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WHEN icicles hang by the wall,  
And Dick the shepherd blows his nail,  
And Tom bears logs into the hall,  
And milk comes frozen home in pail,  
When blood is nipped, and ways be foul,  
Then nightly sings the staring owl,  
To-whoo;  
To-whit, to-whoo, a merry note,  
From "Love's Labor 's Lost"

Julie Young. Coordinator for this edition.



# Stephen's Letter

## Career Change

"Jesus said "Whoever wishes to be great among you must be a servant"" Matt 20v26

As someone interested in people and what their lives involve, I enjoy reading the situations vacant pages of the local paper from time to time. In doing so, I am often amused at the concept gap between the advertised job title and what the job might involve. Some job titles are suitably descriptive, for example "Practice Nurse". Other job titles, such as "Service Delivery Assistant", are largely meaningless, unless you know the industry.

We live in a diverse world and it's good that there are many different jobs, and many different people with the skills to do them. However, what is more important than your job title, or indeed what your job involves, is the honesty, integrity and hard work which you bring to the job that you are in.

The first disciples of Jesus had a massive career change when Jesus called them to follow him. James and John had been fishermen on the Sea of Galilee - but then Jesus appointed them to a new role! The job title was "Disciple". Their job description was to follow Jesus, learn from his teaching and their experiences of being with him, and then pass on the experience and encourage others to follow Jesus too.

But what was the reality? In some ways it was like their old job - except fishing for people instead of fish. But in some ways, it was totally different. They would become famous as preachers and evangelists for Jesus. James and John's mother certainly thought her boys would do well in their new career, and in Matthew's Gospel (above), she asked Jesus whether they could sit either side of him in heaven.

But Jesus made it quite clear that the work of a disciple was that of a servant, not of a master. It was about hard graft, not greatness, despite what the job description said. And the disciples certainly gave their lives to their work - many of them dying as martyrs.

We might not wish to give our life to the day job, in the same way that Jesus' disciples devoted their lives to following him - although in the current financial climate, our managers are often looking to get more out of us than ever before. However, we will not go far wrong by going to our desks with an attitude of a servant, willing to be humble, to work hard and go the extra mile for our colleagues. After all, Jesus served



# Church Briefing

us ultimately by giving his life for our salvation when he died on the cross. His is surely a good example to follow.

if you want to think about where God is in your working life, do join our Lent Course on Vocations this Lent.

Whatever you do in your working life this year, I wish you God's blessing. And

*Stephen*

## Services for February 2018

### Sunday 4th February - 2nd Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion 10.30 am - Coln St Dennis

### Sunday 11th February - 1st Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion (BCP) 9 am - Chedworth  
Holy Communion 10.30 am - Coln Rogers  
Tea Time Service 4 pm - Chedworth

### Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes 7 pm - Chedworth

### Sunday 18th February - Lent 1

Holy Communion (BCP) 9 am - Stowell  
Family Service 10.30 am - Chedworth  
Evensong 6 pm - Coln St Dennis

### Sunday 25th February - Lent 2

Family Communion 9 am - Yanworth  
Holy Communion 10.30 am - Chedworth  
Brownie Thinking Day Service 3pm - Chedworth

### Friday 2nd March - Women's World Day of Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer Service 7.30 pm - Chedworth

### Sunday 4th March - Lent 3

Family Communion 10.30 am - Coln St Dennis

# Church Briefing

## Lent Course

Our **Lent Course**, this year will take place on **Wednesday evenings** during Lent (**21st, 28th February, 7th, 14th and 21st March**) at the **Vicarage** at **7.30pm**. Our theme this year is **Vocations**, and we will be thinking about what God calls us to do in our daily lives - whether it is in paid work, or in our daily activities in retirement. We will have a number of guest speakers who will be talking about how their faith has influenced their work. Meetings are informal, and everyone is warmly welcome! Refreshments provided, as always. If you would like further details, contact Rev'd Stephen on 720392 or [stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com](mailto:stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com).

## Lent Lunches

Our Lent Lunches will take place on Tuesdays during Lent (**20th, 27th February, 6th, 13th and 20th March**) from 12 noon - 2pm. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Venues are as follows:

- February 20th - Neil & Teresa Irving, Anchor Cottage, Coln St Dennis.
- February 27th - Robert & Julie Young, Malthouse Grounds, Chedworth

- March 6th - Simon & Sylvia Colbeck, Ashcombe Edge, Chedworth
- March 13th - Peter & Annette Seymour, Windsor Cottage, Chedworth
- March 20th - To be Confirmed

## Brownie Thinking Day Service

The **Brownie Thinking Day Service** will take place at **3pm** on **Sunday 25th February** at **St Andrew's Church, Chedworth**. In this service, local Brownies will gather to think about Brownies and Guides all over the world!

## Women's World Day of Prayer

The **Women's World Day of Prayer Service** takes place on **Friday 2nd March** at **St Andrew's Church, Chedworth** at **7.30pm**.

## Advance Notice - Mothering Sunday - Sunday 11th March

This year, we will be **having a Mothering Sunday Celebration** on **Sunday 11th March** at the **Tea Time Service** at **Chedworth** at **4pm**. This is an opportunity to praise God for mothers and to pray for family life everywhere. There will be refreshments after the service, as always.

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## Advance Notice - Chedworth Games 2018

After the success of previous years, the Chedworth Games will be run again this year on **Saturday 21st July**. All the events you love, with some new twists for 2018!

## From the Registers

### Funerals

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

Arthur Reeves - 24th January - St Andrew's Church, Chedworth

### Prayers

My 10 year-old niece says her prayers every night, but instead of 'amen', she says 'click, send.'



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](mailto:sally.smith237@yahoo.co.uk)**

# Dates for your Diary

| Day    | Time        | Event                                                                     | Venue                        |
|--------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 03-Feb | 10:30-12:30 | Rendcomb Surgery Support Group Fundraiser - Snowdrop walk                 | Covertside, Perrott's Brook  |
| 09-Feb | 19:30       | Back Row Club "Hidden Figures"                                            | Village Hall                 |
| 12-Feb | 19:30       | Parish Council Meeting                                                    | Village Hall                 |
| 14-Feb | 19:15       | WI - talk on Hearing Dogs                                                 | Village Hall                 |
| 20-Feb | 10:15-11:45 | Mobile Library                                                            | Village Hall car park        |
| 21-Feb | 14:30-16:30 | Elderberries                                                              | Village Hall                 |
| 09-Mar | 19:30       | Back Row Club "The Bucket List"                                           | Village Hall                 |
| 12-Mar | 19:30       | Parish Council Meeting                                                    | Village Hall                 |
| 14-Mar | 19:15       | WI - talk on Hedgerow Pharmacy                                            | Village Hall                 |
| 17-Mar | 14:00       | WI Jumble Sale                                                            | Village Hall                 |
| 20-Mar | 10:15-11:45 | Mobile Library                                                            | Village Hall car park        |
| 24-Mar | 18:30-21:30 | Chedworth Society Spring Wine & Buffet                                    | Whitegates, Cheap Street     |
| 25-Mar | 01:00       | <i>Clocks go forward one hour</i>                                         |                              |
| 09-Apr | 19:30       | Parish Council Meeting                                                    | Village Hall                 |
| 10-Apr | 14:00-16:30 | Bridge with afternoon tea in aid of Friends of St Andrew's                | Village Hall                 |
| 11-Apr | 19:15       | WI - talk on Turn Your Life Around at 60                                  | Village Hall                 |
| 13-Apr | 19:30       | Back Row Club "The Illusionist"                                           | Village Hall                 |
| 15-Apr |             | Chedworth Roman Trail 10 mile run                                         | Village Hall                 |
| 26-Apr | 20:00       | Ninebarrow - performance of folk music, folklore and amusing storytelling | Village Hall                 |
| 03-May |             | WI Group Meeting                                                          | Andoversford                 |
| 09-May | 19:15       | WI - discussion about WI Resolutions                                      | Village Hall                 |
| 11-May | 19:30       | Back Row Club "Their Finest"                                              | Village Hall                 |
| 14-May | 19:30       | Parish Council Meeting                                                    | Village Hall                 |
| 19-May | 19:30       | Concert by Chedworth Singers                                              | Village Hall                 |
| 08-Jun | 19:30       | Back Row Club "United Kingdom"                                            | Village Hall                 |
| 09-Jun |             | Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament                               |                              |
| 11-Jun | 19:30       | Parish Council Meeting                                                    | Village Hall                 |
| 13-Jun | 19:15       | WI - visit to village gardens                                             | Village Hall                 |
| 09-Jul | 19:30       | Parish Council Meeting                                                    | Village Hall                 |
| 11-Jul | 19:15       | WI - talk on Hilarious Hats                                               | Village Hall                 |
| 21-Jul |             | Chedworth Games                                                           | Village Hall & playing field |

See [www.hillandvalley.co.uk](http://www.hillandvalley.co.uk) for more dates of events

# Recycling Dates

## Domestic Waste & Recycling

**Chedworth Area,  
Fossebridge,  
Coln St Dennis,  
Coln Rogers**

**Yanworth**



## February 2018

| Mon | Tue       | Wed | Thu | Fri       | Sat | Sun |
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## March 2018

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# St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



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Head: Mrs A Fitch BA (Cantab), PGCE

**A very Happy New Year to you from all at St Andrew's C of E Primary.**

Our Spring term is in full flow now after a busy and snowy Christmas period!

Thunderbolt Class (Reception) are going Up Up and Away to explore what we might find in the sky and in space

Goldfinch Class (Yr 1 & 2) will be tantalising their senses during their Indian Spice theme.

Churchill Class (Yr 3 & 4) will be discovering the fascinating and rather brutal facts of Crime and Punishment in Britain

Godolphin Class (Yr 5 & 6) will be swept into action as they discover the Wild Waters of the world.

*This is just a flavour of all that is in store for the children this term.*

After another very successful Book Fair held in December, our school PTA want to build on this and are turning their fundraising efforts to improving the Guided Reading resources for the children. Please read on to find out about the crucial contribution this will make to the education of our children at St Andrew's.

*Hi - I'm the Chair of St Andrew's School PTA and I'd like to share what we are focusing our fund raising on this academic year, in the hope you would like to be involved in helping us raise enough*



*funds to replace some old resources for the children.*

## Guided Reading Resources

Teachers work with children in small groups to analyse text, making sure each child can read each word and then discuss the



meaning of the text with them. A child can choose a book to take home to do Guided Reading on a 1:1 basis with Parents/Carers and family.

Teachers use **Guided Reading Resources** to assist with this, for example: Reading topic books, Grammar activities, a Writing Table with a selection of interesting paper/pens, Activities on other tables may also include: phonics activities, reading newspapers, reading poetry books, practising spellings, story writing,

writing a book review for a book they have read.

Teachers also use other **Guided Reading Resources** in the classroom, e.g. assessment guides, question mats/cards, story planning templates, task cards, strategy bookmarks, etc. These vital provisions for the new curriculum take a big chunk out of the school budget which is already extremely tight. We would love to contribute towards the children's education in this way so that the existing funds in the budget can be spent to update and purchase other vital equipment to enhance their learning and enjoyment at school.

If you would like to support the PTA in raising funds to help purchase the above items, then please contact the school office. Thank you for **READING** this.

*Deb McMorris, **PTA Chair***

*Mrs A Fitch, **Headteacher***

# Chedworth Toddler Group

## Chedworth Toddler Group

Meet other families for fun, a healthy snack and toys.

9.30-11.30 Every second Tuesday (change to once every two weeks)

Toddler Group dates for your diary:

23 January - 6 February

27 February - 13 March - 27 March

17 April - 1 May - 15 May - 5 June

19 June - 3 July - 17 July

£2.50 per child

Chedworth Village Hall

Come and have fun with your child in the light and spacious village hall. Drop in for a hot drink, snack and a chance to relax with other parents. Enjoy the easy and free car parking, with the opportunity to play outside on the field or adventure





# Chedworth Pre-School

...where fun and learning go hand in hand



It feels like a long time since our Christmas Fayre where Father Christmas delighted the children and we raised lots of valuable funds. This term, we are feeding the birds at Pre-School this term and learning about our garden visitors. We continue to work with local community groups, the primary school and specialists to give our children many wonderful opportunities.

We are planning for a fantastic 2018. Happy New Year everyone!



## Community Link

We are planning some raised beds to replace our allotment use. We have secured funding for the beds and some plants. We welcome all donations and expertise!

## *New funding available*

\*15 hours universal free funding.

30 hours free childcare available on application

\*Tax-free childcare

\* Childcare vouchers





# Chedworth Pre-School

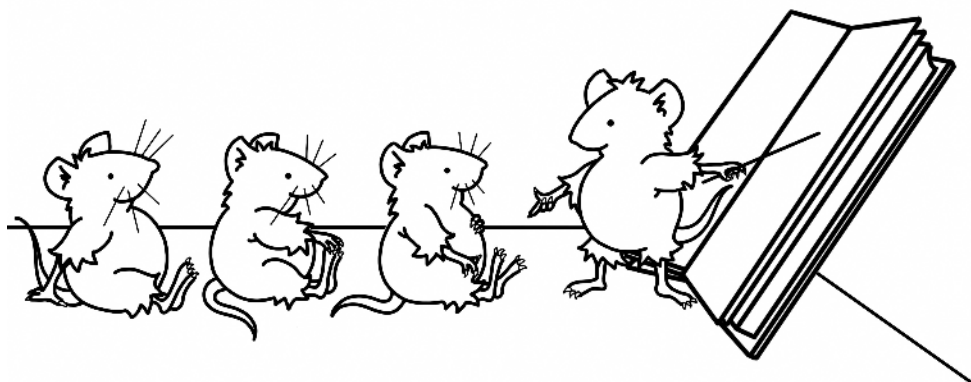
...where fun and learning go hand in hand

We welcome children from  
2 years old to school age.

**Opening hours**  
**8:20-14:45**  
**Monday to Friday.**

[www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk](http://www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk)  
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*Holistic approach to learning outdoors and indoors*  
*Breakfast, hot lunches, snacks*  
*and lots of fun!*



# Chedworth Parish Council

## News from our January meeting

### Angry councillors demand answers from county council

Discussions on the recent bad weather, which left roads impassable and villagers stranded, took priority at our January meeting with councillors demanding that the county reinstate gritting routes around the whole village.

Councillors met with our local highways manager shortly after the parish council meeting with the main aim of finding out why the route was changed with no consultation and to insist that in a village of the size and geography of Chedworth it was essential that the roads were treated.

Parish councillors expressed their anger that the gritting routes were changed in secret by the highways

department - the first councillors knew of the change was when villagers began calling and asking what they were doing about it.

Chairman Ros Jess told the meeting: "The first I knew that there was a problem was when I got a call complaining about the roads. When I suggested that they contact the county council because we had no equipment to do anything, I was told that the county had told them to contact me!" Matt Fulford summed up the feeling of the meeting: "It was so wrong that I can't find the words to properly express it, people's lives were put at risk and the county needs to be held to account."

As well as meeting with the highways manager the council has also invited the county's cabinet member for highways, Vernon Smith, to attend our next meeting to answer questions and explain why the village was taken off the gritting route without consultation.

As a result of the experiences the parish council is carrying out a review of the Emergency Plan and has asked the village hall for permission to locate a store in the car park to hold supplies of grit and other equipment.

#### Councillors

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Ros Jess (Chairman)         | 720248 |
| David Broad (Vice-Chairman) | 720313 |
| George Broad                | 720313 |
| Matt Fulford                | 721134 |
| Ian Morgan                  | 720885 |
| Clive Poulton               | 720690 |
| Iain Robertson              | 720683 |

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

"Thank you for all your help"

Councillors are very grateful to those villagers who turned out to help clear our roads, without your help things would have been a lot worse. We are also indebted to the band of volunteers who gave their time to refill all the grit bins around the village.

## Application to change footpaths around Hartshill

The council has been informed that the owners of Hartshill have applied to make alterations to the footpaths on their property.

The application is to divert the footpath at point A (see map) from the drive into the field and to continue in the field until point E (green line) Currently the path runs through the property's garden and this diversion would take it further away from the house.

The application also includes a request to close the footpaths which run from D to G (KCH18) and from D to E (part

of KCH 17). There are also some minor changes at point A where KCH19 has become obstructed.

The council agreed that we could support the diversion into the field although felt that the path should continue to point D rather than point E. However, we could not support the closure of KCH18 or part of KCH 17 and agreed to object to this.

If you wish to comment on the proposals please contact Martine Tyler in the county Rights of Way department ([Martine.Tyler@amey.co.uk](mailto:Martine.Tyler@amey.co.uk)) by mid-February.

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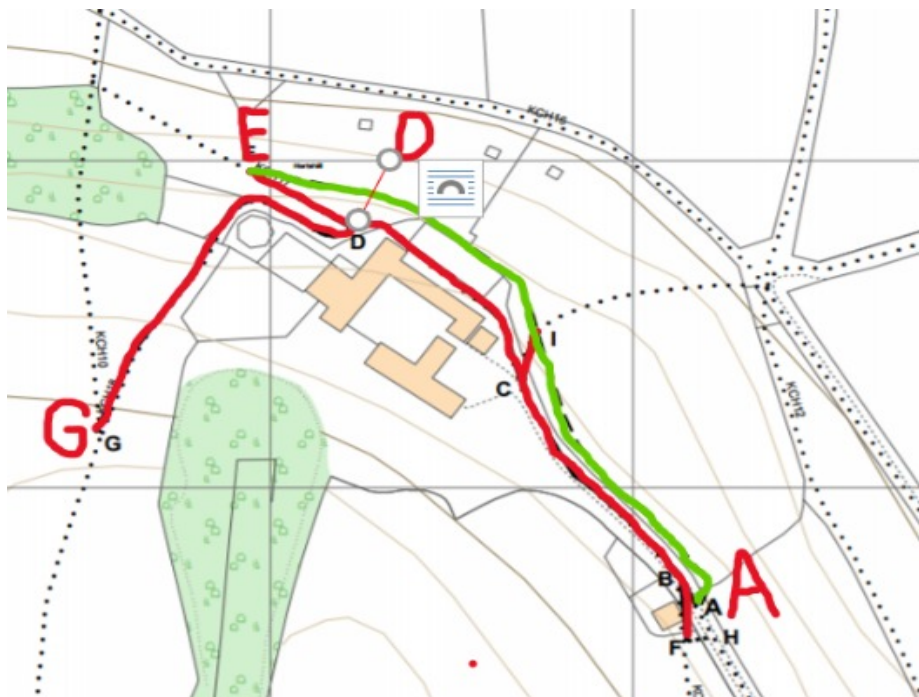
## Mobile pole

The mobile pole which is now in place on parish land adjacent to the football field could well be working by the end of February. The parish council has ordered the electricity supply and once that is in place the mast will go live - improving mobile signal for a part of the village which is currently a mobile black spot.

## Chapel Graveyard

Our maintenance plan for the graveyard at the Chapel is in place and we have recently arranged for much of the ivy to be removed from the gravestones. The council's aim is to encourage biodiversity respecting the graves ensuring the relatives who wish to visit them are able to do so.

*Ros Jess*



# Chedworth Oil Club

## CHOC Election of Officers

As announced in November H&V and via CHOC mailing list, under the constitution of Chedworth Oil Club, the committee runs for a three year term. Following expiration of the given November deadline, no nominations were received and Phillip Needham, Steve Scott-Smith and David Loveday were all re-elected unopposed.

## AGM

This was held in December 2017 and a copy of the minutes are available upon request to me.

## Sweet Fuels Commission Payments

We have just received a payment of £185.95 rebate for orders 6 months to 30 November 2017 making a total of £537 for 2017, up 22% over 2016. The increase reflects comparative oil prices over the two years which were higher. Even so, they are still way below the peaks of 2011/12/13/14 where at times, prices were almost double when compared to the last two years.

## Sweet Fuels

As far as I am aware, no members were left short supplied pre Christmas despite a massive increase in late orders due to the cold weather and hazardous conditions. Sweet pulled out all the stops to ensure we were looked after.

Sweet are continuing to support the village again for 2018 apart from the usual rebate and fuel prizes by being a

Chedworth Show sponsor for the **second year running**

## Good Causes

The rebates have enabled CHOC to provide funding during 2017 of £550 towards The Village Hall, St Andrews School Fun Run and most recently Chedworth Pre School.

Our bank account currently stands at £490.00 and if your organisation requires money that meets our funding criteria, please let me know so that the committee may consider it.

## Membership

This stands at 173 households, up 25% over the last 10 years. If you are not a member you are missing out on reduced prices that CHOC members enjoy plus other benefits for you and the village. It is free to join and there is no obligation to purchase from our approved supplier. Application forms are on the Village Web Site;

<http://chedworth.org.uk/chedworth-oil-club-choc/>

## Mailing List

This news update was circulated to members at the end of December 2017. If you are not on the mailing list and wish to be added, please let me know so I can include you

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# Your Gardening Tips



Hopefully the weather will have calmed down by the time you read this!

- Chit potato tubers. A trip down to Dundry Nurseries near Staverton is a good option if you want choice and good advice about varieties.
- Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover or in a green house.
- Continue to protect vulnerable pot plants, keeping pots raised off the ground. Once the warmer weather arrives replace the top layer of soil with fresh compost.
- Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green', if they have not already gone over!
- Heavy soils can be improved significantly by working in coarse gravel or sharp sand as well as organic matter.
- Use leftover tea and coffee grounds to acidify the soil of acid-loving plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and even blueberries. A light sprinkling of about one-quarter of

an inch applied once a month will keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side

- Dahlia tubers stored over winter can be potted out in a frost free space. Plant out after the last frost.
- Prune wisteria by cutting back the side shoots to two or three buds. Avoid cutting off flower buds.
- Protect from slugs and snails, delphinium, hosta and lily shoots before they appear.
- Continue to prune roses as required, and cut late summer and autumn flowering clematis down to the lowest pair of strong buds. Mulch and feed.
- Check box and holly trees for box blight and holly leaf blight. Best to remove the affected plants.
- Plant roses, avoiding areas where roses have been immediately before.
- If you are netting your vegetables against pigeons, remember to remove the netting before a heavy snowfall!

*Simon Colbeck*

Chairman Chedworth & District  
HORTSOC

## Special needs

After booking my 85-year-old grandmother on a flight from London to Amsterdam, I called the airline to go over her special needs. The representative listened patiently as I requested a wheelchair and an attendant for my mother because of her growing confusion, her arthritis and impaired vision to the point of near blindness. My apprehension lightened a bit when the woman again and again assured me that she understood and that everything would be taken care of. I thanked her profusely. ‘Oh, you’re welcome,’ she replied. I was about to hang up when she cheerfully added, ‘And will your grandmother want a rental car?’

**CHEDWORTH  
SOCIETY  
SPRING DRINKS  
PARTY**



**Saturday, March 24th, 2018**

**6.30 PM to 9.30 PM**

**Whitegates,**

**Upper Cheap Street**

**£12 per head (£16 for non-members)**

**Wine and a Claire Booth buffet**

**Visit the Chedworth Society web site for more  
details:**

**<http://chedworthsociety.org.uk>**

***or call 01285 720914***

**RSVP before March 10th**

***Non-members are very welcome***

The first meeting of the new year was held on Wednesday January 10th, 35 members braved the foggy night to enjoy a sociable evening with a light supper. Business matters were discussed and it was confirmed that this year each meeting would be shared with 3 vice presidents and a president. This idea, hopefully will encourage members to share all duties.

An enjoyable and interesting talk was given by Ione McMahon, principal teacher at the local pre-school held in Chedworth Village Hall during school terms. Her enthusiasm and dedication to the subject of pre-school education made the listener understand that Chedworth offers excellent tuition to children from the start of their school days (at 2yrs). The staff liaise with the local primary schools and the children have taster days before they join the reception class. A statistic was given that in 2016 90% of children in the UK undergo pre-school training.

The Teachers are highly qualified to the standard of Ofsted and are updated on first aid techniques. It was good to discover that the children were often outside in the open air to discover the delights of nature.

Ione had fun with the members in showing us a method of origami which we followed diligently and discovered a heart had been designed to the delight of us all.

This concluded her talk and it was evident that everyone had enjoyed the evening by the busy question and answer session that followed.

The next meeting is on February 14th, Valentines Day with a talk titled Hearing Dogs given by Hugh and Maggie Gray Willis and Nero. At Chedworth Village Hall 7.15pm.

New Members are very welcome to enjoy the evenings.

*Carol Bailey.*

A teacher was finishing a lesson on the joys of discovery and the importance of curiosity.

‘After all,’ she declared, ‘Where would we be today if no one had ever been curious?’

One child quietly spoke up from the back of the room. ‘In the garden of Eden?’

# Maggie's Poem



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*Maggie Scrivens*

I was in the express lane at the supermarket, quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the checkout line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked sweetly, 'So which six items would you like to buy?'

# Chedworth Village Hall



- Work on the wheelchair Accessible WC and the new cleaning room is well under way with partitions in place. We look forward to the completion of this work early in the spring.
- The Calendar booking system on the Village Hall website is under review as is the look of the website with new photographs
- We are grateful to the Drama Group for its generous contribution towards the cost of cleaning and flame-proofing the main hall curtains.
- The issues over the efficient provision of hot water to the kitchen and in the two WCs are being urgently addressed.
- Emergency lighting in the Social Room and corridor has been up-graded.
- It is hoped that it will be possible for part of the Pre-

school area in the Social Room to be screened off by a moveable partition thereby enabling the bar to function without the Pre-school equipment having to be completely cleared away when the whole room is not required.

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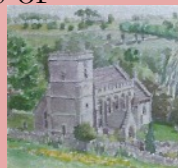
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Thank you. *Sue Sharman*

# Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day

February 13th



Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent starts: the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It's a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins which is

traditionally a period of fasting, with many Christians giving up luxuries during the period.

Eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday comes from a tradition of using up any rich foods such as eggs and fats in your house before Lent and the period of fasting begins - and these are just the ingredients you need for pancakes.

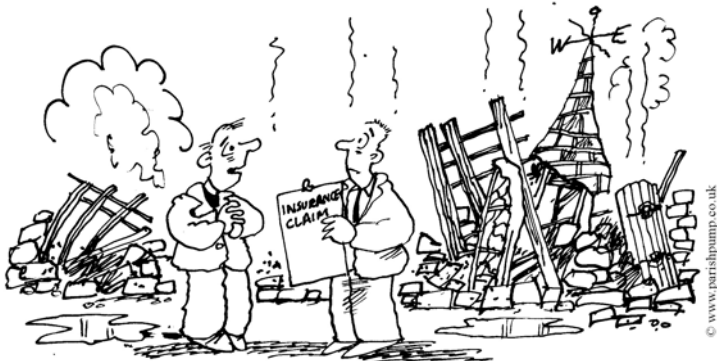
Shrove Tuesday always falls exactly 47 days before Easter - with this date changing every year.

**Why is it called Shrove Tuesday?**

Shrove Tuesday dates back to Anglo-Saxon times when Christians would go to confession and were 'shriven' (acquitted from their sins).

A bell would be rung to call people to confession and this came to be known as the Pancake Bell.

Pancake races date back to the Middle Ages, and these are still used as a part of Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day festivities.



*...er... apart from this little hiccup... it was an excellent church pancake supper...*

# The very first Valentine card

## The very first Valentine card - a legend

The Roman Emperor Claudius II needed soldiers. He suspected that marriage made men want to stay at home with their wives, instead of fighting wars, so he outlawed marriage.

A kind-hearted young priest named Valentine felt sorry for all the couples who wanted to marry, but couldn't. So secretly he married as many couples as he could - until the Emperor found out and condemned him to death. While he was in prison awaiting execution, Valentine showed love and compassion

to everyone around him, including his jailer. The jailer had a young daughter who

was blind, but through Valentine's prayers, she was healed. Just before his death in Rome on 14 February, he wrote her a farewell message signed 'From your Valentine.'

So the very first Valentine card was not between lovers, but between a priest about to die, and a little girl, healed through his prayers.



## With 14th February in mind

Do you believe in love at first sight, or should I drive by again?

The Three R's:

at 25: Romance

at 45: Rent

at 65: Rheumatism

How it happened – in verse

Slippery ice, very thin; pretty girl tumbled in. Saw a boy upon the bank - gave a shriek, and then she sank. Boy on bank heard her shout, jumped right in and helped her out. Now he's hers – very nice; but she had to break the ice.



# Chedworth Silver Band

Chedworth Silver Band would like to thank everyone who supported the Band over the Christmas period.

Unfortunately the Carol Concert at the Village Hall on 10th December had to be cancelled at short notice due to the snow but the Christmas Concert at Bourton-on-the Water in aid CLIC Sargent, the children's cancer charity was well received.

The Band is currently seeking additional players especially Cornet Players and is planning to start some tuition later in the year.

For details of the Band please see

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David Broad

Some of the Band's members were photographed at Frank and Maggie Scriven's house on Boxing Day in a very similar pose to last year.



# Elderberries

It seems a long time since we last met which was for our Christmas Lunch at Dobbies. We were really fortunate to avoid the snow and to get there without any transport problems. As usual we really appreciated our Turkey and Christmas pudding and all the other options. We also enjoyed plenty of laughter much based around cracker jokes and even drama as well concerning Frank's lost pudding!

At our January meeting we were scheduled to have Tony Condor as our speaker telling us all about the history of Gloucester Docks and its role as England's furthest inland port. And it's also a possibility that we may be able to arrange a boat trip from there later in the year. We should also have celebrated Frank

Scrivens 90th birthday as he joins Edna who reached the same milestone last year. They're both amazing for their age and an inspiration to us all.

In February we are having an 'All Our Own' meeting with particular emphasis on gentle keep fit and no doubt quizzes and board games as well as our normal excellent afternoon tea.

We are always pleased to welcome anyone who would like to join us on the third Wednesday of each month and if you would like to know more please ring Helen Taylor on 720702 or Carol on 720074.



# February

February is the second month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It is the shortest month of the year as it is the only month to have a length of less than 30 days. The month has 28 days in common years or 29 days in leap years, with the quadrennial 29th day being called the "leap day."

February is the third month of meteorological winter in the Northern Hemisphere.

The Roman month Februarius was named after the Latin term februum, which means purification, via the purification ritual Februa held on February 15 (full moon) in the old lunar Roman calendar. January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar,

Historical names for February include the Old English terms Solmonath (mud month) and Kalemonath (named for cabbage)

Having only 28 days in common years, February is the only month of

the year that can pass without a single full moon.

Its birth flower is the violet (Viola)



and the common primrose (Primula vulgaris).



Its birthstone is the amethyst. It symbolizes piety, humility, spiritual wisdom, and sincerity.

"Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour."

- John Boswell

## Where is this?

The church is considered by the body statutorily appointed to safeguard old English and Welsh buildings from demolition to have been built around 1100, tying it in with records supporting its dedication to St Mary under the locally wealthy De Laci family. The Knights Templar took over the running of the church in 1193 from St Peter's Abbey, Gloucester, to whom the church had been granted (or by whom appropriated) 55 years earlier in 1138. The church currently has Grade I listed status. When first built the church was dedicated to the Virgin Mary. It was then rededicated to St Swithun following the 16th-century Reformation. Its most notable features are two richly-decorated Norman doorways: the tympanum above the north doorway features the Harrowing of Hell, and that above the south doorway the Coronation of the Virgin, said to be the oldest representation in Europe that is still in situ. The church was extensively restored in the 1880s by Frederick Waller.



See page 34 for answer.

# Hill & Valley Tennis Club

## Chairman's note

The New Year is in and we have begun playing tennis. That is between the snow, ice and rain! Now, with the weather improving, I am looking forward to the new season and seeing you all back on court. Sunday mornings, Monday evenings and Saturday mornings. Where are you? Get your rackets out and turn up.

*Graham Stock (Chairman)*

## Membership

Although we are just coming out of winter, it will not be long before our new membership year starts on 1st March and hopefully soon after the warm signs of spring appearing. Members will be receiving the Annual Newsletter this month together with a request to pay the membership fees for 2018. There has been a small increase in fees this year for the first time in three years, all in line with CPI. Individual adult membership will be £66, family membership just £144, junior £16, youth £25 and student at £32. Remember, the gate code lock and the password for the online booking system will both change.

## Visitors Welcome

We always warmly welcome new members so if you are thinking that tennis might provide an excellent way of keeping fit in a sociable and friendly atmosphere and would like more

information please ring Fred Shaftoe on 01285-720074.

## Club Coaching

Adult and Junior coaching has been on hold for two months while the frost, ice and snow has covered our courts. However, the days are starting to get longer and as the weather is improving we hope to start after half term. Although the hardy ones may already be out there now! You can still contact the coaches for private coaching provided the weather allows us and the courts are frost & ice free. Contact Hilary Swan on 01242-890213 and David Ayala on 07487-714689. Otherwise, for juniors, go to the Chedworth Tennis Academy website.

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## Summer League

We will enter three teams into the Gloucestershire Dunlop County League. One Mens and two Ladies teams. Two teams saw promotion last season, so, for all of you who like to play some competitive tennis, please confirm your intention to Allison Stock on 01451 860903 or [allisonstock@aol.com](mailto:allisonstock@aol.com)

## Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tournament

I know it may be a bit early to be thinking about this, but some of you

might want to plan your holidays around this year's date and the important information you need is that the tournament is on Saturday 9th June

2018. Let's hope for some more dry sunny weather!

### **Pictures from October 2017**



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# Bell Ringing at St Andrew's Church

## Bell Ringing at St Andrew's Church Chedworth

Our team of bell ringers meet every Thursday evening to practice ringing the church bells. This keeps alive a long tradition of ringing church bells for services and to celebrate both personal occasions like weddings and national events.

The history of our bells is interesting and we are fortunate in having working bells. Five of our bells were cast in 1717 by Abraham Rudhall, Gloucester foundry, with the treble, cast in 1831 by John Rudhall, being added later to give a ring of six bells. Chedworth's bells were most recently re-hung in 1999, as part of celebrations for the millennium.

The parish raised some funds for the work and the bell ringers repainted the bell frame and made the fixings. Bell ringing is a team effort, and we would like more people to come and join us.



No experience is necessary, as learning how to ring bells is part our practices. It is a good mental and physical workout as well as a new interest which gives the opportunity of ringing at other towers and meeting bell ringers from across the locality.

If you are interested in joining us, contact myself, Myra or Malcolm, or come along to St Andrew's Church on practice evenings, Thursday 8pm.

Malcolm Brown 01285 720 757  
Myra Burr ridge 01285 720 665  
*Allison Oldersham* 01285 720 289

## Answer to Where is this?

St Swithin's Church Quenington



# Rose Cottage

Bradley L. Taylor Associate Director, Museum Studies Program University of Michigan has kindly sent us the two coloured photographs of Rose Cottage that was dismantled from the field opposite York House in Lower Chedworth by Henry Ford in 1929 and re-assembled at his museum in Dearborn, Michigan. The grayscale photograph shows Rose Cottage in Chedworth circa 1904.

*Mike Tovey*



The Cottage was dismantled stone by stone, labelled and packaged. The total packages containing the house and the associated barn weighed about 475 tons. It was moved to Foss Cross station and took 678 railway wagons to transport it to Brentford. It was then taken to London docks on barges and then loaded onto a sea going freight boat for the 3000 mile voyage to Daerborn.

The cottage was then re-erected in a few months by two Cotswold craftsmen.

Further details are available in "The Chedworth Story" by Howard Westlake.

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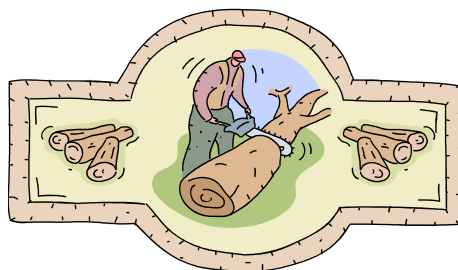
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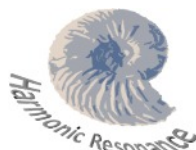
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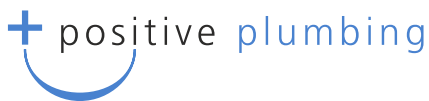
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