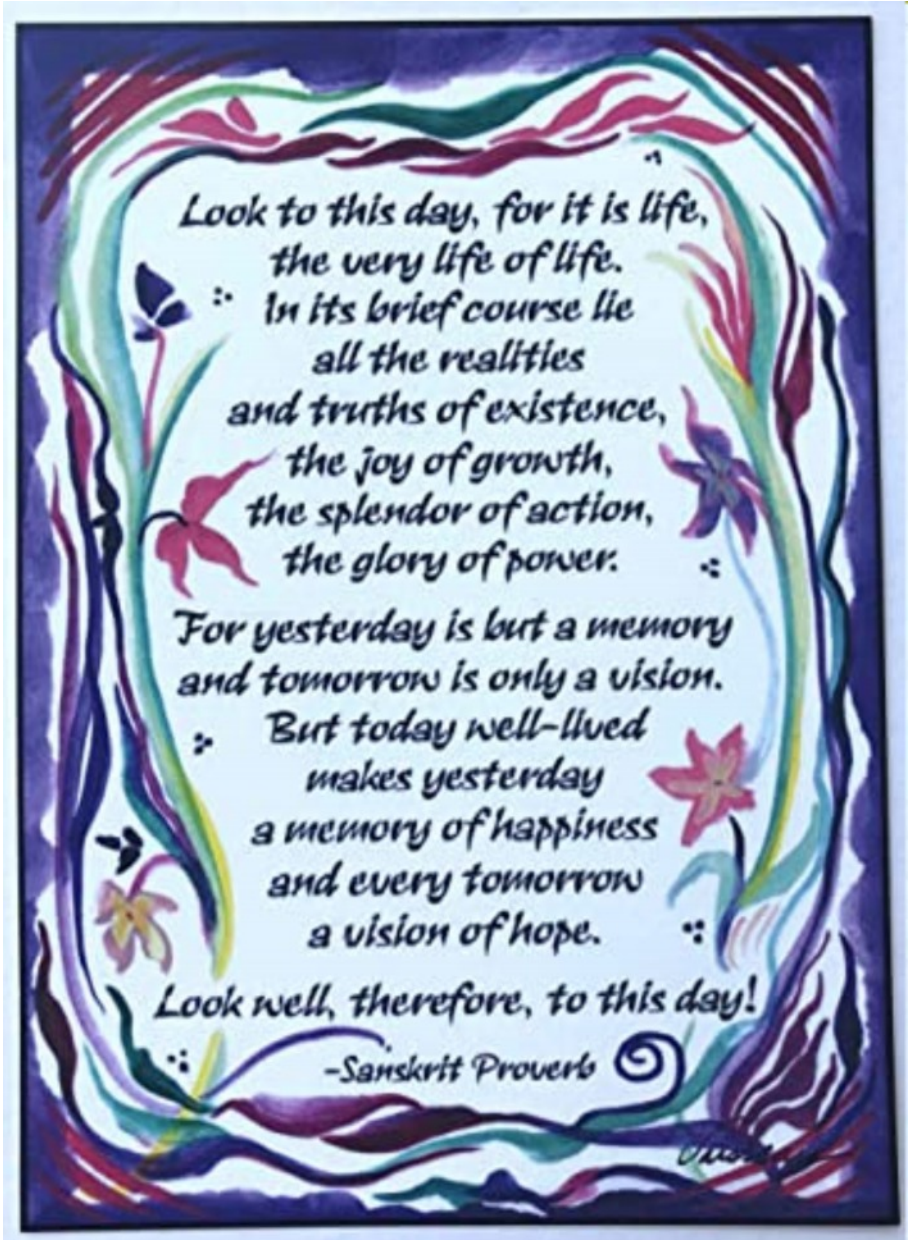
Her God has reunited her
With everything she loved

And we will remember
A soul that shared His spirit
With all of us

A constant reminder that
God and Maggie's world
Is full of wonder.

A. Arvensis.

For Maggie, who lived every day to the full and knew about celebrating life through her poetry.



Look to this day, for it is life,
the very life of life.
In its brief course lie
all the realities
and truths of existence,
the joy of growth,
the splendor of action,
the glory of power.

For yesterday is but a memory
and tomorrow is only a vision.
But today well-lived
makes yesterday
a memory of happiness
and every tomorrow
a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore, to this day!

-Sanskrit Proverb

A Selection of Maggie's Poems

A selection of poems written by Maggie over the years and published in
The Hill & Valley Parish Magazine

Neighbours

What do we call good neighbours
Ones that are always there
If you have got them living by you
You can be sure of love and care

When sometime trouble comes your way
That trouble they will share
Do anything they can to help
Or any damage to repair

Neighbours stretch so far and wide
In a village that is small
You can always count on their helping hand
Whatever problems may befall

So we thank God for help from others
When trouble comes ones way
Without good friends and neighbours
Our sincere thanks to them will say

Without your friendship firm and true
It would be a poorer place
No matter what the time of day
Goodwill can't be replaced.

Maggie Scrivens

June 2015

Wet Wet Wet

So far the winter has been very wet
But we could get some snow showers
yet
Snowdrops now getting past their best
A lovely show we have been blessed

Daffodils are coming up before their
time
So our wet weather has suited them fine
New buds on the trees are shooting fast
Hope no strong frosts before winter
past

A bit depressing these dull dark days
Not much sun our spirits to raise
Still we think of others no food and no
home

Outside in a tent nowhere to roam

Our blessings are many in more ways
than one

God sends us his blessings as we wait
for the sun

Maggie Scrivens

March 2016

Strong Roots

How strong are our roots
In the ground to grow
Do we faint and falter
When the wind does blow

Are we like a branch
That will break and fall
Or like a willow
That will grow so tall

A beech with roots in shallow ground
Or in the woods the old oak found
We need good roots that are planted deep
Good food with nourishment is all we seek

How strong are we when gales do blow
Branches waver as our souls do grow
In this firm soil we plant our seeds
Feed and clothe us, provide our needs

What more we ask of God's good land
And with his love our lives are planned
Grow your foundation good and strong
With roots like these will last us long

Maggie Scrivens

April 2017

Chedworth Music

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas
Without Chedworth Silver Band
They do their practice all year round
For each venue that is planned

They play for parties, funerals too
Their dedication to music firm and true
Christmas carols were a joy to hear
Their music lasts us all the year

Some travel by car from miles away
Bringing their beautiful instruments for
them to play
Players give their talent without a fee
Bringing their music for you and me

So thank you all for our Chedworth
band
Over one hundred years have made your
stand

Also our Chedworth Singers give us
peace and love
I am sure their lovely voices are sent
from heaven above

Thank you all, happy New Year

Maggie Scrivens

February 2018



Poppy Appeal arrangements for 2020

This year will be a tough year, but an incredibly important one because it will mark the Royal British Legion's 99th Poppy Appeal ! As you will be aware we are presented with huge challenges due to the impact that the Covid-19 pandemic has had across our society but there are also significant opportunities for innovation and change.

The Legion still has an important job to do - the impact of Covid-19 has left some in the Armed Forces community, as in many others, in dire need of urgent help and support. The Legion is asking their partners, volunteers, fundraisers, members and staff to come together and get behind the Appeal in a way that has not been asked of them before.

In spite of the challenges we all face, the Legion has developed alternative ways to bring the appeal into communities across the country.

This year the Poppy Appeal will launch to the public on Thursday 22nd of October and will run until Sunday 8th November.

The Royal British Legion will be celebrating the contribution of our

Armed Forces community across generations. While the challenges our Armed Forces face may change, the sense of duty shared by all who serve, never fades.

This year's Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Service we will be honouring the contributions of the elderly members of the Armed Forces community who have demonstrated strength in adversity in the past. They are the generation who have brought wisdom and solidarity as we now face some of our most difficult times since the end of the Second World War. The Appeal will also celebrate a new generation of the Armed Forces community who continue to defend our way of life and who this year have stood alongside essential workers on the frontline in the fight against Covid-19.

Corporate partnerships:

Members of the Royal British Legion are working closely with a range of corporate partners to support the distribution of poppies and taking donations. Major supermarkets, banks and other national and regional retail stores will be offering poppies directly to the public in more than 10,000 outlets across the UK. Key supermarkets will

offer contactless donation facilities at their tills.

Public support:

There will be a range of activities the public can support this year via the Legion's Poppy Appeal landing page on their website. A downloadable poppy is also being developed.

Summary & arrangements for our local Poppy Appeal:

As the Honorary Poppy Appeal Organisers for Chedworth & District our priority this year is to ensure the safety of our wonderful band of 18 Poppy Appeal collectors and also our local residents. However, we also wish to ensure that everyone who wants to take part in the annual remembrance can do so by making a donation for the traditional poppy in a safe and limited way.

Our 18 Poppy Appeal collectors are not permitted to conduct the usual house to house collections, however, we are allowed to organise unmanned collections at our 7 'static points' which are located at the following locations in the area -

St Andrew's School; The 7 Tuns, Chedworth Farm Shop & Chedworth Farm Shop Cafe foyer; The Stump (formerly The Hare & Hounds); The Fossebridge Inn; Chedworth Roman Villa.

In these unprecedented times please do support our annual Poppy Appeal once again, as you have done in previous years.

Thank you.

David & Felicity Peake

*Honorary Poppy Appeal Organisers
Chedworth & District*



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Hill & Valley Tennis Club

Note from the Chair

New Rule of Six Doesn't Stop Play!

Once again tennis continues to shine in these difficult times as one of the key sports that can be played safely outside. Thankfully the new Rule of Six does not affect us on court as long as we all continue to follow the LTA's strict safety guidelines.

Over the summer we have been working hard to reinstate our coaching program and to offer opportunities for more social and competitive play. We've been delighted to see so many people making the most of our facilities over the summer and to have seen our membership grow to 172. We still have room for more, however, so if you have not yet given it a try why not take advantage of our reduced winter rates. Adult individual membership is now only £34.50. As we move into autumn and winter our excellent all-weather courts still offer plenty of opportunities to play and it is only really heavy rain, ice or snow that stop us playing tennis!

Our AGM this year will be held on Monday, 23rd November 2020 at 7.30pm on Zoom.

Please check our website for full details of all that the club has to offer www.clubspark.lta.org/HillandValleyTC

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4.05 - 5pm

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5.05 - 6.00pm

GREEN - School Year 6 & 7

6.05 - 7pm

Fridays

YELLOW - School Year 8 - 13

6.00 - 7.00pm

Please contact James for more information about coaching on 07592 440514 jamesmorris7@aol.com

ACTIVITIES that are running details are on the website

www.clubspark.lta.org/HillandValleyTC

Men's Night on Monday evenings.

A new Ladies Night is starting at the end of September on Thursdays.

For those interested in more competitive play you can still enter the tennis ladder which is running until the end of November and is proving to be great fun.

We have again entered the Over 60's Ladies Winter League, following last

year's success we shall be moving up to Division Two. We have also entered the Stroud Mixed Doubles Winter League.

If you would like to know more about the club and any of the activities please do get in touch

hillandvalleyltd@gmail.com

Golf Day at Monmouth

Well yet again what a fantastic day. The weather was very kind to us. I would like to thank everyone who came and played and those who sponsored a hole or gave a raffle prize. This has been a difficult year for everyone but the support and generosity of the village has been amazing once again. We played Texas Scramble for both rounds. The winners were as follows.

Morning.

1st John Sissons, Jeff Wheldon, Daniel Heaps, Chris Miles.

2nd Tom Horrell, Sam Price, Tim House, Darren Handy.

3rd Andy Miles, Nathan Heaps, Jamie Cowell, Tim Gleeve.

Nearest the Pin Tom Horrell, Longest Drive Sam Price.

Afternoon

1st Nathan Heaps, Daniel Heaps, Tom Horrell, Sam Price.

2nd Ian Emes, Tim House, Craig Hughes, Christopher Heaps.

3rd Lee Hatherall, Daniel Rutherford, Jamie Cowell, John Sissons.

Nearest the Pin Daniel Heaps. Longest Drive Nathan Heaps.

This years money raised will be going to St Andrew's Church. Amount raised will be in next months Hill & Valley. Once again thank you so much.

Date for next years Golf Day is FRIDAY 10th SEPTEMBER.

STAY SAFE & Best Wishes

Pete Heaps

Manor Farm News

Autumn calving, Bonus crops and Pastures new



For the first time since 2011 we are calving some cows this September, on order to produce winter milk for cheese production.

As we get to late September the herd will be split, with the autumn calved cows being milked twice a day and fed extra feed - both in the parlour and as silage to supplement their grazing - meanwhile the spring calvers will go onto once a day milking, to tick along until dry off in late November. This will make pasture management easier and allow us to make the most of autumn pasture.

After showing signs of producing lots of quality grazing in the spring, the pastures have not lived up to expectations in the earlier part of the season, due to the dry weather. After receiving some decent rainfall in August, the pastures are now fulfilling their early promise - with dense swards of quality grazing.

All classes of stock are enjoying this and are in good condition.

This year, when the dry weather first broke, the spring barley set secondary tillers. As we cut ours for whole crop silage in July, these secondary tillers appeared in the regrowth. By the end of August there was a light crop of barley, with a dense sward of clovers, trefoil, chicory and plantain underneath it. Thus was mown and baled to produce some high quality mixed feed, which will be ideal to supplement the autumn calvers with.

Last year was a particularly difficult year to establish brassica crops - so this year I planted a mixture of forage rye and stubble turnips, to provide winter grazing. This year it has all established well and should produce an all round feed - probably for winter milkers following on from the fodder beet.



Manor Farm News

Now though it is time for me to hand over this work of farming in Chedworth. Manor Farm has decided to appoint Toby Baxter to contract farm here from October, so I am moving to pastures new. With George and Baden both at university, now is a good time for Victoria and myself to move on.

I'd like to thank Mrs Hamilton for giving me the opportunity to develop a grazing system based around herbal leys. When we first started growing herbal leys, we soon realised that we were doing much more than just producing a commodity. These pastures have a huge ability to rebuild soils (through carbon

sequestration) and stimulate ecosystem recovery through their ability to promote insect populations.

These pastures are now being grown on an increasing acreage in the UK in part thanks to the work I've done here.

With my departure from Manor Farm and Chedworth this is my last article for H&V. I hope these articles have given an insight into the system I've been running at Manor Farm, and what has been achieved. My aim is to leave a farm in better heart than I found it in.

Rob Richmond

Romeo & Juliet at Chedworth Manor

*"Come, gentle night; come, loving,
black-browed night;
Give me my Romeo; and, when I shall die,
Take him and cut him out in little stars,
And he will make the face of heaven so fine
That all the world will be in love with night..."*

We pulled our rugs around our shoulders a little more tightly, unable to take our eyes off the young Juliet as the sky began to darken. Behind us the sunset was streaking the horizon with pink and green, and the first large moths of the evening flitted softly between us.

All around us people were spread in little groups across the bumpy sloping field, sitting on folding chairs or on cushions. Beside us were scattered the

remains of our picnics, empty glasses, flasks and hampers.

In the dip below us and behind the players lay the mellow roofs of the Manor House and its outbuildings. The little ancient church stood only a few feet away from the house, its soft amber lights coming on behind the stained glass windows as the daylight faded. Its clock tolled the hour at exactly the appropriate moment in the drama, as the director had neatly planned.

It had been fine and dry when we arrived at Chedworth Manor after navigating through deep lanes hollowed out by centuries of horse drawn

Romeo & Juliet at Chedworth Manor

vehicles. We were in unknown timeless territory, blurred by the ages.

It was half an hour before we spotted a sign saying Manor House, and turned as instructed up a long drive. We had been told to look out for a cricket pitch. Surely not, we thought? But there it was, sitting comfortably within the grounds of the Manor. A groundsman was carefully steering a large sit-on mower, indifferent to the line of four wheel drive vehicles crawling past him.

Enchanted, we had watched the promised "two hour traffic of our stage" as the tragedy of the young lovers was so poetically portrayed. If these were indeed amateurs, including two firemen, it gave us far more pleasure than the official RSC production we had endured in Stratford a couple of a years before. There the play had been shouted and gabbled on a bare stage by actors in

modern dress waving pistols instead of swords, an experience to be endured rather than enjoyed.

But tonight we had watched a simple, clear interpretation of that most beautiful of love stories, faultlessly acted in exquisite Elizabethan costumes with background music chosen to match the mood.

Moved by the tragic deaths of the young lovers, we quietly gathered up our belongings and trudged up to the barn car park to drive home. By the side of the lane near the majestic remains of the Roman villa, our sidelights picked out a young fox steadily watching us as we drove by.

Somehow the sight of him set a seal on the magic of the evening for us.

*Richard Vaughan Davies.
September 2020*



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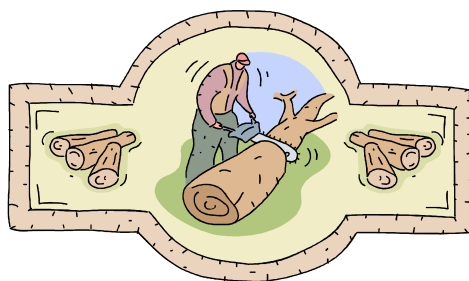
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