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HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR READERS



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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition.

Stephen's Letter

Christmas Break

"But you, Bethlehem...out of you will come one who will be ruler over Israel...he will stand and shepherd his flock...his greatness will reach the ends of the earth, and he will be their peace," Micah 5v1, 4, 5

Hopefully many of you will be able to have some time off over Christmas (even I can - but not until after Christmas Day!). Although family Christmases sometimes get bad press because of family tensions, they can also be hugely restorative. Time off from the usual routine provides opportunities to socialize, play games, go for long walks, watch films - and just relax.

At this Christmas season, we remember that Jesus was heralded by the angels as the bringer of peace, and we pray for peace of the world at Christmas time. However, we often forget that Jesus brings into our hearts a peace that this world cannot give and that, if we rest in him, we find true rest. It is an amazing thing that, by entering into our creation in human form as Jesus, God begins to bring about our re-creation, in every sense.

I hope you seek and find God this Christmas - and, when you do, you find true rest - and re-creation. So

have some good holiday time this Christmas - relax and do the things you enjoy! We live in a frenetic culture, where we find it easy to work and hard to play. And, sadly, in these days of increasing educational demands, that includes children, as well as adults.

So we need to learn to play again - and will be thinking about this in our Christmas morning services. I will ask adults what pastime or hobby they'd like to do more of in 2020 - and I will find out what toys children have had for Christmas and will bless them!

With very best wishes for a joyful Christmas and peaceful new year!

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for December 2019/January 2020

Sunday 1st December – 1st Sunday of Advent

Family Communion	10.30 am – Coln St Dennis
Advent Carol Service	6pm – Coln Rogers

Sunday 8th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion	9 am- Chedworth
Holy Communion	10.30pm – Coln Rogers
Advent Treasure Hunt	4pm – Chedworth

Saturday 14th December

Carol Service	6pm – Coln St Dennis
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Sunday 15th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (BCP)	9 am - Stowell
Carol Service	6 pm – Chedworth

Sunday 22nd December – 4th Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion	10.30 am - Chedworth
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Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Crib Service	3pm – Chedworth
Crib Service	5pm – Yanworth
Midnight Holy Communion	11.30pm - Chedworth

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day

Holy Communion	9 am - Stowell
Holy Communion	10.30 am – Coln Rogers
Family Service	10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 29th December – 1st Sunday of Christmas

Family Communion	10.30 am – Yanworth
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January 2020

Sunday 5th January – Epiphany/Plough Sunday

Epiphany/Plough Sunday Holy Communion	10.30 am – Coln St Dennis
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Church Briefing

Sunday 12th January – 1st Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion

9 am – Chedworth

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln Rogers

Tea Time Service

4pm – Chedworth

Sunday 19th January – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion

9 am – Stowell

Family Service

10.30 am – Chedworth

Evensong

6pm – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 26th January – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion &

Celebration of Local Ministry

10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 2nd February – Candlemas/Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Candlemas Family Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Advent Treasure Hunt

In the **Tea Time Service** on **Sunday 8th December** at **4pm** we will be having our **Advent Treasure Hunt**. Look for the Advent clues in Upper Chedworth! The service begins and ends at St Andrew's Church, with refreshments afterwards. Suitable for families of all ages! Wear stout shoes and bring a smart phone, if you have one!

St Andrew's Day Ceilidh

A big thank you to all from St Andrew's Church and St Andrew's School who helped with our **St Andrew's Day Ceilidh**.

The Teashop at the End of the Universe

A one-off session will take place on **Tuesday 3rd December** at **7.30pm** at the Vicarage entitled **The Tea Shop** at

the End of the Universe. As we think about God's Kingdom coming in the Advent season, come and enjoy cake and eschatology as we think about the Bible's message about the end times.

6-8 Club

The **6-8 Club Christmas Quiz and Karaoke** will take place at **St Andrew's School Hall** on **Wednesday 11th December** from **6.30pm – 8pm**. For young people in school years 6 to 8.

Carol Services

The Christmas Carol Services this year are at **Coln St Dennis** on **Saturday 14th December** at **6pm** and at **Chedworth** on **Sunday 15th December** at **6pm**.

Plough Sunday Service – 5th January

Do join us for **Plough Sunday Holy Communion** at **Coln St Dennis** on **Sunday 5th January** at **10.30 am** (also

the Epiphany). Plough Sunday is traditionally the first of the Christian festivals for the agricultural year and, on Plough Sunday, the plough, the churn and the livestock are blessed. All are warmly welcome to this special service.

Celebration of Local Ministry – 26th January

On **Sunday 26th January 2020**, we will be having a service of **Celebration of Local Ministry Service** at **Chedworth** at **10.30 am**. We will be joined by the **Archdeacon of Cheltenham, the Venerable Phil Andrew** and during this service we will re-commission the Ministry Team. The Ministry Team comprises Teresa Irving, Sheila Bowley, Ian Smallman, Sally Smith, Stephen Phillips, Priscilla Burris, Helen Oldham, Sally Smith and Stephen Goundrey-Smith. Congratulations to Helen Oldham, who has been licensed as a Reader in this Benefice and is now a member of the Ministry Team!

Christmas Greetings

The Vicar, Churchwardens and PCCs of the Hill & Valley Benefice would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and to wish everyone a joyful and blessed Christmas, and a successful 2020.

From the Registers

Funerals

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

Thelma Dunkerley – Oak Chapel,
Cheltenham Crematorium – 1st
November

Paul Deamer – St Andrew's Church,
Chedworth – 15th November

Baptism

"You are all children of the light and children of the day". 1 Thessalonians 5v5

Beatrice Adkin – St Andrew's Church,
Chedworth – 24th November



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

Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
07-Dec	10:00-12:00	Christmas Fayre organised by Rendcomb Surgery Patients' Support Group	Rendcomb Village Hall
07-Dec	18:00	"Hansel and Gretel" via AIRinG (Arts in Rural Gloucestershire)	Village Hall
09-Dec	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
11-Dec	19:15	WI - "A Childhood Under Occupation" talk	Village Hall
13-Dec	19:30	Back Row Club "Johnny English"	Village Hall
18-Dec		Elderberries - Christmas Lunch at Corinium Hotel	Cirencester
26-Dec	10:30-12:30	Chedworth Silver Band playing carols	Upper Chedworth & outside Seven Tuns

2020

10-Jan	19:30	Back Row Club "Stan and Ollie"	Village Hall
13-Jan	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
17-Jan	19:30	"Les Gloriables" via AIRinG (Arts in Rural Gloucestershire)	Village Hall
10-Feb	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
14-Feb	19:30	Back Row Club	Village Hall
01-Mar	19:30	"The Great Cabaret Safari" via AIRinG (Arts in Rural Gloucestershire)	Village Hall
09-Mar	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
13-Mar	19:30	Back Row Club	Village Hall
15-Mar		Mystic Market	Village Hall
16-Mar	19:30	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
05-Apr	10:30	Chedworth Roman Trail - 10 mile cross country run	Village Hall
06-Apr	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
10-Apr	19:30	Back Row Club	Village Hall
08-May	19:30	Back Row Club	Village Hall
11-May	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
08-Jun	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
12-Jun	19:30	Back Row Club	Village Hall
13-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,
Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers**

Yanworth



December 2019

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January 2020

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booking enquiries

chedworthvillagehall.co.uk



St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



Charming Chedworth!

Half term flew by, we started our new term by welcoming the wonderful Mrs Mindham, who will be a teaching partner with us for the rest of the year. She has already proven to be an invaluable member of our team.

Learning to live out our Christian Values



This term our value is 'trust' but we have also been showing a huge amount of generosity. Firstly, with huge support from Mr Morris (a parent) the children have been

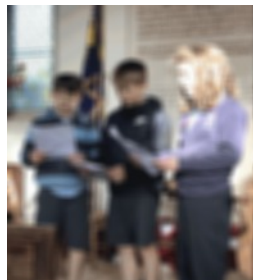
enthusiastically

filling boxes to be sent off for Operation Christmas Child. I have personally been overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity shown by the families within our school - a sincere thank you.

As well as this, we celebrated Children in Need by going on a lovely ramble, joined by some parents. It was such a lovely way to start the day and the children really enjoyed walking and talking. The total raised from our non- school uniform day has not yet been calculated but I am so proud of everyone's efforts.

Learning to live as part of the wider community

Thank you to all of the community who wished us good morning on our school ramble, or who stopped and had a chat. It is so lovely for the children to see the people who live within our wonderful community.

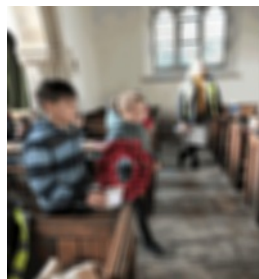


On Monday 11th of November, I was immensely proud of the whole school for the respect shown. We walked to the beautiful St Andrew's Church and listened to the Last Post before taking part in our 2-minute silence. We then listened to three members of Godolphin class read, 'In Flander's Field' before listening to the most beautiful song, performed by all of Year 5 & 6- it was truly moving. Please see our school

Twitter to see a clip of this.

Finally, our wreath was laid by two pupils.

As always, you are more than welcome to come and visit the school, classes and pupils to see what



we do. We are always keen to have adults who can listen to the children read and also help them practise their speaking and listening skills. Please contact school if you feel you could help in any way.

A few members of the community who we would love to thank:

Mr Ian Chamberlain for generously fixing the steps at school and donating so much time and energy.

DW Dunn for their swift response to looking at our plumbing.

Mr Matt Fulford for his tireless efforts to keep on top of any minor issues within our school.



Please follow us on
Twitter
StAndrewsCofE1



Mrs N Smith (Head teacher)

Christmas cards



Sold in aid of
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£5 per pack of 10

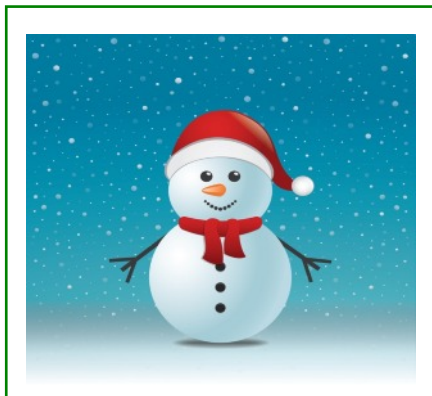
Contact Sue Callard 01285 720468
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(Thank you to Sue Walsh for her Madonna design)



We are very busy at Pre-School enjoying our 'Advent books' a selection of winter or Christmas themed books are wrapped up to open and read on the date indicated - the children all enjoy participating in finding out what story we are going to have today!

Our children enjoy sharing a wide variety of stories with a wide range of themes, this in turn, extending their imagination and language skills.



With the early arrival of snow, we had a wonderful time out on the playing field creating tracks, discovering who had the smallest / largest footprints and not forgetting the 'who could throw a snowball the furthest?' competition!?!

In the warm, we have a wonderful igloo to enjoy playing inside, where lots of tea parties are being held!

If you would like further information, please do come and visit us and take a look around!

For more information please take a look at our
[websitewww.chedworthpreschool.co.uk](http://www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk)

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

Chedworth Parish Council

News from our November meeting

Emergency plan update

The village emergency plan is now around six years old and many of the wardens who put themselves forward have moved away or are no longer able to carry on in the role.

Parish councillor Alan McLellan has been carrying out the painstaking task of contacting all the wardens to check if they are happy to carry on and is currently trying to find replacements for those areas where there are vacancies. The idea of the wardens is to have a network of people who can offer some help in bad weather and keep an eye on anyone who is vulnerable.

The rest of the emergency plan is also being updated where necessary and will

be put on the parish website as soon as possible.

Once again, highways will not be gritting through the village so it will be up to villagers to spread the grit stored in the bins. The council has checked to make sure they are all full, but if you notice an empty bin please contact the clerk and pass on the code number which is on each bin.

Christmas and New Year refuse collection dates

Cotswold District Council's revised dates for rubbish collection over the festive period are as follows:

Week commencing Monday 16 December 2019:
Friday 20 Dec - No change - Green bin
Friday 27 Dec - Will move to Tuesday 31 Dec - All bins
Friday 3 Jan - Will move to Tues 7 Jan - Green bin
Friday 10 Jan - Will move to Monday 13 Jan - All bins
Friday 17 Jan - Will move to Saturday 18 Jan - Green bin

The collection will return to normal in the week beginning Monday 20 January 2020

With November's rather shock reminder that winter is here, it's worth being up to date on what happens to

Councillors

Ros Jess (Chairman)	01285 720248
David Broad (Vice-Chairman)	01285 720313
George Broad	01285 720313
Tony Kingsley	01285 721134
Alan McLellan	01285 720642
Ian Morgan	01285 720885
Susie Moore	01285 720214

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

refuse collections when the weather is bad.

According to the CDC website, if there is severe weather they will make a joint decision with waste collection provider, Ubico Ltd, as to whether it is possible to collect the waste on that day and the days that follow. For further information you can visit CDC's website which will be updated regularly during the disruption or call 01285 623000 for an automated message.

Finally.....

The parish councillors
and clerk would like to
wish you all a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year

Ros Jess

Elderberries

In October we were pleased to have a talk by Tony Condor about all the train stations there once were in Gloucestershire including our own village. And now we have only a handful left. The talk was informative, well-illustrated and most nostalgic.

In November we will be having an All your Own meeting and also a visit from a speaker from the Citizens Advice Bureau in connection with Utility Suppliers and Smart Meters. Another change we're all having to come to terms with.

In December we are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch which this year will be at the Corinium Hotel in Cirencester. This has been paid for by proceeds from Pete Heap's Monmouth

Golf Day and we are extremely grateful for their generosity.

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



Fred Shaftoe

Back Row Club

Chedworth Table Tennis Club

Chedworth Table Tennis Club has been active for over 20 years providing fun and fitness for all ages. The sport is particularly good at developing hand/eye coordination in the young players. Table Tennis is a sport for all ages where players can have an active evening to suit their own fitness level.

Over the years we have seen many people young and old come and go, some have moved and the young ones go on to college and jobs as their lives develop. Along the way we think we have helped instill in them a sense of discipline and fair play. We still have a core of male and female players who enjoy the game.

Now that the clocks have gone back and the dark evenings are with us, why not brighten up your Thursday evenings at Chedworth village hall at 7.45pm for

£1.00 for the evening and £15.00 membership for the season which runs until the end of April. This is a club that keeps you fit and allows you to have fun at the same time. Do come and join us you will receive a warm welcome.

Should you wish to play competitively, we have contacts to help you.

For more information please contact Chris Jackson 01242 890199 or Geoff Bailey 01285 831836
wrenny61@gmail.com



More Poems
by
Margaret Scrivens
2019



Maggie has produced a new book of her poems which have appeared in the Hill & Valley over the past two and a bit years, plus a few more. She is selling these for £5 with all proceeds towards St Andrew's Church.

If you would like a copy, please contact Maggie Scrivens on 01285 720226.

Manor Farm News

Degraded soils, green house gasses and ruminants

The UK was traditionally mixed farming. The farmer kept livestock on pasture on part of the farm, and grew crops on the other part of the farm. The pasture grazed by livestock built up the organic matter levels in the soil, which could then be exploited to grow cash crops (grains, roots, vegetables) for sale. After 4 to 6 years the land was again sown to pasture to rebuild the organic matter levels.

The advent of fertilize and pesticides (herbicides, fungicides and insecticides) enabled continuous cropping to become the norm - allowing cash crops to be grown on every acre every year. Soil fertility then became focussed on its content of soluble nutrients, namely Phosphorus and Potassium (it's P and K index).

The result has been the production of a large amount of 'cheap' food over the last 50 years - but at what cost?

Many soils now have organic matter levels close to 2% - at this level they are classed as per desertification, with little resilience to weather extremes, and prone to water run off and erosion.

You can't just keep borrowing - at some point you need to start repaying the debt!

The Humble Cow

Cows have had a large amount of bad press recently - being the focus of blame for global warming and planetary destruction. However, the grazing cow is part of the solution.

Cow burps do contain methane, however this is part of the carbon cycle and can be reduced by diet. The diverse swards contain lower sugar levels, higher oil levels and less non protein nitrogen (NPN) than rye grass swards. I'm convinced that diets rich in sugars and NPN produce less stable rumen conditions, which are more likely to produce more methane. A diet rich in digestible fibre and protein produces more stable rumen conditions.

Researchers in Australia have shown that increasing the oil content of a cows diet reduces methane production (1% oil reduces methane by 3.5%) with little effect once their rye grass pastures had more than 5% oil content in the spring - our diverse pastures have 5 to 9% oil content year round.

Plants such as birdsfoot trefoil, shepherds purse and fumitory contain fumaric acid which massively reduces methane production.

So, whilst methane is a short lived gas rapidly broken down to carbon dioxide and water in the atmosphere, it's production can be controlled by diet

Manor Farm News

showing the benefit of diversity in the sward.

Herbal Leys

At Manor Farm I pioneered the reintroduction of herbal leys into mainstream agriculture 14 years ago. By grazing these swards soil organic matter has increased from 3 to 9% in the top 15cm (6") of soil. This is equivalent to storing approximately 30t of carbon dioxide in the soil on every hectare every year. This can only be achieved through good grazing management of ruminants on diverse pasture.

Today we have diverse pastures in various stages of development, with some now in their 12th year and becoming more grass dominant with a good content of legumes.

At Chittle Grove, Toby Baxter has introduced a large acreage of herbal leys to rebuild organic matter in the soils there. This is now a favoured option for environmental stewardship subsidy, as it provides many public goods - carbon sequestration, better water management with less run off and erosion, a good habitat for insects, small mammals and farmland birds - whilst at the same time producing sustainable, high quality milk, beef and lamb.

The combination of these two farms here in Chedworth is showing what can be achieved - and the important role played by the humble cow in combating climate change.

Rob Richmond

Exercise for people over 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold you arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag!



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and Iain Robertson.

Also to David Edelsten and the team of distributors that deliver Hill and Valley in all wind and weather to each household in the Benefice.

Hill and Valley is now self financing and approximately 570 copies are distributed free of charge each month.

The Rector and Wardens.



Are politicians the oldest profession?

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest. Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation."

"Maybe," admitted the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job."

"But," the politician pointed out in triumph, "somebody had to have created the chaos first!"

Cotswold Landscapes



Sezincote House

Sezincote is situated about one and a half miles south west of Moreton-in-Marsh. The estate has had an interesting history. The name was originally spelt Chesnecote, meaning Oak wood .During the Civil War, the houses in the village and the church were ruined in an attack on Bishop Juxon, a prominent Royalist. The Home Farm is all that is left of the former village. The church was demolished in the 18th century. The original Sezincote House survived and was gabled in traditional style, according to an old print.

Sezincote House is Listed Grade 1 and is approached over a long driveway off the A44 Bourton on the Hill road. It is a most interesting house but is not typical of the traditional country houses in the area, in that whilst built of Cotswold stone, it is based on an exotic Indian style. It was designed by Samuel Cockerill, who also designed Daylesford House situated six miles to the south east for Warren Hastings in 1787. Both houses were financed by money made in India by members of the East India

Company. The new owners great wealth enabled them to build large or adapt existing houses to create impressionable houses independent of the revenue produced from a traditional estate.

In 1798, John Cockerill became the owner of the Sezincote Estate. He had made a fortune in India working for the East India Company. His brother, Samuel Cockerill was an architect and between them they drew up plans for remodelling the original house. Work started in 1798 but came to an end with the sudden death of John Cockerill . Under his will, he left the estate to his brothers and sister. Charles Cockerill, the MP for Evesham who had also made a fortune in India bought out his siblings shares and in 1805 John commissioned Samuel to design a scheme for building a new house around the original house. Samuel Cockerill had the benefit of the assistance of Thomas Daniell, the Indian topographical artist who had perhaps a greater knowledge of Indian architecture than any other European of his day. Humphrey Repton was also consulted about the house and park.

The main block of the house is a rectangular two-storey building of orange-stained ashlar limestone (apparently from Barrington quarry) with a slate roof and is dominated by a large onion dome of turquoise copper and a great conservatory sweeping up to an arc to terminate in an hexagonal aviary. Mogul and Hindu elements of architecture are combined in the design, including octagonal corner minarets with copper domes etc. Nicholas Kingsley in his book *The Country Houses of Gloucestershire* comments " The pungent orientalism of Sezincote remains, however a dress with which a late Georgian Classical house has been clothed" The interior of the house is not Indian but classical in style and has the main reception rooms on the first floor with the family living rooms below.

Work started on the remodelling in 1805 and Edward Clarke of Crawley near Witney gave an estimate of just under £6,000 for the main building work. In 1813, he received £6,789, and his refusal to give up the surplus led to a lawsuit. Work on the interior continued until about 1820.

The Indian theme of Sezincote is continued in the gardens, where Thomas Daniell's design incorporates a Temple Pool, small Indian shrine, a bridge which has a balustrade surmounted by cast-iron Brahmin bulls, a row of three grottoes and other features of Indian architecture. The parkland and lake to the south of the house were designed by

Humphrey Repton. He was so enthused by the potential of Indian Architecture that he prevailed upon the Prince of Wales to visit Sezincote in 1807, which was the catalyst for the project to remodel the Brighton Pavilion. Ironically for Repton, this was carried out to the design of John Nash.



The Cockerill association with Sezincote came to a sad end. Sir Charles died in 1837 and was succeeded by his son Charles who changed his name to Rushout in the expectation of inheriting the nearby Northwick Park Estate through his mother. Unfortunately, a drafting error in Lord Northwick's will meant that the estate passed instead to George Spencer-Churchill and Sir Charles Rushout lost everything in unsuccessful legal actions to gain possession. Sezincote was sold in 1888 to James Dugdale, whose family sold the estate in 1944 to Sir Cyril and Lady Kleinwort, who restored the house and gardens. Their family continue to own and run the estate.

The poet John Betjeman, used to visit Sezincote House when he was at

Cotswold Landscapes

Oxford University and refers to it in his verse autobiography *Summoned by Bells*, below is an extract from several

pages that describe the house and 1920's country house parties :-

"And there they burst on us, the onion domes
Chajjabs and *Chattris* made of amber stone:
Home of the Oaks, exotic Sezincote!
Stately and strange it stood, the nabob's house,
Indian without and coolest Greek within,
Looking from Gloucestershire to Oxfordshire"

Robert Young

St Andrew's Church- Grass Cutting

Thank you to Pete Heaps



Pete Heaps has reviewed his commitments and will no longer be carrying out the grass cutting in the churchyard. Pete has conscientiously and efficiently carried out the mowing and strimming for many years in all winds and weather, not only the regular cuts but also ensuring that the churchyard was in good order for weddings, funerals and special services. The task is not straightforward, as the churchyard is large, includes a steep bank and the upper churchyard is undulating with many graves that have kerbs. It was always reassuring to know that Pete is so committed to the church and the community. We would like to thank Pete and his team for their hard work, cheerfulness and loyalty, which is much appreciated.

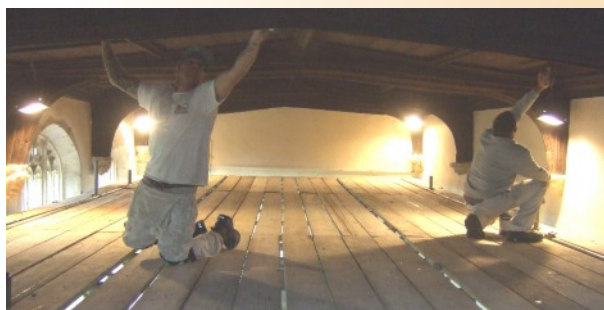
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St Andrew's Church- Redecoration

Good progress has been made with the redecoration. The painting of the rain water gutters, downpipes and tie bars was completed in August when there was some fine weather. The internal decoration of the chancel and nave walls and ceilings was carried out in September and October. This was a major operation as scaffolding was required, including three stages to reach the high nave ceiling so that it could be cleaned, treated and waxed. On the 28th October a working party carried



out a thorough clean of the forty years of dust and cobwebs that had descended! Work on the plastering and redecoration of the tower is in hand.



Thank you to the Church Lands Charity and the Friends of St Andrew's Church for their generous donations towards the cost of the work.

The Wardens.

When I told my children the story of how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus, my six-year-old daughter was not impressed. "Mum, a Wise Woman would have brought nappies."

Good advice

If you have a lot of tension this Christmas and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: 'Take two aspirin' and 'Keep away from children.'

Politician to aide: "About their charge that I'm indecisive – do you think I should answer it, or let it go, or answer it in part, or what?"

The A.G.M meeting was held in Chedworth Village hall on November 13th, with an early start 38 Members were entertained with a short Business meeting.

The Secretary's Report for the year included thanking all members for a very happy year with enjoyable outings and garden visits.

The Committee of 2019 were re-elected and it was explained that the sharing of the duties between the President and Vice Chairmen had proved to be fun and successful.

The supper cooked and served by Claire Booth and her team was delicious with a

variety of choices with main course and puddings.

Great applause for everyone and the evening was a lovely success.

Thanks to everyone for attending and the programme for 2020 with the monthly talks looks very interesting.

The next meeting is on Wednesday December 11th and the talk is titled 'A CHILDHOOD UNDER OCCUPATION'

Speaker. Yvonne Staite.
Chedworth village hall 7.15pm.

Carol Bailey



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Maggie's Poem

Birds' Evening Flight

Looking through the window
Saw a flock of birds in the sky
Round and round were flying
Made me wonder why

The evening light was fading
More birds then joined the flock
Wondered what the time was
Six thirty on the clock

I watched with greater interest
As their flight was very fast
Their flying had now got slower
How much longer would it last

Soon there were no birds at all
They had disappeared from view
Landed in a clump of trees
So solved my mystery too

Bedtime

Maggie Scrivens



Hill & Valley Tennis Club

Chairman's note

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Although Winter is here, we are still playing tennis. Monday evenings, some Wednesday afternoons and Sunday morning tennis are more social and weather dependant. By the time you read this the AGM will have taken place and a new Chairperson will have taken over from myself. I would like to thank everyone in the tennis club for the time I have been here and wish you all the very best for the coming season.

Graham Stock

Stroud Winter League

Our Sunday mixed doubles winter league matches are underway and to date we have played three fixtures and one postponed due to the rain. So far we have had three wins. Future Home

matches require the use of both courts between 10.00am - 1.30pm on the following Sunday mornings:

Sunday 15 December, Home v Cirencester "C"

Sunday 2 February, Home v Glos Wotton "B"

Therefore, no Sunday club morning club on those dates. If there is enough interest, we can move the club session to 2.00pm on those Sunday afternoons, as we have done in previous years.

Thank you to everyone who has played so far. Please contact Claire Watson (01242 262746) if you are interested in playing in the winter league in future.

I leave you with a summery photo taken at our American Doubles competition in July.



American Doubles competition
in July.



John Robson Rose Bowl Tournament
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Your Gardening Tips for Nov/Dec

With the dramatic and severe weather patterns all over the world who knows what the winter will bring? Some say we will have a hard winter, so it is best to prepare for the worst, and protect vulnerable plants where possible.



- Prune open-grown apples and pears, and acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding
- Bare rooted deciduous trees and shrubs can be planted and transplanted in December and January, and it is the time to take hardwood cuttings. Ensure newly planted trees are well staked.
- Remove weeds from around the base of young fruit trees. Check that stakes are secure, and a thick dry mulch will protect the roots from frost.
- Sow alpine plants as they need cold to break their dormancy, but protect from excessive wet.
- Plant new raspberry canes making sure that the soil is well drained fertile.
- Prune wisteria by cutting back side shoots to two or three buds.
- Plant roses, in areas not previously inhabited by roses.
- Group and insulate vulnerable patio pots from frost with bubble-wrap or similar protective material.
- This a good time to work bulky organic matter into heavy soil ready for the spring, but remove plant debris to avoid disease overwintering amongst it..
- Root crops are sweetest after a frost, but will need to be lifted and stored in sand before the ground gets too hard. Harvest good sized leeks, but the smallest can be left to grow until the spring.
- Lift and divide established clumps of rhubarb. Start forcing rhubarb in January.
- Check autumn sown sweet peas for slug and mouse damage and take defensive action! Sow more sweet peas in January, if required.
- Check stored bulbs for sign of rot and remove affected bulbs.
- Brush off snow from conifers, climbers, light limbed shrubs and brassicas to avoid losing branches. Shake snow from any netting you have over plants.
- Avoid walking on lawns on frosty mornings, and spike areas of waterlogging.
- Insulate outdoor taps and drain water butts if a heavy frost is forecast to avoid damaging the taps.
- Clean the greenhouse inside and out, and if it is being used for growing plants, insulate against frost

with bubble wrap or similar. It is a good thing to ventilate the greenhouse occasionally during warmer days to reduce fungal infection.

- Keep an eye out for overwintering pests such as whitefly and red spider mite and treat accordingly.

- This is a good time to plan what you want to grow next year, and buy your seeds.
- This is the time of year to enjoy colourful dogwoods in your garden or elsewhere.

Simon Colbeck
Chairman

Chedworth & District HORTSOC



Thanks to Josh Huckson-Winter for this photo

Chedworth Silver Band

Chedworth Silver Band has a busy Christmas engagement season planned, commencing with a Christmas Concert at Purton Village Hall for Purton Methodist Church on Sunday 1st December at 7.30pm, Admission £6 payable at the door.

The following week we have a Concert at the Royal British Legion Hall at Bourton-on-the-Water in aid of CLIC Sargent, the charity for leukemia in children at 7.30pm on Saturday the 7th December. The concert, arranged by Mr John Finch, is sponsored by the Safran Landing Systems (Gloucester) branch of Unite the Union, who also sponsored the Chedworth concert in November. The following weekends we will be

sending small ensembles to play carols and festive music at a variety of local restaurants and pubs, finishing by playing around Upper Chedworth on Boxing Day morning with a final carol at the Seven Tuns shortly after noon.

The Band's playing is currently being hampered by a shortage of Cornet players so if there are any Cornet players out there we will be delighted to hear from you.

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David Broad

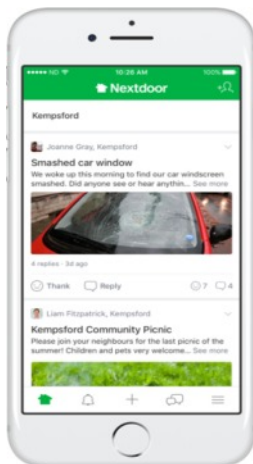


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Jenny Smith has been driving for Cotswold Friends for over 20 years and said, "It's got busier. The service is being used more and more so we are short of drivers. Driving makes my day, because I'm on my own. You get out meeting people and they hear your stories and you hear theirs. I think it's a wonderful service and so do the Members."

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Welcome to our multiple choice children's Christmas quiz featuring ten general knowledge and trivia Christmas quiz questions for some festive fun

Answers on page 37

1: It is traditional to decorate an evergreen tree at Christmas time. In which country is this tradition believed to have begun?

(a) Germany (b) France (c) Poland

2: Which member of the Royal Family was responsible (in the 1840s) for starting the tradition in England of displaying a Christmas tree?

(a) King William the Fourth (b) Prince Albert (c) Prince Frederick

3: Which country gives the gift of a huge Christmas tree to the UK every year which is then displayed in Trafalgar Square, London?

(a) Norway (b) Denmark (c) Sweden

4: In 1914, during the First World War, many English and German troops agreed an informal truce on Christmas Eve. Which sport did they famously play together in the land between the enemy trenches known as “no-man’s land”?

(a) Tennis (b) Golf (c) Football

5: Father Christmas is also known as Saint Nicholas. As well as being the Patron Saint of children, Saint Nicholas is also the Patron Saint of sailors.

True or False ?

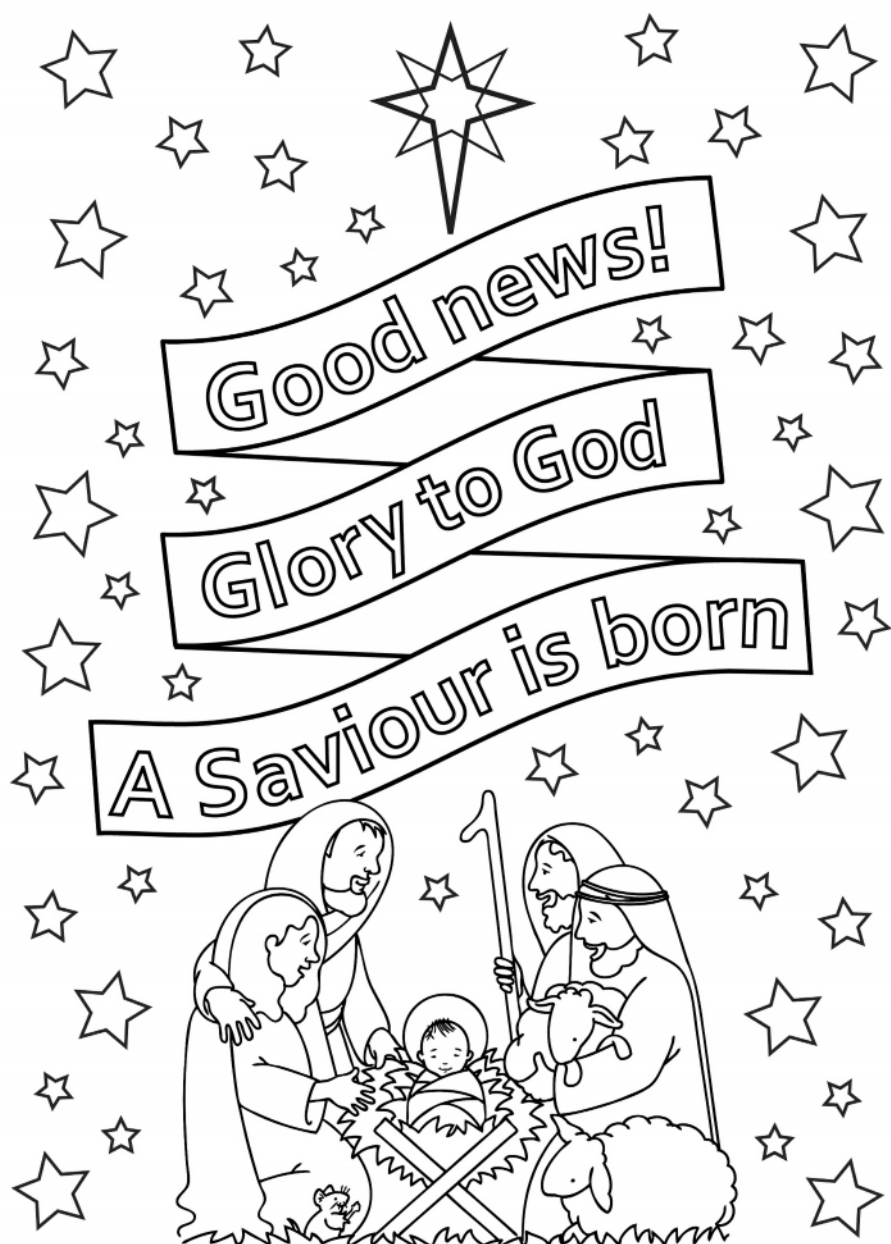
6: Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer is, of course, the most famous of all Santa's reindeer. How many of Santa's other eight reindeer can you name?

7: In the original version of the song ‘Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer’, how many times does the word ‘Rudolph’ appear? Yes, you’ll have to sing it !

8: In ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas’, how many maids were milking?

9: Which famous Christmas song that we hear year after year is officially the best-selling Christmas single of all time?(a) White Christmas (b) Frosty the Snowman (c) Do They Know It’s Christmas? (Band Aid)

10: Alvin and the Chipmunks sing about wanting a plane that ‘loops the loop’ for Christmas. What is the other toy that they want?(a) A toy train (b) A hula hoop (c) Water pistol



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Thanks to Ivan Tommasini for these photos.



All the answers to our Christmas trivia quiz for children.

Answer 1: (a) Germany. The custom had arisen in the early 1700s in certain German towns although little is known about what the decorations actually looked like. By the late 1700s however there is some evidence that wax candles were being used for tree decorations.

Answer 2: (b) Prince Albert. The Prince is credited with bringing the first Christmas tree to England in the 1840s and the London Illustrated News printed a picture of Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and their children standing in front of a decorated tree.

Answer 3: (a) Norway. Since 1947 the people of Oslo have given a tree to the UK in gratitude for assistance during World War Two.

Answer 4: (c) Football. One soldier gave an account that

Answer 5: True. As well as being the Patron Saint of children, Saint Nicholas is also Patron Saint of sailors, archers, merchants, fishermen, pharmacists, repentant thieves, and a few more besides!

Answer 6: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen. (Donner is sometimes also called Donder or Dunder. Blitzen is sometimes called Bliksem or Blixem.)

Answer 7: The word 'Rudolph' appears four times in the song lyrics (not including the title).

Answer 8: Eight maids. These are believed to represent the 'Eight Beautitudes' in Christianity In other words eight blessings from Jesus recorded in the Sermon On The Mount.

Answer 9: (a) White Christmas. Made famous by Bing Crosby of course.

Answer 10: (b) A hula hoop.



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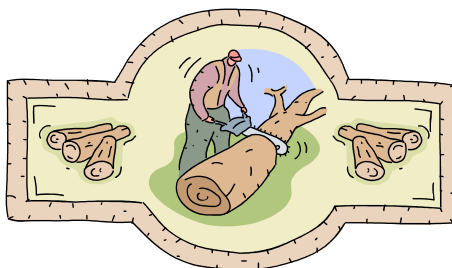
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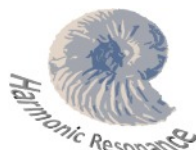
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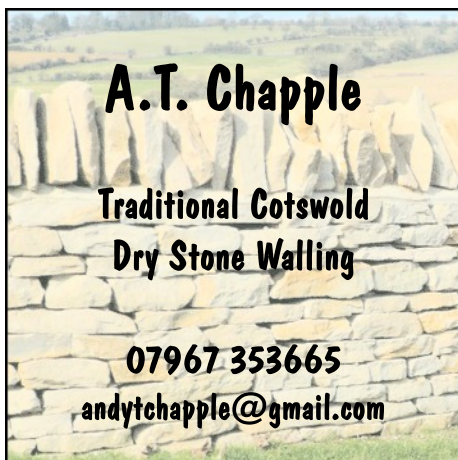
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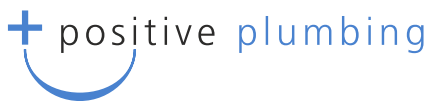


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