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HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR
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The School Nativity Play

The Angel Gabriel "Mary I have to tell thee that the baby you will have has been given to you by the power of God, and that he will be a great man."

Joseph enters.

Joseph "Eyup lass howes thow been today."

Mary "I am pregnant...and it's not yours."

Simon Colbeck, Coordinator for the Dec/Jan edition.



Stephen's Letter

Sofa, so peaceful?

The angels said "Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth" Luke 2v14

As I write this, we have recently obtained a (very comfortable) sofa, as we are anticipating a lot of visitors this Christmas. Ironically, though, I probably won't have much time to lie on this sofa, as the pre-Christmas rush gathers pace! But this is the time of year where furniture retailers are advertising sofas and three-piece suites with the tantalising promise that, "if you order now, it will be delivered by Christmas so that you and your family can have a restful and peaceful Christmas." So it's great to be ahead of the game!

Everyone likes some time off over Christmas – to have a well-earned rest, and hopefully some quality time with the family. It is natural for us to need to rest for some of the time – after all, we are made in God's image and, during the creative process, God himself rested on the seventh day. But ultimate rest is more than about sofas and down-time – it's about being with God, in his presence. The promise to the Israelites in the Old Testament, who spent many years travelling, was that, one day, they would enter into God's rest (Ps 95), in the land he promised them.

God's promise of rest and peace was chiefly fulfilled in the birth of Jesus, hence the angelic message to the shepherds on the hills. Jesus Christ brought peace into the world through his life and ministry – but chiefly through his death, because

when he died on the cross, Jesus took the punishment for the sins of the whole world, so that all people might enjoy the rest and peace promised by God in the Old Testament.

Sadly, the world will not be peaceful this Christmas, at a political level – with ongoing international tensions, injustices and threats of terrorism. But God's peace is being brought into the world bit by bit, as more people come to believe and trust in God. And, for the Christian believer, being at peace with God through **Jesus can provide assurance, fulfilment, hope and joy** – and a comfort that no sofa can provide.

Maybe you will have a new sofa this Christmas too. Or maybe you're destined to watch the Queen's speech on the same old threadbare furniture. Either way, true peace, comfort and contentment in life does not come from an item of furniture, however comfy it is, but from a living relationship with God, whose Son was born in this world to bring peace to our lives.

May I wish you all a joyful, peaceful and – dare I say it, comfortable – Christmas, and a happy and hopeful new year.

With best wishes,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for December 2017

Sunday 3rd December – 1st Sunday of Advent

Family Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Advent Carol Service

6pm – Coln Rogers

Sunday 10th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

9 am- Chedworth

Holy Communion

10.30pm – Coln Rogers

Advent Messy Service

4pm – Chedworth

Saturday 16th December

Carol Service

6pm – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 17th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (BCP)

9 am - Stowell

Carol Service

6 pm – Chedworth

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Crib Service

3pm – Chedworth

Crib Service

5pm – Yanworth

Midnight Holy Communion

11.30pm - Chedworth

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

Holy Communion

9 am - Stowell

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln Rogers

Family Service

10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 31st December – 1st Sunday of Christmas

Family Communion

10.30 am – Yanworth

Services for January & February 2018

Sunday 7th January – The Epiphany

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Church Briefing

Sunday 14th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion

9 am – Chedworth

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln Rogers

Tea Time Service

4pm – Chedworth

Sunday 21st January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion

9 am – Stowell

Family Service

10.30 am – Chedworth

Evensong

6pm – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 28th January – Candlemas/Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Family Communion

9 am - Yanworth

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 4th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

Family Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Advent Messy Service

The **Advent Messy Service** will be at **4pm** on **Sunday 10th December**. This is an opportunity to praise God with our hands, as well as with hearts, minds and voices! Songs, activities, crafts and much more! Refreshments to follow. Our theme this year is **Waiting**

St Andrew's Day Ceilidh

A big thank you to all from St Andrew's Church and St Andrew's School who helped with our **St Andrew's Day Ceilidh**.

10 Days From Advent

Following on from **10 Days from Pentecost**, which provided us with readings and reflections during the Pentecost season of 2015, look out for **10 Days from Advent**, which will be launched at services on Advent Sunday.

The run-up to Christmas can be very busy and **10 Days from Advent** provides some daily reflections to enable you to spend some peaceful time with God, look at the riches of the promises of Jesus in the Bible and re-centre your life ready for the Christmas season! Come and collect a copy from one of the Advent Sunday Services, or alternatively contact me at

stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com to request an electronic copy.

Advance Notice - Confirmation

There will be a **Confirmation Tea Time Service** with Bishop Robert on **Sunday 14th October 2018**. If you are interested in being confirmed in 2018, please contact Rev'd Stephen on 720392.

Christmas Greetings

The Vicar, Churchwardens and PCCs of the Hill & Valley Benefice would like

thank everyone for their ongoing support and to wish everyone a joyful and blessed Christmas, and a successful 2017.

From the Registers

Funerals

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

Rosemary Wilkinson – St Andrew's Church, Chedworth – 21st November

Peter Pink – St Michael's Church, Yanworth – 24th November



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
02-Dec	10:00-12:00	Grand Christmas Coffee Morning/Cake Sale by Rendcomb Surgery Patient Support Group	Winstone Village Hall
02-Dec	19:30	Christmas Concert by Chedworth Silver Band	RBL Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water
04-Dec	14:00	School's Christmas Music Recital	St Andrew's School Hall
08-Dec	15:00-17:00	Pre-School Christmas Fair with visit by Father Christmas	Village Hall
08-Dec	19:30	Back Row Club "Light Between the Oceans"	Village Hall
10-Dec	18:30	Christmas Carol and Sing-a-long Concert by Chedworth Silver Band	Village Hall
11-Dec	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
13-Dec	19:15	WI - Humorous Readings	Village Hall
15-Dec	20:00	Chedworth Singers' Charity Carol Singalong	Seven Tuns
20-Dec	12:00	Elderberries - Christmas Lunch	Dobbies
26-Dec	10:30-12:30	Chedworth Silver Band playing carols	Upper Chedworth & outside Seven Tuns
08-Jan	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
10-Jan	19:15	WI	Village Hall
12-Jan	19:30	Back Row Club "Lion"	Village Hall
17-Jan	19:30	First Aid Training session 1	Village Hall
23-Jan	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
24-Jan	19:30	First Aid Training session 2	Village Hall
28-Jan	14:30	Folk concert matinee with Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman	Village Hall
09-Feb	19:30	Back Row Club "Hidden Figures"	Village Hall
12-Feb	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
14-Feb	19:15	WI	Village Hall
20-Feb	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
09-Feb	19:30	Back Row Club "The Bucket List"	Village Hall
12-Mar	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
14-Mar	19:15	WI	Village Hall
20-Mar	10:15-11:45	Mobile Library	Village Hall car park
09-Apr	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
11-Apr	19:15	WI	Village Hall

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

**Chedworth Area,
Fossebridge,
Coln St Dennis,
Coln Rogers**

Yanworth

Food/Garden Waste
collection - change to
normal schedule:

* Chedworth Area, etc

** Yanworth

December 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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January 2018

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Learning for Life

"I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full"

John 10.10

Learning to live out our Christian values

Our School Value this term is trust. Trusting God and others is not always easy but without trust, it is very difficult to have healthy and happy relationships. We are exploring how we show we are trustworthy people through good times and stormy times. We are reminded that God does not promise that life will be easy; but that His love is an anchor if we trust in Him.



Our prayer tree holds many prayers for those in need; a way of showing our **trust in God** to bring peace and comfort.

Learning through an inspiring curriculum

Art Club have been working with Mr Hunt to produce some fabulously effective piece of art, using Andy Warhol's Marilyn as inspiration.

Combining photography and editing software, water-colour and poster-paint, the results are beautifully eye-catching!



Learning to develop healthy lifestyles

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are just embarking on a new after school club here at St Andrew's: A fun and exciting program of transitional, non-contact rugby as the players follow the RFU core value of teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and

sportsmanship. The emphasis is on progression, participation and values.

The course is led by a professional coach who is RFU qualified and currently coaches Cheltenham Tigers each week. This is a fabulous



opportunity for our younger children to be coached professionally within a program that combines high quality sport with values that are central to our school ethos.

Learning to live as part of a wider community

The school families filled over 40 boxes packed with gifts for children who otherwise would not have a hope of receiving a single Christmas present this year. This is a powerful way of responding to our responsibility to help those in our global community.

Learning to help one another shine

As we share our gifts and talents and give of our best, it inspires others to be the very best they can be. This is a culture that is very much part of our 'every day' at St Andrew's but a specific

example of this has been demonstrated by one of our Year 6 girls who gives up her time, week in, week out, to teach and encourage our younger children alongside our Gymnastic coach during one of our after school activity clubs. My very grateful thanks to Flora who inspires others to shine in this special way.

Please join us for our Christingle and Nativity Service **on Monday 11th December at 6.30pm** at St Andrew's Church. This is always a beautifully moving occasion, led by the younger children of the school and will guarantee to fill you with Christmas joy!



All the very best

Mrs A Fitch and the staff team

Our vision at St Andrew's is that every child in our school knows that they are loved by God and learns all that they need to flourish and live their lives to the full.



Chedworth Pre-School

...where fun and learning go hand in hand



It is the fabulous Christmas season, where the children enjoy scattering us with glitter (positively encouraged at Pre-School) and playing wintery games. We have thought about Children in Need, fire safety, sports, road safety and cultural celebrations this term. In addition, our fire lighting, music & movement and story sessions have invited many questions. Thank you, St. Andrew's School, for the fantastic shows we have enjoyed this term.

www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk

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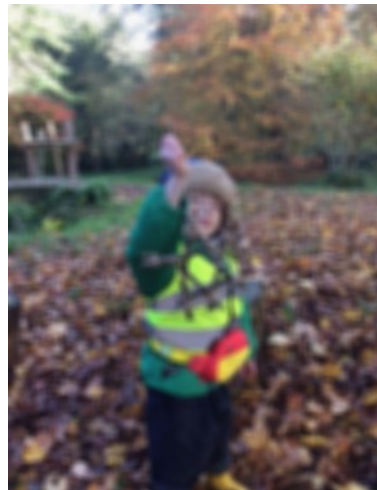


Community Link

We have started our link with 'Elderberries' on Wednesdays; a link now nationally recognised as important and valuable.

New funding available

- 15 hours universal free funding
- 30 hours free childcare available on application
- Tax-free childcare
- Childcare vouchers





Chedworth Pre-School
...where fun and learning go hand in hand



Ho, Ho, Ho...

**Father Christmas comes
to Chedworth Pre-School**

**8 December 2017
3-5pm**

Cakes, mulled wine, games

**All welcome
Bring family and friends**



Chedworth Pre-School

...where fun and learning go hand in hand

We welcome children from
2 years old to school age.

Opening hours
8:20-14:45
Monday to Friday

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Holistic approach to learning outdoors and indoors
Breakfast, hot lunches, snacks
and lots of fun!

Chedworth Toddler Group

Meet other families for fun, a healthy snack and toys.

9.30-11.30 Tuesday mornings

£2.50 per child

Chedworth Village Hall

Come and warm up in the light and spacious village hall.

Drop in for a hot drink, snack and a chance to relax with other parents. Enjoy the easy and free car parking, with the opportunity to play outside on the field or adventure playground.



Chedworth Parish Council

News from our November meeting

First Come, First Served for First Aid



The Parish Council is arranging two sessions of First Aid training in the New Year which will cover a wide range of situations which you may find yourself facing.

The training will take place at the village hall at 7.30 on the 17th and 24th January 2018 and topics covered will include:

- Assessing the casualty and when to call the emergency services
- Unresponsive, breathing and non-breathing casualties
- Heart attacks

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 check out our website: <http://chedworthpc.org.uk/>

- Strokes
- Cuts and bleeding
- Burns
- Fractures/sprains and strains
- Shock
- Choking/Asthma/breathing difficulties
- Epilepsy/seizures

To ensure that the sessions are as valuable as possible, numbers will be restricted to 12 and it is therefore important that anyone who wishes to attend should reserve their place as soon as possible.

The Parish Council will be subsidising the cost of the training, which is £20 per person, but would ask those who are able to do so to make a contribution of half the cost.

If you want to reserve a spot please contact Ros Jess at ros.jess1@btinternet.com

Verge Management Group

A group has now been set up to look into the best way to manage the verges around the village and as a first step will be organising a trial cut of a section of verge.

To encourage biodiversity verges not only need to be cut at specific times of the year but the cuttings also need to be removed and the parish council needs to find out if this is a practical proposition.

Chedworth Parish Council

If we do take over total responsibility for the verges then the county council will make a small contribution for each metre of verge we cut.

Guidelines agreed to help with grant applications

From time to time the parish council is asked for financial help by village organisations and to help applicants provide all the information we need we have drawn up a set of guidelines.

If your organisation has a project which the parish council could help with then check out the guidelines on our website to see if you fit the requirements.

January is budget time for the parish council and if your organisation is considering asking us for financial help then you need to get in your application as soon as possible.

At our meeting in January we will include contingency sums to cover requests so that the money is available during the following financial year if we agree to the request for a donation.

It is impossible for us to have detailed debates on each request at the budget meeting so including a sum for a particular item is not an automatic guarantee that the grant will be forthcoming later in the year but just the first step in the process.

How to get your views across on planning

If you want to comment on a planning application which has been submitted to CDC this is just a reminder that on our website we have some guidance on how to get your views across.

The parish council is just one of the organisations which is consulted by Cotswold District Council planners and our view is taken into account alongside any comments from objectors or, for that matter, supporters. Check out the website to discover what constitutes a valid reason for objecting and what doesn't.

Season's Greetings



The parish councillors and clerk would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Ros Jess

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DECEMBER 2017 / JANUARY 2018



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*A very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
from all of us at the farm shop*

Christmas

Our Christmas brochure is now ready to view. Find it on our website or come in to pick one up. As previous years our turkeys are from Walters Farm, Berkshire. Available in Free Range, Barn & Organic in whole birds, crowns and boneless breasts.

We also have our home reared beef - rib on the bone, rolled sirloin, fillet and topside. Or how about lamb or venison instead.

Something for everyone.



XMAS OPENING

Friday 22 December - 9-8.30

Saturday 23 - 9-5

Sunday 24 - 9-3

Monday 25 - CLOSED

Tuesday 26 - CLOSED

Wednesday 27 - 9-3

Thursday 28 - 9-3

Friday 29 - 9-3

Saturday 30 - 9-3

Sunday 31 - 9-3

Monday 1 January - CLOSED

Tuesday 2 - 9-5

Wednesday 3 - 9-5

PRIZE BAUBLES



Spend £25* and you get to pick a prize bauble off our tree. Win anything from mince pies to cups of coffee, breakfast or pizza, or our star prize, a Walters Farm bronze free range turkey!

*£25 must be spent in the farm shop in a single transaction. No cash alternative is available. We reserve the right to withdraw this prize at any time. Turkey will be approx. 4-4.5kg. Baubles available from 1-15 December inclusive.

DID YOU KNOW...

Sacks of wood £6, XL sacks of local kiln dried oak kindling £12, coal £9, firelighters 99p-£3.79. Stock up for winter.

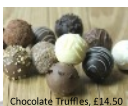
Christmas Gifts

A great selection of festive treats for all the family

Wrapped boxed chocolates, £4.30 - £7.49



Chocolate Sprouts, 99p



Chocolate Truffles, £14.50



Chocolate Robins, £5 - £15



Brandy Snaps, £1.75



Traditional Petit Fours, £12



Iced Biscuits, Snowflakes & penguins, £2.75

FESTIVE TIPPLES



£38



£35



£15



£48



75p



£3.60



£8.50



£12



NEXT MONTH (FEBRUARY)

Valentines Day Steak Supper Deal - 2 for £20

NEW - Fresh Fish Fridays. Order before 12pm on Thursday, for collecti on Friday from 9am.

Great Folk Music in the Village Hall



Katherine Roberts and Sean Lakeman

Tickets £9 on the door. For more information contact Simon Colbeck 01285 720146 or simoncolbeck@msn.com.

Chedworth Village Hall
Sunday January 28th 2018
Doors open at 2.30

Two of the British folk scene's most accomplished performers, Kathryn and Sean have graced stages the world over in a number of guises, however, the intimacy and strength of passion shown as a duo, combined with an eclectic repertoire ensures a rare treat for any listener.

The Roberts-Lakeman name has become synonymous with "quality" during their musical careers which started when they were signed to a major label as teenagers. Now after nearly two decades in music, Kathryn's sublime vocals merge seamlessly with Sean's deft and inventive live guitar work on stage – and his award-winning sonic skills in the studio. In addition to

his chart-topping hit records for brother Seth Lakeman, Sean has this year alone produced albums or tracks with The Levellers, Billy Bragg, Frank Turner, Imelda May and Bellowhead... as well as a string of other folk/acoustic acts.

"An absolute masterclass in how to do it right." - festivalsforall.com

"These guys are something very special" - Acoustic Magazine

"English folk's Buckingham-Nicks" - The Independent on Sunday

See more info at
kathrynrobertsandseanlakeman.com

Please note that this will be a matinee performance

Chedworth Cricket Club

A Good Season for Our Club

Chedworth Cricket Club enjoyed another successful season in 2017. The team performed well in the Gloucestershire County Cricket League, just missing out on their third promotion in four years by three points! We have a lot to celebrate in securing fourth spot in Division 6, having played 18 league games, winning 10, 1 tied, losing 6 with one cancellation. The total number of points accrued was 251.

There have been some very good individual achievements too. Jamie Lait came top of the Greene King IPA GCCL 2017 Honours Board with his memorable innings of 259 not out and brother Henry secured 9th spot on the Board with his innings of 147 during the season. The Honours Board encompasses performances from all seven divisions in the Gloucestershire County Cricket League, comprising of 70 cricket clubs in the county. So, Chedworth CC takes great pleasure in having two of our players feature in the top 20 batting performances in 2017.

In Division 6, Chris Miles has deservedly won the award for the highest batting total for the 2017 season. Chris has made a great

contribution to the Club's results this year.

Chedworth CC has also won the GCCL Division 6 Award for the Best Pitch, for the second year running. Alistair Lockey has once again done a great job looking after the ground throughout the year. The playing surface has been impressive all season and has attracted very positive feedback from the visiting teams.

We rounded the season off with an extremely enjoyable Annual Dinner held in the Village Hall on Saturday 8th October. The combination of great food, an entertaining after dinner speaker and live music all contributed to a memorable evening.

Looking back on this year, I would like to congratulate all the players for their contributions both on and off the pitch. Also, my thanks go to the Committee for the work the members have undertaken to ensure that Chedworth CC continues to flourish. We have a lot to be proud of as a village club.

Finally, on behalf of Chedworth Cricket Club, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Clive Poulton, Chairman

Back Row Club

7.30 pm Chedworth Village Hall

Doors and Bar open 7.00 pm.

Half time choc ices as usual!

**Please note that membership fees for 2018 are now due.
Only £10/year - 12 films plus free DVD hire!**

**Back Row Club Films for the
first 6 months of 2018**

On the second Friday of each month

November Meeting

Our Annual WI Supper and AGM took place at Chedworth village hall on Wednesday November 8th. This year was a special evening as we celebrated the 90th Birthday of Chedworth WI.



A beautiful cake was baked by Dee Greatorex and Alice Sinton took a group photograph of the 42 present members. The meal was delicious with a varied menu from Claireboothcooks including an apricot and lamb dish, Moroccan chicken and salmon with lemon. It was a gourmet supper to share, and we send a large thanks to Claire and her team.

It was a lovely evening although a little sad when our President, Helen Taylor retired after 3 good years. Helen's dedication to Chedworth WI enthuses us all and she will be greatly missed. Hers will be a difficult act to follow.

The new Committee will meet on December 6th when future meetings

with new speakers and events will be discussed and arranged.



Helen Taylor with The Birthday Cake.



Dee Greatorex and Chrissie Mitchell with the Celebration Birthday Cake.

The next meeting will be at 7.15pm on December 13th at Chedworth village hall when Joanna Mckerlie will talk to us about "Humorous Readings". New members welcome.

Carol Bailey

Rendcomb Doctors' Surgery

Grand Christmas

Coffee Morning and Cake Sale

Winstone Village Hall

Saturday, 2nd December, 2017

10am - 12 noon

Cake Stall - Raffle

Tea/Coffee and Mince pies

Fancy Goods and Cards Festive Decorations

A chance to meet and chat whilst supporting

YOUR local surgery:

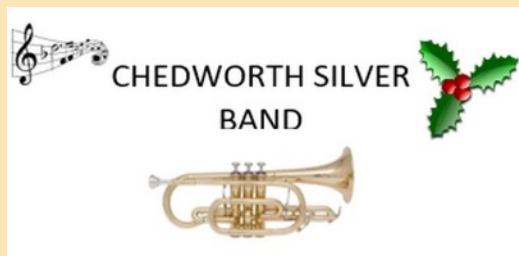
Rendcomb

See you there!

*Donations for all stalls greatly appreciated. Please deliver to the
Surgery*

As the new Chairman of the **Rendcomb Surgery Patient Support Group**, may I invite your support for our fundraiser. The Group liaises with the Practice on behalf of patients and funds useful improvements such as the automatic entry doors. Our income comes from donations, bequests and this annual social event. *Mark Aveline*

Chedworth Silver Band



This year our Christmas season starts with a Concert at Royal British Legion Hall at Bourton on the Water in aid of CLIC Sargent, the charity for leukemia in children at 7.30 pm on Saturday the 2nd of December. The concert, arranged by Mr John Finch, is being sponsored by the Safran Landing Systems branch of Unite the Union.

The following week we have a Christmas Carol and Sing-a-long Concert at Chedworth Village Hall on Sunday 10th December at 7.30 pm. Admission is free! The format is Christmas Music to listen to and carols to sing, song sheets are printed. Refreshments will be available and the Hall bar will be open. There will be also be a raffle.

The following weekends we will be playing Carols around a variety of pubs and restaurants from Andoversford to Burford and Marston Meysey to Cockleford finishing by playing around Upper Chedworth on Boxing Day with a final carol at the Seven Tuns shortly after noon.

In the New Year we have tuition planned for learners which will be publicised on Facebook and noticeboards when details have been finalised.

Merry Christmas.

David Broad

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Maggie's Poem

A Silent Friend

I have a small stone terrier dog
By the fireside she does sit
Saw her in a charity shop
And knew at home would fit

Doesn't need to go on walks
No food we have to get
Never make us dirty floors
Or shake her coat when wet

The only thing we really miss
We can't give her a personal fuss
Come and sit upon our knee
So give her love to us

She has a lovely little face
And eyes that show up brown
So we have to be content
To have this friend around

So many friends we have named Sue
So I have named her after all of you

Maggie Scrivens



Thank you!

I would like to say a big thankyou to the doctors and all those who helped Frank and me when Frank was taken ill in the church during the Service of Remembrance on Sunday 12th November. You were so kind to us both. Frank had various scans and x-rays in hospital and returned home the following day.

Maggie Scrivens

Your Gardening Tips

For December 2017 /
January 2018



Winter is here and the cold weather will be with us for the next three

months at least, so wrap up your tender plants as well as yourselves.

- Prune open-grown apples and pears, and acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding
- Deciduous trees and shrubs can be planted and transplanted in December, and it is the time to take hardwood cuttings.
- Remove weeds from around the base of young fruit trees. Check that stakes are secure, and a thick dry mulch will protect the roots from frost.
- Sow alpine plants as they need cold to break their dormancy, but protect from excessive wet.
- Plant roses, in areas not previously inhabited by roses.
- Insulate vulnerable patio pots from frost with bubble-wrap or similar protective material.
- This a good time to work bulky organic matter into heavy soil ready for the spring, but remove plant debris to avoid disease overwintering amongst it..

- Root crops are sweetest after a frost, but will need to be lifted and stored in sand before the ground gets too hard. Harvest good sized leeks, but the smallest can be left to grow until the spring.
- Check autumn sown sweet peas for slug and mouse damage and take defensive action! Sow more sweet peas in January, if required.
- Check stored bulbs for sign of rot and remove affected bulbs.
- Remove winter pansies affected by downy mildew.
- Watch out for signs of mole activity in January and take appropriate action, ready for grass seeding damaged areas where necessary, in spring.
- Brush off snow from conifers, climbers, light limbed shrubs and brassicas to avoid losing branches
- Avoid walking on lawns on frosty mornings, and spike areas of waterlogging.
- Keep mice away from stored produce!
- Start forcing rhubarb in January
- This the time to plan what you want to grow next year, and buy your seeds.
- This the time of year to enjoy colourful dogwoods in your garden or elsewhere.

Simon Colbeck

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Keep an eye on chedworthshow.co.uk for more details and for contacting the organisers.

Around Chedworth

Christmas Lights by the Village Hall



For the first time the Millennium Tree by the Village Hall will be lit up to help celebrate the festive season. Lights kindly provided by the Chedworth Show Committee will be formally switched on on the evening of Friday 1st December.

Improved Mobile Phone coverage at last!

At the time of writing, engineers are in the process of installing a new mobile phone pole that will bring much needed mobile phone coverage to Chedworth. The pole will carry signals from mobile network providers O2 and Vodafone supporting up to and including 4G data



speeds. There is, as yet, no firm news on when the other major network providers, EE and Three, will be providing similar improved coverage.

Look out for the Chedworth Singers at Christmas

The Chedworth Singers Christmas events for 2017 will take place as follows:



- Carol Singing in The Seven Tuns – Friday 15th December at 8pm.
- Nine Lessons & Carols in St Andrew's Church – Sunday 17th December at 6pm.

Chedworth runners - get ready for the 2018 Chedworth Roman Trail

Entries are open for the 2018 Chedworth Roman Trail Run taking place on Sunday 15th April. Runners should take note that the 2017 run was fully subscribed. If you are not running that day please come and support the Chedworth runners - they need you!

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Food For Thought

THE WAY I SEE IT: The Love that in a Family Dwells By David Winter

Christmas is, beyond doubt, the family event of the year. For holidays and weekends we go away, but at this one time of the year most of us get in our cars to join some or all of the family somewhere.

Being human, there may be the odd squabble or falling out (and if we believe the television drama, not much else), but in fact they are usually treasured get-togethers.

This family element of Christmas probably originates from the story of the birth of Jesus. There must be hundreds of famous paintings of the Holy Family gathered around the manger – Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus. It was a little family from which,

in the Christian story, vast blessings flowed to the whole human race. The Son of God had an earthly father and mother, and grew up in an ordinary home in an ordinary town. His later life was extra-ordinary, but his home life was utterly normal.

Family lies at the heart of our whole culture. It is created by two things, choice and inheritance. Around the family table are some who are there because by choice they married someone, and others are there because they were born into the family. It's usually a happy mix. We are glad we chose our partner, and we are glad to be members of this family, and probably another one as well. In his poem, 'Christmas', John Betjeman spoke of 'the love that in a family dwells'. It's not a bad idea once a year to celebrate it.

Algorithms and romance don't work

Mathematics, it seems, cannot predict true love. Even the most complex of algorithms simply cannot guarantee that two people are going to fancy each other. So be wary of any dating app or website which promises you that they have found the perfect 'formula' for matching you up with the stranger of your dreams.

In a recent test at the University of California, researchers painstakingly

did calculations for compatibility on dozens of single people, based on 100 variables, including such traits as extroversion, ambition, sense of humour, intelligence, political views or religious persuasion. To their dismay, not even one of their 'predicted couples' worked out. The result was zero. One scientist concluded that, perhaps, 'Romantic desire may well be more like an earthquake... than a chemical reaction involving the right combination of traits and preferences.'

From The Parish Pump

All in the month of December



It was:

250 years ago: on 22nd Dec 1767 that John Newbery, the British publisher, died. He was one of the first to publish children's books, and the first to do so profitably and sustainably. Known as the 'Father of Children's Literature', the Newbery Medal for children's literature is awarded annually in his honour.

200 years ago: on 7th Dec 1817 that William Bligh, British Royal Navy officer and colonial administrator, died. Best known as the captain of HMS Bounty when a historic mutiny (the Mutiny on the Bounty) took place in 1789. He was set adrift in a small boat with some of his loyal crew, but managed to travel over 4,000 miles without any navigational aids to Timor, from where he returned to England.

150 years ago: on 6th Dec 1867 that (Marie) Jean Pierre Flourens, French physiologist and educator died. He was the first person to prove that the mind is located in the brain and not the heart. He was also a pioneer of anaesthesia.

125 years ago: on 18th Dec 1892 that Tchaikovsky's ballet The Nutcracker was performed for the first time, at the Mariinsky Theatre, in St Petersburg, Russia.

100 years ago: on 9th Dec 1917 that during the Battle of Jerusalem, the Ottoman Empire surrendered the city to the British. On 11th Dec, the British General Edmund Allenby entered the city on foot as a mark of respect, becoming the first Christian to control the city in 500 years.

75 years ago: on 1st Dec 1942 that the British Government published the Beveridge Report, which formed the basis of the welfare state.

65 years ago: on 5th Dec 1952 that the Great Smog of London took place. Dense, cold, smoke-filled fog descended upon London, bringing the city to a standstill for four days. More than 4,000 people died.

60 years ago: on 25th Dec 1957 that Queen Elizabeth II's Christmas Message was televised for the first time.

50 years ago: on 3rd Dec 1967 that the world's first successful human heart transplant was performed by a team led by Dr Christian Barnard in Cape Town. The patient, Louis Washkansky, survived for 18 days before dying from pneumonia due to a weakened immune system.

40 years ago: on 16th Dec 1977 that Heathrow Central (now Heathrow Terminals 1,2, 3) opened at Heathrow Airport as a station on the London Underground. It was the first airport in the world to be directly served by its city's underground railway system.

30 years ago: on 25th Dec 1987 that in the British TV soap opera Coronation Street, Hilda Ogden left the street to become her doctor's housekeeper in the country. It was one of the most-watched episodes in the show's history.

20 years ago: on 11th Dec 1997 that the Kyoto Protocol, aimed at reducing greenhouse gas and combating global warming, was adopted at a conference in Japan. (Over 190 countries have signed

the agreement, which came into effect in Feb 2005. Canada withdrew in Dec 2012.)

Also 20 years ago: on 11th Dec 1997 that Sinn Féin president Gerry Adams met British Prime Minister Tony Blair at 10 Downing Street – the first Irish Republican leader to do so since Michael Collins in 1921.

15 years ago: on 7th Dec 2002 that Iraq submitted a weapons declaration to the United Nations in which it stated it had no weapons of mass destruction.

10 years ago: on 23rd Dec 2007 that the British royal family launched The Royal Channel on the video sharing website YouTube.

Silence for Her Majesty

Exactly 60 years ago the Queen's Christmas message was broadcast for the first time on television. Finally, the newcomer had put radio in its place! Families all over Britain delayed their Christmas pudding to hear, and for the first time to watch their monarch delivering it.

By modern broadcast standards, it was rather odd. One could feel the Queen's anxiety about it, the content, as most royal messages had always been, predictable and platitudinous and the accent a strange and unique 'royal speak' in which 'I' was always 'One' and 'house' was pronounced 'hice'. Nobody

worried. She was a popular monarch and she had embraced the new 'medium of the people' to talk to us.

Somewhere in the next 60 years the whole style and feel of the Christmas message changed. For one thing, the Queen's accent is now simply a bit posh, but completely recognisable and normal. 'One' has gone, and Her Majesty is very happy to talk freely about her own feelings and faith – quite remarkably so in the last few years. There are very few platitudes, but a great deal of hard-earned wisdom in her words. At 91, she has mastered the great television art of talking to rather than at the audience. Long live the Queen!

RBL Poppy Appeal - Thank you!

We are delighted to inform you that the national Poppy Appeal final total for last year is over £46.5 million.

That is the first time that the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal has exceeded £46 million and this is an incredible testament to the hard work and dedication of the RBL's volunteer Poppy Appeal collectors and the generosity of the public who kindly donate each year.

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

We are also delighted to advise you that the **Chedworth & District Poppy Appeal has raised a grand total of £4,365.38p this year** and that is an increase of £228.17p on last year's collection figure (before gift aid (G/A) has been reclaimed from HMRC).

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 completing a Gift Aid form - every £1 donated means that the Royal British Legion can claim an extra 25 pence.

This year a total 89 people kindly complete Gift Aid forms and £1,497 (an increase of £138 on last year) will be subject to a Gift Aid reclaim from

HMRC once ratified by the RBL and HMRC - that is expected to raise an additional £374 for our Poppy Appeal !!

During the past 24 years the Chedworth & District Poppy Appeal has raised a grand total of £80,106.24p. That is an absolutely fantastic achievement and is a testament to all the hard work of our gallant band of Poppy Appeal collectors, past and present and the generosity of local residents.

Thank you once again for your support and generosity each year.

David & Felicity Peake
Honorary 'Poppy Appeal' Organisers
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Christmas turkey

A gentleman walked into a restaurant and asked the maitre d', 'Can you please tell me how you prepare your Christmas turkeys?'

The maitre d' solemnly replied: 'Yes. Well, we let them know right up front they're not going to make it.'

Why Bethlehem?

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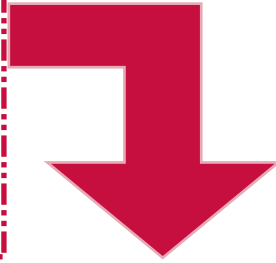


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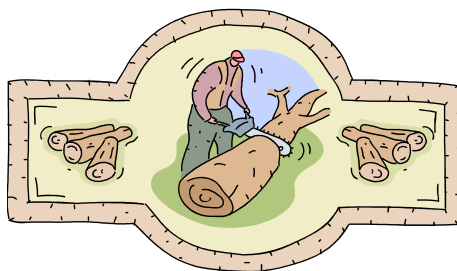
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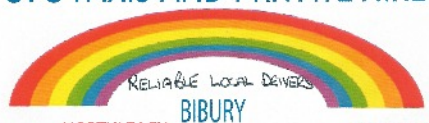
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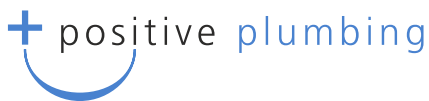
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