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Sue and Iain Robertson.
Coordinators for this edition.

Stephen's Letter

New year, new jobs, new church?

“There are many kinds of service but one Lord” 1 Corinthians 12v5

As new year begins, and we return to work, hopefully refreshed after the Christmas break and perhaps with new year resolutions in mind, we might feel enthusiastic and ready to explore new possibilities or take on new challenges.

The Christian message is that God created each one of us as a unique person, with different personalities, passions and interests – and, by God’s grace, we all have different gifts and talents. The Bible makes it clear that we should use our talents freely in roles which serve one another and the community (Romans 12v6-8).

At a time when many of us are working harder than ever, voluntary work in our village is a great way of meeting new people and learning new skills. It is also perhaps a way of using talents you don’t use at work, or using skills learnt in the workplace to benefit your village community.

Like all village organisations, the church needs volunteers to keep it running. As part of the church’s work of Gospel teaching, helping people to reflect on God and how to live life well, and being alongside people in need, we have to maintain our buildings – fine, historic buildings - and organise social, charitable and fundraising activities that support our aims.

My talents lie primarily in speaking, writing and abstract thinking - consequently, I really need people to work with me on the practical stuff, and it is encouraging for me when people come forward and exercise their talents in this way in the service of the church.

In our parishes, we have some talented and dedicated people supporting the church. However, we are looking for new people to join our parochial church council (PCC) in Chedworth, in particular, to be part of our church team, and be involved with our maintenance, fundraising and community outreach activities. This involves four meetings a year and help on specific occasions – but the more people who are involved, the easier it is for each of us.

And there are many other small tasks we’d love you to help with – church cleaning, churchyard tidying, flower arranging and many more – tasks that need not be time-consuming but would make a real difference to our church. If you would like to be involved in any way, please get in touch with me or one of the church-wardens.

With best wishes,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Sunday 5th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

10.30 Coln St Dennis Holy Communion

Sunday 12th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

9.00 Chedworth Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 Coln Rogers Holy Communion

16.00 Chedworth Tea Time Service

Sunday 19th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.00 Stowell Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 Chedworth Family Service

18.00 Coln St Dennis Evensong

Sunday 26th February – Sunday next before Lent

9.00 Yanworth Family Communion

10.30 Chedworth Holy Communion

Wednesday 1st March – Ash Wednesday

19.00 Chedworth Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

Friday 3rd March – Women's World Day of Prayer

19.30 Chedworth Women's World Day of Prayer Service

Sunday 5th March – Lent

10.30 Coln St Dennis Family Communion

Evensong at The Queen's College, Oxford

Please do join us for a visit to The Queen's College, Oxford, one of our historic patrons, for Evensong in the college chapel on Sunday 26th February.

This is an opportunity to worship God in the historic city of Oxford, and to hear a beautiful evensong setting sung by the choir of the Queen's College!

If you would like to go, please contact Robert Young on 720398.

Lent Course

Our Lent Course, this year will take place on Wednesday evenings during Lent (8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March and 5th April) at the Parish Room, Chedworth Vicarage. These meetings give us time to reflect on what God is doing in the world and in our lives – further details will be circulated soon! Meetings are informal, and everyone is warmly welcome! Refreshments provided.

Church Briefing

Lent Lunches

Our Lent Lunches will take place on Tuesdays during Lent (7th March, 14th, 21st and 28th March & 4th April) from 12 noon – 2pm. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Venues are as follows:

- March 7th – Neil & Teresa Irving, Anchor Cottage, Coln St Dennis.
- March 14th – Bryan & Sheila Bowley, Willow Bank, Chedworth
- March 21st – Sue Callard, Laines Farm, Chedworth
- March 28th – Fred & Carol Shaftoe, Camelia House, Fields Road, Chedworth
- April 4th – to be confirmed.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service takes place on Friday 3rd March at St Andrew's Church, Chedworth at 7.30pm.

Advance Notice - Mothering Sunday -

This year, Mothering Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 26th March - Family Communion at 10.30 am at

Chedworth. This is an opportunity to praise God for mothers and to pray for family life everywhere. There will be refreshments after the service.

Helpers

The church needs helpers of all sorts! See the Rector's letter. If there is any way in which you would like to help, please contact Stephen or one of the churchwardens.

From the Registers

Funerals

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

John Varney – Interment of Ashes – St Michael's Church, Yanworth – 1st February



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 Pre-School

Where fun and learning go hand in hand



The past few months have offered opportunities to celebrate lots of events and cultures. We have, for example: moulded and painted 'divas' for Divali; gone 'spotty, potty and jumptastic' for Children in Need; thought about Remembrance Day; sparkled with fireworks and taken a good look at the 'Brake' Road Safety Week; celebrated a glittery Christmas and thought about Chinese New Year.

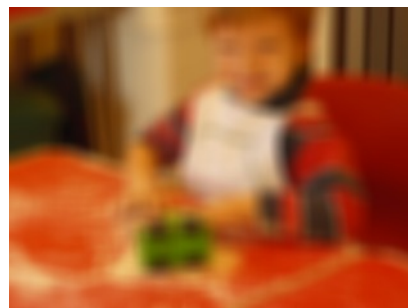
Winter Appeal!

We hugely appreciate our community support. There are some unsung people who donate their time, money and items to Pre-School. In order to make best use of the outdoors in winter, we have had a good look at some gaps in our provision.

If you are having a post Christmas clear-out, we would love to receive the following: balls to kick around (soft); an easel; natural sandpit toys; bird seed/box/feeders; a bird bath we can make safe; 2 tier greenhouse (with or without cover).

Do give us a call on 07761599915 or email

chedworthpreschool@gmail.com



Dates for your Diary

Day	Time	Event	Venue
06-Feb	19:30	Chedworth Whist Drive	Village Hall
08-Feb	10:00-12:00	Chedworth Knitters	Chedworth Farm Shop
08-Feb	19:15	WI - talk on Sue Ryder	Village Hall
10-Feb	19:30	Back Row Club "Woman in Gold"	Village Hall
11-Feb	10:30-15:30	February half-term activities (11 th -19 th)	Chedworth Roman Villa
13-Feb	19:30	Chedworth Whist Drive	Bibury Football Club
13-Feb	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
14-Feb		<i>Valentine's Day</i>	
15-Feb	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - Irving's Jolly	Village Hall
18-Feb	18:00-21:00	Chedworth Society New Year Drinks	Whitegates, Cheap Street
20-Feb	19:30	Chedworth Whist Drive	Village Hall
21-Feb	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
27-Feb	19:30	Chedworth Whist Drive	Village Hall
04-Mar	10:00-15:30	Willow Weaving Workshop	Chedworth Roman Villa
04-Mar	19:00	Race Night	Village Hall
08-Mar	10:00-12:00	Chedworth Knitters	Chedworth Farm Shop
08-Mar	19:15	WI - talk on Work of WI ACCW	Village Hall
10-Mar	19:30	Back Row Club "Bridgit Jones' Baby"	Village Hall
11-Mar	10:00-15:00	Silver Jewellery Workshop	Chedworth Roman Villa
12-Mar	10:30-12:00	Volunteering Open Morning	Chedworth Roman Villa
13-Mar	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
15-Mar	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - Garden Centre Outing to Dobbies	Village Hall
18-Mar	14:00	WI Jumble Sale	Village Hall
24-Mar	19:30	Chedworth in the Past – illustrated talk by Peter Juggins	Village Hall
25-Mar	11:00-15:30	Matronalia (Mother's Day weekend) & 26 th	Chedworth Roman Villa
26-Mar	01:00	<i>Clocks go forward one hour</i>	
26-Mar		<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	
31-Mar	19:00	Concert by "The Churchfitters"	Village Hall
09-Apr	10:00	Chedworth Roman Trail 10 mile run	Village Hall
10-Apr	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
12-Apr	10:00-12:00	Chedworth Knitters	Chedworth Farm Shop
12-Apr	19:15	WI - Quiz Night	Village Hall
14-Apr	19:30	Back Row Club "Girl on a Train"	Village Hall
16-Apr		<i>Easter Sunday</i>	

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers

Yanworth



February 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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27	28					

March 2017

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27	28	29	30	31		

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bookings@chedworthvillagehall.org.uk
www.chedworthvillagehall.org.uk



Chedworth Parish Council

News from our December and January Meetings

Parish Council to tackle overgrown verges

Following a number of complaints about the state of the verges around the village, the Parish Council has decided to take on the job of getting them cut.

The County Council has told us that it now only cuts trees which are “dead, diseased and represent an immediate highway hazard” so we are employing a contractor who will be carrying out the work sometime this month.

The Council has also contacted landowners whose trees and shrubs were encroaching on the road and we are grateful to those who have already carried out the works. We would urge everyone to make sure that anything

growing on their property is not causing a hazard.

The signs are looking good



The council has thanked Sue Callard, Paul Hodgkinson and those

responsible for arranging the new signs around the village giving directions to the Church, School and Village Hall.

Not only did they have to arrange the design and purchase of the signs but also persuade the county council to allow them to use the existing posts. Initially the highways department had refused to allow their use but thanks to Sue and Paul's perseverance they relented.

Expansion on the cards?

Chedworth Village Hall and Chedworth Pre-school have made presentations to the Parish Council at the last two meetings about proposals to expand the hall.

Problems have arisen because the use of the Games Room is limited by the presence of Pre-school and the Village Hall Committee is currently investigating ways to resolve the issue.

The Village Hall Committee also needs to provide new disabled toilets and so they have approached the Parish Council

Councillors

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

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

asking for a grant towards the works alongside a request for a commitment to provide parish land for an extension.

The Parish Council has told the village hall committee that while the council is not ruling out the possibility of agreeing to their requests, the Village Hall Committee would need to provide much more information on the proposals before they could make any firm commitment.

The Parish Council would be interested to know if villagers would be happy for a proportion of their council tax to be spent on the village hall.

Survey nearly ready

Questions for a Housing Needs Survey are being finalised and it will soon be ready to be delivered around the village.

The idea of the survey is to give the Parish Council an idea of whether there is still a need for low cost housing and what type of housing that should be – options could include rented, shared ownership with a housing association or open market low cost housing.

Alongside the housing survey the council is also asking for views on what matters are important to the village and what you think we should be spending council tax money on.

Please take time to fill out the questionnaire even if the affordable housing questions don't apply to you.

Tuns Hill works approved

Work to clear the remaining blockage in the pipe under Tuns Hill which is causing the flooding have been approved and the contractor is just waiting to be given the go ahead. The limescale which has gathered on an abandoned drain rod needs to be removed using specialist equipment and will hopefully be carried out soon.

Mobile plans still stalled

Plans for EE to create a micro network in Chedworth and solve the problem of mobile phone coverage have not moved forward.

The idea is that the mobile phone company would use the new Gigaclear broadband to avoid the need for a large mast, but the costs demanded by Gigaclear are proving too high for EE.

Ros Jess
Chairman

Chedworth Village Hall News



Improving Chedworth's Village Hall - Plans in Hand!

The Village Hall Committee, in continuing its commitment to upgrade the hall in line with current regulations as well improve the layout and equipment for users, has agreed the first phase of development, based on recommendations of Turnkey Designs Ltd feasibility study. These will include:

- The provision of better wheelchair access to toilets.
- Modifying the the current 'Doctor's Room' to give access to the chair store direct from the main hall.
- A concertina partition divider in the games room.
- A door leading directly outside from the games room.

Work to refurbish the under stage room and improve the access to it, will also be carried out this year.

The cost of this work will be covered by a combination of grants and village hall funds. Your support is sought at two fund raising events taking place this year!

- The first will be a Race Night on 4 March with a two course supper provided in the £10 ticket. Come along and have some fun supporting your village hall.
- On 9 September, the village hall will host another 'Last of the Proms', so put that in your diaries!

The Committee looks forward to seeing you at these events.

Simon Colbeck



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

POPPY APPEAL 2016



Chedworth & District Poppy Appeal Collection 2016 - summary of donations

On behalf of the Royal British Legion and our local RBL Branch may we thank everyone who kindly supported our annual Poppy Appeal during October and November.

Summary of donations for 2016

- House to house collections = £2,445.46p of which £885 qualifies for Gift Aid - a total of 57 people kindly completed gift aid forms.
- Static points collections = £481.75p – no gift aid.

Total = £2,927.21p (2015 = £2,437.61p) an increase of £489.60p.

In addition, we received the following donations -

- Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) donation = £20.
- Coln Rogers with Coln St Dennis PCC donation = £100.
- Royal British Legion Chedworth Branch = £500.

- St Andrew's Church Remembrance Service collection on 13.11.16 = £585 of which £474 qualifies for gift aid – 38 people kindly completed gift aid forms
- Poppy Wreaths donations = £170
- Additional donation = £5.00

Grand total collected this year as at 2.12.16 = £4,307.21p (2015 = £4,069.50p) an increase of £237.71p.

Gift Aid is so important to the Royal British Legion – UK tax payers can increase the value of their gifts/donations to the charity by nearly a third with Gift Aid – for every £1 given it means that the Royal British Legion can claim an extra 25 pence.

This year a total of £1,359 will be subject to Gift Aid once ratified by the RBL and HMRC = that is expected to raise an additional £339.75p so our grand total for 2016 should be in excess of £4,600 !!

Thank you once again.

David & Felicity Peake

Honorary Poppy Appeal Organisers
Chedworth & District.

Chedworth in the Past

An Illustrated talk by Peter Juggins “Chedworth in the Past”



Peter was born and bred in Chedworth and spent all his working life as a skilled stone mason. He was closely involved with many village organisations, including the Parish Council, Chedworth Trust and the Silver Band.

Friday 24th March at 7.30pm

Chedworth Village Hall

Bar opens 7.00pm

Tickets £5.00 from Sue Callard 01285 720468

Sue Sharman 01285 720408

Robert Young 01285 720398

In aid of Friends of St. Andrew's Church FoStA)

Maggie's Poem

Christmas all over

Taking down the lovely Christmas cards
To read them all again
From dear friends from far and wide
Their love and friendship will remain

The decorations also to be taken down
As Christmas has come and gone
Time it goes so quickly by
When the preparations took so long

Shops are getting prepared
Two or three months before it's time
Hoping to get their customers' trade
Before they go on line

New Year came in misty and wet
No sunshine, ice or snow
What the rest of the winter weather
brings
Until it arrives we shall not know

Some say it will be very hard
Some say it will be mild
But I remember bad snow and ice
When I was but a child

Whatever happens in the year ahead
We shall face it as it arrives
With God our maker in our lives
And New Year's resolutions revised

Maggie Scrivens

Chedworth Roman Villa Events

February half-term activities

Sat 11 - Sun 19 February, 10.30am-3.30pm

Willow weaving workshop

Sat 4 March, 10am- 3.30pm

Booking essential on 0844 2491895.

Silver jewellery workshop

Sat 11 March, 10am-3pm

Booking essential on 0844 2491895.

Volunteering open morning

Sun 12 March, 10.30am-12noon

Would you like to find out about

volunteering opportunities at
Chedworth Roman Villa? Come along
for a cuppa and chat with our team
about getting involved in National Trust
work as a volunteer at the villa.

Matronalia – Mother's Day weekend

Sat 25 - Sun 26 March, 11am-3.30pm

**Chedworth Roman Villa is currently
recruiting staff for the café – please
call 01242 890 for details.**

WI Report - December and January 2017

At the winter meeting held on December 14th our President Helen Taylor reminded us of future events and asked for volunteers for GFWI Quiz.

Sue Sharman introduced Mila Lightfoot who lives locally and the subject of her talk was 'The Edible Garden'. Mila introduced her talk with explaining she is a Master Herbalist who is passionate about the healing power of plants. Living locally, she runs a business and sells healing oils and soaps. She grows flowers and herbs organically and from these, with added natural products, she makes soap and lip balms with no preservatives, all soothing to the skin.

Mila is very talented with her knowledge and demonstrated her edible flowers on cakes which we were encouraged to taste. The nasturtiums and pansies were delicious and looked very attractive as cake decorations; her summer garden in the Coln Valley must look very pretty.

Many products were on sale and this was popular with the members. Mila was an inspiration to us with her enthusiasm on the history of the edible garden, and we wish her luck with her business:

www.edibleflowergarden.co.uk

35 members met on January 11th and were pleased to hear a Treasurer had been found so there is now a complete committee. Helen Taylor gave us notice of the Jumble Sale on Saturday March 18th and asked for helpers on that day. Discussion followed on two courses to be organized, one on Felting and one on Computers and Tablets.

Sue Nash was introduced as the speaker for the evening on Snowhill Manor. Sue is one of our members and began by joking that since she knew everyone 'please don't tell me off and tell me how good I am at the end'. A good start and she gave us a treat with lovely photographs and a very professional presentation taking us through each room of this wonderful Manor. Sue is a volunteer guide at Snowhill and her entertaining stories of the original owner, Charles Wade, his collection of artefacts and his eccentric behaviour kept us spellbound. Sue finished her talk with an explanation of what volunteers do, this includes acting as Guide for the visitors and in the winter with the Manor closed helping with the cleaning of each item, 2,000 in number. She encouraged us to visit this lovely National Trust Manor, grounds and gardens.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday February 8th at 7.15pm. The title of the talk is 'Sue Ryder'.

Sheila Bowley

Chedworth Oil Club News

Funding

We have recently supported Sue Callard's excellent initiative for improved signage around the village for the School, Church and Village Hall. The amount was £200.00 from our funds.

In December we received a cheque from Sweet Fuels for the last 6 months rebate period and this amounted to £185.78, an increase of 10% over the comparable period.

Our funds for community good causes currently stands at £374.27 with the next larger rebate due in June.

Oil Prices

With the increase in fuel costs over the last few weeks, we are back to volatility with heating oil prices. There have been some big swings between 40p and 50p a litre recently.

I have spoken with Adrian Sweet and we are always assured of being better than their normal price. There are agencies who sometimes may offer better prices on the day, depending upon whatever deals they can put together and on what route. No one supplier can be the cheapest all the time when prices are up and down day to day,

If you do find a better price than Sweet, you can always call Adrian and providing it is not a loss making price, they will be happy to match it. To remind members, especially new ones, one of the main reasons we use a regular supplier apart from the financial benefits is a guaranteed weekly delivery service and priority for deliveries in bad weather and temporary oil shortages. Both can suddenly occur during winter months.

Phillip Needham

Chedworth Oil Club

phillip.chedworthoilclub@gmail.com

01285 720995

W.I. JUMBLE SALE Saturday March 18th - 2pm At Chedworth Village Hall

Tea and Cakes
ALL WELCOME

Please bring your sale items to the Village Hall from 10.30 am. Good quality items needed.



Chedworth Society

At the AGM in April 2016 a new committee was elected as follows:

Chairman.	Martin Harrison
Vice Chairman	Mark Aveline
Secretary	Dave Whittles
Treasurer	Ian Morgan
Committee member	Jan Harrison

Robert Young then gave a fascinating talk on the history of farming in the Cotswolds.

Society Review

The new Committee's first task was to listen to the views of the membership expressed in the last survey. The most important issues were:

- Scrutiny of planning applications.
- Amenity enhancement.
- Contribution to local plans.

The committee has concentrated on the planning applications and now has a new planning sub-committee comprising Jan Harrison, Mark Aveline and Dave Whittles which comments in detail on non-routine planning applications. They also track the applications to ensure that changes are investigated and commented upon; these changes are often not directly communicated to interested parties by Cotswold District Council (CDC).

The chairman has recently met CDC's senior planning officer to build a rapport and also established that the

Chedworth Conservation Area Statement is still a valid document at CDC. It was prepared by CDC in close collaboration with Chedworth Parish Council and The Chedworth Society. It was adopted by CDC as supplementary planning guidance on 28 May 1998.

The main amenity enhancement project over recent years was the waterwheel between the Manor House and the Seven Tuns. Regrettably this project had to be shelved as the maintenance costs would have been unaffordable even if a mechanical solution had been realised. The Society has reached agreement with Tim Hamilton, the landowner, that he will accommodate or remove it as he sees fit.

Other than planning issues, the Society:

- Paid for the Gigaclear connection to the Village Hall.
- Made a donation for the EU referendum debate.
- Made a donation for the Chedworth Show.

Acted as the Bank of Chedworth for the Chedworth Show by facilitating payments and production of invoices.

These donations and funding support are examples of ways in which the Society has been using its position to facilitate provision of amenities in Chedworth. We hope to develop this aspect of our work.

Events

A garden party was held at the Musgrave's house on 2 July and all had a very enjoyable afternoon and evening. The next event will be a drinks party on Saturday 18 February at Whitegates. Catering by Claire Booth ensures fine food, from 6 to 9 PM – further details will be published on the web site, Chedworth Chatter and the Chedworth Facebook page.

The Society's Roots

The Society was founded in 1969 out of concern that the pressures and demands of modern living could result in a gradual loss of Chedworth's natural, architectural and social charms. With current living in the digital age exerting far more pressures than in 1969 there is even more concern that Chedworth could be adversely changed by poorly planned development. It will become even more important for members to support the activities of the Society so that the Committee knows it has the backing of the membership when we

have to state our views in the public arena.

Membership

Subscriptions are due for January 2017 and new members are very welcome.

- Individual Membership £4.00
- Household Membership £5.00

We offer members several ways to submit their subscription:

- Annual Standing Order
- Direct Online Bank Transfer

Our bank details are as follows: HSBC sort code 60-03-27, account number 78137284.

There will be a PayPal facility on our website:

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

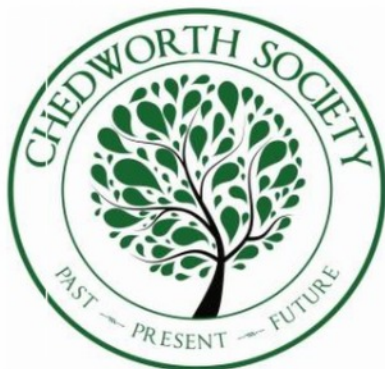
It costs about £0.50 to process the payment, so a contribution to this cost is much appreciated.

You can of course pay in person to any member of the committee.

Martin Harrison, Chairman.



**CHEDWORTH
SOCIETY
NEW YEAR
DRINKS**



Saturday, February 18th, 2017

6 PM to 9 PM

WHITEGATES

CHEAP STREET, CHEDWORTH

£12 per head to members

£16 per head to non-members*

***(includes a year's membership of the Chedworth Society)**

Wine, soft drinks and buffet by

Claire Booth Cooks

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

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

call 01285 720922

Chedworth Cricket Club

Chedworth CC Hoping for New Ground Covers

As we look forward to the start of the new cricket season, we have applied to the Gloucestershire County Board for a grant towards new mobile ground covers. The Board offer cricket clubs within the county the opportunity to apply for a grant under the Small Grant Scheme, which is designed to provide financial assistance for improving facilities. There has been a strong initiative from the ECB (England and Wales Cricket Board) to “get the game on” when clubs are faced with inclement weather, which is not uncommon in our English summers!

If we are successful in our application for the covers, it will mean that we have a much better chance to protect the pitch and parts of the square when the weather is against us. This also gives us more flexibility in finishing a shortened game in showery weather. We should know the result of the Board’s decision by the end of February.

We held our Winter Social at the Seven Tuns on December 10th, which was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

During our AGM on January 12th, members looked back on a good year for Chedworth Cricket Club. Looking forward to the coming season is an exciting prospect, when we compete in a higher league. We have plans to

improve the ground facilities and to promote more social cricket with family games on a Sunday whilst also increasing our mid week fixtures.

We have a new Club Captain for the 2017 season. Jamie Lait takes over the leadership of the league team from Chris Heaps. We are very grateful to Chris for leading the team to promotion last season both on and off the field. Jamie will have the full support of the players and membership to maintain our success in the season ahead. Oliver Lockey will continue as Vice Captain.

As I look out of the window on a cold January morning, summer seems some way off. However, we are now closer to the approaching season than we are to the last one!

Clive Poulton, Chairman
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clive@clivepoulton.co.uk



Elderberries

In November we were due to welcome a guest from Wiltshire Farm Foods who was providing samples for us to taste. However due to last minute illness they could not come and instead we had a game session.

In December we had a very enjoyable Christmas Lunch with all the traditional trimmings at Dobbies. After we had eaten more than we should have we enjoyed a pleasurable walk around the store and its numerous outlets.

Our January meeting was an informal get together and in February we are looking forward to Neil & Teresa Irvine leading a musical afternoon.

We offer a very warm welcome to anyone over the age of 60 to join us on the third Wednesday of every month starting at 2.30 pm. If you would like to know more please ring Helen Taylor on 720702 or Carol on 720074.

Fred Shaftoe



You don't have to be dramatic!

Chedworth Drama will need plenty of backstage help for its June 2017 open-air Shakespeare production. The Group has thrived on local support for 17 years and continues to forge ahead. Anyone who enjoyed the 2015 production of A Midsummer Night's Dream will tell you what an exciting occasion it was. So, keep an eye out for details of this year's production of **The**

Merchant of Venice which will take place in the grounds of Chedworth Manor from **20 to 24 June**.

Fancy being part of the fun? Contact - Sue Sharman – 720408 (suesharman50@hotmail.com) or Martin Abbott – 831101 (ma@fourgeese.com).

Fancy the part of a stage extra? Contact Ross Aldridge - 831779 (raldridge@ra-sol.com).

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Chedworth Knitters



We are an informal group which meets at the Chedworth Farm Shop on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon for a communal knit, coffee and chatter.

We have been busy over the past few months and are just about to put

together two more blankets made up from knitted squares. Our first two blankets were given to the charity helping Syrian refugees coming to Gloucestershire. We have made numerous beanie hats for the homeless and muffs for people with special needs.

Come and join us! You are welcome to bring your own knitting project or help with one of our projects for charity. Any spare double knitting wool would be gratefully received. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 8th February** from 10 am - 12 noon at Chedworth Farm Shop.

Contact Helen Taylor on 01285 720702 for further information.

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Here is some information about a transport scheme in the West Cotswold area called Parish lift. Providing a helping hand in the community, Parish Lift is a new online car sharing service available for communities across the West Cotswolds. Residents register their trip and a match is found for people heading in the same direction, at similar times, on a particular day, whether a passenger or driver. Head over to the site at parish.liftshare.com with its helpline 01452 835675. I think that not everyone has access to a computer and this may disadvantage anyone who has the most need for this kind of service in the future.

Best wishes for 2017.

Cynthia Laird

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Hill and Valley Tennis Club



Picture from December 2016

Chairman's note

On New Year's Day I reviewed my diary for last year and to my amazement I found that I had played tennis, somewhere, every week in 2016 bar one, my ski holiday! Something I shall find difficult to repeat this year I feel.

Now, of course, I am looking forward to the new season and getting back on court to reducing that extra inch I put on at Christmas!

So, like me, you are probably waiting for the weather to improve. I hope that we can meet on court, Sunday mornings, but also Monday evenings which have seen a marked drop in men playing.

Where are you? Get your rackets out and turn up. Our Newsletter is coming

out soon so please take some time to read it.

Graham Stock
Chairman

Membership

Although we are still deep in winter it will not be long before our new membership year starts in March and hopefully soon after early signs of spring appearing. Members will soon receive the Annual Newsletter together with a request to pay the membership fees for 2017. We have been pleased to maintain the fees at their current low levels with individual membership only £63 and family membership just £138 and junior rates as well.

Visitors Welcome

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

Club Coaching

Adult and Junior coaching has been on hold for two months while the frost and ice has covered our courts. However, the days are starting to get longer and as the weather is improving we hope to started after half term. Although the hardy ones may already be out there now! You can still contact the coaches for private coaching provided the weather allows us and the courts are frost & ice free. Contact Hilary Swan on 01242-890213 and David Ayala on 01242-460243 / 07487-714689.

Otherwise go to the Chedworth Tennis Academy website

<http://www.chedworthtennisacademy.co.uk/home.html>

Winter League

We have completed 6 matches so far, winning five and losing one. At the end of December we were sitting top of our division with Painswick very close on our heels. We have four further matches to play, with one of those already being a rearranged match due to heavy rain. All matches are played on a Sunday and the format is one ladies/mens doubles and one mixed doubles per pair. If you are interested in playing, then please let me Allison Stock know on 01451 860903 or allisonstock@aol.com

Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tournament

I know it's maybe a bit early to be thinking about this, but some of you might want to plan your holidays around this year's date and the important information you need is that the tournament is on Saturday 10th June 2017. Let's hope for some dry weather!



Chedworth Silver Band

Chedworth Silver Band would like to thank everyone who supported the Band over the Christmas period, the refreshments on Boxing Day were particularly welcome.

In addition to playing around local Pubs from Dowdeswell to Burford and Aldsworth to Down Ampney during a period of awful weather with thick fog during which they found some pubs completely empty, the Band played for a Christmas Concert at Bourton-on-the Water which raised £752 for CLIC Sargent, the children's cancer charity.

The Band is currently seeking additional players especially Cornet Players. The Band is planning a concert at Purton in the April Easter period and is looking to repeat the concert at a second venue as

they did with Purton Memorial Hall and Guiting Festival last year.

For details of the Band please see
www.chedworthsilverband.co.uk
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Phone 01285 720313

David Broad

Some of the Band's members were photographed by Pauline Jewell as they enjoyed a glass of “Fruit Juice” at Frank and Maggie Scriven’s house on Boxing Day.



Gardening Tips for February

Your Gardening Tips for February 2017

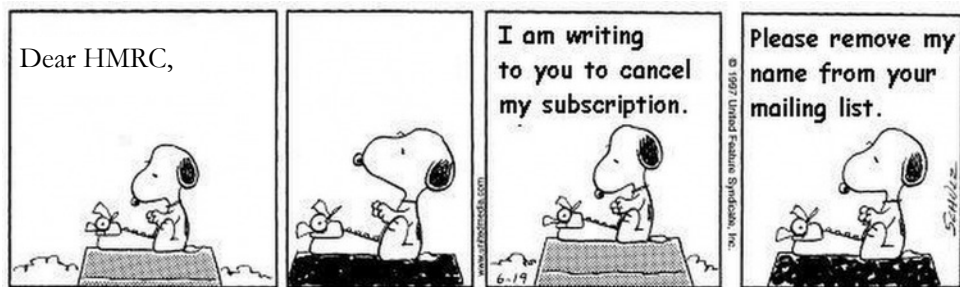
The winter has been surprising dry, although by the time you read this it may be a lot wetter.

- Chit potato tubers. A trip down to Dundry Nurseries near Staverton is a good option if you want choice and good advice about varieties.
- Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover or in a green house.
- Continue to protect vulnerable pot plants, keeping pots raised off the ground. Once the warmer weather arrives replace the top layer of soil with fresh compost.
- Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green', if they have not already gone over!
- Lighter soils can be mulched after careful weeding

- Improve the drainage of heavy soils by working in coarse gravel as well as organic matter.
- Dahlia tubers stored over winter can be potted out in a frost free space. Plant out after the last frost.
- Protect from slugs and snails, delphinium, hosta and lily shoots before they appear.
- Water houseplants sparingly until they come onto growth and beware leaving them on a cold windowsill behind the curtain.
- Continue to prune roses as required, and cut late summer and autumn flowering clematis down to 12 inches above ground.

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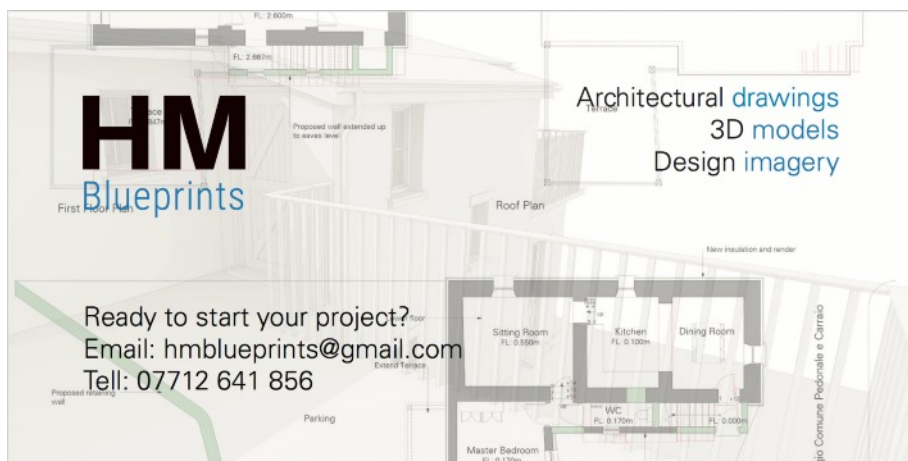
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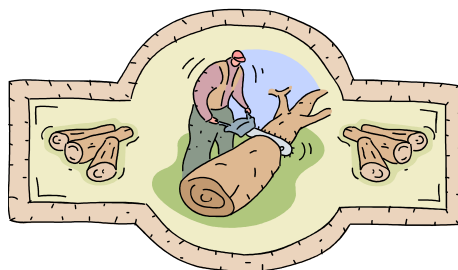
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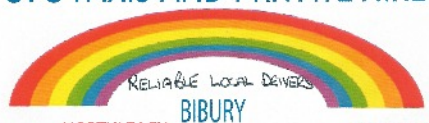
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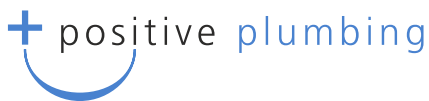
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