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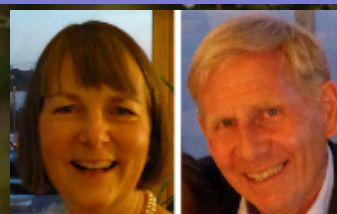
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Sue & Iain Robertson
Coordinators for this edition

Stephen's Letter

Bored? Meeting!

"In my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now..." Philippians 1v4-5

Returning to normal work – whatever that might entail – is an important part of recovery from the COVID pandemic, not just to support the economy, but also because of the social element of our occupations. We may have - out of necessity - embraced WFH over the last year, but there are many who can't wait to get back to the office!

It's because we are social and relational people and, while the endless round of meetings, conferences and business entertaining of pre-lockdown life may have been hectic and exhausting at times, many people are bored without it.

Of course, the COVID WFH "pause" gives us a golden opportunity to re-evaluate our working life and our work-life balance. But, as we do so, let's celebrate the relationships and camaraderie we have with our colleagues and associates at work. In this world, we move forward with the greatest aspirations of life by working together - and a Rogation prayer reminds us that God has made the world in such a way that we are dependent on one another for our needs.

This is also true in the Christian life and in the Kingdom of God; in the above Bible reading, we are reminded that Paul

and the Philippian church were partners in the Gospel, working together and giving each other mutual support in proclaiming the good news of Jesus in that part of Macedonia.

Being social – in any context – is good for the Gospel and for our spiritual lives today too. In church, when we worship God, we encourage each other by being together. And, if we live out our Christian beliefs at work, we will bless our colleagues and associates, and make a difference to the culture there too.

So as we go from perhaps being bored to having all those meetings again, let's learn to appreciate our relationships and find spiritual energy from being social again. Do join us for our Rogation Celebration on May 9th.

With every good wish,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for May 2021

During April and May, there will be a **single Sunday Service in Chedworth** at **10.30 am** each Sunday (with the exception of Rogation on 9th May – see below). Please note that social distancing restrictions will apply at all services, as previously.

Sunday 2nd May
Holy Communion

10. 30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 9th May
Rogation Service

10.30 am – Venue TBA

Sunday 16th May
Family Service

10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 23rd May
Holy Communion

10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 30th May
Family Communion

10.30 am – Chedworth

Lockdown & Church Services

In May, we have an interim in-person service pattern with a single Sunday service at Chedworth at 10.30 am each week. Please note that anyone who is vulnerable and does not, as yet, feel safe to attend an in-person service is not obliged to do so. We will continue to be issuing a weekly video and Looking Up in parallel the weekly in-person service.

In June, if the lockdown restrictions continue to go to plan, we will move on to a post-lockdown service pattern, with a range of services across the Benefice.

Do you have Star Quality?

Chedworth's Got Talent has now been rescheduled for Saturday 17th July this year and will take place at Chedworth Playing Field at 2pm.

If you have a talent – whether singing, dancing, music, magic or sport – come and take part. Our panel of (local) celebrity judges are friendly – but they are discerning, and their decision will be final!

There will be great prizes available for the winners. Bar and light refreshments available.

Church Briefing

A great family afternoon of entertainment brought to you by St Andrew's Church, Chedworth! If you'd like to find out more or to take part, please get in touch with Stephen Goundrey-Smith (stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com, 720392)

General admission - £3 per individual and £10 per family. Proceeds in aid of St Andrew's Church. Also: do get in touch if your business would like to sponsor the event. We will be name-checking a local business alongside each act! More details to follow.

Rogation Service

A Rogation Service will take place on Sunday 9th May. Do look out for further details in due course.

Chedworth Community Land Charity

The Chedworth Community Land Charity is a charity whose objective is to provide assistance to people in Chedworth parish facing particular urgent health or welfare

needs or financial hardship. The Trustees consist of the Rector and two Parish Council nominees. The Chedworth Community Land Charity has helped various parishioners over the last few years and is able to respond rapidly to any urgent financial needs. To find out more or to apply, please contact Rev'd Stephen Goundrey-Smith (720392) or Bryan Bowley (720369). All applications are dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Deanery Strategy

A big thank you to all who contributed to the consultation on the future of the church in the North Cotswold Deanery recently.

From the Registers

Funerals

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

Stan Rodgers – Cheltenham Crematorium – 9th April.



Thank you so much to everyone who kindly donated prizes or bought raffle tickets, I am delighted to say that we raised £272.00! This will be used towards our general running costs – if anyone has any fantastic fundraising ideas please do get in touch as we are looking at a deficit this year due to being unable to fundraise in our usual ways.

Also a big thank you to Mike Dentith and his team of volunteers who have worked tirelessly to brighten up the Social Room during the Easter break!

We have resumed our weekly visits to St. Andrew's Primary School with our Rising 5's group, this will be a big advantage in September as the environment and friendly faces will help with their transition on from Pre-School to Primary School; we are one of the only Pre-School's within the Cotswolds that actually offer this transition, our children are very fortunate to receive this support!

With the weather improving (fingers

crossed!!!) we look forward to even more time outside – we have already enjoyed a picnic outside in the sunshine! We have enjoyed so many activities, but the children's favourite activities involve water play, whether it be washing vehicles to painting over their chalked names! The mud kitchen is also a big hit! Stone soup is a classic dish frequently enjoyed by staff and children! Should you have any old kitchen equipment such as whisks, small bowls, jugs, saucepans that you no longer require, please do contact us as we would welcome such items to compliment our mud kitchen!

If you would like further information please contact Sarah on 07480 370220 or email chedworthpreschool@gmail.com

Sarah Smith



For more information please take a look at our website

www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk

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

Chedworth Parish Council

A Fruitful Project

How would you like to pick your own apples, pears and plums in a lovely community space that houses owl boxes and encourages the proliferation of wild flowers? A Village Cider press? Super-healthy cider vinegar? Fresh apple juice for all?

The community orchard project is moving up a gear. The planned site is parish land near the mobile phone mast. We can get the twenty to thirty trees we need with complementary fertility cycles and we can prep the ground, but we need some volunteers who can make a solid commitment to nurse the saplings in their early stages, carry out annual pruning and process the crop.

If you are interested, please email the clerk (chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk)

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For more information check out our website chedworthpc.org.uk

Neighbourhood Plan

Where you park, where you work, the footpaths you use, where you live, where your children play, your favourite green spaces, your favourite valley views, your school, and the shops/businesses you use are all the result of planning. The neighbourhood plan is community-led and that means researched, written and voted on by the people who live and work in Chedworth.

We need to identify issues and themes that concern the parish. Here's your chance to have your say. We will shortly be sending out a questionnaire and it would be great if everyone could fill it in as the Neighbourhood Plan can only be based on the views of the parish as a whole. We will arrange delivery and collection of the questionnaire or alternatively we anticipate that you will be able to fill it in online. Watch this space...

The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Site Chedworth Woods

The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (GWT) is consolidating its sites. As a consequence, it is looking to transfer Chedworth's Nature Reserve (some 4.8 hectares of land along the old railway line) to a new owner by the end of 2021. The Reserve is home to rare species: including butterflies (the Duke of Burgundy), bat (lesser horseshoe) and the dormouse.

Ideally it would like a community organisation to take over the Reserve in

order that the footpath that runs along it will remain a footpath open to the public to use. If transferred to a private owner, the GWT cannot guarantee that the Reserve will be retained as a community facility. Private owners have come forward to purchase the Reserve.

The National Trust has been approached to see if it could manage the Reserve due to its proximity to the Roman Villa, but the National Trust is unable to do so as Covid-19 has severely drained its resources. The GWT would like Chedworth Parish Council to become the new owner of the Reserve and has stated that it could be transferred to the Parish Council for a peppercorn. The costs for running the site in 2019 amounted to £1,143. The GWT stated that this sum was the most that has been spent in recent years due to some infrastructure (new gates and a fence) and tree work. The GWT has also confirmed that any repairs to the tunnels at either end of the Reserve remain the liability of the railway company..

The Parish Council want to hear your views. Do you think the community should take on the responsibility of running the Reserve. Please do get in touch.

Vacancy for Councillor

Mrs Ros Jess has stepped down from the Parish Council. Mrs Jess had been a member of Chedworth Parish Council for some 20 years, initially from 1991 until 2003 and then from 2015 until the present. She served as Chairman of the Council for much of that time. Cotswold District Council have been informed and they will instigate the procedure to fill the vacancy.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 17th May at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall as we should be back to face to face meetings. The meeting is a week later than usual to fit in with the scheduled easing of Covid 19 restrictions. We may need to have social distancing, hand sanitising, one way system etc. so please bear with us as we will not have details until the week before the meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Monday 24th May, again at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. This is a chance for residents to bring up any items they wish which are relevant to Chedworth and also features charity reports and an annual report from the Parish Council. The Chairman normally allows AOB in addition to items on the formal agenda but it is helpful if people give notice of items they wish to raise or discuss.

Please contact the clerk at:- chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk 01285 720313



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
12-May	19:15	WI - Resolutions & Who Am I? quiz	Zoom
17-May	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
18-May		Chedworth Silver Band rehearsals restart after lockdown	Chedworth Village Hall
20-May	19:30	Table Tennis Club restarts after lockdown	Chedworth Village Hall
21-May	13:15	HortSoc Garden Visit to South Wood Farm, Honiton	Honiton
24-May	19:30	Annual Parish Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
04-Jun		HortSoc Garden Visit to Iford Manor	Bradford on Avon
09-Jun	19:15	WI - Open Garden meetings (tbc)	
14-Jun	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Zoom or Village Hall
24-Jun		HortSoc Garden Visit to Allt-y-Bela, Monmouthshire	
26-Jun		Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament	Hill & Valley Tennis Club, Chedworth, GL54 4NE
09-Jul	19:30	Back Row Club "Judy"	Chedworth Village Hall
12-Jul	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
14-Jul	19:15	WI - Milking Parlour to Pulpit talk by Canon Morris	Chedworth Village Hall
17-Jul		HortSoc Garden Visit to The Newt, Bruton, Somerset	Bruton
17-Jul	14:00	Chedworth's Got Talent	Chedworth Playing Field
08-Aug	11:00-17:00	Stowell Park Gardens open	Stowell Park
09-Aug	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
11-Aug	19:15	WI - outing	tbc
12 to 15-Aug		Outdoor performance of "The Sound of Music" by Bonzo Productions	Chedworth Manor
19 to 22-Aug		Outdoor performance of "The Sound of Music" by Bonzo Productions	Chedworth Manor
21-Aug	14:00	Chedworth & District Horticultural Show	Chedworth Village Hall
08-Sep	19:15	WI meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
10-Sep		Chedworth Charity Golf Day	Monmouth
12-Sep	10:30	Chedworth Roman Trail Race - 10 mile cross country run	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Sep	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
18-Sep		WI Table Top sale	Chedworth Village Hall
11-Oct	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Oct	19:15	WI meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
08-Nov	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Including glass, paper, mixed recycling, cardboard, garden waste, non-recyclable waste, food waste



Chedworth Area, Fossebridge, Yanworth

Tuesday	4	May
Tuesday	18	May
Tuesday	1	June
Tuesday	15	June
Tuesday	29	June

Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Friday	14	May
Friday	28	May
Friday	11	June
Friday	25	June

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Chedworth Village Hall

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chedworthvillagehall.co.uk

Thank You Chedworth Village Trust

Last year I was lucky enough to receive some financial support from the Chedworth Village Trust's educational grant to help fund my travels. I have written a little bit about what I have been doing to say thank you to the donors.



Despite leaving home with what I thought was a series of unbreakable backup plans, nearly all of this fell through in the first few days. However it taught me to think on my feet and have confidence in myself to take a leap into the unknown. Actions we see people take every day here Guatemala.

As the light at the end of the tunnel seems brighter in the UK with vaccines rolling out and over a year since the first lockdown; I thought it would be important to highlight how lucky many of have been during the pandemic. Despite saddening illness, mental and physical, toll which has been close to home for everybody, we have had support. We have been able to adapt to the changes and find alternative ways of living.

Other countries have a different story to tell. In Guatemala people have been left hungry, homeless and unable to find work to recover. The pandemic has left a greater scar on the community and will take longer to fade.

I wanted to volunteer to gain a deeper understanding and insight to a different culture, share my time and give back to others whilst I was travelling. A few weeks ago, I met an inspiring woman called Anita who has set up projects teaching children English, supporting families in need and a beautiful weaving cooperative creating jobs for local women. Alongside she has also set up an amazing cookery school in her own kitchen. She has taught me life is about sharing and about people. I would like to share her story!

One of the main reasons I started to learn English and become an entrepreneur was because I was in need of a pair of trainers for an exercise class. I asked my dad for them and he replied, "The day you earn your own money, you can buy whatever you want". He didn't say this out of spite but because our economic situation was challenging. I come from a large family, with four brothers and sisters, and my parents couldn't afford all of us.

After he denied my request, I decided I wanted to change my circumstances. One day, I went with one of my cousins to sell her tamales. She went straight to a restaurant close to the main dock. It was the first tourist restaurant in town and big groups were enjoying breakfast.

To me, it was an entirely different way of living. In my house, breakfast meant sharing one or two eggs between my entire family of seven. At that point in

my life, I had never even been to a restaurant. It was so foreign to me to see people sitting around in public with their family and enjoying themselves. It may seem strange to you but that just wasn't part of our culture (even if we had the money to do it!). While we were sitting in front of the restaurant, I saw a big boat approaching. Suddenly, there were around 30 people getting off and walking towards us. When they saw my cousin and I, two cute small girls dressed up in our local outfits, they asked for a picture. My cousin replied that a picture would cost them 1 quetzal. They were very happy to pay. After they took the picture, they showed it to us and I was so excited to see myself on a camera. I felt famous. But I was also curious. My cousin had just made money without even selling any of her tamales. She explained to me that the tourists don't usually want the food – it was too foreign to them at the time. They only wanted pictures. Even though taking pictures paid very little, I didn't care. I wanted to make money and I asked my cousin for the quetzal. After initially refusing, she gave in and handed me my first coin.

When I got back home and my mom saw me with one quetzal, she bombarded me with questions about how I got it. I explained to my mom what happened and asked her to give me the opportunity to make my own money selling bananas to the tourists.



You see, I wanted to make more than just what could be earned from selling pictures and I thought that bananas would be an easier sell than local food. At first, she said I was too young but after many days of pleading

with her, she relented and let me try out my idea. On the first day, I made a profit of 16 quetzals! It was the beginning of my foray in the world of tourism. From there, my life has taken many twists and turns but after many years of fighting for more opportunities in a village that hasn't always had much to offer, I was able to start my cooking classes. Since then, I have been blessed with so much good fortune and want to share that good fortune with the people in my village who deserve a helping hand.

During this difficult situation, the women from our cooperative have struggled tremendously. Our business is entirely dependent on tourism and for the past months, our women have made essentially no sales. We have a lot of products stocked and we are now asking for your support one more time. If you are able to buy ten items, either for yourself or to sell in your community, please consider doing so. Note that the minimum order of 5-10 is required to make shipping costs more reasonable.

We are selling scrunchies (to tie your hair), bookmarks, face masks, scarves, shawls, table runners, blankets for different sized beds (single, double, queen and king), keychains, cosmetic bags and pouches. We understand that asking for an order of ten items is quite a lot and we know that it is not feasible for many. But if you are able to help, please consider it. If you are interested in making a purchase, please reply to this email this email mayankitchen88@gmail.com or PM us using the code below each image at www.atitlanwomenweavers.com/, with your order and we will discuss the next steps.

Thank you for all of your previous support and for the love you show me when I need it the most. With appreciation and love Anita

One of the most significant moments for me so far has been helping a special boy

Thank You Chedworth Village Trust

called Selvin to get a mobile phone so he can continue his education. He is one of a family of orphans, he suffers from severe liver problems and it is unknown how long he will live for. Selvin's carers had previously turned to a charity for help but they exploited them so they could no longer afford his medicine. Luckily Anita has been supporting him, however this is just one of hundreds of saddening stories we have heard. Donating the phone to Selvin was made even more special as it was on his 11th birthday!



CHEDWORTH WI

On Wednesday April 14th 23 Members were involved in an interesting meeting on Zoom.

There was a discussion on future meetings and a chat on the lovely sunny walk around the flat landscape from Pinkwell to Setts Farm and return to the Village hall. Not easy to find a flat landscape in the Chedworth area.

The next walk will take place at the Chedworth Airfield on April 23rd, meeting at 2.30pm.

There were congratulations to 2 members who have had their photos chosen to be placed in the GFWI Calendar for 2022. A wonderful achievement, to discover the talented photos. Calendar orders can be placed in a few months time.

The talk was from Mandy Cran titled

In the future I plan to sponsor children to go to school; it's just £5 a month per child for secondary school which many families cannot afford.

Jessica Baker, Aged 18, Chedworth

Please direct enquiries about seeking support from the Chedworth Village Trust Limited or making donations to the trust to the Trust's Secretary, Sarah Green at sgreen11@btinternet.com

"Warfare to Welfare". An amazing lady who has leading qualities which has taken her to command men in the Army and Crews at sea. She was an Engineer with Helicopters and Tanks and loved the responsibility and banter with her colleagues. Mandie's adventures included Tall Ship Races over the world to sailing the Atlantic enduring hurricanes, storms and icebergs. After this final fling she settled down with her family and joined the Territorial Army.

She lives locally and is very involved with the training of future sailors. Mandie is also involved with a Health Business, her life has been very rewarding and it was an entertaining account which we thoroughly enjoyed.

The next meeting is on May 12th on Zoom at 7.15pm, this will be a discussion on the Resolutions and a new idea of "WHO AM I". It should be fun. *Carol Bailey.*

Hill and Valley Lawn Tennis Club



www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC

June Half Term Camps

Thurs June 3rd & Frid June 4th Details to follow. Book on the JM Tennis Coaching App.

Club News

It has been wonderful to see everyone enjoying playing tennis again and a warm welcome to all our new members.

Our Easter Junior camps were very popular with lots of new children attending and the Adult Clinics and Cardio sessions were a great addition.



After School Coaching

Our after school coaching sessions with James Morris have started again and are now running on Thursdays in 6 week blocks as follows:

3.15-4pm BLUE Recep & Yr 1

4.00-5pm RED Years 2 & 3

5.05-6pm ORANGE Years 4 & 5

6.05-7pm GREEN Years 6 & 7

7.05-8pm YELLOW Years 8-13

Book on the JM Tennis Coaching App.

New Monthly Saturday Clinics Starting May 1st

With James and Tom for Adults & Juniors. Details to follow. Book on the JM Tennis Coaching App.

Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Open Tournament Saturday, June 26th

Now in its 39th year this event raises funds for the club and the churches of Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers and

Chedworth. A unique day of social and competitive tennis played on delightful private courts kindly loaned for the day by residents in surrounding villages. For more info see the poster in this edition or clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Events

If you would like to find out more about the club please get in touch with our Membership Secretary, Caroline Baker, 07733 322176 carolinebaker75@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you on court soon. *Robert Baker - Chairman*
hillandvalleylta@gmail.com

Please connect with us on social media to keep updated on the latest information.
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[Twitter.com/hillandvalleytennisclub](https://twitter.com/hillandvalleytennisclub)
[HillValleyTenn1](https://www.hillvalleytenn1.com)



THE COLN VALLEY MIXED DOUBLES OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, 26th JUNE 2021
Chedworth, GL54 4NE

Hill & Valley Lawn Tennis Club invites you to enter the 39th Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Open Tennis Tournament on Saturday, June 26th.

This long-established event raises funds for the club and the churches of Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers and Chedworth. A unique day of social and competitive tennis played on delightful private courts kindly loaned for the day by residents in surrounding villages.

Coffee, lunch and tea is included in the entry ticket price of £30. Early booking is advised as entries will be restricted this year so we can provide the correct safety measures; registration, briefings, lunch and tea will be held outside and the bar will be open.

For full details and to enter
<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Events>

Enquiries: colnvalleytournament@gmail.com

Caroline Baker 07733 322176

Chedworth Silver Band

Chedworth Silver Band hopes to resume rehearsals on Tuesday 18th of May initially at Chedworth Village Hall to enable social distancing.

Our members are keen to get started again but some will inevitably be a bit “Rusty” and we will need time to work up a suitable repertoire and build the stamina we need for long engagements.

We were particularly disappointed to have to miss Christmas carol playing, and Rev Stephen’s Good Friday walk due to Covid 19 regs.

We are still looking for more players, especially Cornet players, if anyone has had a break from playing then now is an excellent time to restart. We can give some refresher tuition if needed and can of course supply instruments.

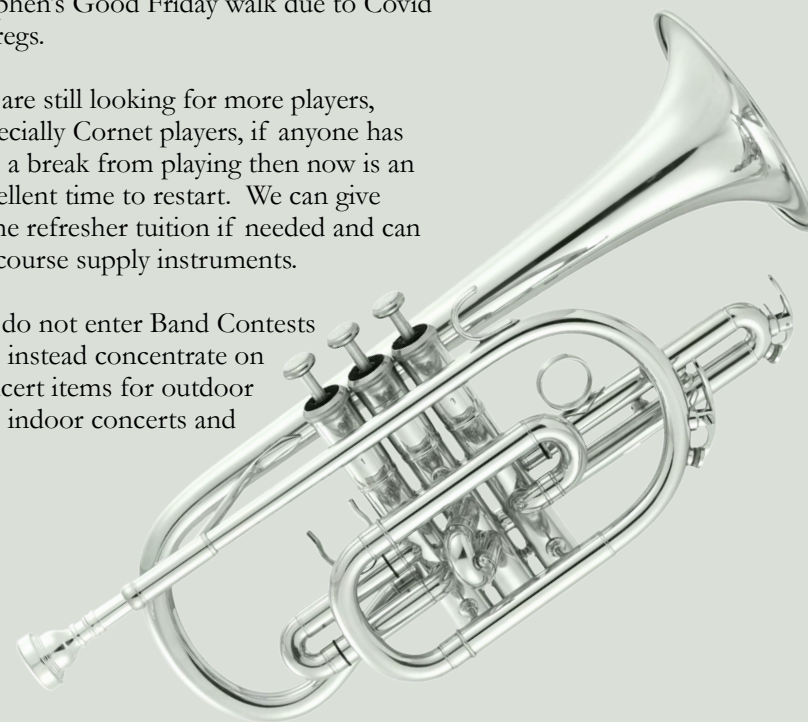
We do not enter Band Contests and instead concentrate on concert items for outdoor and indoor concerts and

background music for weddings fetes etc. We aim to play popular tunes, the sort of thing you hear on TV, much of it retro, 21st century arrangements of older tunes.

Contact details

Our Website is now
www.chedworthsilverband.com
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David Broad



Chedworth Cricket Club



Chedworth Cricket Club is very pleased, along with all other clubs, to hear at the end of March that the Government has allowed cricket to be played this season. Matches will still be conducted under the Covid-19 restrictions which were in place for the seven matches played in the Gloucester League in 2020.

Unfortunately, spectators are not allowed but, when restrictions are further eased, we would welcome visitors to watch the club playing.

However, if you are interested in playing cricket, please do contact the Captain, Oli Lockey, on 07712 333114 or by email on oli.11@hotmail.co.uk.

The club has a mobile net which is wheeled onto the square for weekly net sessions. A list of the Home Fixtures follows which start at 1pm each Saturday for the 2021 season:-

May
8th v. Ruardean Hill
22nd v. Quedgeley & Hardwicke

June
5th v. Upton St. Leonards
26th v. Whitminster

July
3rd v. Tormarton

17th v. Hatherley & Reddings 3rd
31st v. Apperley 2nd

August
14th v. Kingsholm 2nd
21st v. Haresfield Gladiators

The Chedworth squad are much looking forward to a full season of cricket in 2021 on their beautiful pitch at the Beech Walk in the grounds of Manor Farm in Chedworth.

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Chedworth Table Tennis Club

After lockdown May 2021

The Table Tennis Club is looking forward to the proposed end to the lockdown of indoor sports and this year to kick things off we are going to have a summer season. We will start on Thursday evening the 20th May and depending on the response will go through each Thursday evening until the start of our normal season in September.

We have a lively membership and a good mix of ages and abilities with about 50% lady players.

We meet in the Village Hall with excellent facilities and equipment provided, 7.30 to 9.00pm. A modest charge of £1.00 per



session for members or £2.00 a session for casuals and guests.

Shake off the lockdown torpor, enter into some gentle exercise and, and come and enjoy the fun, we welcome all ages and abilities, for further information contact Geoff Bailey wrenny61@gmail.com or 01285 831836. Or Chris Jackson 01242 890199.

Geoff Bailey



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Your Gardening Tips for May 2021



either home-made or from a garden centre.

- Put summer bedding plants into the ground at the end of the month.
- Keep weeding! Hoe out most annual and newly germinated weeds on a sunny day so that any left on the ground dry out and die, but perennial weeds such as ground elder, bindweed and dandelions, if not dug out should be left to develop leaf growth and then zapped with a good weed killer such as

Will winter never end! I did forecast this in March. but to think that this time last year we had experienced some unseasonably warm weather! As I write, the snow is melting fast and the sun is shining, bringing out the best in the May bushes.

- Attracting Bats. Bats are great controllers of insects especially midges and mosquitoes. If you do not have a roost near you, it would be a good idea to leave some areas a little wild and invest in some night blooming plants to encourage moths. It would be useful to put up a bat box,



- Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges. The nesting period is officially from February to August.
- Make bee and insect hotel/houses to help the pollinators.
- Lift and divide any overcrowding clumps of daffodils, once they have died back. Apply liquid fertilizer to encourage next year's growth.
- Watch out for viburnum and lily beetle grubs as well as aphids and other pests.
- Gooseberry Sawfly. This is the most common pest of gooseberries, white and red currants. Adult sawfly are yellow with black markings and black heads. The adult females usually lay their eggs into the undersides of lower leaves. These hatch into pale

green, black-spotted and black-headed larvae that feed gregariously and rapidly devour the leaves. When



mature (20mm in length), the larvae form silk cocoons in the soil and pupate within. Up to three generations can occur each year. The final generation overwinter as pupae in the soil. Prune bushes so that they have an open structure which allows good airflow. Sawfly prefer to lay their eggs into dense bushes. Bushes can also be covered with a horticultural fleece as they are self-pollinating. Before the leaves are on the bushes, dig around the base to expose the overwintering pupae to insectivorous birds and other predators.

- Sow winter bedding plants, and spring bedding plants such as wallflowers and pansies between now and July.
- Tie in the leading shoots of greenhouse crops such as tomatoes, peppers and aubergines as they grow, to avoid stems breaking or growing in undesired directions. Pinch out the side shoots of tomatoes, to strengthen the crop.
- Harden off plants raised from seed gradually exposing them to cooler conditions, but protect from frost.

This especially applies to courgettes and squashes. Lettuces are hardier and can be planted out sequentially to keep a steady supply going.

- Thin out direct sowings of vegetables, in stages to obtain good sized crops. Sow seeds such as lettuce and rocket in small numbers sequentially so avoid a glut. Plan to keep space available for this.
- Tie in rambling roses as near to horizontal as possible to encourage side shoots to grow along the stems.
- Take softwood cuttings of deciduous shrubs
- For those who like to have a lawn to be proud of, this the time to dig out weeds and or apply more weed and feed, but not more than three times before August, keeping six weeks between applications.

Simon Colbeck

**Chairman Chedworth & District
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Garden Visits 2021

Chedworth & District Horticultural Society Garden Visits 2021

We begin our visits this month at one of the best gardens I have ever visited and there is still an opportunity to join us

- **Friday 21st May South Wood Farm, Honiton.**
- 25 people maximum allowed to this beautiful garden created by Arne Maynard. Arrive 13.15 for guided tour by Head Gardener Patrick Burt, followed by tea and cake to depart approx. 16.00.
- Cost per person. £15 **2 places remaining.**
- **Friday 4th June Iford Manor**
- (40 people allowed 2 groups of 20) private garden tour of this garden which was home of designer Harold Peto £20 for special private tour followed by cream tea. **Fully booked.**

- Thursday 24th June – Tour to Allt-y-Bela, Monmouthshire. Home of Arne Maynard. Private tour to this very special place. Maximum of 25 people. Please note this is booked from last year, but please put your name down on waiting list incase anyone drops out. £20 per person. **Fully booked with long waiting list.**
- Friday 17th July – The Newt, Bruton, Somerset. 40 places available Guided tour of this newly created garden and picnic from the Cyder Barn to be eaten in the garden £34 per person. **4 places remaining.**

Should you like to join us please book your place by contacting
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STOWELL PARK

GARDENS OPEN

Stowell Park Open Gardens, in aid of Yanworth and Stowell Churches, originally planned for Sunday 16th May 2021 has been postponed until

Sunday 8th August 2021.

The gardens will be open from 11am -5pm.

We regret that there will not be a plant sale this year.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Music in Country Churches

Music in Country Churches was set up as a charitable trust in 1989 with the active support of The Prince of Wales. The Trust has two aims: to arrange weekends of music in rural churches of exceptional beauty and interest and to raise funds thereby to assist those churches with the costs of their repair and maintenance. It has given concerts in over 55 churches and raised more than £500,000.

The parish church is so important, defining many moments in our lives, and Music in Country Churches aims to preserve this heritage. The pandemic forced our parish churches to close and left many musicians unheard and so now, as we emerge from the pandemic, they need support more than ever before.

Music in Country Churches will begin its 2021 concert season by returning to Bibury with two concerts in St Mary's Church on 21st and 22nd May.

Last year's concerts were cancelled because of the pandemic. Now, a year on, Music in Country Churches is delighted to be able to return to the Cotswolds. It is doubly exciting as, providing the current opening up plans after Lockdown do not change, these will be among the first live music events for 2021 anywhere in the UK. For some of the performers this will be the first time in a while that they will be performing in front of a live audience. Many concertgoers might well not have been to concerts for well over a year.

The programmes for these concerts will not only celebrate live music starting up again,

but also provide an opportunity to reflect and take stock after the challenges we have faced over the past year.

On Friday 21st May Richard Watkins & Friends will celebrate the horn, an instrument with countryside associations. They will play works by Britten Vivaldi, Mozart and others. On Saturday 22nd May strings players from the English Chamber Orchestra will play the Mendelssohn E-flat octet, Four Novelletten by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, and finish by sending you on your way into the early summer evening with music by Percy Grainger.

To ensure that the venue and concerts are as safe as possible seating will be physically-distanced according to Government regulations and therefore audiences will be necessarily a smaller amount, and the concert programmes shorter. There will be two concerts of the same programme on both evenings (5pm and 7pm) and the music will be interspersed with brief talks on church architecture by the designer and architectural historian Matthew Rice. We are hoping that refreshments will be available. Ticket prices are £25 a seat (you can book for up to six in a bubble of two households) and seating will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis when they go on sale at the end of April. Tickets will be sold via TicketSource.

For more information visit www.musicincountrychurches.org.uk, or phone 0333 666 3366.

Back Row Club at the Village Hall

Dear BRC members,

Please put 9 July in your diaries for the first BRC showing in 2021, all being well.

It will have been a long 15 months since we showed 'Official Secrets' but hopefully we will be back on track again for the second Friday each month from July. We were due to show 'Judy' in April 2020 so will start with that.



Most members had already paid annual membership for 2020 so will be paid up for 2021. Hopefully Covid social distancing restrictions will be lighter than at present, but we will be allowing for those who still wish to socially distance in the village hall.

'Vive le divertissement!'
Simon Colbeck & Iain Robertson



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**21st May
5pm* & 7pm***

'A celebration of the horn' with works by Britten, Vivaldi, Mozart played by **Richard Watkins and Friends**

**22nd May
5pm* & 7pm***

Mendelssohn, Coleridge-Taylor, & Grainger played by string players from **The English Chamber Orchestra**

with architectural talks between the musical items given by **Matthew Rice*

Further Info and Tickets:

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Seven Tuns Opening Up!



We're welcoming diners on the terrace and looking forward to serving customers inside from 17 May. In the meantime, Tom Conway opens up about his career path leading to the Tuns...



Having subjected Simon to a gruelling interrogation in the April issue, the spotlight now falls on Tom, our talented Head Chef. Born in Cambridge in 1986, Tom's

only mode of operation is full-on! Claire Watson interviews him.

Hi Tom, I hear that you inherited your love of cooking from your grandfather. Is that right?

It certainly is. My family's history on my mother's side was actually pest control. As rat catchers to the Bank of England they held all the major pest control contracts in London dating back to the 1600s! It was as a young boy when he accompanied his father to the Hyde Park Hotel that my grandfather became interested in cooking.

He was my inspiration to become a chef, it's what I wanted to do from a very young age.

He ran pheasant shoots, was very passionate about the countryside - particularly the Scottish Highlands, where he loved deer stalking. He taught me to cook, hunt and fish. All of which I still enjoy to this day.

What was your route into the business?

I first started work at a friend's restaurant in Wantage called 'Foxes' when I was 14. A husband and wife team who produced phenomenal food and service for a small

dining room of around 20 guests. Karen was a fantastic chef and I learned the basics whilst doing the washing up. After leaving college early I worked at The Bear in North Moreton, near Didcot, also run by a family friend. I was 16 and in sole charge of the kitchen. We had good reviews in the local papers and I even served 96 people a five-course Christmas

meal - single handedly, including the washing up!



In Hong Kong on his year travelling

Amazing, full-on even then! What next?

After 18 months I felt I was running out of ideas on my own, so I

went travelling with the intention of working in Australia and New Zealand. I ended up staying in Sydney for almost the entire year, working at restaurants including Manta Ray in Woolloomooloo, and The Royal Motor Yacht Club, Point Piper. I visited Hong Kong on the way out and returned via New Zealand, Fiji and LA.

Great experience, did you go straight to London when you got back?

No, I wasn't certain what to do next and I took a live-in job in Guernsey. That's where I felt my career really started, and it's also where I met my wife Kay. I was very lucky to end up at The St Pierre Park Hotel, we had a very good team and I worked in the main kitchen, where we prepared for functions and ran the Victor Hugo Restaurant. Head Chef Julian Prosser gave us total reign with no real focus on



With the team at the Victor Hugo Restaurant, Guernsey

costs!! We made our money in the huge function suites and when there was time we all went out sea fishing and lobster potting! That was more difficult than we thought, but we caught a lot of crab. Also jigging off the harbour for cuttlefish and a lot of heavy drinking! Those were the days, still keep in touch with many good friends.

So you and Kay moved to the City together?

Yes, my first job was at One Aldwych Hotel on The Strand. Again very lucky to land there when I did. After a trial at The Goring in Victoria and being told by the Head Chef I would not get more than First Commis in London with my CV and no formal qualifications, One Aldwych offered me Chef de Partie straight away. My CDP hadn't turned up on my trial - so I was left in charge of the sauce section in the restaurant of a Five Star hotel on my first day working in London!

With the team there and under the now Michelin starred chef, Tony Fleming, I learned about proper cooking. I really felt I'd cracked the system and could work anywhere I chose from then on.

Seven Tuns



Surprising his Mum and Stepfather at The Criterion, serving her table on her birthday

Was it around this time you met Simon?

Yes, after a couple of unsuccessful stints including The Petit Maison behind Claridges, I found a job at The Rosendale in West Dulwich. We prepared everything in-house from smoking our own salmon to churning our own butter. When things got tight after the recession we all moved on together to The Criterion on Piccadilly Circus. I think Simon and I knew that one day we would end up doing something together.

After a small falling out with the owners and being offered a position at Nobu, I left. I was a Commis Chef understandably as I'd had no experience with Japanese food whatsoever! But I found everything there fascinating and the whole operation was smooth, organised and run with almost military precision! I loved it, I was in my element and promoted twice to Chef de Partie within three months. By the time I left I was in a senior position and, at times,

in charge of that kitchen which was incredible.

Wow it certainly was. Where does one go after Nobu so early in your career?

Actually I really 'hit the wall' in London. I just started to feel drained and wondered why I was doing it to myself, being at home only four out of 24 hours five days a week!

On holiday in Cornwall we decided it was time to get out.

Within three months I'd found work and moved. We lived in the fishing town of Newlyn near Penzance and we still serve fish at the Seven Tuns caught on boats by friends out of Newlyn. I ran the kitchen at The Old Coastguard in Mousehole before becoming Sous Chef at The Gurnards Head in Zennor. I loved Cornwall but it didn't offer the opportunities we were looking for. So we looked at a map for somewhere central for family and full of opportunities to fulfil my dream of having my own place.

And where else but the Cotswolds?

Yes! First moving to Cheltenham and working alongside Tom Rains at The Daffodil. It really had that London vibe but without the ridiculous hours and travel time. Tom's a great chef and a fantastic manager and I learned the skills I needed to take my first proper Head Chef position, at The Potting Shed, Crudwell.

I built up a great team at The Potting Shed and felt we really put it on the map. We were taken over and were very excited with total refurb of the pub and kitchen, and



forward. They also had the hotel across the road - The Rectory. I was tasked with opening the kitchens there for its relaunch, we got Best Hotel in the South West for 2017 and great reviews in the Times and Telegraph.

It was around this time Simon contacted me enquiring about the area and looking for a site. I decided it was the right time - and definitely the right person - for us to try for something of our own to make a success of. We found The Seven Tuns and the rest is history!!

That's a fascinating journey Tom, thank you. I know you are passionate about the sustainability of our food,

particularly that of English rose veal, the male bi-product of the dairy industry.

Something that we've not had time to explore today but I'm sure readers will be interested to learn more of the Tuns' commitment to sustainability in the future.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- **Monday 17 May - Dining indoors Maximum of six people or two households of any size; groups outside of less than 30 people**
- **Monday 21 June - All restrictions (hopefully) lifted**
- **Tuesday 22 June - Business as usual**

Correct at time of going to press!

Follow The Seven Tuns on Facebook, Instagram and Next Door and sign up at www.seventuns.com to receive the latest news updates

Claire Watson



On the farm - Tom's commitment to sourcing the best local food for the Tuns runs very deep

Seasonal Wild Flowers - Bluebell



Bluebells – *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* are a member of the asparagus family. They are abundant in deciduous woodland and an indicator of ancient woods. They are also found in shady banks and hedgerows, under bracken and on unimproved grassland, particularly by the sea. Bluebells are native only to lands fringing the Atlantic, approximately half of the world's bluebells are found in the United Kingdom.

Bluebells are not mentioned in British books on herbals before 1542 even though they were certainly abundant then. William Turner in his *Names of Herbes*, published in that year refers to bluebells as “crowtoes” – a common folk name. In Shakespeare’s time, bluebells were referred to as harebells, which are paler and a more fragile and less abundant wild flower. Over

the years the names of flowers and their spellings have gone through many changes in their long history. Bluebells did not come into common usage until the Romanic poets began to celebrate the flower early in the nineteenth century. Local names for bluebells include cuckoos boots, witches thimbles, wild hyacinths and woodbells. The purity of bluebells is reflected in the saying that someone who is of great honesty and sincerity is sometimes described as “true blue”.

One of the great joys in life is to walk through a bluebell wood in April and May and see that wonderful sea of azure blue shimmering in the sun. Within the dazzling blue there may be found occasional white or soft pink bluebells. We are fortunate to have a good population of bluebells on our doorstep in Chedworth Woods. There

are many bluebell woods in the Cotswolds including Oddington Ashes, which are situated beyond St Nicholas’s Church. The picking of bluebells in moderation does

not damage the plants, it is the trampling and crushing underfoot of the leaves that damages the population, worst still is the digging of bluebells. The digging up of bluebells for any purpose is now illegal under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Companion

species include Greater Stitchwort, Lesser Celandine, Ramsons, Wild Strawberry and Wood Anemone. Traditional woods containing oak, ash and beech with hazel coppice are a good habitat for bluebells, especially where some thinning or felling has been carried out which allows in more light. John Clare in his *Shepherd’s Calendar* for February refers to where the woodmen are carrying out felling:-

*“Till startled wi the woodmans noise
It wakes from all its dreaming joys
The bluebells too that thickly bloom
Where man has never feard to come”*

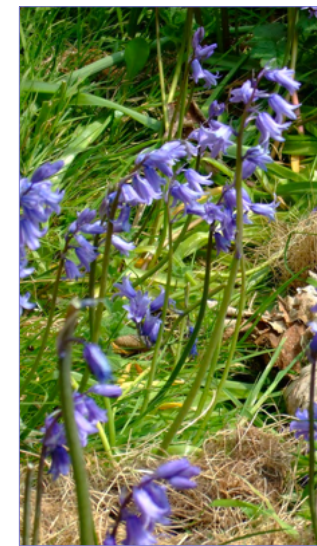
Bluebells have a distinctive soft sweet smell that attracts plenty of pollinating insects.

In the days when British archers were a mighty force in warfare, crushed bluebell bulbs made an ideal glue for fastening flights to arrows. The sap of bluebells, which contains starch, was also used to stiffen the elaborate ruffs worn by gentlefolk in Elizabethan times. In folk medicine, bluebell bulbs were used as various remedies to help stop bleeding and as a diuretic. Bluebells are toxic and contain compounds that may afford them protection against insects and animals.

The bluebell is firmly embedded in our culture and is frequently referred to in poetry and literature. The Botanical Society of the British Isles (whose symbol is the bluebell) organised a survey of pubs called the Bluebell or Blue Bell. These were mostly concentrated in the East Midlands but most have blue bells, not bluebells painted on their signs, a reflection perhaps that it is easier to paint a large blue bell than a flower? Some have both. In the village of Helpston, Northamptonshire, the birthplace of the great nineteenth century poet, John Clare, the sign outside the Blue Bell has a church

bell on one side and a bluebell on the other!

Robert Young



Thanks to the Hill and Valley

As well as keeping us all in touch with village news, views and history, The Hill & Valley has found another very valuable role – reuniting long lost family members!



Nikki Jones -1956

The village owes huge thanks to Iain and Sue Robertson, Julie Young, and to all those involved with producing The Hill and Valley, for ensuring that past editions of our parish magazine are online for all to see. This is a great asset for neighbours new to Chedworth, but it also allows others to track down those of us who have been around for a while.

In the 1950s, my cousin Sue spent happy summers staying with us on Newport Farm (now part of Manor Farm). Over the years, we lost touch, so it was a great surprise when she managed to track me down

through an online past edition of The Hill & Valley.

Fortunately, I have kept my own family name, so she managed to find a short piece I had written for The Hill and Valley in 2015, on “Pantos-Past & Present”. This recalled the production of “Aladdin” that we had put on in the old village hall, in January 1959, for the Chedworth Women’s Institute annual party, and featured a photo of the cast.

In February this year, cousin Sue contacted Iain, who kindly put the two of us in touch. Taking advantage of lockdown, like so many others, Sue and I have been tracing our family roots in Gloucestershire and Wales. So far, it has been a real voyage of discovery.

We have found an amazing variety of characters among our ancestors – including a sheep stealer deported to Australia, the son of a stone merchant robbed and fatally shot when he unwisely stepped down from a stage coach at Cleeve Hill, and an archbishop. There is still a lot more to discover.

The photos below summon up our sunny days on Newport Farm, and all the fun of the panto.

Thanks again to The Hill & Valley!
Nikki Jones



Sue - 1956

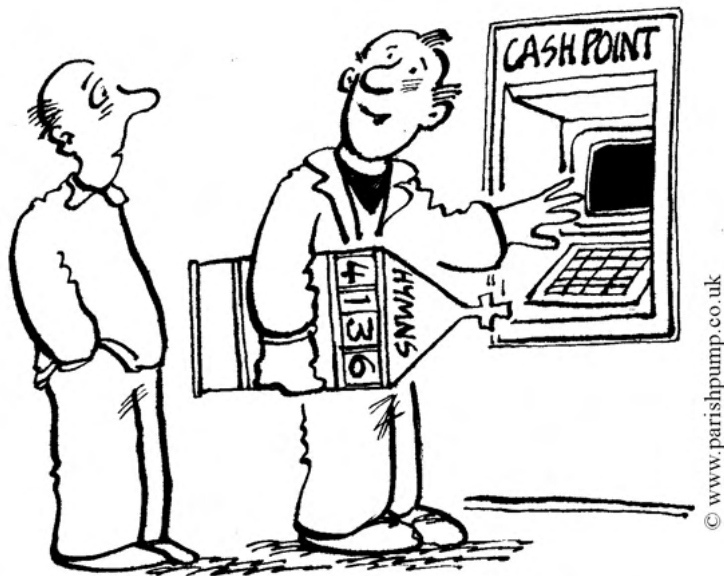


Aladdin Chedworth 9th January 1959

All in the month of May

It was:

- 200 years ago, on 5th May 1821 that Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of France (1804 – 1815) died of stomach cancer. He was in exile on the island of Saint Helena in the South Atlantic, aged 51.
- 175 years ago, on 30th May 1846 that Peter Carl Fabergé was born. This Russian goldsmith and jeweller was best known for his fabulously decorated Fabergé eggs.
- 150 years ago, on 11th May 1871 that John Herschel, British astronomer, mathematician, chemist and pioneering photographer died. Amongst other things, he named seven of Saturn’s moons and investigated colour blindness. He was also President of the Royal Astronomical Society three times.
- 100 years ago, on 3rd May 1921 that Ireland was divided into Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland (now known as the Republic of Ireland).
- Also 100 years ago, on 15th May, that the British Legion was founded.
- 90 years ago, on 1st May 1931 that the Empire State Building in New York City was officially opened.
- 80 years ago, on 1st–7th May 1941 that the German Blitz on Liverpool left nearly 3,000 dead and 70,000 homeless. Liverpool was the second most heavily targeted British city, after London.
- Also 80 years ago, on 10th May 1941 that the last major attack on London during the Blitz caused heavy damage to many important buildings, including the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, St James Palace and Lambeth Palace, several railway stations and hospitals, the British Museum and the Old Bailey. More than 1,300 people were killed on one night. At one point during the Blitz, London was bombed for 57 nights in a row.
- 75 years ago, on 11th May 1946 that the first CARE packages for Europe arrived in Le Havre to help people who were starving after WWII. The first CARE packages were actually surplus US Army rations.
- 70 years ago, on 3rd May 1951 that the Festival of Britain and the Royal Festival Hall in London were opened. The aim of the Festival was to lift the nation’s spirits by celebrating British industry, arts and science.
- Also 70 years ago, on 9th May 1951 that the Lake District National Park was established. It was Britain’s second national park.
- Also 70 years ago, on 25th May 1951 that the British spies Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean fled to Moscow. They were members of the infamous Cambridge spy ring, and their whereabouts remained unknown until 1956.
- 65 years ago, on 24th May 1956 that the first Eurovision Song Contest was held in Lugano, Switzerland. It was won by Switzerland.
- 60 years ago, on 1st May 1961 that betting away from racecourses was legalised in the UK and the first betting shops opened.
- Also 60 years ago, on 28th May 1961 that Amnesty International was founded in London.



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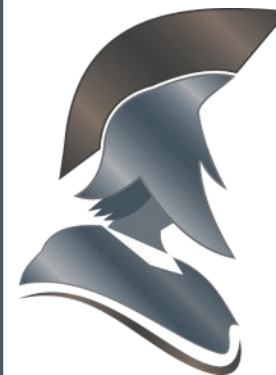
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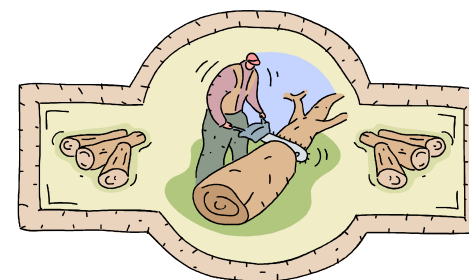
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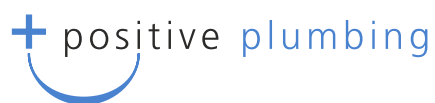
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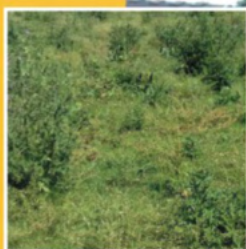
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