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Sue & Iain Robertson.
Coordinators for this edition.

Stephen's Letter

40 Acts - Chocolate Too!

Jesus said 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'
(John 13v34-35)

In the Christian year, the season of Lent is a time of solemn reflection and self-denial, an opportunity to get closer to God and grow in love for him, as we prepare to celebrate his great acts of love and salvation for us at Easter. Because of the emphasis on self-denial, it is tradition to give something up in Lent, as a sign of our commitment to him. So some people give up alcohol; for others, the thought of a Dry February and Dry March after a Dry January is too much to bear, so they give up chocolate or cake instead.

But the good news this Lent is that you don't necessarily have to give up chocolate, or indeed other treats. Self-denial is much more than about legalistic abstinence - and, as the Bible reading above tells us, the Christian way of life is to love each other, as Jesus has loved us. So why not give up some of your time instead each day in Lent - to do something to help people - as an act of love and a sign of God's generosity.

It might be helping a neighbour with shopping, volunteering for a community project, doing some litter picking, or offering any particular skills you have to

help people in need. These acts of generosity may be in response to the circumstances you find yourself in each day. Or you may wish to follow an intentional programme of generosity - for example, the 40acts Challenge initiative (see <https://40acts.org.uk/>), which sets a challenge for each day of Lent.

Of course, this is far harder than just paying lip-service to Lent with your chocolate abstinence. It may be time-consuming. It may be disruptive to your life - but it may open doors to lasting relationships, and new ways of serving God - which will provide untold blessings - for you, as well as the person you are helping. Set yourself a challenge of generosity each day this Lent (or at least from now to Easter) - and see where it leads you! You may need chocolate to strengthen you for this journey!

May I wish you all a holy, loving - and generous - Lent.

With best wishes,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for March 2018

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

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

Sunday 4th March - Lent 3

Family Communion 10.30am - Coln St Dennis

Sunday 11th March - Mothering Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP) 9am - Chedworth
Holy Communion 10.30am - Coln Rogers
Mothering Sunday Tea Time Service 4pm - Seven Tuns, Chedworth

Sunday 18th March - Lent 5

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

Sunday 25th March - Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Family Communion 10.30am - Chedworth

Thursday 29th March - Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion 7pm - Chedworth

Friday 30th March - Good Friday

Good Friday Walk 10am - The Brew House, Lower Chedworth
Last Hour 2pm - Coln Rogers

Sunday 1st April - Easter Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP) 9am - Stowell
Holy Communion 10.30am - Chedworth
Easter Praise 6pm - Coln St Dennis

Lent Course - God in the Week

It's not too late to come to sessions in our Lent Course this year, **God in the**

Week, which will help us reflect on our relationship with God in the week.

Each of our guest speakers will talk about their work and how God impacts it and vice versa. There will be a chance

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to look at the Bible too and to discuss the issues they are facing and how they also relate to us. The remaining sessions are:

7th March - Katherine Lawson -

Katherine is a Community Specialist Palliative Care Nurse in Gloucestershire and worships at St Catharine's Church in Gloucester. She will provide insight into how her faith impacts her work with those who are facing life limiting illness.

14th March- Emma Gravestock -

Emma has a strong Christian faith and runs Prime Cuts, a hair dressing business in Cirencester. She lives with her husband and 4 children in Chedworth.

21st March- Peter Sidebotham -

Peter is a Consultant Paediatrician who worships at Holy Trinity Church, Coventry. Peter will reflect on his own story and the concepts and verses that he has found significant in exploring his vocation over the years.

All meetings are at 7.30pm and at the Vicarage. 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.

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. Many thanks to our hosts this year.

Lunches still to take place are as follows:

- March 6th - Simon & Sylvia
Colbeck, Ashcombe Edge,
Chedworth
- March 13th - Peter & Annette
Seymour, Windsor Cottage,
Chedworth
- March 20th - David & Charlotte
Boehm, Saffron Hill

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.

Brownie Fundraiser

There will be a Brownie Fundraiser at the Vicarage on Sunday 4th March from 2-4pm, to raise money for Dementia Care. There will be teas, coffees, cakes, games, a jumble sale and a tuck shop! All welcome! Further information from the Brownies c/o Emily Jones on 720285.

Mothering Sunday - Sunday 11th March

This year, we will be having a Mothering Sunday Celebration on Sunday 11th March at the Tea Time Service in the skittle alley at The Seven Tuns,

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.

Yanworth Easter Egg Hunt - 30th March

An Easter Egg Hunt and Family Gathering will take place at Yanworth at 4pm on Easter Saturday (30th March). Meet at St Michael's Church. Easter Eggs for children of all ages. Refreshments served afterwards. All welcome.

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!

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

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

- Yanworth with Stowell - Wednesday 18th April at 7.30pm at St Michael's Church, Yanworth
- Chedworth - Tuesday 17th April at 7.30pm, at St Andrew's School.
- Coln St Dennis with Coln Rogers - Wednesday 25th April at 7.30pm, at Coln Valley Village Hall.

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



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
04-Mar	14:00-16:00	Brownie Fundraiser for Dementia Care	The Vicarage, Chedworth
09-Mar	19:30	Back Row Club "The Bucket List"	Village Hall
11-Mar		<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	
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
19-Mar	19:30	Annual Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
20-Mar	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
21-Mar	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - Cooking with an Easter Flavour	Village Hall
24-Mar	10:00	Church Spring Clean	St Andrew's Church
24-Mar	10:00-12:00	Annual Village Litter Pick	Village Hall car park
24-Mar	18:30-21:30	Chedworth Society Spring Wine & Buffet	Whitegates, Cheap St
25-Mar	01:00	<i>Clocks go forward one hour</i>	
30-Mar	16:00	Easter Egg Hunt & Family Gathering	St Michael's Church, Yanworth
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
18-Apr	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - AGM & Mystery Topic	Village Hall
18-Apr	19:30	First Aid Training session 1	Village Hall
25-Apr	19:30	First Aid Training session 2	Village Hall
26-Apr	20:00	Ninebarrow - performance of folk music, folklore and amusing storytelling	Village Hall
03-May		WI Group Meeting	Andoversford
05-May	13:00	Cricket League matches start against Churchdown	Chedworth Cricket Club, Beeches Walk
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
16-May	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - The Bard of Barnwood	Village Hall
19-May	19:30	Concert by Chedworth Singers	Village Hall

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers

Yanworth



March 2018

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April 2018

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and lots of fun!

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 & free car parking, with the opportunity to play outside on the field or adventure playground.



Church Spring Clean



It's Spring again ...
Time to Clean Up on Earth

Do please come and lend a hand.

**Join our convivial spring cleaning session in
St. Andrew's Church & Churchyard**

Saturday 24th March starting at 10:00am

Coffee, Tea and Biscuits provided.

Bring your own energy and tools.



Chedworth Parish Council

News from our February Meeting

There have been two meetings since our last report including the budget meeting in January and a report of this is included at the end of the article.

Councillors refuse to give up fight with county over gritting

The battle with Gloucestershire County Council over their decision to stop treating the roads around the village in bad weather - without telling the Parish Council - is continuing.

Having been told at a meeting with highways officers that the cut was part of a county review, we have since discovered, thanks to questions asked by

Paul Hodgkinson, that Chedworth was the only area which had its gritting route cut.

We have now asked for them to reconsider, and as well as asking them to explain the reason for the cut and the cost saving it will provide, we are also submitting a Freedom of Information request to find out what discussions and consultations took place.

Highways have claimed that parked cars in the village made it difficult for the gritter to get through, but we are unaware of any locations where this is the case and have therefore also asked them to identify exact areas where cars have caused a problem.

As well as taking on the county council we are also updating our winter emergency plan and have identified a number of areas where additional grit bins are required.

We have also included a sum in our budget to enable us to provide equipment which can be used to clear the roads which we hope to place in locations around the village.

A great deal of work has been going on behind the scenes to try to achieve a good result for the village and we are grateful to Paul Hodgkinson, our county councillor, for his support. Sadly, our requests to the county's cabinet member for highways, Vernon Smith, to attend a

Councillors

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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), 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>

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meeting to explain the thinking behind the cut have so far been ignored.

Unanimous praise for First Aid event - next dates already booked

The two First Aid sessions organised by the Parish Council and provided by Phil from Cotswold First Aid were a great success and we have already fixed the dates for the next ones.

The course will take place on 18th and 25th April and if you are considering if you should do it or not then a few of comments from the 12 who attended the recent one might persuade you:

“Informative and definitely worthwhile”, “excellent and would definitely recommend” and “an inspirational instructor”, are just a few examples of the positive feedback which were received.

The course itself costs the Parish Council £20 per head and we ask that those who are able to make a contribution towards the cost. I already have a number of names of those who missed out on the first course so if you are interested please let me know as soon as possible (ros.jess1@btinternet.com or 01285 720248).

Annual tidy up to take place on 24th March



Iain Robertson is organising the annual litter pick which this year will take place on Saturday 24th March.

Equipment will be provided by Cotswold District Council who will also take away the collected rubbish.

Meet at 10am at the village hall.

Help for Village Hall

The Council has agreed to make a donation of £4,000 to help the Village Hall committee provide a new disabled toilet.

The current facilities are not accessible from the main hall if the games room is in use so the provision of a second facility is essential.

The village hall committee provided figures showing the cost of the work, the accounts of the village hall and evidence of other grants which they had received and councillors felt that it was important to support the hall which is such an important facility in the village.

Charity begins at home

Chedworth has a number of charities and the Parish Council nominates members to some of them. In May, two of the trustees we appoint to the Chedworth Allotment Charity will reach the end of their term providing an opportunity for new faces to put themselves forward.

The charity only has around £2,000 to donate each year and meets when required to consider an application. If you would be interested in being considered as a trustee or would like more information then please contact the clerk, Elizabeth Broad.

Highways and Byways

As usual a number of highways matters were discussed and as a result we have written to highways and the land owner about overhanging trees at the top of Withington Hill. It was also reported that the wall around the waterfall opposite the Seven Tuns will be repaired by highways once the weather improves.

Mobile Pole Update

The mobile pole is still not up and running but it is hoped to be in action by the end of March. The council has arranged the electricity supply to the pole and Telelink are now waiting for the power to be connected.

Annual Meeting time again

The Annual Parish Council meeting, when we give a brief report of the past year and hear from village charities about what they have been doing, takes place on March 19th at 7.30.

The meeting offers an opportunity for villagers to raise any matters they wish to, although it's worth pointing out that there is an opportunity to raise issues at the beginning of every council meeting.

Budget offers benefits to village without hitting pockets too hard

At the budget meeting in January the council took a new approach when setting the budget which should allow for more flexibility during the coming financial year.

Instead of allocating sums to specific items, the council has set aside money under general headings to cover such items as donations, dealing with verges and hedges and emergency planning.

The budget takes advantage of a generous balance at the end of this year to potentially increase spending from around £6,000 this year to more than £20,000 in the coming year.

Although we have planned for a substantial increase in spending, the

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increase in precept for a Band D house will be just under £6 for the whole year taking the figure from £17.37 to £23.10. We were able to keep this figure down because we are funding more than £8,000 of the increase from our balances. We have under spent this year on a number of items and received unexpected income from both the rent for the new phone pole and providing electricity to the equipment.

We have tried to react to comments made in last year's survey about the priorities of people living in the village and to respond to comments made to us during the last year. As a result we have upped the budget for verge and hedge cutting and set aside money to rebuild a Cotswold stone wall on Parish Council land at the top of School Hill opposite Valley View.

The recent decision by county highways to stop gritting roads within the village

has led us to include £1,000 in an Emergency Planning budget which we will use to provide a salt and equipment store. We have asked Gloucestershire County Council to make a contribution to this and are waiting for their response.

Under Donations we added £4,000 to our existing pot of £4,500 so we will be able to help organisations which make successful applications during the coming year. This could include the church for help with the keeping graveyard tidy and the village hall for various improvements, in progress and planned.

The council worked hard to balance the desire to keep the precept to an acceptable level with taking on new responsibilities and preparing to respond to requests for donations which we may receive throughout the year.

Ros Jess

Miscellaneous observations on life

- The way to be nothing is to do nothing. Nathaniel Howe
- Hope is grief's best music. Anon
- Your influence on other people is negative or positive - never neutral. Anon
- In the old days child guidance was something parents were expected to provide, not to submit to.
- A recession is a period when people do without the things their parents never had.
- If he dodges cars, he is a pedestrian; if he dodges taxes, he is a financier; if he dodges responsibility, he is a statesman!
- Common sense is a flower that, sadly, doesn't grow in everyone's garden.
- It has taken three generations to go from farm to garden to tin opener.

Bridge with Afternoon Tea

BRIDGE WITH AFTERNOON TEA



TUESDAY 10th APRIL

2 - 4.30 pm

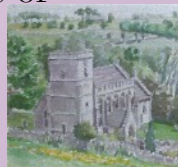
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Chedworth Oil Club News

Credit Card Payments

Companies are now banned from charging fees for credit or debit card payments. As a result, Sweet Fuels have stopped taking credit cards and no longer have this facility. This affects a small number of CHOC members who take advantage of this service which Sweet Fuels provided free to members. Debit Cards will continue to be OK, and online payments of course.

Mailing List

This news update was circulated to members early Feb 2018. 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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The Month of March

March is the third month of the year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It is the second month to have a length of 31 days. In the Northern Hemisphere, the meteorological beginning of spring occurs on the first day of March. The name of March comes from Martius, the first month of the Roman calendar. It was named after Mars, the Roman god of war. Roman military campaigns traditionally began in the spring, as did the season for farming. Mars was also an agricultural god.

March is proverbially a turbulent month that commences with a cutting wind. The old English name for this month is Hlyda, meaning "loud" from the noise of the wind. The old country saying is *"in like a lion and out like a lamb"*. Extreme weather has been recorded in March. Hail, sleet and snow are common, and blizzards are not uncommon. In 1891 the Great Blizzard raged across southern England and Wales for four days, with snowdrifts in the West Country as high as twenty feet. Trains were buried in drifts, several people froze to death and thousands of cattle and sheep died.



March's birth flower is the daffodil and its birthstones are aquamarine and bloodstone, which symbolize

courage. One of the best known references to this month in literature is in William Shakespeare's play "Julius Caesar", when the soothsayer warns Caesar *"to beware the ides of March"*. Caesar was assassinated on the 15th March 44BC.



It is a long held view that hares will behave strangely and excitedly throughout their breeding season, which is March. This odd behaviour includes boxing at other hares, jumping vertically and generally behaving bizarrely, hence the expression *"as mad as a March hare"*.

The 25th March is known as Lady Day which commemorates the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary. It is the first of the four traditional English quarter days and as it did not fall between the seasons for ploughing and harvesting, it was the day on which year long contracts between landowners and tenant farmers would begin and end. It is still one of the half yearly rent days for many agricultural tenancies and the day on which many farm stocktaking valuations are carried out.

Robert Young

Chedworth Brownies



It has been another busy term for Chedworth Brownies. We have been working on our disability awareness badges and learning all

about different types of disabilities through a variety of activities and games. We have played games wearing ear plugs, learnt to spell our names using sign language and braille and painted using only our mouths!

The girls also enjoyed making jam sandwiches whilst wearing blind folds - a huge amount of fun but not particularly successful!! The Brownies had the opportunity to do a live question and answer conference call with a blind teenager and were left inspired by her determination to live life to the full - even going skiing. As leaders we were hugely impressed by the maturity of questions asked and the fantastic way in which all the girls listened and engaged.

We have also been fortunate to have Anita from Dementia Friends talk to us about this hidden disability and some of our girls were so inspired they are now planning to fundraise for this worthwhile cause.



In addition to learning about disability awareness, we also took time to celebrate Harry Potter book night. The Brownies visited Mr Ollivanders where the wands chose them, created wizard cakes at Honeydukes and had a fun filled potions lesson at Hogwarts! We then had a drink at the Leaky Cauldron before playing our own unique version of Quidditch!

If you have a daughter between the ages of 7 -10 who would like to join our waiting list please register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk (Join Us). Younger girls are also invited to join the waiting list. For further details please contact Sarah Fulford on sfulford@btinter.net

Sarah Fulford



February Report



A wish was made of a Happy Valentine's evening to all at the start of our February meeting on 14th February.

The Business session opened with a reminder about the Jumble Sale on Saturday 17th March from 2pm - 4pm. Helpers will be needed and sale items are to be delivered to Chedworth village hall at 10am. Thanks to everyone who is willing to help.

There were several reports including thoughts on the outing in August and the theatre visits.



The guest speaker was Hugh Gray with his wife Maggie and her Hearing Dog, Nero, who met us all as he wandered around the room during the talk.

1 in 6 of the population are deaf. Hearing Dogs are needed to create confidence, to ease isolation and to enhance the lifestyles of people of all ages. Videos were shown of heart-warming stories which gave the proof that dogs who have been trained for the deaf are wonderful; they become friends and sometimes soul mates.

There are 1,000 Hearing Dogs for the deaf and it takes 2 years of work by volunteers and trainers to place a dog as a partnership with a deaf person. Many breeds are trained including poodles, spaniels and Labradors.

Fund raising is a major task and the majority of the money is received as legacies. See their website:
www.hearingdogs.org.uk

The stories we heard were very moving and tear-jerking. It was another inspiring evening.

Our next meeting will be at 7.15pm on 14th March in Chedworth Village Hall when Caroline Shelduck will be giving us a talk on "Hedgerow Pharmacy".

Carol Bailey

Love

'Love is when a little old woman and a little old man are still friends, even after they've been married forever.'
Tommy - age 6

Insanity

Doctor: 'Has there been any insanity in your family?'
Woman: 'I'm afraid so. My husband sometimes thinks he's the boss.'



WI JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 17th March

2pm - 4pm

Chedworth Village Hall

50p entrance fee. Children free.

Bric and Brac, books, clothes, shoes,
Good Quality and many bargains.

Tea and Cakes.

Please come and enjoy the afternoon.



Doors open from 10am for delivery of goods for sale.

Chedworth Village Hall

Improving the Hall

Work to complete the wheelchair accessible WC and associated alterations can at last go ahead at full steam, now that the Parish Council has kindly agreed to donate £4,000 towards the cost of the project. This donation together with £2,000 from the Chedworth Community Lands Charity, £1,000 from the Chedworth Allotments Lands Charity, and a pledge of £3,500 for the Chedworth Village Trust in support of the Parish Council donation, will ensure that there are enough funds to complete the work. The Village Hall Committee is grateful to all donors.

Website improvements in progress

The Calendar booking system on the Village Hall website is still under review as is the look of the website, with new photographs planned.

Ninebarrow - Thursday 26th April 2018

Put Thursday 26 April in your diaries for an evening of outstanding folk duets from Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere. They are a multi-award-winning folk duo, who are

impressing audiences across the country with their innovative and captivating take on the folk tradition.

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Maggie's Poem

Precious Time



When we greet a beautiful morning
We wonder what this day will bring
The sun is shining so brightly
The songs of the birds that will sing

Next morning could be snowstorms
Settle or go on its way
May give us a few inches
In which case indoors we will stay



Life has its changes as its time slips away
So we pray God to help us
Always be there
So we walk the right way



Snowdrops and crocus now out in flower
Spring is well on its way
So do the best we can whatever the plan
Love and caring with us all to stay



Maggie Scrivens



Thank you to those people who have supported my Poem Books. All of the books have been sold now, raising a total of £860, which included people making extra donations. I am pleased to say that I have donated £560 of the proceeds to St Andrew's Church (which sponsored the printing costs) and £300 to the Cobalt Unit in Cheltenham.

I would also like to thank Sue Robertson for her work in collating my poems and arranging for my Book to be printed.

Maggie Scrivens

Hill and Valley Tennis Club

Chairman's Note

The new season has begun which means subscriptions are now due. At long last the weather and temperature has improved with the days getting longer and I am looking forward to the seeing you all back on court. Sunday mornings, Monday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Graham Stock (Chairman)

Membership

Membership renewal has begun with 1st March signalling the start of the new season.

Members should have received the Annual Newsletter together with a request to pay their 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 have both been changed.

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 begun. 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.

www.chedworthtennisacademy.co.uk/home.html

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

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!



Chedworth Cricket Club



I am honoured to take over as Chairman of the Chedworth Cricket Club which has been left in a strong position by the

tireless work of the outgoing Chairman, Clive Poulton. I have been a member of the Club for 24 years both as player and captain and bear a deep affection for everything to do with this special cricket club. The current cricket team is made up of a talented group of young players who play a modern, exciting brand of cricket and who were unlucky not to be promoted to Division 5 in the Gloucestershire League at the end of the 2017 season. The team is always pleased when visitors come to watch. Tea and cake are available between innings at around 4.00pm.

The Club's major fund-raising event this year, sponsored by BPS Merchants in Building, is a run of approximately 10 km which will start and finish at Chedworth Cricket pavilion at the

Beechwalk, Manor Farm. The date for 'The Chedworth Midsummer Run-Out' is, not surprisingly, on Thursday 21st June starting at 7pm. If anyone wishes to sign up for the run, they can do so by contacting me on 01452 863124.

In 2017, for the second year running, the cricket ground was adjudged to be the best in its league, thanks to the professional work of our stalwart groundsman, Ally Lockey, who learned all his skills from his father, John, before him. The new covers for the wicket have made the wicket even better, much to the delight of the many talented ball-strikers of the Chedworth team.

Pre-season nets will be at Rendcomb College during April. The League season starts on Saturday 5th May at home against Churchdown, starting at 1.00pm. If you would like to be involved with the Cricket Club as a player or helper, please get in touch.

John Watson

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Your Gardening Tips

For March 2018



With Chilly weather in February the tulips and some daffodils may be slow to bloom.

- Clear up weedy beds before mulching.
 - Plant shallots, onions and early potatoes, if the ground is not too soggy. Start brassicas and lettuces off in doors
 - Plant summer flowering bulbs and sow sweet peas outside, and protect all new shoots from slugs.
 - Lift and divide overgrown lumps of perennials. Divide hostas.
 - If you want to propagate dahlias, pot them up in a warm place or in a propagator. Once the new shoots have grown to 3-4 inches, cut them off with sharp knife. Dust the shoots with hormone rooting powder and push them into a pot of moist cutting compost. Place the pots into plastic bags or propagator until the roots appear.
 - Prune back Cornus (Dogwood) and Salix (Willow) to two buds above ground level, and mulch to get a good showing of winter stems.
 - Dead head winter flowering pansies and other winter bedding plants.
- Pansies will go on into spring and early summer if attended to.
- Prune winter flowering Jasmine, once flowers have faded, then feed and mulch.
 - Feed roses as they come into growth. This the best month for planting roses in heavy soils or cold areas. Prune bush and climbing roses.
 - Top up pots and tubs with John Innes Compost. Remove some of the old compost if there is no room to top up.
 - Remember to put in place any supports needed for tall border plants now to allow the plants to grow through them.
 - Feed shrubs, hedges and especially newly planted trees with a balanced fertiliser such as Growmore or Blood Fish & Bone.
 - This is a good month to start layering bushes such as Philadelphus (Mock Orange), Forsythia, Cotinus (Smoke bush) and Lonicera. Buried stems should have taken root by next spring.
 - Late March is the time to apply a high nitrogen fertilizer to your lawn, after raking out the dead grass and moss.
 - This is a good month to sow an annual wild flower meadow or border.

Simon Colbeck

Chairman Chedworth & District
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Garden Visits - 2018

Chedworth & District Horticultural Society Garden Visits 2018

As we are almost at the beginning of Spring, it is time to look forward to our Garden Visits this year. We have one a month starting in May and ending in August.

I have booked in some treats for us this year and the details will be announced shortly.

However here are the dates for the first three visits, so block out your diaries for these as must not be missed!

- **Friday 25th May** a visit to a very special garden in Somerset. Leaving Chedworth approx 10.30am.
- **Thursday 28th June** an evening visit to a private garden in Oxfordshire. Should be looking at its finest.

- **Thursday 19th July** an evening visit to a private garden in Wiltshire not to be missed.

Don't forget non-members are very welcome, but it is cheaper to join and you enjoy subsidised members prices as above. It would be great to see some new faces and come and see a variety of different gardens for inspiration for your own.

To become a member please contact

Sophie Blackwell on 720626 or
sophiablackwell@icloud.com

Or please contact me to book our visits, as it is very helpful to know how many are coming. We can take usually up to 30 people to each of these gardens.

There will be more information in April's Hill & Valley

Bookings to : Sue Bradbury
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Sue Bradbury



Local Social Networks

Nextdoor

Nextdoor is the free and private social network for local communities that, after only a few months, is connecting over 40% of the households in the parish of Chedworth.

The inspiration behind Nextdoor was to give people a social network to connect them to one of the most important communities in their lives - their very local area. Nextdoor believes that when neighbours start talking, good things happen.

Here is what people are saying about Chedworth's Nextdoor network:

"I feel Nextdoor is far more private than say Facebook as it's for villagers only. It was certainly very useful to find out about road conditions during the recent snow and to discover that the village road is no longer being gritted anymore.

Also useful to find out what's going on in the village."

"This is an excellent way to be in touch and to feel part of our community, to be informed at all times in all sorts of ways."

"For me Nextdoor is a really good way to keep up with what is happening in the village, on the roads, and amongst my neighbours - and it isn't Facebook!"

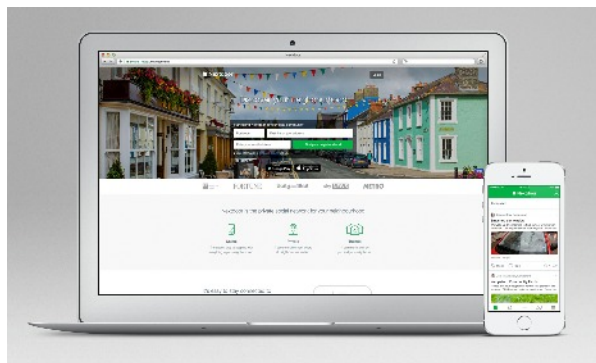
"A great way to buy, sell and give away unwanted items and to keep in touch with the community. I particularly like the private messaging service which makes me feel that it is safe to release contact information."

Anyone who lives in the parish of Chedworth can join Chedworth's Nextdoor network. Cohn St. Dennis has also created their own Nextdoor network.

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Iain Robertson



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- The bandage was wound around the wound.
- The farm was used to produce produce.
- We must polish the Polish furniture.
- The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- A sea bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- They were too close to the door to close it.
- After going out after having done some sewing, a sewer fell into a sewer.
- Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.

Elderberries



At our January meeting we were privileged 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 the development of the Sharpness Canal. Moreover Frank Scrivens was able to add some words of his own as his job involved transporting farm produce there for a time. We felt even more encouraged to try to arrange a boat trip along the canal later in the year.

We also celebrated Frank's 90th birthday as he joins Edna who reached the same milestone last year, with a special



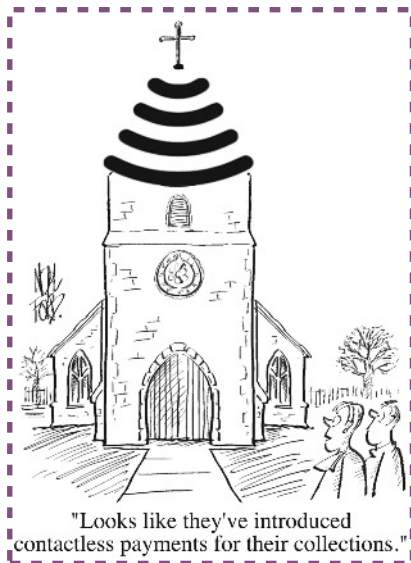
birthday cake which we all enjoyed. They're both amazing for their age and an encouragement to us all.

In February we were planning 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.

Our guest speaker in March will be doing a cookery demonstration with an Easter flavour and we're looking forward to it in more ways than one.

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.

Fred Shaftoe



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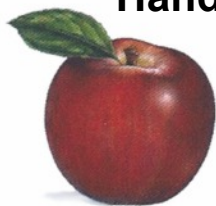
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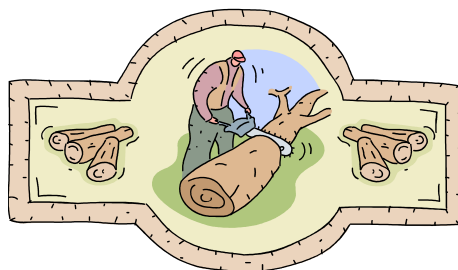
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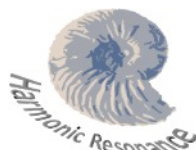
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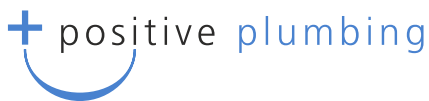
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