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Jamie & Holly Sanders-Cowell.
Coordinators for the April edition.

Stephen's Letter

"What you sow does not come alive unless it died. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body it becomes, just the bare seed"

– 1 Cor 15v36-37

The Seed of Faith

This time of year is an exciting time for gardeners, as we plant our vegetable seeds. We will wait expectantly for them to germinate and then do all we can to nurture their growth, deciding when they need to be watered and when it's time to plant them out.

Two things are for sure, though. Firstly, nothing will grow unless the seeds are planted in the soil in the first place. And secondly, while the seeds planted promise a future harvest, it is hard to believe that the crops that will be ready later in the year grow from such tiny insignificant seeds.

St Paul uses the image of the seed planted in the ground to describe Jesus' resurrection from the dead, which in turn brings new life to all who believe and trust in him, and to explain two profound realities about Christian faith. Firstly, just as a seed must be planted in the ground for it to grow, our faith will not come to full fruition in this world, but in the next when we see God face to face. Secondly, the seed of faith may seem small and insignificant at the outset, but with the right nurture and care, it will eventually bear much fruit and be a blessing to God and us.

We live in a world of paradox.

Individually, people quite reasonably aspire to personal development - for work and for family life – and seek to achieve this through methods as diverse as mindfulness, hygge and life coaching. Yet our society is full of pessimism, cynicism and endless political machinations - whether concerning Brexit or good old Cold War style Russian espionage – and trust in politicians is at an all-time low.

In this world of paradox, the paradoxical message of Jesus – that his death and burial lead to a hope beyond death, new spiritual life and the possibility of growth to maturity in faith - has the potential to counter the prevailing pessimism and cynicism in society, and will really enable us to grow as individuals. This hope, this life, this growth is there for all who trust in the risen Jesus. Be part of it this Easter!

We see growth in our gardens each spring – and we can see it in our lives too, with God's help.

A Happy Easter to you all, *Stephen*



Church Briefing

Services for April 2018

Sunday 1st April – Easter Sunday

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

Sunday 8th April – Easter 2

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

Sunday 15th April – Easter 3

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

Sunday 22nd April – Easter 4

Holy Communion	10.30 am	Chedworth
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Sunday 29th April – Easter 5

Family Communion	10.30 am	Yanworth
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Sunday 6th May - Rogation

Rogation Service	10.30 am	TBA
Evensong	6 pm	Coln Rogers

Lent Course – God in the Week

A big thank you to our guest speakers at our Lent Course this year – **Nick Hetherington, Katherine Lawson, Emma Gravestock** and **Peter Sidebotham** – who spoke about their work and how their faith makes a difference to what they do. These sessions were interesting, thought provoking and stimulating. And thanks to Sally for organising the course.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

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

Yanworth with Stowell – **Wednesday 18th April** at 7.30pm, St Michael's Church, Yanworth

Chedworth – **Tuesday 17th April** at 7.30pm, St Andrew's School.

Coln St Dennis with Coln Rogers – **Wednesday 25th April** at 7.30pm, 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.

Church Briefing

Rogation Service

Our **Rogation Service** this year will take place on **Sunday 6th May**. Further details to be publicised shortly.

Animal Services

Following the success of last year's Animal Service at Coln Rogers, there will be not one, but two, open air **Animal Services** in our parishes in 2018:

Sunday May 20th – Coln Valley Village Hall, **Coln Rogers**, at **3pm**

Sunday June 10th – Venue TBC, **Chedworth**, at **4pm**

All animals - and their owners! – welcome! This is an opportunity to gather as all of God's creatures together, to thank God for our animals, and to pray for animal welfare. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

From the Registers

Marriage

"Let us love one another for love comes from God" - 1 John 4v.7

Edward Wembridge & Laura Townsend
St Andrew's Church, Chedworth, 31st March

Memorial Service

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

Raymond Holland
St Andrew's Church, Chedworth, 23rd March

Advance Notice

Stowell Park Open Gardens – 20th May

Open Gardens at Stowell Park will take place on **Sunday 20th May**. All welcome. A share of the proceeds from the Open Gardens at Stowell Park in 2018 will be donated to Yanwoth & Stowell Churches.

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!



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

Chedworth Brownies

The Brownies have continued to have fun this half term. We took part in World Thinking Day and a number of girls took pride in wearing their uniform to school. We learnt more about Brownies and Guides around the world and tried making our own Rangoli patterns. In the week leading up to Mother's Day, the girls made edible marshmallow flowers- they looked almost too good to eat! This month we completed our First Aid badge and learnt lots of new and useful skills.

As Sally has now completed her leadership qualification, we are really pleased to announce that our Guide group will open after Easter. This group is for girls between 10-14 and we have lots of exciting ideas!



If you have a daughter between the ages of 7 -10 (Brownies) or 10-14 (Guides) who would like to join us 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@btinternet.com

WE NEED YOU! Chedworth 6 to 8 Club Could you take over the running club?

We are in desperate need of two or three people to take over from mid April/May with the aim of running a couple of sessions with Mark, who has run the sessions for the last 2½ years.

The 6 to 8 Club is run by volunteers, for all children who live in and around the area, who are in school years 6,7 & 8. Sessions are generally held twice a month on a Wednesday.

For more information, please contact Sarah Mitchell on 01285 721 181
mitchellcaudlefarm@btinternet.com



Dates for your Diary

Day	Time	Event	Venue
07-Apr	10:00-13:00	HortSoc's "Sow Show & Grow" Spring Garden Morning	Chedworth Farm Shop
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	10:30	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
24-Apr	20:00	Open Mic night	Seven Tuns
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
28-Apr	14:00	Home warm up cricket match against Cheltenham CC 3rd XI	Chedworth Cricket Club, Beeches Walk
05-May	10:00-15:00	Plant Sale by Lyn Mitchell & Venetia Champniss	Cowslip Corner, Chedworth
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
20-May		Stowell Park Open Gardens	Stowell Park
25-May	10:30	HortSoc Garden Visit to East Lambrook Manor Gardens, South Petherton, Somerset	Village Hall car park
04-Jun	19:00	Village Hall AGM	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
20-Jun	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - All Your Own Social Time	Village Hall
21-Jun	19:00	Cricket Club's "Chedworth Midsummer Run-Out"	Chedworth Cricket Club, Beeches Walk

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers

Yanworth



April 2018

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May 2018

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‘Learning for Life’

We are now drawing to the end of a rather wintry ‘Spring’ Term! Despite the snow disruptions, we have all been extremely busy both in and out of the classroom. Here is just a flavour, set out under the headings of our School Vision, demonstrating that our vision really does encapsulate our vibrant school life whilst also driving us forward to be the very best we can be. We are ‘Learning for Life’.

Learning to live out our Christian Values

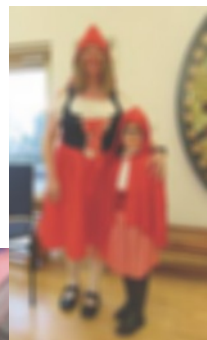
One of our school values this term has been ‘Perseverance’.

In order to achieve the very best, we need to persevere even when it is hard! Sebastian persevered to cut out the shapes he needed to make the rockets look the way he had imagined. It was tricky and it took time but he was so proud of himself that he challenged himself to make smaller rockets the next

time. We see this time and time again; as we become equipped with the tools to learn effectively, we are inspired to challenge ourselves. We use our Christian values as a tool to raise our expectations of ourselves both in our work and in our relationships with each other.

Learning through an inspiring curriculum

World Book Day was a fantastic celebration of the wealth of beautifully written



and illustrated books we can enjoy today. One of the children came as 'William' from 'Just William' with the book handed down to her from her Great Granddad! It was a true celebration of literature both old and new. Children spent time sharing their favourite books with each other, engaging in drama and story writing activities as well as creating 'selfie descriptions' of their chosen character.



Learning to live in a wider community

A group of our Year 5 and 6 girls: Emily J, Ruby, Layla, Emily G and Hannah organised and ran a fabulous fundraiser in their own time to raise money for those suffering from dementia and their carers, prompted by an inspirational session at the Chedworth Brownies group. Cakes, craft activities, games and a tuck shop were all on offer for people to enjoy, all prepared and made by themselves! This is a real testament to the 'outward

thinking' of these children; putting others before themselves. The event was extremely successful: over £200 was raised! We are so very proud of the girls!

Learning to lead healthy lifestyles

Personal Learning and Thinking Skills

A revised approach to teaching PE has been developed through the use of Personal Learning and Thinking Skills (PLTS). PLTS consists of 6 skills that enable pupils to understand how they are learning and helps them to identify which skills are needed to effectively learn in any one context.

Each skill is colour coded with specific questions that have been written linking to each skill, providing a common language to be used by staff and pupils:

Reflective Learner: Can I learn from what I did before? How?

Independent Enquirer: What are my ideas?

Effective Participant: Can I do it better? How?

Creative Thinker: Can I do things differently? How?

Self Manager: How can I take responsibility?

Team Worker: How can I work together to help others?

As a result staff and pupils are gaining a deeper understanding of the broader meaning of Physical Education; that it is not simply about getting better at hockey / football, it is far more about developing a holistic understanding of how to use the above skills to lead a healthy lifestyle and therefore enjoy being physically active. We are now using these questions to deepen our learning across the curriculum.



Learning to help each other to shine

We are blessed with gifts and talents to share! These are just two recent demonstrations of children working together to bring the best out of each other: Henry and Arty working on some Maths together

Flora, a gifted gymnast and of our Year 6s also gives up her own time to help coach the younger children during a school club as well as at 8.30 on a Saturday morning!

As you can see, there is never a dull moment at St Andrew's! It is a privilege to be part of such an engaging, vibrant and happy school.

All the very best,

Mrs A Fitch and the staff team





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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:

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.



Chedworth Parish Council

News from our March 2018 Meeting

Council changes tack on First Aid help

The council has decided, after much soul searching, not to continue to subscribe to the Village Emergency Telephone System which was designed as a way of getting a defibrillator to a casualty.

Despite our best efforts it was impossible to make the system, organised by the Heartbeat Trust, work efficiently.

The main stumbling block was the fact that the South West Ambulance Service do not recognise the system and unlike other Trusts would not call the VETS number on your behalf. This meant that once you called 999 you were unable to call the VETS number.

Councillors

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George Broad	720313
Matt Fulford	721134
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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>

Councillors were concerned that by continuing with the system we were giving false hope to villagers who would then be let down by it in an emergency.

Updated advice that we should put the code number of the defibrillator box means that the defib can be accessed without the need to first get the number from the ambulance service.

We will continue to fund the defibrillators which are in the Seven Tuns, Village Hall and Lower End phone box and are providing First Aid courses and would like to encourage as many people as possible to take advantage of the opportunity we are providing to learn First Aid.

Our next course takes place on 18th and 25th April and although this one is full, please let us know if you would like to attend a course as we hope to continue running them as long as we have people who wish to take part.

We are grateful to those who volunteered to be on the VETS phone system and would certainly consider rejoining it if our Ambulance Trust can be persuaded to get involved in the future.

Weather tests parish council once again

The second spell of heavy snow of the winter once again put the parish council to the test – but this time we were ready for it.

Determined not to be caught out again after December's bad weather, when the county council decided not to grit our roads but did not tell us they were not doing them, Matt Fulford and Iain Robertson have been working hard on behalf of the council to update the winter plan.

We have also, thanks again to Matt, found a snow plough operator who was invaluable in clearing the drifting snow.

We are extremely grateful to Brian Brazington from Farmington who added Chedworth to his patch and ploughed throughout the village – including areas which have not been covered in previous years.

The council is continuing to work on the emergency plan and we are providing extra grit bins around the village which hopefully will not be needed until next winter!

County fails to come up with the answers

The council is still trying to get answers about the decision of Gloucestershire County Council to cut the majority of the village from the gritting route.

We submitted a Freedom of Information Request asking to see any paperwork, including emails, relating to the decision.

We were astounded by the response received this month. The only document

they sent was an email which I wrote to record the discussion at a meeting held in January with highways' representatives to discuss why the route had been cut.

To say we were disappointed with the response is putting it mildly and councillors agreed that it showed a frightening level of incompetence. Either the record of the discussion is being kept from us or, more likely, there was no countywide review as claimed and the decision to cut Chedworth from the route was taken with no discussion at all.

We have complained about the response and demanded a reply which answers our questions.

It's not too late to volunteer for charity

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.

Children put at risk by thoughtless dog owners

Dog walkers who are allowing their pets to foul on the playing field and then not picking it up came under attack at our March meeting.

Children from pre-school have had to stop using the area and teachers from the school have been forced to rope off areas to protect pupils when using the field for sports.

Dog owners should ALWAYS pick up after their pets wherever they are and if YOU walk your dog on the playing field, then it is even more important that you pick up. It might not be the most pleasant job but it is part of being a dog owner and much less unpleasant than a toddler, child or even adult getting covered in dog mess.

Councillors will be monitoring the situation and if things do not improve then a future step may be to ban dogs from the field which would be a shame for those responsible owners.

Hare and Hounds planning saga continues

A new application to increase the number of hotel rooms as the Hare and House and build a dining pavilion to provide facilities for wedding guests using nearby Cripps Barn has come before the council.

Residents from Fosse Cross attended to explain why they oppose the plans and the parish council has again objected to the proposals.

Our major concern is the proposed access onto the Calmsden Road close to its junction with the Fosse Way.

Councillors are concerned that the many wedding guests using the exit will come into conflict with cars and lorries going to the tip and other businesses at Fosse Cross.

The road is so narrow at the spot where the access is located that cars coming from the hotel need to cross to the wrong side while turning out, while lorries turning left from Cirencester also need to cross to the other side of the road to get round the corner – a recipe for disaster in the council's view.

Request to divert footpath to be discussed in April

The council has received a request to support an application to divert a section of footpath 58 which runs from Fields Road towards Fosse Cross.



The landowner wants to fence the field for livestock and run the path around the edge of the field (see red line on map).

We would welcome any comments on the proposal.

Ros Jess

Chedworth Village Hall

AGM

The Village Hall AGM will take place at 7pm on Monday 4 June. We welcome support from the village and look forward to seeing as many as can make time to attend. The AGM will be followed by the Village Hall Committee meeting.

The new wheelchair Accessible WC will have been completed by the time this magazine goes to print, and The Village Hall committee is grateful to all the donors who supported this necessary work.

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

NINEBARROW - 26 April 2018

Book your tickets for an evening of outstanding folk duets from Jon Whitely and Jay LaBouchardiere who combine breathtaking vocal harmonies and melodies, delivering original songs that are inspired and rooted in the landscape and history of the British Isles.

See the poster for booking details.

Simon Colbeck

BBC Radio Folk Awards 2017 nominees and variously described as 'stunning', 'beautiful' 'engaging', charismatic and humorous, and by Mike Harding as 'Stella Performance'. Their harmonious singing has been described as 'rather a splendid thing.....like two halves of one voice'. In 2016 they both left their jobs, one a GP and the other a teacher to play their folk music full-time and have been extraordinarily successful.

NINEBARROW

Chedworth Village Hall

Thursday 26 April at 8.00pm

£9 per ticket

Doors and Bar open 7.30 pm

Please let Simon Colbeck know if you are coming

Buying Tickets

In advance (for reserved seating)

Email: simoncolbeck@msn.com Tel: 01285 720146

Cash or cheque (payable to 'Chedworth Village Hall')

Bank Transfer: 77-65-94 00066768 reference your surname

Tickets available on the door



The Month of April

April is the fourth month of the year and the first month to have the length of thirty days and in parts of the Northern Hemisphere is associated with spring. The Romans gave this month the Latin name Aprilis, the traditional etymology is from the verb aperire “to open”, in allusion to its being the season when trees and flowers begin to open. The Anglo-Saxons called April eastre-monahp, the Venerable Bede says that eastre is the root of the word Easter. April’s birthstone is the diamond and its birth flower either the Daisy or the Sweet Pea.

Of all the months of the year, April and May are mentioned most often in poetry and proverbial wisdom. The poet Robert Browning well summed up the attraction of this month :-

*“Oh, to be in England
Now that April’s there”*

April is the month of unpredictable and capricious weather and of the return of migratory birds. Traditional migratory patterns are now being disrupted by climate change. Birds are arriving at different times, not only because the spring is warming up more quickly, but also because weather patterns across Europe and Africa are altering. The phase “April showers” is part of folklore, in fact it is one of the driest months in England. April is a time for flowers such as primroses, wood anemones, daisies, cowslips, celandine and willow blossom. Swallows and

curlews come in early April. The drumming of the great spotted woodpecker on tree-trunks is a well known sound of early spring. The spring chorus of English birdsong is one of the joys of life and inseparable from our idea of spring. Traditionally April is the month of the return of the cuckoo, although sadly their numbers have declined in recent years.

April has some significant dates due in part to the Easter calendar that dominates this time of the year. The other most significant traditional days of the month are All Fools Day, 1st April and St George’s Day, 23rd April. From at least 1339, St George’s Day was officially recognized as a national holiday of sorts. By the time of Henry VIII, St George’s Day had been a significant event in the festive year for over a century, one could even be fined for not attending. Thereafter the tradition faded, until in the aftermath of the Euro Football Competition in 1996, the Church of England revived St George’s Day as a feast day. The 23rd April is also the birth date, 1564, and death date 1616, of William Shakespeare, who in The Two Gentleman of Verona wrote :-

*“O, how this spring of love resembleth
The uncertain glory of an April day,
Which now shows all the beauty of the sun,
And by and by a cloud takes all away”*

Robert Young

Garden Visits - 2018

Chedworth & District Horticultural Society Garden Visits

Friday 25th May - 10.30am

**East Lambrook Manor Gardens,
South Petherton, Somerset. TA13 5HH**

The iconic quintessentially English Cottage garden created by 20th century plantswoman Margery Fish. A garden of immense beauty and charm

£10 for garden and afternoon tea and cake and £7 picnic lunch by Claire Booth

A coach will be kindly paid for by Hort. Soc. Meet at Village Hall at 10.30 a.m. for coach. **Booking only limited to 30**

Thursday 28th June - 6.00pm

Greywalls, Chadlington

The private garden of the great nephew of Sir Harold Peto. Well stocked borders for inspiration for your own.

The garden was revamped only last year by Nick's wife Katie and a little help by Sue

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Nicholas Peto

£5 to include glass of wine for St Nicholas Church. Chadlington

Meet at Village Hall to car share at 5.15p.m.

Thursday 19th July – 6.30pm

Cherry Orchard Barn, Luckington

A garden created from a farmer's field by Sue and owners Paul and Tim over the last 7 years. Enjoy a lovely summers evening in this Wonderful garden of many rooms. Planted was completed last February 2017. Not to be missed, this is one of favourite gardens!

By kind permission of Paul Fletcher & Tim Guard

£7 entry including glass of wine to go to charity

Meet at Village Hall at 5.30p.m. for car share

August visit to be announced

Non-members are very welcome, but cheaper to join the Hort. Soc. for the price of £5 to enjoy these subsidised prices.

To become a member please contact:

Sophie Blackwell on 720626

Or to book the visits please contact:

Sue Bradbury on 720628

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Horticultural Society

Chedworth and District Horticultural Society (Hortsoc) Sow, Grow and Show

The Chedworth Hortsoc will be in the marquee at the Chedworth Show on 25 August, providing an opportunity for everyone to exhibit their vegetables, flowers and domestic produce as usual. As many of you who attended the Hortsoc AGM last November will be aware, however, the committee have been looking at ways to increase interest in growing vegetables and flowers in the community, and to encourage more people to enter exhibits in the Show.

With this mind, a revised schedule, has been put together and is included in this copy of the magazine. The idea is to provide growing advice, seed recommendations, and reduce the worry

of exhibiting for the less experienced. The fear of receiving the judges' criticism has been removed, by the introduction of marking by visitors to the show. It will be the peoples' choice that determines the prize winners.

We hope that with this more relaxed approach to exhibiting more people will be encouraged to grow to exhibit as well as enjoying the fruits of their labours.

Refreshments will of course be served in the café during the morning.



Sow Grow & Show

Spring Garden Morning

Chedworth Farm Shop

Saturday 7 April 2018
10am - 1pm

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Your Gardening Tips - 2018



After the recent cold 'snap' some plants may have been held back but once the air and ground has begun to warm up they will quickly recover and so it will be time to enjoy the tulips and for some vigorous gardening!

Spring flowering bulbs will start going over by the end of the month, so pinch off old flower heads but allow to die back before trimming or mowing so that the bulbs retain as much energy as possible.

Tie in climbing and rambling roses and climbing plants such as clematis and honeysuckle. Climbing roses will flower better if trained to grow horizontally. The hormones are normally concentrated at the tip of the plant, but if spread equally along the stem, each bud will be encouraged to grow a leaf and eventually a flower.

Sweet peas can be sown outside when the ground has warmed up.

Loosen any tree ties that are biting into the bark.

Feed trees shrubs and hedges, with a balanced fertilizer, then mulch.

Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds, and plant out plugs already started off under cover

Increase water to house plants, and if you have any citrus plants, now is the time to start feeding them

If not done in late March, sow grass seed over bare patches and apply lawn feed and weed control.

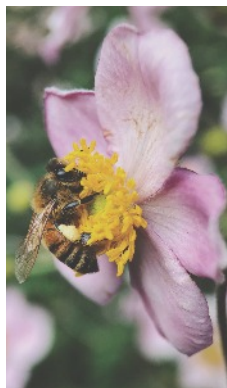
Keep an eye out for aphids and remove by hand as soon as spotted.

Keep weeds under control as they will want to be growing vigorously.

There is still time to sow an annual wild flower meadow.

Brassicas can be sown outside, but it may be better to start them off in the greenhouse.

Attracting Pollinators. Now is the time, if you have not already done so, to select your floral annuals that will attract pollinators, the vital ingredient for successful crops of fruit. Have a look at the RHS website for guidance.



*Simon Colbeck
Chairman Chedworth
& District
HORTSOC*

The Meeting on 14th March welcomed a good number of members and two visitors on a blustery evening.

The business part of the meeting included a ballot for the 2018 charity, which was won by the Cobalt Unit in Cheltenham, arrangements for the jumble sale and suggestions requested for the annual outing. A collection for Associated Countrywomen of the World "Coins for Friendship" will be made at the next meeting in April and information on the many and varied educational, informative and fun events organised by the Gloucestershire Federation of WIs was displayed, together with application forms.

Lyn arranged an amazing display of knitted fruit, flowers and hearts which the Knitting Group had been making in

aid of the Sue Ryder Hospice at Leckhampton.

The Sales Table was kept busy with a varied collection of books, jigsaw puzzles and many other interesting and attractive items. The proceeds are sent to our designated charity for the year.

The guest speaker was Caroline Shelduck who gave an informative talk on "Hedgerow Pharmacy". Caroline emphasised that she was fully trained and qualified and had her own practice, helping people with all sorts of medical and physiological problems.

She showed slides to identify the "good" plants which could be found in our gardens and in the countryside, told of us of their medicinal uses and described how they could be utilized in our own kitchens. I don't think that there will be too many nettles or dandelions around Chedworth this year if we follow her advice!

Our next meeting will be at 7.15pm on Wednesday 11th April when we will be told how we can turn our life around at 60 – although for many of us that is a little too late, I am sure it will be an interesting talk. Guests are always welcome – for info please contact Mick Marsh on 01285 720512.

Mick Marsh



Chedworth Cricket Club



The cricket pitch at the Beech Walk looked very different in early March as the

'Beast from the East' left its ravages in the form of deep, sculpted drifts on the periphery of the playing area. Now with the smell of newly mown grass, cricketers instinctively find themselves fired with excitement for the impending cricket season. Careful mowing lines remind them of manicured cricket pitches, of their past achievements and even greater glories to come.

To prepare the ground for the season, rolling of the wicket has started and there will be a working party gathering around 10am at the Beech Walk on Sunday 8th April. The pavilion will be spruced up and tidied and the sightscreen will need some structural renovation. As well, the plastic sheeting will be re-attached to the frame, so the covers for the wicket can come back into vital use should it rain in the summer.

We are very pleased that the Arts Club used our facilities at the Cricket Club and enjoyed the stunning vistas all round. In thanking them for their generous donation to the Cricket Club, I would encourage any other Club wishing to use the Pavilion and to take advantage of these beautiful surroundings to contact me.

Our main fund raising event is outlined below:

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Pre-season nets are at Rendcomb College from 7.00pm to 8.30pm on the following dates & all are welcome:

Thurs 29th March
Thurs 5th April
Weds 11th April
Thurs 19th April

The season begins with a home warm-up match against Cheltenham C.C. 3rd XI on Saturday 28th April at 2pm and with the first League Match on Saturday 5th May at home against Churchdown, starting at 1.00pm.

John Watson
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kjp.watson@hotmail.co.uk

Maggie's Poem

Old Song Remembered

Does anyone else remember
This song that goes through my brain
If I think of in the morning
It returns again and again

Little old lady passing by
Catching everyone's eye
You have such a charming
Manner, sweet and shy

Little old bonnet set in place
And a smile on your face
You look a perfect picture
In your lavender and lace

Little ray of sunshine here
Little ray of sunshine there
Everyone is pleased to meet you
Walking round the square

Little old lady time for tea
Have a cup or two or three
You're just like that little old lady
I hold dear to me

A bit late for Mothering Sunday
But love for my mum is still there

Maggie Scrivens

Rendcomb Surgery News

Staff changes

We would like to welcome our new practice nurse, Sarah. She joins us from another surgery in Cirencester and has 25+ years of nursing experience. Sarah specialises in respiratory diseases and sexual health. We would also like to thank nurse Annabel who has been covering all the nurse appointments on her own for the last 8 months, she has done a stellar job.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Rendcomb Patients Support Group snow drop walk which took place in February. The grand sum of £310 was raised, all of which will go to projects for the benefit of the patients' at Rendcomb Surgery.

National No Smoking Day this year is Wednesday 14 March. Come and see one of our lovely practice nurses who can help you kick the habit.

Repeat prescriptions

Please ensure you have enough of your tablets/medication to last you over the Easter break and remember to order in plenty of time. Our dispensary staff need at least **2 working days'** notification to have your medication ready for you.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have adequate medication and to order your repeats in good time.

Easter Bank Holiday

The Surgery will close at 6:30pm on Thursday 29 March and re-open at 8:30am on Tuesday 03 April.

If you need medical help over this time and it is NOT an emergency dial 111.

This three-digit number gives patients access to advice and local NHS healthcare services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls from landlines and mobiles are free. NHS 111 gets you through to a team of fully trained call advisers who are supported by experienced clinicians.

They will ask you questions to assess your symptoms and give you the healthcare advice you need or direct you to the right local service. If they think you need an ambulance they will send one immediately.

You should call NHS 111 if:

- You need medical help fast but it is **not** a 999 life threatening emergency.
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- You do not think it can wait for an appointment with your GP.

For more information on your healthcare options, including services provided by your pharmacy, GP surgery and community minor injury unit visit: www.choosewellglos.nhs.uk or, if you have a Smartphone, download the ASAP app.

New opening hours

As of March 2018 Rendcomb Surgery will be open for **pre-booked** appointments during the following hours:

Monday evening 18:30 – 19:45
(excluding Bank Holidays).

There are also appointments available each weekday evening and at the weekend nearby, bookable through the practice. Please ring during opening hours for further information or to book an appointment.

Results

Please telephone the Surgery after 3 pm to obtain your results bearing in mind the following timescales: -

- X-ray results can take up to 2 weeks to return
- Blood tests normally take 3-4 days but some can take up to 10 days
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Passenger Assistants Needed, 13th March 2018

Cotswold Friends provides Community Transport across the North Cotswolds. Volunteer drivers take Members anywhere they need to go – to both medical and social appointments.

Twenty new volunteers are now being sought by the charity to become Passenger Assistants, helping Members who need additional support or assistance during their journey. Volunteers for this role will be given specialist training via the Passenger Assistant Training Scheme (PATS) to understand the likely needs of the passengers they support.

Caroline Davidson volunteers in the Cotswold Friends Transport Bookings Office and after undertaking the training course, is now PATS qualified. Caroline commented, "I'm glad I did the course. It's such a useful tool to have even for our everyday lives. The practical advice covered visual impairment, children with disabilities, mobility issues and wheelchair use. My mother has dementia and my father is elderly....I can now tell my father

how to get Mum in and out of the car correctly. Also, you are helping somebody less fortunate than yourself. You never know, one day that might be you."

The Community Transport Service Manager, Julie Mitchell and charity trustee Sally Bond-Williams also completed the training course. Sally is a volunteer driver and said "I realised that Passenger Assistants will be such a fantastic support for the driver when transporting our more vulnerable Members. The experience will be much more reassuring for those who are frail, less mobile or may have dementia." Julie said "This is an opportunity to really support people at a vulnerable time in their lives, helping them to continue with social and medical appointments. We have an increasing number of vulnerable Members and I feel very strongly that they will benefit from a personalised service, offering additional help and support."

Volunteering as a Passenger Assistant is both rewarding and flexible. To find out more:

Pop into the Cotswold Friends office inside the Moreton Area Centre, High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh

Call or email Sheryl on
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Visit the Volunteers section of our website to apply at
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Put your running shoes on!

Running: What's stopping you?

The daffodils are starting to come out, the branches are beginning to bud and every now and then we can even see the sun! This is a truly lovely time of year to be outside.

You may have noticed that the countryside in and around Chedworth is a beautiful place to go for a walk. It is also absolutely brilliant for running. Whether you are a seasoned runner, a newbie or someone who is rediscovering their running mojo, Spring is a great time to throw on your trainers and get out there.

But wait, I am not a runner! I can't even run for a bus! I am too old to run! There are many myths around running that could stop us doing it but they need not.

Myth 1 - I'm not a runner

Everybody has to start somewhere. Take it slowly at first and don't be afraid to walk

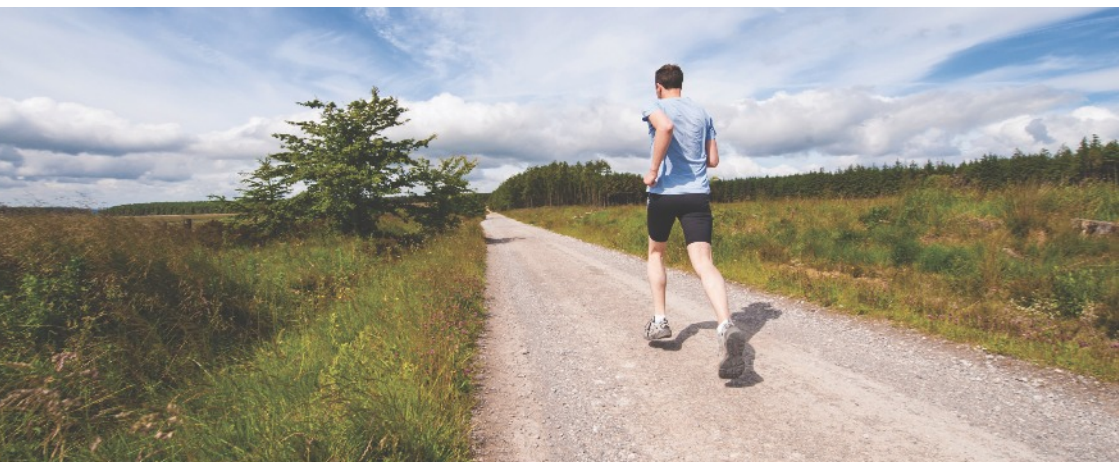
when you need to. Try following a Couch to 5km plan if you need a little guidance and motivation. You can even download a training podcast to listen to as you go!

Myth 2 - I don't have the time

Work, family, house, volunteering, hobbies...we are all busy. But, not only is running good for your body and a welcome boost for your energy levels, it can also relieve symptoms of anxiety and depression and enhance your self-esteem. In the time it takes to pull on your trainers, get out of the door and jog or run for 30 minutes, you'll have made a huge difference to your health. Getting active regularly gives you the energy to make the most of the time you *do* have.

Myth 3 - Running is bad for your knees

As long as you have suitable running shoes, increase your distance gradually and stretch for at least five minutes afterwards, there is no particular reason that running should cause joint pain. A recent study by



Arthritis Care and Research actually showed that the people who ran the most had the least knee pain. Jogging can help you to lose weight, build strength and improve your balance, all of which can help alleviate or avoid aches and pains.

Myth 4 - I don't look good in Lycra

You don't need the latest activewear to get active. Whatever you feel comfortable in goes. A decent pair of trainers and, for women, a good sports bra is all you need.

Myth 5 - I'm too old to start running

Yes, our body changes as we get older. But, as long as you listen to it and start gently there is no reason why you couldn't

try taking it for a jog. Despite what we may think, it is important to realise that your physical ability need not decline significantly (especially between age 30-60) as long as you continue to make it work. Exercise has been described as the elixir of life. Why not give it a go?!

If you would like to find out more about how to start running, improve your running technique, book some 1-2-1 training or have a personalised training plan created for an event then contact Sally Wilkinson, UKA Running Coach, trail runner, mum and lover of the outdoors at hello@runsallyrun.co.uk

Chedworth Roman Trail Run

The Chedworth Roman Trail 10 mile run takes place on Sunday 15 April starting at 10.30am.

From the Village Hall playing field the route turns right off Fields Road down the 'smalls' to the top of Tuns Hill then along Church Row and Courts Close. After crossing a field it climbs the bank behind Hartshill and onto the track to the airfield. After a short loop through the woods it runs the full length of Horse Hatch Lane, then around Listercombe, to re-cross the Yanworth road. After skirting the woods it drops down into the Coln Valley. After crossing the river it

loops around fields below Yanworth and then follows the gravel road towards the Roman Villa before turning left to climb the footpath from the villa. The final section takes runners along the airfield track then left passed the farm and back to the Village Hall on the road.

About 500 runners are expected and will be on the course between 10.30 and 12.30. If you are driving, riding or walking in these areas please take great care. The course will be marshalled by Cirencester Athletics Club.

For further information contact the race organiser David Edelsten (01285 720421 or email at david.edelsten@outlook.com

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Instead, Lyn Mitchell and Venetia Champniss will be holding a Plant Sale on Saturday 5th May on the drive at Cowslip Corner.

If you have plants for sale, feel free to come and join us. Contact Lyn on 01285 720450 or Venetia on 01285 720548.

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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!"

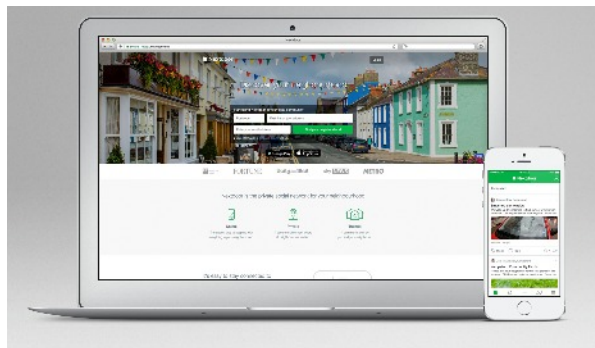
"A great way to buy, sell and give away unwanted items and to keep in touch with the community. I particularly like the private messaging service which makes me feel that it is safe to release contact information."

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

You can use Nextdoor with a computer, laptop, smartphone or tablet.

To join simply go to www.nextdoor.co.uk and sign up.

Iain Robertson



Chedworth and the future RAF

The Centenary of the Royal Air Force - 1 April 1918

A close relationship
with the village of
Chedworth and the
future Royal Air Force



By 1916 the Royal Flying Corps was losing so many pilots on the Western Front that new training airfields had to be opened to train replacement aircrew. Rendcomb airfield was opened in early 1916 to meet this demand and an aircraft and engine repair facility was added in September 1916.

Relationships between Chedworth and RFC Rendcomb personnel were close and newspapers reported Rendcomb

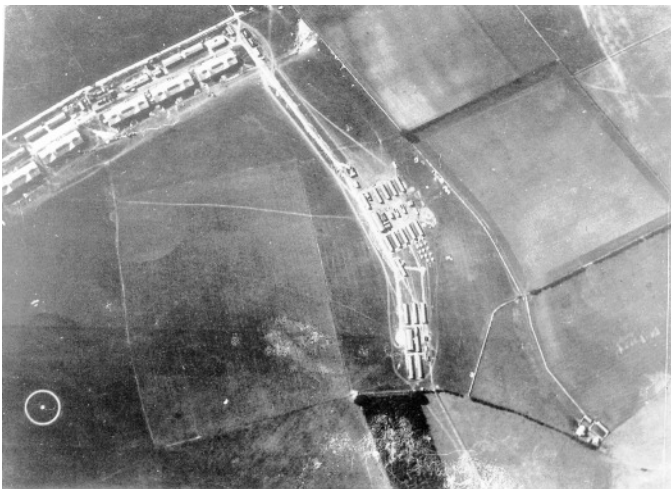
men taking part in sports and social events at Chedworth and many trainee pilots and their instructors were billeted in the village. There is a particularly poignant story of one lady who offered accommodation in her home, but ceased doing so after the third death occurred to "her" young men in training at Rendcomb!

Those accidents were just one of around 8,000 deaths out of 14,000, ie 60% of all

trainees in flying training in WW1.

Instructors had little training for their task and were often drawn from those needing a rest from the Front.

One such was Lt. William Leefe Robinson VC, who in September 1916 was first to shoot down a German Zeppelin. After a gruelling tour of PR around the UK after



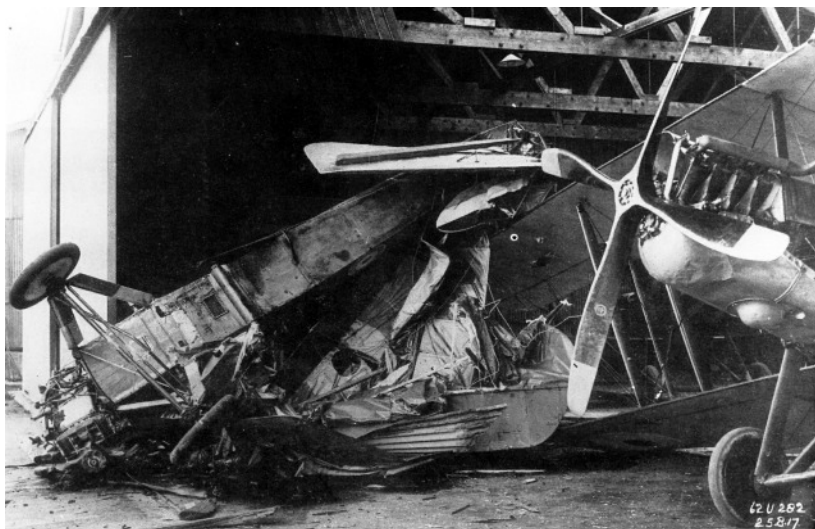


this feat he apparently succumbed to the pressure and was declared unfit for service, yet whilst still on sick leave he was posted to 48 Squadron at Rendcomb and after its formation left for France. Another pilot who served at Rendcomb was Keith Park, later to become Air Marshal Park, who commanded 11 Fighter Group during the Battle of Britain.

extending south towards the Calmsden road. The airfield was sold into private ownership in 1920. The original hangars which lay along the Whiteway are now demolished, but the wooden workshop/power house and another domestic building, now a private house, remain.

Peter Seymour

Other Squadrons were to train at Rendcomb over the next 2 years before they went to war in France and the airfield in 1918 was larger than it is today,



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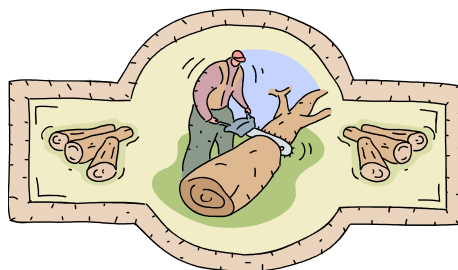
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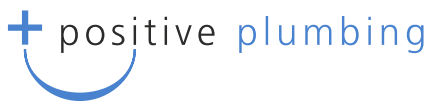
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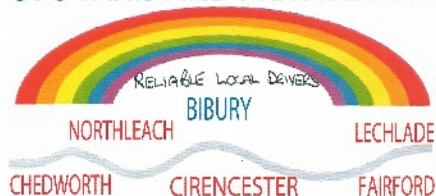
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