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Julie Young
Coordinator for the this edition.



Stephen's Letter

The Great Escape

"Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast; not with the old bread of wickedness, but the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." 1 Cor 5v7-8

Spring is here and, with the COVID vaccination programme going well, and the government's road map out of lockdown in place, many of us are hoping for an escape from COVID and the dreary, lockdown lifestyle over the next few months. And, of course, some of us might have particular situations we want to escape from - perhaps a family problem, or a difficult situation at home or nearby.

At Easter, as we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we also turn our attention to Old Testament (Ex 12v1-14) and recall how the Israelites made their escape - from slavery in Egypt - and began their long journey to their own land that God had given them. And what enabled their escape was the blood of the Passover Lamb on their doorposts, which meant the angel of death would pass over them, so they could escape from Egypt to freedom and new life with God, in the land that he promised them.

We think about this at Easter, because Jesus is the ultimate Passover Lamb (as St Paul described in 1 Corinthians 5 here) - whose blood enables us to escape God's judgement on our sin, and find the freedom of life with God, who loves

us so much that he has provided a sacrifice for our sins. So we too can experience a great escape - not just from COVID lockdown - but from our sin and guilt, and indeed all our deepest fears, doubts and regrets.

Maybe you can't wait for escape from lockdown. Or maybe the pandemic has so affected your circumstances that you don't quite know what awaits you now. Sadly, we can be sure there will be challenges of some sort. But whatever happens when we escape from lockdown, we can all escape from the sin and guilt that is inside us - through belief and trust in God, who has provided our Passover Lamb in Jesus Christ and his death on the cross.

So let us keep the feast! Remember Jesus this Easter and come and celebrate the Great Escape with us at one of our Easter services.

With every good wish for Easter,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for April 2021

We are planning to return to in-person services at Easter. The services for Holy Week and Easter will take place outside, as shown. In-person services will then resume with a single Sunday Service in Chedworth at 10.30 am each week during April and May. Please note that social distancing restrictions will apply at all services, as previously. See notice below.

Thursday 1st April - Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion	4 pm - Chedworth Churchyard
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Friday 2nd April - Good Friday

Good Friday Gathering	11 am - Chedworth Churchyard
Last Hour	2 pm - Coln St Dennis Churchyard

Sunday 4th April - Easter Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP)	9 am - Yanworth Churchyard
Holy Communion	10. 30 am - Chedworth Churchyard

Sunday 11th April

Holy Communion	10.30 am - Chedworth
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Sunday 18th April

Family Service	10.30 am - Chedworth
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Sunday 25th April

Holy Communion	10.30 am - Chedworth
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Sunday 2nd May

Family Communion	10.30 am - Chedworth
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Lockdown & Church Services

While the law has permitted us to continue to worship in our buildings throughout the current lockdown, we chose to suspend in-person worship in January to safeguard our vulnerable parishioners.

Now, with the infection rate going down and the vaccination roll-out going well, we are aware that some people want to return to church, so we are beginning to open up for services, broadly in line with the government's road map out of lockdown. In-person services will therefore recommence after Easter, with

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a single Sunday service at Chedworth during April and May.

Please note that anyone who is vulnerable and does not, as yet, feel safe to attend an in-person service is not obliged to do so. We will continue to be issuing a weekly video and Looking Up in parallel the weekly in-person service. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Stephen on 720392.

Do you have Star Quality?

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

If you have a talent - whether singing, dancing, music, magic or sport - come and take part. Our panel of (local) celebrity judges are friendly - but they are discerning, and their decision will be final!

There will be great prizes available for the winners (Under 16, Adult and Group categories). Bar and light refreshments available.

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

General admission - £5 for adults; £2 for under 16s. Proceeds in aid of St

Andrew's Church. Also: do get in touch if your business would like to sponsor the event. We will be name-checking a local business alongside each act! More details to follow.

Rogation Service

A **Rogation Service** will take place on **Sunday 9th May**. Do look out for further details in due course.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The **Annual Parochial Church Meetings** in the Benefice are as follows:

- Chedworth - Monday 12th April at 7.30pm.
- Yanworth with Stowell - Wednesday 14th April at 7.30pm.
- Coln St Dennis with Coln Rogers - Tuesday 20th April at 7.30pm.

These meetings may take place electronically or in-person in one of the relevant parish churches. Further details to follow.

These meetings are open to all parishioners, not just regular church attenders, and are your opportunity to hear about the church's plans and progress and to contribute your views.

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.

From the Registers

Funerals

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

Anne Porter - Cheltenham Crematorium - 11th March

One Solitary Life - *From an anonymous source*

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He had nothing to do with this world except the power of His divine manhood.

While still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying-and that was his coat.

When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. 19 wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centre-piece of the human race ...

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that One Solitary Life.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
12-Apr	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Zoom
14-Apr	19:15	WI -	Zoom
10-May	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Zoom
12-May	19:15	WI - Resolutions. Who Am I? discussion	Zoom
21-May	13:15	HortSoc Garden Visit to South Wood Farm, Honiton	Honiton
24-May	19:30	Annual Parish Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
04-Jun		HortSoc Garden Visit to Iford Manor	Bradford on Avon
09-Jun	19:15	WI - Garden meetings (tbc)	
12-Jun		Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament	
14-Jun	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Zoom or Village Hall
24-Jun		HortSoc Garden Visit to Allt-y-Bela, Monmouthshire	
12-Jul	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
14-Jul	19:15	WI - Milking Parlour to Pulpit talk by Canon Morris	Chedworth Village Hall
17-Jul		HortSoc Garden Visit to The Newt, Bruton, Somerset	Bruton
17-Jul		Chedworth's Got Talent	Chedworth Playing Field
09-Aug	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
11-Aug	19:15	WI - outing	tbc
21-Aug	14:00	Chedworth & District Horticultural Show	Chedworth Village Hall
08-Sep	19:15	WI meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
10-Sep		Chedworth Charity Golf Day	Monmouth
13-Sep	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
11-Oct	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Oct	19:15	WI meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
08-Nov	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
10-Nov	19:15	WI meeting & AGM	Chedworth Village Hall
08-Dec	19:15	WI meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Dec	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

**Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Yanworth**

**Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers**

April 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



May 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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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.



Once again, the pupils have returned with smiles on their faces and a wonderful sense of energy and enthusiasm for moving forward. As always, their resilience and positivity is astounding and we are so proud of them.

Learning to live as part of the wider community.



The school council have suggested that we turn part of our field, which used to be a stage, into a flower garden and peaceful place. If anyone in the village has any experience/ knowledge with designing gardens and could help work with the school council, please contact school.

We are grateful to the community and local counsellors for their support of our Net Zero Carbon mission. March marked an important milestone with the Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHP) and solar panels being installed. CP Jefferies and Batchelor Electrical have been

working hard on site under the difficult COVID restraints.

Thank you to those of you who have responded to the letters/ artwork sent to you by some of our pupils. It was so lovely to see their faces when they had post and emails addressed to them.

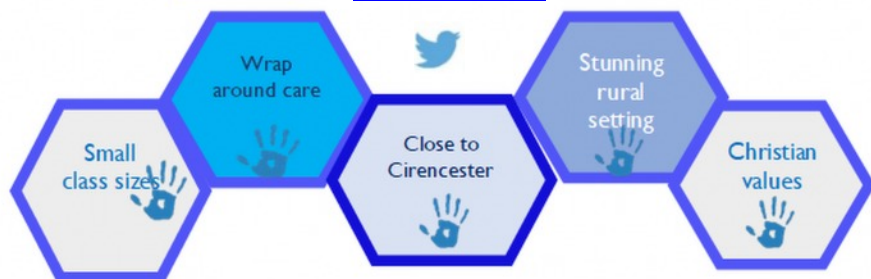
Learning to live out our Christian values.



We are optimistic for a more 'normal' summer and are hoping to hold a community fete at some point in the summer term. We will announce details and dates soon and hope to see as many of you as possible.

*Mrs N Smith
Head Teacher*

[StAndrewsCofEI](#)



We have received some wonderful donations over the past month, both for our Easter raffle and items for our children to use within the Pre-School! We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported us! Raising funds for running costs are extremely important to us, as we are a not-for-profit charity. This year has been exceedingly difficult to manage financially as we have seen less children through lockdowns and like all other charities, we have not been able to fundraise by holding large events such as our Christmas Fayre - an average of £3000 is raised to support our running costs in an average year!

I am delighted to report that by extending our opening hours we are now reaping the benefits and have recently had an influx of new families joining with us;

working families require more hours of childcare than was previously offered and through working with St. Andrew's Primary School we have been able to achieve this!

We are incredibly lucky to have such a good partnership with St. Andrew's Primary School; for World Book Day our children enjoyed a virtual story session with Mrs. Smith as she read 'Giraffes can't dance' this also happens to be a favourite story of many of our children!

A big thank you to the Village Hall for updating the windows within the social room, this has made the room so much warmer - our children enjoyed watching the workmen removing the old windows and replacing them with the new ones!

Sarah Smith



For more information please take a look at our website

www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk

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

Chedworth Parish Council

Notes from our March meeting Council doing its bit for paths but walkers must be considerate

The Parish Council has been working hard to make sure that our many Rights of Way are well signposted and walkable. As a result of an appeal made last year, villagers have been in touch to point out where signs are missing and stiles are broken and we have now written to landowners to ask them to fix the problems.

Keeping the Rights of Way well marked and clear is an ongoing challenge so if you notice any problems please let us know.

Equally important though, is the way that people use the paths.

Walkers have a responsibility to behave considerately when crossing other peoples' land and need to be very aware

of livestock when they are walking with dogs.

Some of our footpaths cross through



private gardens or go down private drives and sadly dog owners are not all as considerate as they should be. We have received complaints about dogs running wild through gardens and even being allowed to foul which is then not picked up. If you are walking through someone's garden, please put your dog on a lead and **wherever you are you must pick up after your dog and throw the bag in a bin.**

Please do not pick it up and then leave the bag hanging on a fence, a gate, a tree, or just lying on the ground. Leaving bags lying around is littering and you can be fined.

Memorial bench for club

The Elderberries (formerly the Cheery Club) may be no more but a new bench on the playing field will ensure that the group is remembered.

The Parish Council has agreed to allow a bench to be located on the playing field

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

with a plaque marking the history of the group.

Village shop discussion on hold

The closure of the farm shop was discussed at the meeting and it was agreed that when get togethers were allowed, the parish council would arrange a public meeting to discuss if anything could be done to get a new shop in the village. Keep an eye on the Noticeboards and Hill and Valley for further information.

New fundraising initiative

If you have a community project in mind which needs funding then a new initiative by Cotswold District Council may help. Crowdfund Cotswolds enables organisations to raise money with the

help of the local authorities, businesses and individuals. If you would like more information check out the Crowdfund Cotswold website on spacehive.com or contact Jenny Forde, our district councillor.

Application on the way?

Residents who are unhappy about the noise from planes flying over Rendcomb Airfield may soon get the chance to comment on a planning application. The parish council has been told that an application may be imminent and has asked to be notified because of the impact of the flying on some parts of the village.

Ros Jess

Divine Intervention?

A little boy was playing outside with his mother's broom in the garden. That night his mother realised her broom was still missing and asked her son to go out and bring it in.

When the little boy confessed he was afraid of the dark, his mother tried to comfort him: 'The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid.'

Hesitantly, the little boy opened the back door and peered out. He called softly: 'Lord, since you're out there already, please will you pass me the broom?'

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A woman was found guilty in traffic court and when asked for her occupation she said she was a schoolteacher. The judge rose from the bench. 'Madam, I have waited years for a schoolteacher to appear before this court.' He then smiled with delight. 'Now sit down at that table and write "I will not run a red light" one hundred times.'

Kid's Corner - Bird Watching

Is it easy to watch birds,
Yes if you are keen on nature
Yes if you are keen on the outdoors
Yes if you have binoculars (these help
but not essential)
Yes if you are keen to listen to their
birdsong.

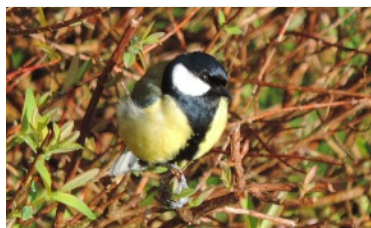
Birds are everywhere but you have to
look for them,
In the sky,
In the hedges
On walls, on lawns
On gateposts, on top of lamp posts.
In Gardens especially on bird feeders.
On ponds and in puddles and bird
baths.

There are many different birds, tiny,
small, medium sized and large.

Some fly high and others are happy in
gardens feeding. Some will hop on the
lawns and others will perch high up in
the tree tops.

Water birds love swimming on ponds,
lakes and rivers.

Below there are a few photos of bids.
Photography by Carol Bailey.



Great Tit in the sunlight



Blue Tit enjoying a splashing time in a
bird bath.



Winter thrushes called Redwing in the
afternoon sun in trees close to the
Chedworth playing field. These will fly
away soon to colder climates and return
in early winter.



A Red Kite high in the blue sky over the
playing field a few days ago.



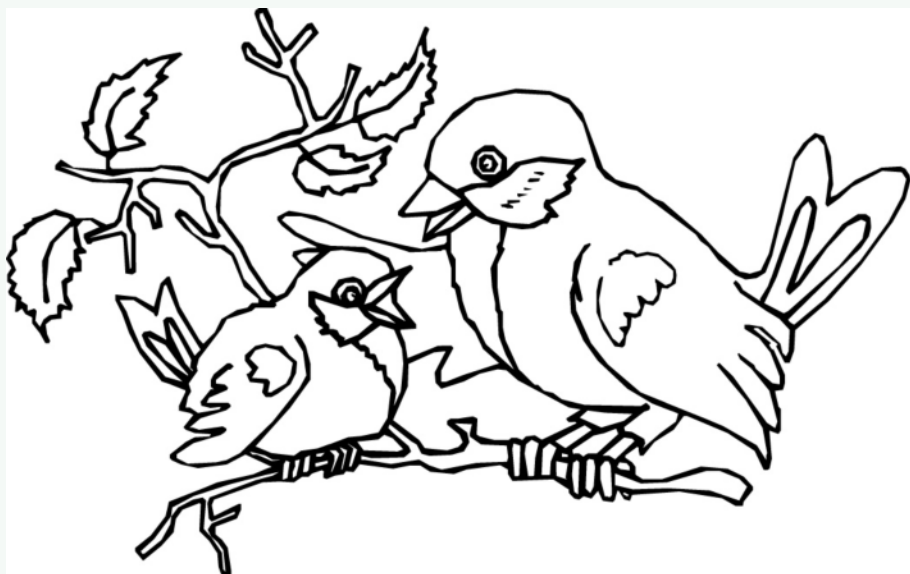
A Buzzard in a tree on the edge of a local wood from which he has a lovely view.

Lots of local friends tell me they see the wonderful sight of a Barn Owl flying over Fields Road and over the playing fields at dusk and in the early morning.

Keep a watch out for this spectacular bird.

Carol Bailey

Birds for you to colour in



Forgery

In 1872 two Chedworth farmers, Daniel Taylor of Woodlands Farm and Theyer Townsend of Pinkwell Farm became unwittingly involved in a criminal case of forgery at Cheltenham Assizes. The full story of Theyer Townsend and his many visits to court can be seen in the history section of the village website - www.chedworth.org.com - Theyer Townsend Yeoman of Pinkwell.

Cheltenham Examiner 5th June 1872
Thursday

Present: W. Jones Esq (chair), E. Carrington Esq, Sir A. Ramsey Bart. & D. Pyrke Esq.

Charge of Forgery - Painful Case

Elizabeth Baylis and Jesse Maisey, mother and son, were charged with forging the names of Theyer Townsend, uncle to the female prisoner, and of Daniel Taylor, her brother, to a promissory note for £62 with intent to defraud Mr Ballinger, baker.

Mr Chessbyre appeared for the prosecution, and Mr Boodle for the prisoners.

Mr Ballinger deposed that he had received a number of bills from the prisoner Baylis, purporting to be signed by herself her son and other parties, and in particular a bill for sixty pounds on November the first 1871, purporting to be so signed, and also bearing the

signatures of her son, her uncle, Mr Townsend, and Mr Taylor. The bill was accompanied by a memorandum bearing the same signatures, and agreeing that on condition of prosecutor paying off a certain debt at the Loan Society, they would all join in a bill to him for £62, the amount of such debt, and become "jointly and severally" guarantee to him for it liquidation by certain monthly instalments. On the bill being about to arrive at maturity, he wrote to Mr Townsend, whom the prisoners had described as the "rich uncle," and told him the bill was nearly due and the instalments must be paid. He received a letter from Mr Townsend in reply that he had never signed any such bill, or authorised anyone else to sign it, and that in point of fact he knew nothing of the transaction. On this, he called on the prisoner Maisey, and asked him what the letter meant, when the latter admitted to him that the signatures were forgeries, but he would make up the money as soon as he could. Witness was not at all satisfied with this, but he was unwilling to take any proceedings until he had seen Mr Townsend, who did not come into town for some weeks afterwards.

On cross-examination by Mr Boodle, witness denied that he kept from persecuting in the hope of getting his money, or that he had made any offers of a compromise. He had known Mrs Baylis for a great many years, and knew these bills were for the assistance of the son whom she always represented to

him as getting on well and being benefitted by his assistance. The way he first became involved in the transaction was as follows: - at the date of Mr Maisey's death he owed witness about fifteen pounds. He was killed by an accident, and having shortly before insured his life, his widow wanted a little more assistance to carry on the business until she got the insurance money. He assisted her with about £30 at various times, and he afterwards turned out that the insurance company disputed the policy on the question of health, and she could never get it. After this witness advised her to get the money at Rogers loan society and witness became security, and had himself to pay the interest and fines until the debts ran up the sixty two pounds, when he paid out the Loan Society, and took the debt on himself, in consideration of the bill forming the subject of the present prosecution, and to which he had, as he thought, the names of Mr Townsend and Mr Taylor, which now turned out to be forgeries. He never had the slightest suspicion, until he received Mr Townsends letter, that the signatures were not genuine, and he then found that all the preceding bill's for years past had been forged in the same manner. Was quite sure he had never offered to "take something to settle it," and had never asked Mr Townsend to compromise it. Mr Townsend had said, when he found out how matters stood, that it was a hard case on him (witness), after all his kindness to the family, to lose the money, and that he (Townsend)

would not mind five or ten pounds to help to help make up his loss; but it was not true, and there was no foundation for the insinuation, that he (witness) had waited until all hope of getting the money repaid was gone before he instituted these proceedings.

Mr Theyer Townsend was the next witness. He said he was a farmer at Chedworth, and the uncle of the female prisoner. He knew nothing of the bill produced, and had never signed it, or authorised anyone else to sign it. It was not true as the prisoners had written to Mr Ballinger, that "they had spoken to their uncle and he was willing to sign it". They had never mentioned the matter to him. They knew better then to come to him, for they had bled him too often already to think of coming to him again. He denied he was a wealthy man. The prisoners might of spoken of him as their "rich uncle", but they had spoken very wrongly, for he had assisted them over and over again until they had made him poor. He could not say in who's handwriting the signature to the bill were, but he thought he had some writing in his possession which would about match it. He would produce this writing that the magistrates might judge for themselves. (The letters were produced and bore the signature of Jesse Maisey). He thought that signature was very much like that on the bills.

Mr Boodle said that could not be, for he understood Maisey couldn't write at all.

Forgery

Witness did not know about that, as he had never seen him write, though he had received many letters which purported to come from him. After he received the letter from Ballinger, and before he saw the forgery, he called upon Maisey, who did not deny the forgery, but said that he would make up the money himself. He called upon Ballinger and saw the forged bill, but never offered to compromise the matter, nor did Ballinger ask him to do so; all he did was, after seeing Ballinger's books, and finding that he had been very kind to his niece, to say that it was very hard that he (Ballinger), should lose the money, and he should not mind giving a trifle himself, rather than he should bear all the loss.

Mr Boodle intimated to the bench that he had been instructed just now that the prisoner Maisey could not write. He had been since informed that he could write his own name; and he was now told that he had actually signed with his own hand the documents just produced by Mr Townsend. Under these circumstances he felt his only due to his own character, and respectful to the Bench, to retire from the case. He might explain to the court that he had only just been instructed, and had not seen the prisoners until he saw them in the court; but when he found he was told one thing one minute, and another thing the next, he had no alternative to throw up the case. Mr Boodle then retired from the court.

Mr Daniel Taylor deposed that his signature to the name on the bill was not his writing, neither had he authorised anyone else to sign it. He knew nothing of the transaction, until he had a letter from Mr Ballinger to say the bill was due, when he repudiated all knowledge of it. He did not know in whose handwriting was.

Sarah Ann Sheen, wife of a fly driver, living at 1, Casino Place, said she was the sister of the prisoner Maisey, and was in the habit of writing letters for him and her mother the female prisoner, she had thus written the letters produced. They were in the habit of sending her things to write, and she did them and returned them, she had never seen the note said to have been forged before; it was not in her handwriting.

Maisey - I never asked you to write things.

Witness - Jesse, how can you say so when you and mother sent them down for me to write.

Maisey - it was mother. I knew nothing of it.

Witness - they came from home, and I sent them back.

The female prisoner said, "well I did send them".

Maisey, asked what he had to say in his defence, he said he knew nothing of it.

The female prisoner, in tears, said "poor Jesse" knew nothing of it. She did not mean to have robbed her poor brother.

It was for Maisiey's, (her husband) debts. He had left £300 owing had begged her not to tell of his debts and she had tried not to do so. They had tried to pay and had paid off twenty pounds, and now she was found out she was half dead. She had been trying to pay everybody since her husband's death twenty years ago. She did not mean to forge nor rob anyone, and she would not have done so but rumbled on in this way at some length, and when her son asked her of what use it was saying all this here, she replied, still crying, that "it was to let them know all about it; she was ashamed of nothing she had done." Both prisoners were formally committed to trial at the assizes.

Notes

Jesse Maisiey was baptised in Cowley in 1847 and had a previous criminal record for stealing hay whilst living at Brimpsfield in 1869. He was described thus: 5'8" long face, fresh complexion, blue eyes, wound on knee and thigh, birth mark on back of neck

Elizabeth Baylis was described thus: 50 years old - 5ft 3" , her hair was 'turning', full neck, low forehead and sallow complexion

The hearing at the assizes a week later resulted in Jesse Maisiey being sentenced to one-year hard labour and Elizabeth Baylis was released for lack of evidence.

Micheal Tovey



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On Wednesday March 10th 27 members entered the Zoom meeting. Eeveryone is now familiar with this form of meeting and we all feel the friendship we have with one another.

In the business meeting we looked forward to meeting again in April with small groups encouraged to join a walking Whats App group. Again we hope to meet in different local gardens in June. Lots to look forward to.

Our Speaker was William Reddaway who gave us an inspirational talk on his ride around the four corners of England visiting 30 Cathedrals.

William and his sturdy and stoical Horse, Strider left the top of the Cotswolds on 11th May 2013 returning on 8th December, having walked 2,682 miles and up to date has raised £92,000 for two Charities: Family Holiday Association and Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre, Riding for the Disabled Association.

William's experiences throughout his adventurous trip were :

- Discovering the treatment of saddle sores for Strider.
- Understanding the route of Trams,
- Cobbled streets of Durham,
- Looking up the Dean of Lincoln Cathedral(an old family friend),

- Horse and Rider coping with Wheelie Bins,
- Being blessed by Canons and Deans of the different Cathedrals,
- Piped into a Cathedral Close by Cadet Pipers,
- Escorted by London Police Horses over a Bridge in London,
- Entering into Exeter Cathedral , walking to the Altar to be Blessed. Shown in the Photo below.



My thoughts after this amazing story Were 'How many children have enjoyed their lovely holidays off the back of Strider and his companion, William.'

The evening was one of the best for Chedworth W.I.

Our next meeting is on April 14th at 7.15 on Zoom.

Hope to see friends soon and remember we are always looking out for new members.

Take care,

Carol Bailey.

Chedworth & District Horticultural Show

Chedworth Village Hall
Saturday 21st August 2021 2pm



Get Growing and Save The Date!

This year we are celebrating the 140th anniversary of the founding of our society, which we were unable to celebrate last year. The show is returning to its traditional format with a great selection of classes for you to enter. Entry to classes will be free of charge.

The list of classes can be viewed at <http://chedworth.org.uk/hortsocshow2021>. The full schedule and entry forms will be distributed in due course.

Show Prizes will be awarded as follows:

First, second and third places will be awarded for each class.

There will be no monetary prize award per class. Instead, overall show prizes will be awarded on the basis of a draw:

Class 1st place winners will be awarded three entries to the draw.

Class 2nd place winners will be awarded two entries to the draw.

Class 3rd place winners will be awarded one entry to the draw.

The following overall show prizes will be awarded on the basis of the draw:

First Prize £140

Second Prize £100

Third Prize £75

Fourth Prize £50

Fifth Prize £25

There will be a similar separate draw to award children's show prizes for the children's classes.

Children's First Prize £25

Children's Second Prize £20

Children's Third Prize £15

Richard Abraham

Your Gardening Tips

What a change from last year! The cold weather in March has held many daffodils back, but there are signs that spring is here at last, and now is the time for tulips to bring some colour into our gardens.



● If you are thinking of experimenting with carrots to impress at the Hortsoc Show why not try some varieties other than orange, which incidentally, is the most recent colour resulting from selection by Dutch growers in the 16th Century. Wild carrots are white and the first cultivated carrots were white and purple. White, yellow, red, black and purple as well as orange carrots can make for a colourful, tasty and nutritious meal, as each variety has its own flavour and benefits. Yellow carrots tend to lose some flavour when cooked so best eaten raw, but most carrots

contain lutein, betacarotene, and xanthophyllis which promote healthy eyes. Purple carrots contain more betacarotene than orange ones and they get their colour from anthocyanins the powerful antioxidants found blueberries. These should not be novelty crops because they are genuinely tasty and very health-giving

- Pinch off old flower heads from spring flowering bulbs that are going over but allow to die back before trimming or mowing so that the bulbs retain as much energy as possible.
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses and climbing plants such as clematis and honeysuckle. Climbing roses will flower better if trained to grow horizontally. The hormones are normally concentrated at the tip of the plant, but if spread equally along the stem, each bud will be encouraged to grow a leaf and eventually a flower.
- Plants that benefit from regular clipping often with shears are box, yew, hebe, lonicera and pittosporum, which as well as restricting size can produce new colour in the foliage.
- Slightly tender plants such as penstemons and lavender can be pruned, cutting just above fresh new shoots.
- Sweet peas can be sown outside when the ground has warmed up.
- Herbaceous perennials such as Geranium can be divided and planted outside in well prepared soil.
- Loosen any tree ties that are biting into the bark.
- Feed trees shrubs and hedges, with a balanced fertilizer, then mulch.
- Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds, and plant out plugs already started off under cover

- Increase water to house plants, and if you have any citrus plants, now is the time to start feeding them
- If not done in late March, sow grass seed over bare patches and apply lawn feed and weed control.
- Keep an eye out for aphids and remove by hand as soon as spotted.
- Keep weeds under control as they will want to be growing vigorously.
- There is still time to sow an annual wild-flower meadow or corner.
- Cover ground to be sown with a membrane to help warm up the soil. Ready for sowing seeds, but also try sowing some quick maturing root crops such as radishes, spring onions and baby beetroot.
- Brassicas can be sown outside, but it may be better to start them off in the greenhouse.
- Do forget to rotate your crops around the vegetable patch if you can.
- Use your compost straight away as if left in the bag for too long it will degrade as the microbes start to break down the organic material and consume the available nitrogen.
- Now think about what exhibits that you will be entering in the Hortsoc Show on 21 August from the schedule published in this magazine !

Simon Colbeck

Chairman Chedworth & District
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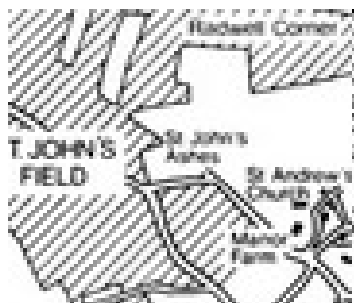


Nature in Spring Photos by Max Scissons

Vicar Excavates St. John's 1856

Vicar Excavates St. John's, Chedworth 1856

Surprisingly little is known about Chedworth's medieval former fourth religious building called St. John's. There are no longer any above ground ruins to observe but we do know where it stood. Presumably the stone was recycled for other uses over the years.



One of the large medieval era open fields of Chedworth (broadly west and north from St. Andrew's Church- Newport Farm and airfield area) was called St. John's Field and about where the cricket field is was an area called St. John's Ashes. A report was made to The Society of Antiquaries, London concerning an archaeological excavation undertaken by Rev Arthur Gibson:

Michael Tovey

The Secretary, by permission of the Rev. A. GIBSON, vicar of Chedworth, in Gloucestershire, exhibited a barbed Dart or Arrow-Head, and a small silver sceatta, both found at Chedworth; the latter on the site of the ancient church of the village, which stood on the spot known as **St. John's Ashes**, from some ash trees once growing there. Some time since, Mr. Gibson caused excavations to be made here, the result of which assured him that the tradition was correct as to a church having occupied the site in ancient times. Fragments of early Norman sculpture were disinterred, among which were a rude head of the Saviour bearing his cross. Some coins of the Lower Empire were at the same time discovered, together with the sceatta exhibited, differing in some slight particulars from the types already known. The obverse bearing a diademed head, imitated from the Roman coins after the days of Constantine; a cross before it in the field. The reverse bearing a figure standing, in a long habit, holding in each hand a staff surmounted by a cross. A considerable number of these sceattæ, it was observed, are preserved in the collection at the British Museum. Some are without the Christian symbol, but many of them bear types which appear to indicate that they were struck after the conversion of the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity. The examples of either kind, Mr. Akerman observed, which had come under his notice, were found in the district once forming the Heptarchic division Mercia; and he thought we should not err in assigning them to that kingdom.

Horticultural Society Garden Visits

Garden Visits 2021

We are almost fully booked for our visits this year.

At the time of going to press the availability is as below

Friday 21st May South Wood Farm, Honiton.

25 people maximum allowed to this beautiful garden created by Arne Maynard. Arrive 13.15 for guided tour by Head Gardener Patrick Burt, followed by tea and cake to depart approx. 16.00.

Cost per person £15
2 places remaining



South Wood Farm

Friday 4th June Iford Manor, (40 people allowed 2 groups of 20) private garden tour of this garden which was home of designer Harold Peto £20 for special private tour followed by cream tea. **Fully booked**

Thursday 24th June - Tour to Allt-y-Bela, Momouthshire. Home of Arne Maynard, Private tour to this very special place. **Maximum of 25 people.** Please note this is booked from last year, but please put your name down on waiting list incase anyone drops out. £20 per person **Fully booked with long waiting list**

Friday 17th July - The Newt, Bruton, Somerset. **40 places available** Guided tour of this newly created garden and picnic from the Cyder Barn to be eaten in the garden **£34 per person. 8 places remaining**

Should you like to join us please book your place by contacting

Sue Bradbury

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bradburydesigns@aol.com

Lot's wife

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt.'

His son looked up, concerned. 'What happened to the flea?'

Seasonal Wild Flowers - Daffodils



The name daffodil is very old and evolved from the spelling of affadyl which means "that which comes early". In Shakespeare's time, daffodils were known as "daffydow-dilly" and "daffodilly". They are often referred to as Lentern Lily or Easter Lily since they often bloom and fade within the Lentern period. In England, the first Sunday in April is known as "Daffodil Sunday"

Daffodils are locally abundant in deciduous woodland, old pasture and orchards. It was widespread in the 16th century and continued to be one the most common spring flowers until the middle of the 19th century. Its decline from much of the country was due to a combination of the clearance of woodland, the improvement of pasture and extensive land drainage.

There are areas in England where daffodils continue to thrive, including Devon, the Sussex Weald, parts of Yorkshire, Somerset, the Lake District and the area around Newent, Dymock and Ledbury on the Gloucestershire -

Herefordshire border. This area is known as the "The Golden Triangle". A 10 mile footpath known as the "Daffodil Way" runs through woods, orchards and meadows, in which wild daffodils are rarely out of sight. In the 1930's the Great Western Railway began running "Daffodil Specials" from London to bring weekend tourists who came to walk through the daffodil fields and buy bunches at the farm gate. The "Daffodil Line" to Dymock was closed in 1959. However, the increase in private car ownership has encouraged more visitors and daffodils continue to be an important part of the local economy. "Daffodil Teas" are held in several local village halls to coincide with the season.

Before the First World War, several poets including Edward Thomas, Robert Frost and Lascelles Abercrombie moved to the Newent area attracted by the beauty of the countryside and cheap cottage rents. Whilst they celebrated the landscape, especially the wild daffodils in the spring, they were appalled by the rural poverty especially of the farm workers. They were hard times for the rural poor - "Children worked as soon as they were physically able to bring in an extra sixpence a day. Families survived on a pound a week, some on as little half that".

Daffodils feature prominently in English literature, particularly in poems, one of

the lesser known but locally relevant is
Abercrombie's poem "Ryton Firs":-

From Marcle way
From Dymock, Kempley. Newent,
Bromsberrow,
Redmarley, all the meadowland daffodils
seem
Running in golden tides to Ryton Firs

The area of wild daffodils that inspired
this poem has declined substantially due
to changes in farming practices,
especially during the Second World War
when large areas of pasture in the region
were ploughed up as part of the feed the
nation campaign. Wild daffodils are now
protected by law and conservation
measures have ensured that they thrive.
They have even spread onto the verges
of the M50 motorway, nature can be
very resilient.

At one time, before the large scale
growing of commercial daffodils, wild
daffodils were regarded as a cash crop
by farmers and small holders, with large
quantities being picked in the spring and
sent by train to London and other
centres of population. Botanists do not
consider that this practice had an
adverse impact on the wild daffodil
population. Companion species include
Cuckooflower, Lesser Celandine, Lords-
and-Ladies and Wood Anemone.

Daffodil leaves and bulbs are poisonous
and should not be eaten. The bulb has
narcotic properties. In small doses it is a
purgative and emetic. Mixed with barley
meal, the ground up bulb has been used
to aid the healing of wounds. Daffodils
are used by pharmacists as a source of a
treatment for Alzheimer's disease.

Robert Young



Nature in Spring Photos by Max Scissons

Hill & Valley Tennis Club



CLUB NEWS

We are pleased to report the tennis courts are now open and recreational tennis can resume which includes singles and doubles social play, 1:1 coaching and formally organised activity for groups, including group coaching.

We have lots of activities to look forward to with camps and clinics on over the Easter holidays, please see the poster for details or visit the website.

Cardio tennis sessions are running for the first time for teens and adult members. It is a fun, sociable group fitness class open to people of all ages and abilities. It is held on the tennis courts and is set to music.

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

We are looking forward to the tennis season ahead!

Robert Baker
Chairman

hillandvalleyltd@gmail.com

AFTER SCHOOL COACHING

Our after school coaching sessions with James Morris will start again on Thursday 22nd April (please note the day change) these are open to non-members and will be running as 6 week blocks as follows:

3.15-4pm BLUE Recep & Yr 1
4.00-5pm RED Years 2 & 3
5.05-6pm ORANGE Years 4 & 5
6.05-7pm GREEN Years 6 & 7
7.05-8pm YELLOW Years 8-13

To book in download the JM Tennis Coaching App.

Social distancing to be maintained before, during and after all outdoor tennis activity.

Please connect with us on social media to keep updated on the latest information.



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Instagram.com/hillandvalleytennisclub
Twitter.com/HillValleyTenn1

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC

Easter Tennis Coaching April 6th-14th

All abilities welcome

James Morris is joined once again with level 3 coach Tom Wyman for two weeks in April. They ran very popular camps last year plus clinics for adults which were excellent. We hope you can come along and support them.

Please download & book in on the JM Tennis Coaching App



Adult Clinics on Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Members only £20

Tues 6th April	5.30pm-7.30pm	Beginner/Rusty Returner
Weds 7th April	5.30pm-7.30pm	Intermediate/Advanced
Tues 13th April	5.30pm-7.30pm	Intermediate/Advanced
Weds 14th April	5.30pm-7.30pm	Beginner/Rusty Returner

Cardio Tennis for Adults & Teens on Tuesday & Wednesday

Members only £10

Tues 6th April	9am-10am
Weds 14th April	9am-10am

Teens/Young Adult Clinics on Tuesday & Wednesday

Open to non-members £10

Wed 7th April	4pm-5.30pm
Tues 13th April	4pm-5.30pm

Junior Camps Age 4 - 12 on Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Open to non-members, rackets provided. £15

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

Tues 6th April	10.30am-1.30pm & 2pm-5pm
Weds 7th April	9am-12noon & 12.30pm-3.30pm
Tues 13th April	9am-12noon & 12.30pm-3.30pm
Weds 14th April	10.30am-1.30pm & 2pm-5pm

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The Seven Tuns



Preparing a warm welcome

After what seems an eternity, it's not long now to reopening! The countdown to Monday 12 April has begun and the team at the Tuns is looking forward to welcoming customers once again.

"We're longing to have your company back for longer than it takes to drive through the car park for a burger!" says Simon. "Even if to start with it can only be on the terrace for al fresco dining. We're having a super spring clean - I've been out with my secateurs in the garden, Chris has been getting the cellar and a lot else back on track, Tom as usual is creating new and exciting menus, Waty has been honing her

entrepreneurial and Malay cuisine skills, and we anticipate that, at some point, Josh will be lured out from his Gaming Den to earn some real money rather than cryptocurrency.

March has been pretty positive as things go in the pub world these days, the Burger and Chicken Wings Drive Thru on Saturday 13 March was a sell-out success with customers queuing around the block and we had fantastic feedback. We celebrated National Pie week on 5 March with *chicken and ham hock, lamb with pearl barley and mint and squash, spinach and pine nut pies*. At the moment Tom's preparing for our Fish and Chips Drive Thru on Friday 19 March."

If all goes to plan with the government's Covid Roadmap, the key dates for our customers' diaries are:

Monday 12 April

Reopening day - Dine on the Terrace

- Fingers crossed we will be blessed with the weather we had this time last year as we hope to have some barbecues, but there'll be plenty of umbrellas and rugs on hand to help keep everyone dry and warm. However do bear in mind that if it starts to feel a bit parky or damp outside we still won't be allowed to offer you refuge indoors. Best to book lunch or an early supper if the temperature is still languishing in the early teens and to wrap up warm!

Monday 17 May

Indoor Dining! Imagine that! More about this next month. We don't want to tempt fate but it will certainly warrant a flurry of new offerings from Tom's kitchen!

Monday 21 June

Life as it Used To Be With No

Restrictions. We just have to hope.

Barring no further lockdown setbacks, the Tuns is set to be Party Central!

Meanwhile... as we wait to pull that first pint on 12 April, Claire Watson has persuaded us to into being interviewed for Hill & Valley magazine. Naturally Simon was nominated to be the guinea pig! Read on for an exclusive insight into

your quietly charismatic publican who has a taste for the high life...

Simon, you arrived at the Tuns in Autumn 2018 in swashbuckling style, memorably sporting an intriguing black eye patch. Was this a PR stunt?

In fact it very much wasn't. I'd had an operation on a detached retina - which may well have been caused by the incompatibility of my height with the low beams here. I'm pleased to say it's all healed now - and I've learned to duck!

So, the big question, what was your route to the Seven Tuns, here in the idyllic village of Chedworth?

I was born in Crayford, Greater London, and I grew up in East Sussex. My career began in 1982 at the age of 15, working in a restaurant in Hastings. I took hotel and restaurant management at Hastings College from 1984 to 1986, followed by two years training in Switzerland in Winterthur, Flims and Luzern.

Lucky you. Did you do much skiing there or are you too tall?

Don't jest! I'm 6 foot 5, but I was 6 foot 4 when I was 14 years old. Yes, even though I never learned properly I did a fair bit and I still enjoy skiing, especially with my partner Ilaria.

And after Switzerland?

I returned to London and worked at the Ritz from 1988 to 1990 becoming Head Waiter after five months.

The Seven Tuns



Simon in his days as Head Waiter at the Ritz

That's pretty impressive, I believe you had some time at sea, is that true?

Yes, on leaving the Ritz I did a six-month contract on Sea Goddess 2 (a 100-passenger luxury cruise yacht) in 1990 which at that time was owned by Cunard - which also owned the Ritz.

And did that give you an affinity with the sea?

Very much so, in fact I did another six months' contract in 1999 followed by two on Seabourn Pride and I celebrated the Millenium on a deserted island in The British Virgin Islands!

Wow! That's hard to beat, how did you top that?

On returning to London I was involved in the opening of The Ivy (the real one) as Head Waiter from 1990-1993. Since then I've worked in eight countries (England, Switzerland, Germany, Spain,

Sweden (she was blond and blue eyed!) Hong Kong, Kenya and Australia, and visited over 100 - not counting four months in India!

Impressively well-travelled then! Which of those roles was particularly memorable?

I've had some incredible experiences - from General Manager in Hong Kong, Food and Beverage Consultant in Mombasa in Kenya, Hotel Manager (Schloss Schellenstein) in Germany, GM positions at the Rosendale in West Dulwich, the People's Palace in the Royal Festival Hall (now Skylon), the Criterion (Piccadilly Circus), Hix in Soho and Belgravia and Manager at BAFTA in Piccadilly. I was also Front of House Lecturer at Westminster Catering College - Chris is one of my ex-students!

You teach still?

Yes, I'm a qualified teacher for WSET (The Wine & Spirit Education Trust) teaching wines and spirits (separate courses) up to advanced levels.

Do you speak many languages?

I speak German and I'm a quarter Danish (my grandmother on my father's side).

Perhaps this explains your enthusiasm for Oktoberfest, or is it simply the beer or an excuse to dress up in lederhosen?

I can't say. The lederhosen thing is not only me, we all love the chance to don them each October to celebrate our anniversary of opening the Tuns.



*Celebrating the pub's anniversary during
 Octoberfest has become an annual event*

*Fair enough. Let's end with some quick fire
 questions to fill in any remaining blanks shall
 we? Favourite food?*

*You can't beat a good roast beef lunch
 (so long as it's not well done!)*

Football team?

*Manchester United. (Sorry). I went to
 the World Cup Final in Rome in 1990
 (Germany v Argentina) but missed
 seeing England when they went out in
 the semi-finals to Germany - on
 penalties of course.*

Claims to fame?

*As well as serving a ridiculous number
 of A-listers at the Ivy and BAFTA, I've
 served the Queen twice and been go-
 carting with Princess Diana.*

Private life?

*I met Ilaria through a friend who was on
 stage in a play called Screaming Secrets
 in the West End alongside Ilaria. Triana
 (who also painted the pub sign and the
 back of our menus) brought Ilaria round
 to dinner in March 2018 - and the rest is
 history.*

Future plans then?

*My plan is to live between Chedworth
 and Casperia (just north of Rome)
 before eventually moving completely to
 Italy - but retirement is some while away
 yet!*

*Sounds idyllic! And, finally back to my initial
 question, there's no doubt you have an
 illustrious CV and are more than well qualified
 but how exactly did your tenure at the Tuns
 come about?*

*I got drunk one night and decided to
 buy a pub.*

*As you do. Excellent, Simon, thank you very
 much. Roll on 12 April!*

**Follow The Seven Tuns on
 Facebook, Instagram and Next Door
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 to receive the latest news updates.**



With Ilaria on the slopes

Claire Watson

Sustainability

I touched on previously the fact that residential emissions are an area that individuals can have a significant impact in helping the UK to meet its net-zero targets. As a follow up, I thought it would be beneficial to go deeper.

In the UK, the residential sector emitted 65.2 Million tonnes of CO₂ in 2019, accounting for 19 per cent of all carbon dioxide emissions. As a result, there is huge potential to make a big dent into our emissions targets by reducing this proportion through retrofit work.

The issue of domestic emissions is centred around heating our homes which on average consumes 2,135 kWh/year per household compared to 418 kWh/year per household for hot water. If this heating output is from gas, then average emissions per year are around 400kg of CO₂. This is clearly dependant on the size of the house but also the thermal performance.

In order to meet our net-zero targets, a high proportion of our heating will be required from clean, electric output such as air source heat pumps. However, if we are to address this issue by switching to electrical sources alone, before reducing our heating demand, the national grid and distribution network operators will be overwhelmed. Let alone when we consider the potential for adding millions of electric vehicles to the grid. As a result, it is essential to reduce this heating demand first through improving the energy efficiency of our homes.

At the very basic level, going around a home and feeling for draughts and taping or using draft proofing can have an immediate effect, not just on bills and emissions but also on thermal comfort. The next step would then be to have an energy audit carried out to assess where the biggest heat losses are in the building and where the biggest savings could be made. At this point, there is limited benefit for changing the heating method to a lower emission option as the dwelling will still have a high demand for heating. The energy auditor will then be able to provide sound advice on where to begin work. If the building has no insulation at present, then even a very thin layer in an easily accessible location such as an attic space will have a significant impact.

There are grants available for this work to be carried out, although they have come under great scrutiny for their poorly structured roll out. Currently there are only a few contractors that are qualified to undertake retrofit work because of to low financial incentives for a contractor to train their staff. However, the green homes scheme has been extended and will cover two-thirds of the cost of eligible improvements, up to a maximum government contribution of £5,000. Yet the target

is for the government to have retrofitted 600,000 homes by the end of the scheme in March 2022. To be able to reach net-zero by 2050 we must retrofit all 28 million homes. That is roughly 965,000 every year from January the 1st this year. Obviously, the current proposals are inadequate.

The opposition to carrying out the work using one's personal finances is as fair as any argument. What incentives are there to pay tens of thousands of pounds on improvements that will likely have a financial payback of 10-15 years plus? The moral incentives are not enough for 99% of the population. The lack of organisation, funding and clear advice to consumers should be worrying. I would add that the issue of domestic energy emissions is something that affects all of us, regardless of one's political alignment. Politicians can serve limited terms, but the housing stock will be serviced for decades to come. If you are politically active at any level then I would recommend stressing to whom you have access to that this is a considerable issue that must be addressed.

I welcome any feedback or questions and have included some sources of more information for further reading.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme>

<https://www.trustmark.org.uk/consumers/whole-house-retrofit>

<https://cat.org.uk/info-resources/free-information-service/eco-renovation/eco-retrofit/>

Freddie Baker

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Expensive boat

A vicar was planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and was aghast when she found it would cost her £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. She protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. 'That might be true,' replied the travel agent, 'but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked.'

'Well, at £50 an hour for a boat,' she replied, 'I am not surprised!'

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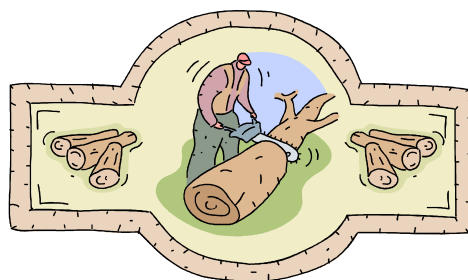
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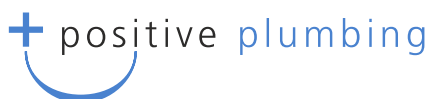
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