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Sue & Iain Robertson.
Coordinators for this edition.

Stephen's Letter (from another Stephen!)

Remembrance

"REMEMBER, remember the Fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot," so runs the traditional rhyme which reminds us that once again November is upon us as we celebrate with bonfires and fireworks!

November is very much a month of remembering and although we can enjoy all the fun of bonfire night on the fifth, let us not forget the more sombre remembrance observed at the 11th hour on the 11th day of this, the 11th month for it is at this time every year the nation unites to make sure that no-one is forgotten and to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.

For me personally it is a very poignant time as my own father was killed in action - a RAF pilot with 42 Squadron, he flew his Bristol Beaufort torpedo bomber across the North Sea to attack the German battleship Scharnhorst in a Norwegian fiord. Out of nine Beauforts that left Wick in Scotland on that operation, only three returned. Incredible bravery was so often displayed by our heroic airmen.

Sadly, all this happened in June 1940, 6 months before I was born and so remembrance has always figured prominently in my life. Mother too was so distraught that she never remarried. Such are the mental and bodily wounds of warfare.

Let us this year, as in previous years, honour the fallen with those immortal words of the 'Ode of Remembrance'.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, We will remember them.

Not having a Father as a figurehead and role model in my life I found that a personal faith in the risen Christ has always sustained me though (to quote the hymn writer) all the changing scenes of life. And here may I share another act of remembrance - this time within the Christian Community.

The celebration of Holy Communion, or Breaking of Bread, as some call it, is by far the most important act of worship and remembrance to which God calls us to regularly partake and is central to the Gospel message that Christ died for our sins.

Instituted by Christ himself in the upper room just before his crucifixion, we receive the elements of bread and wine which serve as a perpetual memory to his most precious death on the cross of Calvary.

As the disciples shared in this last supper Jesus gently commanded them to 'Do this in remembrance of me.'

And so, as we remember those who freely gave all for us in wars and conflicts, so also remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us. There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin; He only could unlock the gate, of Heaven and let us in.

*Stephen M. A. Phillips
Hill & Valley Benefice Ministry Team*

Church Briefing

Services for November 2019

Sunday 3rd November - All Saints/All Souls

All Saints Holy Communion 10.30 am - Coln St Dennis

Commemoration Service 6pm - Coln St Dennis

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Sunday

Service of Remembrance 10.45 am - Chedworth

Vigil Communion 6pm - Coln Rogers

Sunday 17th November - 2nd Sunday before Advent

Holy Communion (BCP) 9 am - Stowell

School Family Service 10.30 am - Chedworth

Evensong 6 pm - Coln St Dennis

Sunday 24th November - Christ the King

Family Communion 9 am - Yanworth

Holy Communion 10.30 am - Chedworth

Sunday 1st December - Advent Sunday

Family Communion 10.30 am - Coln St Dennis

Advent Carol Service 6pm - Coln Rogers

Remembrance Sunday

On Remembrance Day, **Sunday 10th November**, we have our usual **Service of Remembrance** at **Chedworth** at **10.45 am**, where we will be joined by the Chedworth & District Royal British Legion, and also Chedworth Brownies & Guides.

St Andrew's Day Ceilidh - 30th November

After the success of last year's event, do join us for this year's **St Andrew's Day Ceilidh** on **Saturday 30th November**

at **Chedworth Village Hall** - a whole-village family fun event to brighten up those dark winter nights! Join us for an evening of superbly choreographed Scottish dancing (no previous experience necessary!) with ceilidh band, **Hetty Pegler's Tump**, as well as a delicious Scottish buffet! This event is jointly organised by St Andrews Church and St Andrew's School PTA. Tickets available from Jon Francis (720974)(email: tiggershouse003@gmail.com), Sheila Bowley (720369) or St Andrew's School Office (720427). Help us make it a

Church Briefing

Chedworth St Andrews day to remember!

Tea Time Service & Advent Trail - 8th December

Our **Tea Time Service** on **December 8th** at **4pm** will feature an **Advent Trail**, new for this year! Join us at this special time of year to find our more about the meaning of Advent. The service begins and ends at St Andrew's Church, with refreshments afterwards. Wear stoud shoes and bring a smart phone, if you have one!

Church Consultation - Our Next Step

A big thank you to all who completed our Church Consultation ***Our Next Step***. We have had plenty of responses and all your comments have been very helpful. I and the Ministry Team will be working on the report and recommendations over the next month or so.

Advance Notice - Celebration of Local Ministry

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 license as a Reader in this Benefice and is now a member of the Ministry Team!

From the Registers

Baptism

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

Cole Hobart - St Andrew's Church,
Chedworth - 26th October

Lead us not...

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer:

"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail. Amen"

Christmas Cards



Sold in aid of
Friends of St Andrew's Church (FoStA)

£5 per pack of 10

Contact Sue Callard 01285 720468
suecallard324@btinternet.com

(Thank you to Sue Walsh for her Madonna design)



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

Day	Time	Event	Venue
01-Nov	19:30	Back Row Club "Shoplifters"	Village Hall
02-Nov	19:30	An Evening with Chedworth Silver Band	Village Hall
05-Nov	14:00-17:00	Afternoon Bridge and Tea Party	Rendcomb Village Hall
05-Nov	18:30	Bonfire, Fireworks & BBQ	Yanworth Village Hall
06-Nov	09:00-11:00	St Andrews School Open Morning	St Andrew's School
10-Nov	12:00	Remembrance Sunday Curry Lunch	Village Hall
11-Nov	11:00	Wreath Laying at War Memorial in Pancake Hill	Pancake Hill
11-Nov	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
13-Nov	19:15	WI - AGM & Party	Village Hall
16-Nov	19:30	An Evening with Thomasina Miers OBE	Griffin Theatre in Rendcomb
20-Nov		"Blithe Spirit" performed by Chedworth Drama Group	Village Hall
27-Nov	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - All Your Own	Village Hall
30-Nov		Christmas Fayre organised by Chedworth Pre-School	Village Hall
30-Nov	18:30	St Andrew's Day Ceilidh	Village Hall
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	Village Hall
18-Dec	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - Christmas Surprise	Village Hall
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17-Jan	19:30	"Les Gloriables" via AIRinG (Arts in Rural Gloucestershire)	Village Hall
01-Mar	19:30	"The Great Cabaret Safari" via AIRinG (Arts in Rural Gloucestershire)	Village Hall
04-Mar	18:00-20:00	Chedworth Property Seminar	Seven Tuns
15-Mar		Mystic Market	Village Hall
13-Jun		Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament	
11-Sep		Chedworth Charity Golf Day	Monmouth
See www.hillandvalley.co.uk for more dates of events			

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Please note that these dates may not be correct - see below.

Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers

Yanworth



November 2019

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	

From the Cotswold District Council website (on 16 October):

“On 4 November 2019 we will be launching an improved service which will include kerbside collection of more materials (textiles, batteries, small electrical items, foil and Tetrapak cartons). **Your collection day may change after the new service is launched in November** and we will produce new calendars to reflect any alterations to schedules.

Prior to the start of the improved service on 4 November 2019, each household will receive updated recycling guides and collection calendars, providing details about new collection days.

You will also be provided with larger and more robust pest-proof household food caddies and larger cardboard recycling sacks to help separate your recycling when presented for collection.

Please note that, with effect from 4 November 2019, **garden waste collections will change from a weekly to a fortnightly schedule (but food waste collections will still be weekly)**. This change will be subject to a public consultation and subsequent review in early 2020 to fully understand the impact of this change on residents and help us decide on the frequency and cost of the service that will be offered in 2020/21.”

St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



Charming Chedworth!

What a busy first term we have had, time is flying by and all the children, and staff, have settled back into routine.

Learning to live as part of the wider community

On **Thursday 3rd October** we held a *Macmillan coffee afternoon*, combined with our open afternoon to showcase the children's work. Thank you to all of the parents and members of the community who came to support our fundraising



and took such interest in the work produced during our, 'Charming Chedworth' topic. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who baked cakes, and a special thank you to Pre-school for making the effort to come and support us.

On **Friday 4th October** we held our Harvest Festival service, which was planned and delivered by *Godolphin* class.

It was a huge success and reflected the talented and thoughtful pupils who have at our school. As always, we were overwhelmed

by the donations for Cirencester food bank - I know they will be gratefully received.



As well as staffing changes, we have also had some changes to our governing body - we would like to welcome our new foundation governor - Mr James Woodman and thank the parents who have been nominated for our upcoming election.

Learning through an inspiring curriculum

Thunderbolt class have been working hard on applying their

phonics, recognising numbers and developing their social skills. We are so proud of the resilience they show on a daily basis.



Goldfinch class have blown us away with their writing this term, producing amazing information texts. They have

also been learning about the creation story, and its importance to Christians by doing some beautiful artwork.



Churchill class took part in an orienteering afternoon in Sherborne Woods earlier in the term, they had a fabulous

time putting their map reading skills into action and behaviour was impeccable.

Godolphin class have also produced some outstanding sketches from their walks around the village. They have learnt about the history of the buildings here,

particularly the church - we welcome you to come and see their work.

Our Christian value this term has been **thankfulness**, and we regularly remind ourselves how thankful we are for our community and beautiful surroundings.



Please follow us on
Twitter
[StAndrewsCofE1](#)



**Our next Open Morning is
Wednesday 6th November 9.30 -
11.00am**

We hope to see you there!

All the very best,
Mrs N Smith (Head teacher)

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

26th October to 9th November 2019 - **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**
Donations gratefully received at the School Office for this worthy cause

15th November 2019 - **Children in Need Fundraising Day**
Donations gratefully received at the School Office for this worthy cause

30th November 2019 - **St Andrew's Ceilidh** @ the Village Hall from 6.30pm
Tickets available from the School Office

13th December 2019 - **Christmas Jumper Day** in aid of Save the Children
Donations gratefully received at the School Office for this worthy cause

16th December 2019 - **Christingle and Nativity** @ St Andrew's Church 6pm.
All Welcome.

Chedworth Pre-School

...where fun and learning go hand in hand

We are currently busy preparing for our Annual Christmas Fayre on 30th

November! With lots of lovely craft stands, arts and craft for the children along with teas and not to mention a visit from Father Christmas, we do hope that you are able to come along and join us!



At Chedworth Pre-School, we take children from the age of 2 years - with no set intake times - up to school age; with the Pre-School year group visiting St. Andrew's Primary School once a week, this allows for easier transitions when September comes around. We accept both 15 and 30 hours funding along with 2 year old funding to those who are entitled. Flexible and with the hours to suit you and your needs. For further information please feel free come and visit us at Pre-School, telephone or email us!

We are currently enjoying our fortnightly visits from 'Boogie Beat' with singing, dancing, storytelling music and movement! Recently enjoying 'The Gingerbread Man', 'We're going on a bear hunt' along with a trip to the jungle! With the children enjoying lots of role play involving the Police and Fire Service, we have arranged visits from

the Fire Engine and our Local PCSO Andy Biddell.



I am also a little disheartened to say that after Pre-School closes, our toys are being misused and in a few cases broken. Chedworth Pre-School is a not for profit charity and currently all of our income is spent on staffing and rental of the Village Hall, this means we are not currently in a position to replace broken toys. I have no objection to our toys being used outside of Pre-School hours if you so wish, but please do play respectfully with them and place the toys away when you have finished with them!

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

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A family puppet show
for ages 3+



Deep in an enchanted forest, everybody's looking for something to eat. A tasty treat, a sticky sweet - some children's feet?

Hansel and Gretel are lost, searching for a way home, only to find themselves on the menu of a sweet-toothed witch.

Goody and Storey and Norwich Puppet Theatre present a colourful retelling of the classic Grimms' fairy tale, serving up a feast of delicious music, dynamic scenery and knock-your-socks-off puppetry.

A show to tickle your eyes, your ears, and your tastebuds.

Tickets £10 - Buy online at chedworthvillagehall.co.uk/tickets

St Andrew's Day Ceilidh

Saturday 30th November
Chedworth Village Hall

Bar open 6.30pm for 7pm start
Adults £10 Under 16s £5



Music and Dancing by Hetty Pegler's Tump
BAR ♦ SCOTTISH BUFFET ♦ RAFFLE

FOR TICKETS

Sheila Bowley 01285 720369 Jon Francis 01285 720974
St Andrew's School Office 01285 720427 Email tiggershouse003@gmail.com

In aid of St Andrew's Church and School

Chedworth Parish Council

News from our October meeting

Council steps in to fix path

It will soon be a lot safer to walk the path which runs from the Seven Tuns to Church Row thanks to the Parish Council.

At our October meeting we agreed to spend up to £3,000 to resurface the path which has become extremely dangerous. The council had asked the county highway department, who are responsible for the path, if they would resurface it but we were told that it would definitely not happen in this financial year and we could not get confirmation that it would be done next year either.

Since contacting the council we have received several reports of people falling

on the uneven surface and decided that rather than wait for the county to do it we would arrange for it to be done ourselves.

Grant to hall should help bring top class theatre to the village

The parish council is to buy new projection equipment for the village hall which will provide a big boost to the Back Row Club and should mean that plays can be screened direct from the National Theatre in London.

We have agreed to pay up to £6,000 for the equipment which will be installed by the spring.

Have your say on The Missing Link

Consultations on improvements to the A417 at Birdlip are well underway and we are all being urged by Paul Hodgkinson, our county councillor, to have our say before it's too late. He says the more support there is for the plan the more chance there is that the missing link will be built, and you have until 8th November to have your say.

You can check out the proposals online and comment on the route at <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a417-missing-link-public-consultation/>

Councillors

Ros Jess (Chairman)	01285 720248
David Broad (Vice-Chairman)	01285 720313
George Broad	01285 720313
Tony Kingsley	01285 721743
Alan McLellan	01285 720642
Ian Morgan	01285 720885
Susie Moore	01285 720214

To contact the Council, email the clerk, Elizabeth Broad (clerk@chedworth-pc.org.uk), or call her on 720313, or get in touch with any of the councillors directly.

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

Chedworth Parish Council

Weather delays verge cuts

If the weather ever relents we will be getting the verges cut again as part of our management plan and as we did last year we will be getting the cuttings removed.

It may be that it takes a few days after the cut before the contractor is able to pick up the grass but never fear it will be removed.

Speed checkers out in force

Motorists on Fields Road may well have seen a group of yellow-jacketed parish councillors out bright and early monitoring the traffic speed. Councillors, David and George Broad and Alan McLellan have undertaken found skills to the test.

When the monitoring takes place warning signs are put out either side of the group and the intention is not to catch people speeding but to make them think about what speed they are doing.

In Brief...

- County highways have told us that Withington Hill will not be resurfaced until next year despite having originally promised it would be done two years ago. We have agreed to write to them again urging them to bring the work forward because the road is in such a dangerous state.
- Riders and walkers can now access the bridleway which runs across the airfield thanks to a new gate installed by Manor Farm. The parish council had contacted the landowners after we received a complaint that the large farm gate could not be used by horse riders
- A footpath in Fossebridge which has been closed for two years as finally been reopened after pressure from the parish council.

Ros Jess

Keeping Safe from Scams

To keep your money safe the message is simple - Just Hang Up!

These days when my landline rings I am almost expecting it to be from someone who is trying to get their hands on my money.

Be it someone claiming to be from BT who are going to disconnect my wifi, from Microsoft who have spotted some dodgy goings-on on my laptop or from my bank who say there are some suspect transactions on my card, I know they are all after one thing - my hard-earned cash.

But I am naturally suspicious by nature and also not afraid to challenge whoever rings me up - even if sometimes that means I have given my own bank a rather hard time! It can be a different story if you are elderly, on your own, not so tech-savvy and more trusting than me.



At the parish council we were aware of an increasing number of calls made to villagers and thought it might be helpful to outline some of the scams which are out there and more importantly how to deal with them. Here are some of the main ones:

1. **HMRC** - The caller claims to be from the HMRC saying there is a warrant for your arrest due to unpaid taxes and demanding payment
2. **BANK** - The caller claims to be from your bank and tells you that they need to replace your debit or credit card. They will send someone to collect your card and then take out money and make purchases.
3. **THE POLICE** - The caller claims to be from the police or fraud squad in London claiming they have arrested someone with your cards in their possession. In order to protect your money, they need to transfer it to a different account or withdraw it all together. The fraudsters have even sent taxis to collect people to take them to the bank and in Stow-on-the-Wold alone, four elderly people lost £30,000 to this one scam.
4. **BANK** - You get a call saying that there has been some unusual activity on your card eg your card has been used to purchase a laptop in PC World and you need to provide details to prevent this happening again.
5. **BT** - An automated call tells you that your wifi is being disconnected and in order to prevent this you need to press a number on your phone.
6. **MICROSOFT** - A caller tells you there has been unlawful activity on your laptop or it has a virus and you need to log onto a particular website and they will fix it for you. Doing this gives the scammer access to everything on your laptop. I get these all the time and the callers can get aggressive, on a recent call when I genuinely told them that there was no laptop in the house they were calling I was told 'You had better not be lying to me!' ironic really given what they are doing!

Keeping Safe from Scams

I am sure there are many variations of these scams but the message from the police is the same: **'PUT THE PHONE DOWN STRAIGHT AWAY AND DO NOT FOLLOW ANY INSTRUCTIONS'**

If you feel you need to contact your bank to check it wasn't a genuine call or if you want to contact the police then you should always **USE A DIFFERENT PHONE** or, if that is not possible, **WAIT AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES** because the fraudsters are able to stay on the line in such a way that when you call and think you are talking to your bank or the police you are in fact still talking to them.

The important thing to remember is that neither your bank nor the police will ever ask you to hand over your bank card, move or withdraw money or provide personal details such as your PIN number, and if you do end up face to face with someone you should always ask to see a proof of ID. A genuine caller or visitor will not be upset or offended if you are cautious and show good common sense when dealing with them.

If you have an elderly relative or friend you are concerned about please pass on the information and personally we have always found it works if the elderly person asks the caller to speak someone else (even if there is no one else in the house!). A genuine caller wouldn't have

an issue with this but the fraudsters soon get off the phone!

All of this can sound very threatening to a vulnerable person but at the end of the day please remember it is just someone on the phone who doesn't know who you are or where you are and the power is totally in your hands - **JUST PUT DOWN THE PHONE**

If you suspect that you may have been the victim of fraud please report this to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or, for those with access to the internet, visiting

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-a-fraud-including-online-crime>. Fraud can also be reported to police by calling 101 or 999 if the incident is ongoing.



Advice from staying safe against scams and fraud can be found here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/staying-safe/staying-safe-against-scams-or-fraud/>

Ros Jess

Maggie's Poem

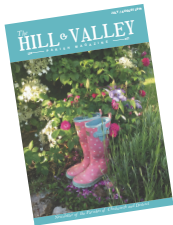
Hill and Valley Magazine



Our Hill and Valley magazine
Keeps us in the news
With Chedworth and other villages
All the activities we can use



Things that are going on that month
Sometimes in months to come
Races that may be taking place
Like joining a sponsored run



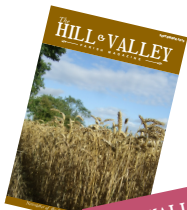
All church services and news
Also a letter from our vicar
Keeps all in constant touch
Any special news is quicker



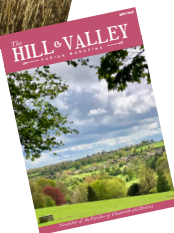
Schools, music and pictures well reported
Gardens and farming updates too



Adverts are a special help
When things that do go wrong
Our specialist in the village
Their qualifications good and strong



Council news and village hall
Reports are always ongoing
An if there is a page to spare
Maggie's little poem



Maggie Scrivens

Manor Farm News

Changing the System, Mud and Dung Beetles

Now we are involved in cheese making, we need a year round supply of milk. Instead of calving all of the cows in the spring - resulting in all cows being dry through the winter - we are going to calve two thirds in the spring and the rest in the autumn.

Of the 250 currently in milk, 140 are in calf for the spring (along with 60 heifers); the rest will be milked through this winter and calve in autumn 2020.

This change will provide new challenges, but will also make the system easier to manage at certain times of the year (fewer cows in milk through August and September taking the pressure off the milking pastures when it can be dry, and fewer cows in each calving block making it easier to manage).

As we go into November we will split the herd, with the spring calves being milked once a day until dry off in early December; the others will continue on twice a day milking through the winter.

We now seem to be settled in a flow of warm, wet Atlantic weather systems. Inevitably this will result in paddocks looking muddy after grazing during rain. Most of this mud is superficial and looks worse than it is. Where cows do damage the sward, they create space for less competitive plants to germinate and

establish themselves in the sward - especially wild flowers.

We have increased the organic matter levels in our soils over the last 16 years, through our grazing practices. This creates a less dense soil, with better crumb structure, improving the soil's ability to absorb moisture, allowing it to slowly enter the ground water rather than creating runoff and flooding.



From early October we have been grazing paddocks for the last time this season. The first paddocks grazed should re-grow as we go into winter, so providing an early bite next spring (early to bed, early to rise!).



Many of these paddocks have been grazed 7 or 8 times this season. Each time the cows have grazed them cleanly, with little or no rejection areas. This is thanks to the

work of dung beetles in removing the cow pats before the next grazing.

There is a large number of different dung beetles in the UK, many of them quite small, but very efficient at keeping paddocks clean. Over the last few years their numbers have really increased, with a noticeable improvement in paddock cleanliness.

Rob Richmond



Roger Harris



The Harris's would like to thank everyone for the support and messages of condolence following the recent passing of Roger.

Mum and Dad moved to Chedworth in March 1969 and there began a 50 year association with Manor Farm and the village. They kept the village school well-stocked with children and were involved in many aspects of village life. Mum was well-known for her baking and sewing and sadly passed away in 2004 just six months after Dad's retirement.

After a shaky start, he soon embraced retirement and never sat idle. He worked part-time for Henry Coles feed merchants and then latterly as the cellar man at the Seven Tuns pub. He was known and loved by many and as his illness started to get the better of him these friendships really showed their worth. As none of us children live particularly close by we are indebted to all his local friends for it was you that enabled him to live an independent life right up to the very end.

For us it is definitely the end of an era but one we are all proud to have been part of. We look forward to catching up with you on our regular return trips to Chedworth.

*Phil, Dilyn, Gillian, Lynfa and Gareth
Harris*

A very successful meeting was held on October 9th in which the Speaker was Joan Bond who lives in Northleach. Several members are familiar with her Charity work and the need was felt to share her story with all of us.

Joan did not disappoint; her story began with her spotting an advertisement for an administrative post in Northern India for 'SAVE A CHILD'. Her talents were spotted and over the years she has helped many young people to receive education.

One young man with his education became a homeopathy doctor and with his wealth travelled back to his home village where he built a small school. Joan encouraged him and with her fund raising from business people, family and local Gloucestershire friends, produced enough money to enlarge the school and to open a second one later this year.

Over 400 pupils are in education at the school and each day there are 3 shifts, one in the morning, one in the afternoon and the older children in the evening.

Joan's charity work has increased with the forming of her own charity with her supporters called EducAid INDIA. (This can be found on Google). Support is always needed and wells often have to be dug for clean water. £1500 pays for the digging of a 600ft well. The Members were delighted to hear this inspirational story and we wish her well for her future ideas.

The next meeting is the AGM Party and members are reminded that the evening starts at 7pm on Wednesday November 13th, a little earlier since the party with food from Claire Booth will start immediately afterwards in Chedworth village hall.

Carol Bailey

Thank You!

Can I just say a very big thank you to everyone who has sent me get well cards and messages, gifts whilst I was in hospital and recovering at home. The support of this village is amazing. I am now well on the way to making a full recovery and hope to be back to normal by the end of October. Once again, thank you.

Pete Heaps

Golf Day at Monmouth



Firstly, a special thank you to Christopher Heaps for organising most of this year's event.

We arrived at Monmouth in glorious sunshine and started off with a bacon roll, tea or coffee. Then we played 18 holes of Texas Scramble which this year was won by the DJ's team - Daniel Heaps, Jeff Wheldon, Jamie Cowell, John Sissons. Second were Tom Horrell, James Hartshorne, Alistair Booth and Sam Price. Third place went to Christopher Heaps, Craig Hughes, Lee Hatherell and Mark Wall. Nearest the Pin was won by Tom Horrell and the Longest Drive was won by Jamie Cowell.

We then had lunch and played a further 18 holes of Texas Scramble which was won by Chris Miles, Daniel Heaps, Tom Horrell and Sam Price. Second were Jamie Cowell, Ian Taylor, Andy Miles and Lee Hatherell. Third place went to Tim Gleeve, Jeff Wheldon, Alistair Booth and Adam Eastwood. Nearest the

Pin was won by Tim House and the Longest Drive by Jamie Cowell.

Prize giving followed and then the raffle, all of which was donated. Then we had a two course meal.

The money raised this year will go towards sending the Elderberries Club for a Christmas lunch at the Corinium Hotel with presents. The remainder will go towards a party in the new year (date to be confirmed) for those who sponsored, gave raffle prizes and who attended this great day. Invitations will be sent out in the new year.

The grand total raised this year was £2,554.50 which is a fantastic amount and could not have been achieved without the support of the village. So long may it continue.

Thank you for all your support and I look forward to next year's event.

Note for the Diary - 11th September 2020.

Best wishes,
Pete Heaps



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Elderberries

In September we were grateful to Rev Stephen Goundrey-Smith for leading our harvest festival. What a pleasure it is to sing the traditional harvest hymns with thankful hearts. Everyone brought



contributions of fruit and vegetables which were then sold to increase our funds. Thank you to everyone for their contributions.

In October we were expecting a talk on Trains which we are sure will have been

most interesting and nostalgic and 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.

We were very sad about the loss of one of our members Roger Harris. He brought a lot of smiles to our faces and we will miss him a lot.

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



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Your Gardening Tips for November

As we move towards the end of the year, it is the time to put the garden to bed for the winter. Feed your garden birds.



- Continue to clear up fallen leaves regularly to make compost. Best shredded through the mower or blower/shredder to help break down the leaf structure and add manure!
- Cover brassicas against pigeon attack, but be ready to lift the netting if snow is forecast!
- Insulate vulnerable plants in outdoor containers with fleece hessian or bubble wrap.
- If not already done, tie grease bands around trunks of fruit trees against winter moth damage.
- Prune roses to prevent wind-rock, and clear away fallen leaves to prevent black spot.
- Plant tulips, and this your last chance to plant winter bedding plants such as wallflowers, forget-me-nots, primulas and pansies.
- Keep weeds in check. Mulch with compost, and where space allows, cover the ground with a membrane to suppress weeds. Check for slug eggs.
- Cut down faded herbaceous perennials and ornamental grasses. This still time to lift and divide overgrown clumps of herbaceous perennials.
- Lift and store dahlias, cannas and tuberous bedding begonias, after the first frost.
- Mature dahlias can be left to overwinter in the ground as long as temperatures do not fall too far below freezing point. Cut down to the base this month and protect well with a thick layer of mulch.
- Still time in early November, to sow broad beans, winter lettuce, garlic, onions and spinach for early cropping next year. Plant winter lettuce in your used grow bags in the greenhouse.
- Plant bare rooted raspberry canes, either summer or autumn fruiting varieties, from now until February
- Divide rhubarb plants once dormant.
- Prune apple and pear trees over the winter until February, but leave plum trees until the summer to avoid silver leaf fungus attack.
- Deciduous hedging can be planted bare rooted, throughout the winter, but best when the soil is not too hard. Guard against squirrels and deer gnawing the bark.

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- This a good time to plant roses, avoiding areas where roses have previously grown.
 - Shrubs normally pruned hard in the spring, such as Buddleja, Cornus and Lavateria, can be cut back by half, to prevent wind rock and neaten their appearance.
 - If lawns need to mowed, set the cutter 1.5 inches above the ground to avoid stressing the grass. After the final mow, clean and dry the mower and drain the fuel as it will not keep. Service the mower!
 - Clean out water butts, as they will soon fill up again, but be careful to drain any with taps if deep freezing weather is forecast, or the tap joint may crack.
 - Do not apply fertilizer in the garden as will not be taken up by plants
 - temporarily unused ground with a membrane or black polythene to prevent nutrients being washed away and rogue seeds settling to germinate.
 - Hopefully all those who wanted it have had enough 'HORTSOC' compost to last until the spring when another delivery will be ordered.

Simon Colbeck

Chairman

Chedworth & District HORTSOC

Chedworth Property Seminar Thank You

We enjoyed a brilliant round table discussion with attendees of the Chedworth Property Seminar, discussing issues around new buy-to-let legislation, gifting property, buying your first home and structuring property transactions in the most tax-efficient way. Thank you for all the positive feedback ("very interesting and informative, "very relevant") and will continue to help landlords, home-owners and those making decisions about their homes in the spring edition of our seminar series on 4 March 2020, from 6-8pm at the Seven Tuns. Thank you also to Simon Willson-White and his team at the Seven Tuns for hosting us so wonderfully.

Lindy Gallagher and Ione McMahon

Hill & Valley Tennis Club

Chairman's note

We are now into the second half of the tennis season and the weather now plays a bigger part in when we can get on court. See the Autumn photo that captured the beautiful rainbow on one Tuesday afternoon in October. We shall be holding our AGM this year in the Seven Tuns at 7:30pm on Monday 25th November. You can pre-order your food if you wish from an excellent menu that has choices for each course and let Rosemary Scott-Smith know your selection.

Graham Stock (Chairman)

American Doubles

Membership

New members should contact Fred Shaftoe on 01285-720074 if you would like join. Membership for the rest of the year will be based on a pro-rata rate. Normally, Individual adult membership

will be £68, family membership just £144, junior £17, youth £25 and student at £33. We also offer a weekly membership of £10 for those who may be on holiday and visiting the Cotswolds.

Visitors Welcome

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

Winter League

This winter we have entered a ladies over 60 team in the Gloucestershire League and a mixed team in the Stroud League.

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Farmcote Church near Winchcombe



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It has Saxon origins and is an early Norman building. It was originally a chapel of ease to the church at Guiting Power, five miles to the south east. A chapel of ease is a church building other than the parish church built, within the parish for the attendance of those who could not reach the parish church conveniently.

David Verey in his book on Cotswold Churches comments on Farmcote Church *"It is also unspoilt. Remoteness has saved it; but can it now survive redundancy?"*

The church is well cared for, services are still held and it has many visitors. Hopefully it will survive and remain open for services for many more centuries. There is something very special about Farmcote Church, a combination of its location, character and the sense of history.

The church comprises of a rectangular nave. In the east wall, where you would expect to find a chancel there is blocked round-headed arch, possibly Saxon, or of 11th century date. The door and windows in the south wall are Tudor.



The beauty of the church lies in its simplicity and the quality of the architecture and craftsmanship especially the superb roof timbers.

The communion table is topped with a large 13th century stone mensa or altar slab, which has consecration crosses carved deep into the surface at each corner. Stone altars were removed from all churches at the Reformation and

many were broken up. Fortunately this one was preserved and was reset on top of the communion table during restoration work in 1891.

The beautiful tub font is 12th century. High in the west gable is an unusual Norman double bellcote, one of the openings is now blocked and there is only one bell. It is rare to find a bell hanging inside the nave of a church.

The pews are 16th century and the communion rails, the pulpit with sounding board 17th century.

To the left of the altar is the fine canopied tomb of Henry and Mary Stratford, the figures are wearing Elizabethan dress of about 1590. The Stratfords owned Farmcote Manor from 1320 and were prominent in public life, John Stratford was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1333 and also became Lord Chancellor. Ralph Stratford was Bishop of London in 1354. The old Manor House is situated to the south of the church.

In the churchyard is a fine stone cross. Churchyard crosses were intended to

sanctify the churchyard and provide a communal memorial to the dead of the parish.



Beyond the church is a farm and a group of farm buildings, possibly medieval in origin and represent a grange of Hailes Abbey which lies about one mile to the north west.

Of particular note is a fine open fronted farm building with upper storey, originally a granary, which has remained in agricultural use and avoided being converted to residential use. Part of the Cotswold Way runs from Hailes Abbey to Farmcote.

Robert Young

Hold on

While out in the town, I saw an elderly couple holding hands while they were walking. As they approached, I commented on how romantic it was.

The man replied, "We have been holding hands when we go out in public for years. I have to. If I let go, she shops."

Back Row Club

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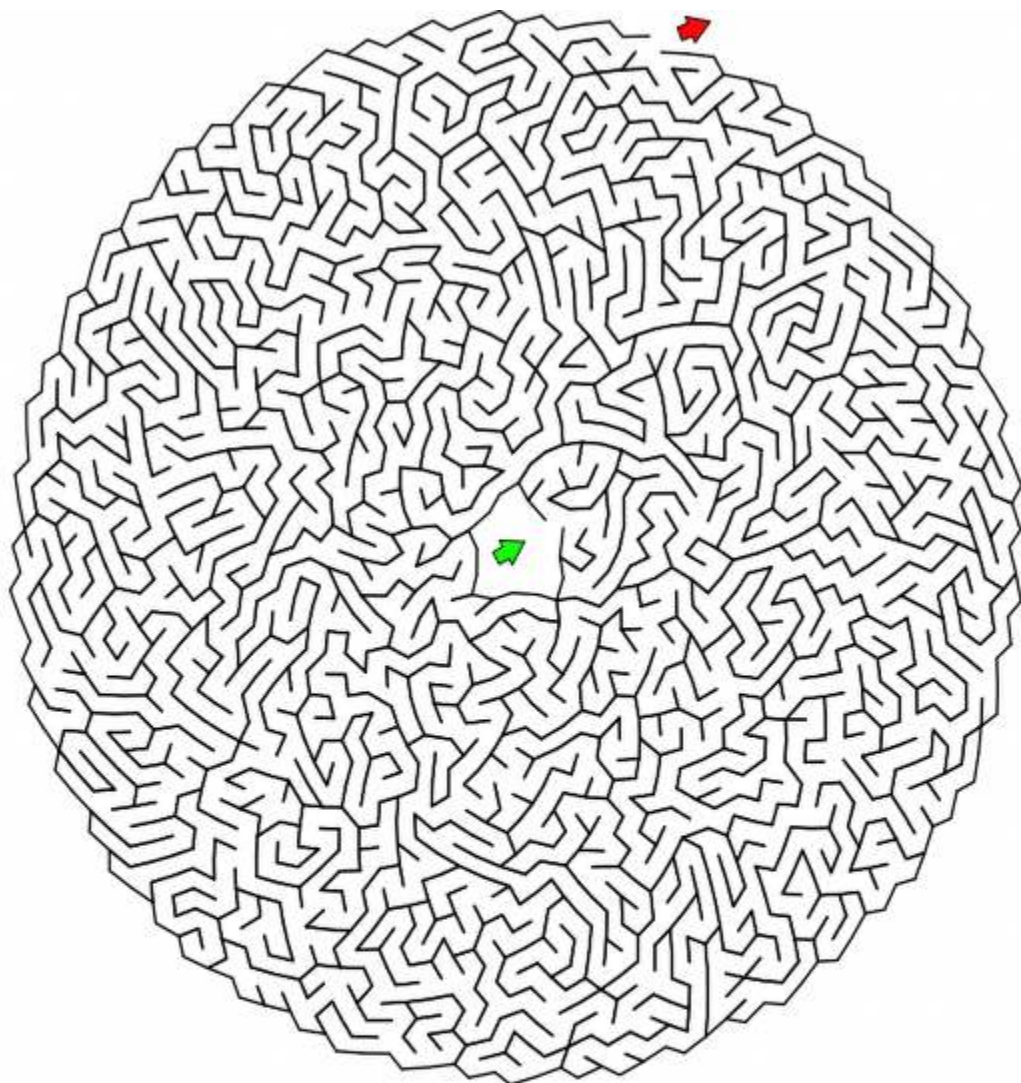


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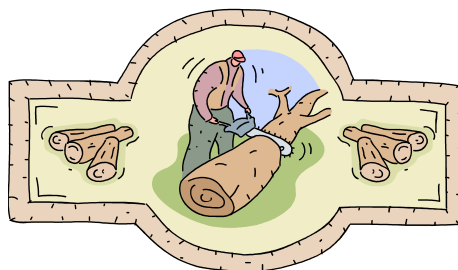
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