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**The Chedworth Express
passing Windsor Cottage**



Simon Colbeck. Coordinator for the March Edition.

Stephen's Letter

I've been expecting you

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil – Matt 4v1

During the season of Lent, Christians remember how Jesus was tempted in the desert before the start of his ministry and how, with God's strength, he resisted temptation and survived his confrontation with the devil. If we read St Matthew's account of Jesus' temptation, we will see that Jesus was tempted in various different ways – and that he resisted these temptations. He came face to face with the evil one in a way that many of us have not and – crucially– he recognised the devil and his temptations for what they were – destructive lies!

If we want to live a good life that honours God, we too must resist temptation. But the question for us this Lent is: how can we recognise temptation when we see it in our lives? For many of us in the developed world, we live in a place of comfort, complacency and rampant materialism – and yet with increasingly fewer moral landmarks and comfortable certainties. There are many ways we can take it easy in life, and there is no motivation to do anything the hard way.

So how can we know when we are being confronted with real spiritual temptation in our world? The clue is

there in Jesus' confrontation with the Devil. If we believe that we can be self-sufficient, that we can always put ourselves first at the cost of others, that we can be invincible through whatever power we can wield – then we are deceiving ourselves, because this is not how it really is in the world that God has created and redeemed - and will ultimately judge.

Satan lied to Jesus – and that is why, elsewhere, Jesus calls Satan the father of lies (John 8v44). But Jesus saw through the lies in his world – and we must learn to see through the lies in ours. Temptation for us might be to do something we shouldn't – or perhaps to not do something that we should. But, either way, it will involve giving in to a dangerous delusion.

And, while we might not have a Bond villain-style confrontation with Satan as Jesus did, we should be expecting that impostor, temptation, at any time and in any place in our flawed and fallen world. And it matters that we win against him in our lives. The first part of resisting temptation is to be alert



and discerning when temptation comes to call – and, thankfully, with God’s help through the Holy Spirit, we can be ready, if we pray regularly and reflect carefully on the complexities of our world.

May I wish you all a wise, discerning, holy – and victorious! – Lent.

With best wishes,

Stephen

Church Briefing

Services for March 2017

Sunday 5th March – Lent 1

Family Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 12th March – Lent 2

Holy Communion (BCP)

9 am - Chedworth

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln Rogers

Tea Time Service

4 pm – Chedworth

(with Cirencester Baptist Church band)

Sunday 19th March – Lent 3

Holy Communion (BCP)

9 am - Stowell

School Family Service

10.30 am - Chedworth

Evensong

6 pm – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 26th March – Lent 4

Mothering Sunday Family Communion

10.30 am - Chedworth

Sunday 2nd April – Lent 5

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln Rogers

Evensong

6 pm – Coln St Dennis

Church Briefing

Womens' World Day of Prayer Service

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

Tea Time Service – Sunday 12th March

At the **Tea Time Service** on **Sunday 12th March**, we will be joined by the band from **Cirencester Baptist Church!** There will be an opportunity for children and young people to jam with the band at the service – if you would like to be involved, please contact Rev'd Stephen on 720392, and let him know what instrument you play.

Lent Course

Our **Lent Course** this year is entitled *The Wounded Healer* and focuses on the suffering of Jesus and what it means for us and our Christian lives. It will be held at the Vicarage on **Wednesday** evenings during Lent at **7.30 pm – 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th March**, and **5th April**. Everyone welcome.

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 - Alexander & Alice George, Church Farm, Yanworth

Proceeds this year will be towards the work of the **Cirencester Food Bank**. Please give generously.

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.

From the Registers

Baptisms

"You are all children of the light and children of the day". 1 Thessalonians 5v5

Esmae Sharman - St Andrew's Church, Chedworth - 19th February

Interment of Cremated Remains

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

John Varney - St Michael's, 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

Dates for your Diary

Day	Time	Event	Venue
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 ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World)	Village Hall
10-Mar	19:30	Back Row Club "Bridgit Jones's Baby"	Village Hall
11-Mar	10:00-15:00	Silver Jewellery Workshop	Chedworth Roman Villa
12-Mar	10:00-12:00	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	Village Hall / Dobbies
18-Mar	14:00	WI Jumble Sale	Village Hall
20-Mar	19:30	Annual Parish Council Meeting including Charity Reports	Village Hall
21-Mar	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
24-Mar	19:30	Chedworth in the Past – illustrated talk by Peter Juggins	Village Hall
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
08-Apr	10:00	Church Spring Clean	St Andrew's Church
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>	
18-Apr	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
19-Apr	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - AGM	Village Hall
08-May	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
10-May	10:00-12:00	Chedworth Knitters	Chedworth Farm Shop
10-May	19:15	WI - discussion about WI Resolutions	Village Hall
12-May	19:30	Back Row Club "Eye in the Sky"	Village Hall
16-May	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
17-May	14:30-16:30	Elderberries - 60th Birthday & Elderberries 2nd Birthday	Village Hall
20-May	19:30	Concert by Chedworth Singers	Village Hall

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers

East of the Fosseway

March 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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Another busy month in the life of St Andrew's! Here is just a flavour:

Our school value this Term has been Courage

We have been exploring Bible stories and other text on the themes of 'Facing our Fears', 'Doing the right thing, not the easy thing' and Giving others courage. We have realised that having courage doesn't take the worry and fear away. But we realise that when we face our fears and remember that others are there to support us and help us through, good things are often on the other side.

Courage doesn't mean
you don't get afraid.
Courage means you
don't let fear stop you.

- Bethany Hamilton

Celebrating our children

Each Friday morning is the highlight of our week as we celebrate the ongoing achievements of the children. It was

lovely to welcome so many parents to the school once again this month as well as seven W.I. members who also joined us for coffee from 8.30am. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear a little of what the children have done as a few individuals share pieces of work they are particularly proud of. Please do drop in on the final Friday morning of each term if you would like to have a glimpse of school life. Open to you all.

We like to provide the children with as many opportunities as we can to excel and demonstrate their love of learning through whichever means they choose. Our homework projects give them this platform: The children's spectacular topic homework projects are put on display during the last week of term. Such attention to detail is given to making these projects so fantastic; a real celebration of the children's learning through the term.



Here are just a few of them:

Sports News

Football Festival

11 of our Year 5s and 6s pulled on their boots to represent St Andrew's at the Cirencester Football Festival in late January and the 11 came away as



WINNERS. Having beaten the likes of Powell's and Cirencester Primary thanks to goals from Charlie and George Quli, St Andrew's finished the tournament with three wins and a draw from four matches. Team-work, positive attitudes, stout defending and some superb goalkeeping from Troy helped keep four clean sheets. Well done, everyone!

North Cotswold Cross Country Run

On Wednesday 8th February, 10 courageous runners braved the cold to face the annual event, held at Moreton Fire College. After fantastic performances all round,



George and Olivia both qualified to the Gloucestershire county squad; a truly marvellous result! It is a daunting event, with over 170 boys and 120 girls competing, so all participants deserve a huge 'well done'. Great job, George, Olivia, Arthur,

Henry, Lulu, Troy, Jasmine, Edward, Charlie and Jake!



All the very best from a busy, vibrant and successful St Andrew's!

Mrs A Fitch and the staff team



Spring has sprung at Chedworth Pre-School. The children have taken part in the RSPB Big Birdwatch. You may have noticed our bird feeders in the adventure playground, where we have spotted robins, blackbirds, chaffinches, blue tits and sparrows. When we stretch our legs and run across the field to play 'what's the time Mr. Wolf?' we have also spied rooks and crows circling the sky. We love looking after our feathered friends.

Would you like to find out more about Pre-School?
We welcome children from 2 years old to school age.
Open 8:20-14:45 Monday to Friday.

If you are interested in Pre-School and would like to visit please get in touch with our manager, Ione McMahon,
on 07761599915
or chedworthpreschool@gmail.com,
www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk



Chedworth Parish Council

News from our February Meeting

It's not all about the housing



The Parish Council needs a few minutes of your time to help us find out if there is still a need for affordable housing in Chedworth.

We have compiled a new survey, included with this edition of the Hill and Valley, which also includes questions on what you think our priorities should be.

Please take the time to fill out and return the form - even if you don't have a housing need, your views on what is important to you in the village will help us when making decisions on what we should do and how we should spend your money.

Councillors

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

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

The subject of building new housing in the village always sparks strong feelings and it is important for the Parish Council to have firm facts about exactly what the need is to help us make decisions when any opportunity comes forward.

If you don't receive your copy of the survey please contact a member of the council or clerk.

Drop in session proved useful

The Drop-in session which the Parish Council organised so that villagers could meet representatives from Thames Water, the police, the Ambulance service and our county councillor proved valuable for all concerned.

A steady stream of villagers learnt about crime prevention and first aid while Thames Water were given plenty of feedback about what impact the water shortages had on the village.

Parish Councillors were also given plenty of helpful advice by the ambulance trust who had lots of potentially life-saving information to pass on. Their top tips were:-

-  Know your numbers. To make sure that the ambulance can find you as fast as possible you should be able to tell them your grid reference when you call. Many years

Chedworth Parish Council

ago the Parish Council provided these to every house in the village and some people may still have those, but if you haven't it's now easy to find your own by visiting <https://gridreferencefinder.com> or using one of the apps which are available for mobile phones. The reference will look like this one which is for the Village Hall: SP 05357 11406. Just make a note of it by your phone so that it's always to hand. If you need help to find out your grid reference then please contact any of the councillors.

2.



Let there be light. If you need the ambula

nance in the dark you will make it easier for them to find you if you open all your curtains and switch on all the lights in the house. It will be simple to spot you if your house is lit up like a beacon.

3.



Remember the defibs. There are three defibrillators in the village and following advice from the

Ambulance Trust the Parish Council is making the defibrillators easily accessible. The access code (C123X), which previously needed

to be obtained from ambulance service, is now written on the boxes holding the defibrillator.

At Last!

The Parish Council is finally back to full strength. George Broad has joined us having put himself forward for election to fill the vacancy left by Adrian Bell who resigned in May last year. George, who is studying for a BSc Hons in applied computing, first stood for the council at the election in 2015 and has already been earmarked to take responsibility for helping with the council's web site and other tech issues. George was elected unopposed.

Annual date

The annual Parish Council meeting, when the council gives a report of the past year and the various village charities give an update on their finances, takes place at 7.30pm in Chedworth Village Hall on 20th March. The regular March meeting will take place on 13th March.

Ros Jess

RACE NIGHT

A Night At The Races



£2 per Horse to Win!

Saturday 4th March 2017, 7pm
Chedworth Village Hall

**Tickets £10 in advance,
by 1st March
Includes Two Course
Supper**

Bar open all evening

**Late arrivals free to join for
the racing only**

**Information/tickets Simon Colbeck
(720146/simoncolbeck@msn.com)
Tickets from Julie Young (702398),
Val Loveday (720899), Ione
McMahon (07761 599915)**

**Raising money for better
disabled facilities in the
Village Hall.**



An Illustrated talk by Peter Jiggins “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)

CHEDWORTH VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH at 8pm

Come and witness the fun and energy of this amazing band playing a wide variety of instruments many of which are home-made!

**Tickets £8 in advance for reserved seating area from Simon Colbeck (simoncolbeck@msn.com Tel: 720146) or on the door.
BAR OPEN AT 7PM.**

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Dave Pegg, Fairport Convention

St Andrews Church Spring Clean



It's Spring again ...

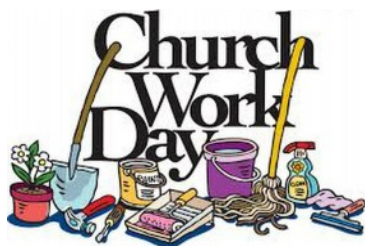
Time to Clean Up on Earth

Do please come and lend a hand.

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

Saturday 8th April starting at 10:00am

Coffee, Tea and Biscuits provided.
Bring your own energy and tools



Back Row Club

10th March 2017 7.30 pm

Chedworth Village Hall

Doors and Bar open 7.00 pm.

Half time choc ices as usual!

Caption Competition

Email your caption to :

simoncolbeck@msn.com

Sender with the best caption received by 25th March will be rewarded with a surprise present.



Gardening Tips for March

Let's hope that the spring brings some sunny dry Weather. We have had a good showing of snowdrops and aconites. Now it is time for the tulips the brighten the garden

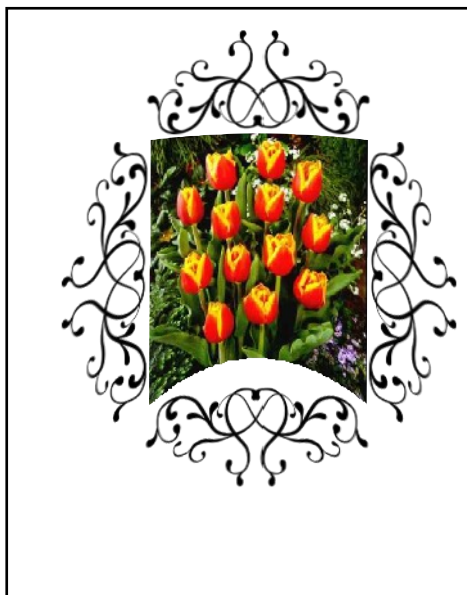
- Plant shallots, onions and early potatoes, if the ground is not too soggy
- Start brassicas and lettuces off in doors
- Plant summer flowering bulbs and sow sweet peas outside.
- Lift and divide overgrown lumps of perennials. Divide hostas.
- If not already done, cut summer and autumn flowering clematis back to lowest pair of strong buds above ground level.
- Prune back Cornus (Dogwood) and Salix (Willow) to two buds above ground level, and mulch to get a good showing of winter stems.
- Prune winter flowering Jasmine, once flowers have faded, then feed and mulch.
- Feed roses as they come into growth. This the best month for planting roses in heavy soils or cold areas. Prune bush and climbing roses.
- Top up pots and tubs with John Innes Compost. Remove some of the old compost if there is no room to top up.
- Remember to put in place any supports needed for tall border plants

now to allow the plants to grow through them.

- Feed shrubs, hedges and especially newly planted trees with a balanced fertiliser such as Growmore or Blood Fish & Bone.
- Late March is the time to apply a high nitrogen fertilizer to your lawn, after raking out the dead grass and moss.
- This is a good month to sow an annual wild flower meadow or border.

Simon Colbeck

Chairman Chedworth & District
HORTSOC



Maggie's Poem

The Valentine Gnome

Was sent a little poem
About a garden gnome
Was put there with his shining face
With no legs he couldn't roam

So had to sit where he was put
In among the flowers
He hadn't got a partner
So used his magic powers

People came to look at him
He turned on all his charm
Until someone came and picked him up
And held him on their arm

This little chap can't be alone
Another I must find
So brought along a pretty wife
That's what he had in mind

They now are a very happy pair
No more be on his own
Being in this lovely garden
Has no more urge to roam

Maggie Scrivens



GWSR Volunteer Weekend

The Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway is one of the major tourist attractions in the Cotswolds with over 100,000 visitors in 2016. Uniquely it is run almost entirely by volunteers.

To help us achieve our ambitions and operate an extended railway from Broadway in 2018, we need more volunteers.



Over the weekend of 1st and 2nd April 2017 we are holding a

Volunteer Recruitment Fair at The Railway Station, Toddington, GL54 5DT. This is an opportunity to see behind the scenes, find out where you could be volunteering and why volunteering with us is so special.

For more information and to pre-register your interest please visit www.gwsr.com or call 01242 621405.

Philip Young
Recruitment Director
Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway Trust.

The Meeting on February 8th was well attended with over 40 Members including 3 visitors who enjoyed the evening.

Discussion in the first half was on future events. March 18th is the Jumble Sale, jumble to be brought to the village hall from 10.30am, sale to start at 2pm with Tea and Cakes.

The August 9th Outing will be to The Royal Mint in Cardiff, this is proving popular and there are many names on the list.

The Group Meeting of local WIs will be held on May 24th with us in the Village hall at 7.15pm with a Chocolatier as speaker and demonstrator, this will be a fun evening with a supper from our WI Kitchen.

The speaker for the evening was Alysia Cameron- Price from the fund raising team at Sue Ryder Hospice in Leckhampton.

Her excellent talk took us through the early life of Sue Ryder who was an S.O.E (Special Operations Executive) during the war and worked with Agents from Poland, with this work she travelled to Warsaw and Krakow. After the war in 1953 she established Sue Ryder Foundation, now known as Sue Ryder.

Her first Home was at Cavendish, Suffolk and it followed her relief work in Europe after the war, it was opened as a Home for concentration camp survivors and later to provide nursing care for cancer patients.

Sue Ryder had a simple ethos, “Do what you can for the person in front of you” and she called the homes SOS areas.

Gloucestershire was one area in need and a ruined Manor House near Cheltenham was acquired and rebuilt as Leckhampton Court Hospice.

In 2017 there are 7 Hospices and 5 Neurological Care Centres in the UK. Money is raised by the many shops, Legacy giving, Lottery giving, “Bike Ride for Ryder” and a Winter Ball. We were shown a charming video of a large Cake Sale which raised hundreds of pounds, this was filmed by a Patient’s Son who wished to give back his support for the loving care his Mother had been given.

Alysia surprised everyone with details of Services within the Hospice, these include Chaplain care, trips to Concerts e.g. The Albert Hall, Consultant Medical care, encouraging sleep overs for friends and family, and making pets welcome.

It is OPEN ALL HOURS and with a Day Hospice, Leckhampton Court is an

amazing place helping Patients to understand and live with their problems.

Alysia's talk proved that there is a positive approach to Cancer Care in our locality at Sue Ryder in Leckhampton.

Our next Meeting is on Wednesday March 8th at 7.15pm in Chedworth Village Hall. The talk is by Janice Cole on the work of WI A.C.W.W (Associated Country Women of the World).

Carol Bailey

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 Roman Villa

Willow weaving workshop

Sat 4 March, 10 am-3.30 pm. Booking essential on 0344 2491895.

Silver jewellery workshop

Sat 11 March, 10 am-3 pm. Booking essential on 0344 2491895.

Volunteering open morning

Sun 12 March, 10.30 am-12 noon.
Come along for a cuppa and chat with our team about getting involved in National Trust work as a volunteer at the villa.

Matronalia – Roman Mother’s Day weekend

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

Easter activities

Sat 8 – Thu 13 April and

Tue 18 -Sun 23 Apr, 10.30 am-4 pm

Did Romans celebrate Easter? One way to find out is by completing a seasonal trail at the Roman Villa.

Recruiting

We are recruiting for paid positions at the reception, café, gift-shop and for conservation at Chedworth Roman Villa. Please visit National Trust jobs website for details or give us a ring to find out more.



“Why do people say ‘you are as young as you feel’?”

I am only 50 and I feel like this already!”

Chedworth Cricket Club

Chedworth CC Awarded a Grant

It is with great pleasure and also gratitude that I am able to report that we have been awarded a grant from the England and Wales Cricket Trust (EWCT). As reported in the February edition of the Hill and Valley, we had made an application, under the Small Grant Scheme, to raise the necessary funds to purchase new mobile ground covers for our ground at Beech Walk. We have received confirmation from the EWCT that they will contribute 76% towards the cost. The Club will meet the remainder of the cost from our funds as the “partner contribution”.

The suppliers of the mobile ground covers have confirmed that they are able to deliver the equipment before the start on the forthcoming season. So, this will definitely help us to “get the game on” when faced with inclement summer weather!

The forthcoming season will start at the end of April, with the regular friendly fixture with Stowell Park. Our first game in the league will be played on the first Saturday in May. This may seem a little way off at the moment but preparations will be

starting shortly to ensure that the ground, playing surface and pavilion are ready in good time.

If you would like to be part of the Club as a player or helper, do please get in touch. We want to arrange more social cricket and events this summer for families to enjoy, so we hope that as many as possible will come and take part. More details will follow in further editions of Hill and Valley.

Clive Poulton, Chairman

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Hill and Valley Tennis Club

Chairman's note

The new tennis season has just begun. "What!" I hear you say? Yes, the days are getting longer and the temperature is starting to rise and I am seeing more of you on court, especially Sunday mornings, but also Monday evenings. Dust off that racket and turn up. Our Newsletter is out and it has instructions on how to pay your new membership. Passwords and gate codes will change very soon so don't get left behind.

Graham Stock
(Chairman)

Club Coaching

Adult and Junior coaching is or has begun now that half term is passed and the weather is improving. Please contact the coaches for private coaching and booking onto courses. Contact Hilary Swan on 01242-890213 and David Ayala on 01242-460243 / 07487-714689.

Otherwise go to the Chedworth Tennis Academy website
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Winter League

We have completed 8 matches. Seven wins and only one loss with two rearranged matches to play this month. All matches are played on a Sunday and the format is one ladies/mens doubles and one mixed doubles per pair.

Summer League

We have signed up 1 Mens team and 2 Ladies teams for this coming summer. Match dates are being arranged at this moment. 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!

Membership

Dear Member,

Thank you for paying your 2017 membership and any 2016 visitors fees so speedily. We will be changing the gate code and the password for the court booking system in March and I will email the details to you just beforehand.

I hope you have a most enjoyable tennis season.

Best wishes

Fred Shaftoe
Membership Secretary

Elderberries



Our January meeting was an informal get together centred on a General Knowledge Quiz which included a lot of questions relating to the 1950's. It proved our memories and brain power are still in excellent shape.

At our February meeting we were pleased to welcome a group from Chedworth Singers. They sang a medley of traditional tunes some more serious like Be Still My Soul and The Ash Grove; many more were more boisterous which we all enjoyed singing. They included favourites such as We're Forever Blowing, Bubbles, When I'm 64

(if only!) and The Jolly Swagman. We really enjoyed the whole afternoon.

Next month we are off to Dobbies Garden Centre for tea and cake and a browse around the numerous outlet stores and with Spring not far away perhaps also a good look at the plants.

As always 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 2.30pm.

If you would like to know more please ring Helen Taylor on 720702 or Carol Shaftoe on 720074.

Yoga Classes

GENTLE YOGA CLASSES at COLN VALLEY

by Anne Sutherland

Over the last few years I have recommenced teaching yoga in the Cotswolds area. Perhaps because I was brought up on a farm in New Zealand, I feel at home in the countryside here and have enjoyed living in Gloucestershire for several years. In 2015 I started some yoga classes in the Coln Valley Village Hall and we delight in experiencing the daily rhythm of rural life...the horses being exercised, swans on the river, the odd fox running along a fence-line, the sheep eagerly awaiting their winter feed, mist lifting and snowy egrets delicately exploring...totally stunning! All happening while we work through our yoga programme in the cosy warmth of the hall. A total privilege to live in this part of the world!

As a teacher I have observed the need for a gentler pace as our bodies mature. Most people are working with something...whether a fracture or two, injury, back or neck trouble, surgery or some kind of medical history. Even younger ones today are challenged by restrictions in muscles due to lifestyle factors. Add to this the numerous mental stresses of the busy lives we

create for ourselves! Life can be a challenge.

In response to this need, we have designed programmes which give students support, using a variety of props like chairs, folded blankets, blocks and straps...to enable everyone to do to their ability. It has also been important to create an atmosphere in class where people feel safe and respected if they choose NOT to do something. The only pre-requisite to attendance is that you can get down on the floor. Students also bring a mat and a blanket to class. Other gear is provided. Both teachers are fully qualified and insured. You work at your pace yet learn how to get a good stretch and build strength in the



body too. Poses are designed to increase joint and muscle mobility followed by a full body relaxation at the end.

At present we have two classes operating from the Coln Valley Village Hall: Monday at 9-10.15am with Nicki and Thursday at 10.30-11.45am with myself. Both have vacancies. Classes run steadily throughout the year and you enrol for a course of usually about 8-10

classes. If you have to miss a class one week, you can attend the other one to make up that missed class...so a little flexibility there. Courses work out at £10 a class but you pre-enrol for the term.

For those uncertain about committing, you can try one class for £10 then decide. There are no drop ins. This means we can plan more effectively for a particular group of students, and you will get to experience some changes in your body by coming regularly. Everyone is welcome. Please don't hesitate to contact me to clarify any queries.

Looking forward to meeting more of you soon!

Best Wishes for 2017

Anne Sutherland

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Men and women

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After witnessing that, the second man prayed, "God, please give me strength and the tools to cross the river." Poof! God gave him a rowboat and strong arms and strong legs and he was able to row across in about an hour after almost capsizing once.

Seeing what happened to the first two men, the third man prayed, "God, please give me the strength, the tools and the intelligence to cross the river." Poof! He was turned into a woman. She checked the map, went one hundred yards up stream and walked across the bridge.

Coming and going

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from, and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

Holding

Little Johnny asked his Grandma how old she was. Grandma answered, "39 and holding." Johnny thought about that and then asked: "And how old would you be if you let go?"

Sent away

An irritated mother complained to her friend: "When I was a kid, my parents sent me to my room without supper if I misbehaved. But my son has his own TV, telephone, computer, and every computer game and CD player in his room!"

"So how do you handle it?" her friend asked.

"I send him to MY room!"

On the road

A teenager was always asking his parents if he could borrow the family car. Pushed to the limit one day, the father demanded of his son why he thought 'The Almighty' had given him two feet. Without hesitation, the son replied: "That's easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator."

Taxes

There will always be death and taxes; however, death doesn't get worse every year.

Village Hall News

Bringing better mobile phone coverage to Chedworth + Supporting the Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee has received a proposal to site a telecoms pole at the Village Hall.

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Shared Access will pay all the costs involved and in addition will pay the Village Hall Charity some £25,000 as a single payment for a 25 year lease.

The Committee are in the process of consulting Chedworth residents and a presentation and question and answer session with “Shared Access” is being arranged.

You may have already received the explanatory letter being sent to Chedworth residents with the dates and times of the presentation.

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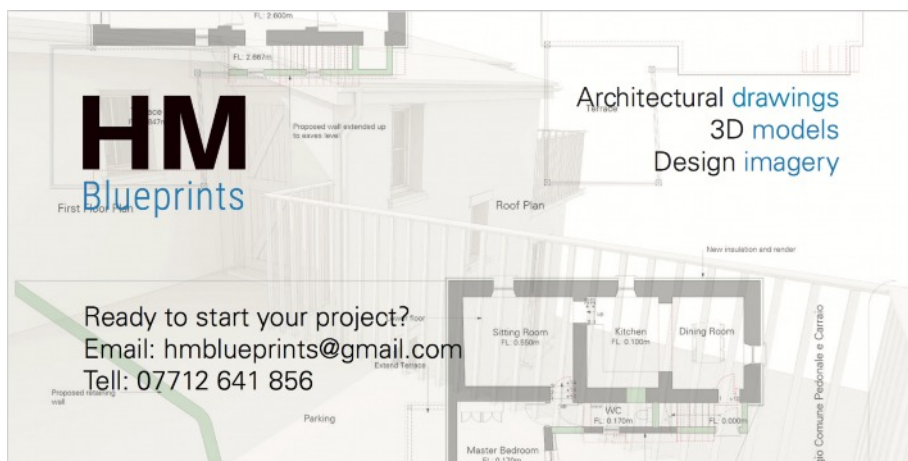
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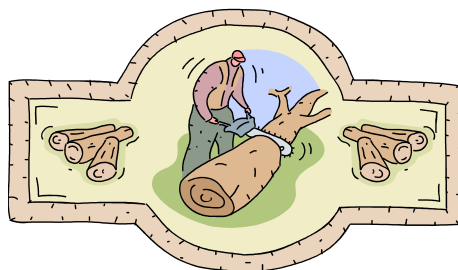
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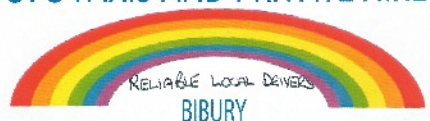
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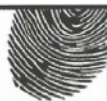
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