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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition

Stephen's Letter

How Long?

"How long, O Lord?...but I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation." Psalm 13v1,5

In this Bible verse, the Psalmist is lamenting and asking God, who is the righteous judge of the world, how long it will be before the suffering, oppression and injustices of the world are finally remedied. In our experience, the world can seem such an unfair place.

And this is surely how many of us are feeling, following the recent government announcement about the delay in lifting lockdown restrictions. While this delay is likely to be beneficial to buy more time for the COVID vaccination programme, it is depressing news indeed for businesses, tourism and festival promoters, given the difficult circumstances that they have already had to cope with in the last year.

This psalm, like other psalms of lament, teaches us that it's okay to lament about the aspects of life that are hard, unfair or inconvenient. After all, we are only human, and we naturally moan and groan when we can't easily see what God is doing in our world. But this psalm also encourage us to trust in God's love - and rejoice in God's salvation.

Christians believe that God has already provided that salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to forgive our sin, so we can know God's love and acceptance. Because of Jesus, our roadmap out of the lockdown of sin and pain is clear and open. This means that, whatever set-backs, delays and reversals we face in life and work, we can be confident that God loves us as we are and that he will make things right in the end - and this will give us courage to press on when delays seem endless and problems insurmountable.

I hope that you can have a relaxing summer, whatever your situation.

With every good wish,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for July/August 2021

Sunday 4th July

Family Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 11th July

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion

9 am – Chedworth

10.30 am – Coln Rogers

Sunday 18th July

Holy Communion

Family Service

Evening Prayer

9 am - Yanworth

10.30 am – Chedworth

6 pm – Coln Rogers

Sunday 25th July

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 1st August

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 8th August

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion

9 am – Chedworth

10.30 am – Coln Rogers

Sunday 15th August

Holy Communion (BCP)

Family Service

Evensong

9 am - Stowell

10.30 am – Chedworth

6 pm – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 22nd August

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 29th August

Family Communion

10.30 am – Yanworth

Sunday 5th September

Family Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Church Briefing

Tea Time – Times Change

We held the final **Tea Time Service** on **June 13th**. It was great to see a good congregation of our regular supporters, and a “virtual” guest appearance from Fred and Carol Shaftoe, who had been such loyal supporters of the Tea Time Service until they left the village to move to Kent.

We aim to introduce a new regular community-focused event (or informal service) in the autumn, which we hope will help us to engage with a wide range of families and people who are new to our community. We'd love to know what you would like and would find valuable from the church – and, if you have any thoughts about this, please do contact me or one of our Ministry Team members – Sally Smith, Helen Oldham, Sheila Bowley or Teresa Irving.

What we do in future instead of the Tea Time Service will most likely not be in church – but rest assured that the Family Service at 10.30 am on the third Sunday on the month will continue to be the place for family-oriented worship in church.

Rector's Study Leave

Bishop Robert has given permission for me to go on study leave in September. I will be away from church duties from **Monday 30th August** to **Friday 24th September** inclusive.

During that time, I will be working on academic writing projects. The Sunday services will be covered by visiting clergy and members of the Ministry Team. If there are funeral or urgent pastoral enquiries during that time, please contact Neil Irving on 720403.

Living in Love & Faith

British society is becoming more diverse with more people identifying differently in terms of sexuality, and living in range of relationships and situations. The Church of England is currently reflecting on this deeply in its *Living in Love and Faith* project, which aims to bring the church to a deeper understanding of how people can flourish in the situations they are in. You can find more information on this at <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/about-living-love-and-faith>. If you would like to know more about this, or would like to have a discussion in confidence, please contact Stephen on 720392 or stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com.

Chedworth's Got Talent

Sadly, due to the extension of the government lockdown restrictions, we will need to cancel **Chedworth's Got Talent**, which was scheduled for **Saturday 17th July**. It is disappointing to do this yet again, but we are obviously unable to proceed with the lockdown restrictions still in place concerning outdoor gatherings.



As we end our academic year within Pre-School, we are saying “Farewell” to 9 of our Pre-Schooler children; it has been such a pleasure to watch them all grow and develop their wonderful individual personalities with us, but we still see them all regularly with our weekly visits and when they join us for After School Care! We would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who has so kindly supported Chedworth Pre-School throughout this year; we are so fortunate to have members of the local community to be involved with the running of the Pre-School Committee along with the general support of donations which have been so gratefully accepted!

We have been enjoying the fabulous weather at Pre-School; so much water play the children have a fabulous time pouring water along the guttering and then collecting it back into bottles from the tray to pour down again along with ‘painting’ the children’s names on to the fences and watching their names magically disappear again! Our runner

beans are also now planted in our garden in the hope that they will soon be as tall as the clouds to allow us to find a castle in the sky!!

Our Rising 5’s children are all getting very excited about their last term with us before they move on to St. Andrew’s or other local primary schools; the respective new teachers have been in to visit their new children and we continue to reinforce the fun and exciting journey that the children have laid ahead of them for those who are beginning to feel apprehensive about their next phase.

We have availability for September for all children aged 2 years and above; if you would like to come and view us, please do telephone or email to arrange an appointment before we close our doors on Tuesday 20th July for the Summer holidays! Emails and our telephone messages will be checked once a week during the summer and we look forward to more fun in September!

Sarah Smith



For more information please take a look at our website

www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk

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

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
09-Jul	19:30	Back Row Club showing the film "Judy"	Chedworth Village Hall
12-Jul	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
14-Jul	19:15	WI - Milking Parlour to Pulpit talk by Canon Morris	Chedworth Village Hall
17-Jul		HortSoc Garden Visit to The Newt, Bruton, Somerset	Bruton
17-Jul	14:00	Chedworth's Got Talent Cancelled	Chedworth Playing Field
18-Jul	11:00-17:00	Stowell Park Gardens open	Stowell Park
08-Aug	11:00-17:00	Stowell Park Gardens open	Stowell Park
09-Aug	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
11-Aug	19:15	WI - outing	tbc
13-Aug	19:30	Back Row Club showing the film "Knives Out"	Chedworth Village Hall
14-Aug		Pink Saturday Cricket Match in aid of breast cancer	Chedworth Cricket Pitch
12 to 15-Aug		Outdoor performance of "The Sound of Music" by Bonzo Productions	Chedworth Manor
15-Aug	12:00	A Summer Drinks Party	Chedworth Manor
19 to 22-Aug		Outdoor performance of "The Sound of Music" by Bonzo Productions	Chedworth Manor
21-Aug	14:00	Chedworth & District Horticultural Show	Chedworth Village Hall
08-Sep	19:15	WI meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
10-Sep		Chedworth Charity Golf Day	Monmouth
12-Sep	10:30	Chedworth Roman Trail Race - 10 mile cross country run	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Sep	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
18-Sep		WI Table Top sale	Chedworth Village Hall
11-Oct	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Oct	19:15	WI meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
08-Nov	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
10-Nov	19:15	WI meeting & AGM	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Nov	19.3	Bertie Pearce - Magician	Chedworth Village Hall
08-Dec	19:15	WI meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Dec	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

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



Chedworth Area, Fossebridge, Yanworth

Tuesday	13	July
Tuesday	27	Julj
Tuesday	10	August
Tuesday	24	August
Tuesday	7	September

Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Friday	9	July
Friday	23	July
Friday	6	August
Friday	20	August
Friday	3	September

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Wind in the Willows

Key Stage 2 pupils are working towards end of year play, 'The Wind in the Willows' and we are hoping we will finally be able to welcome parents to watch.

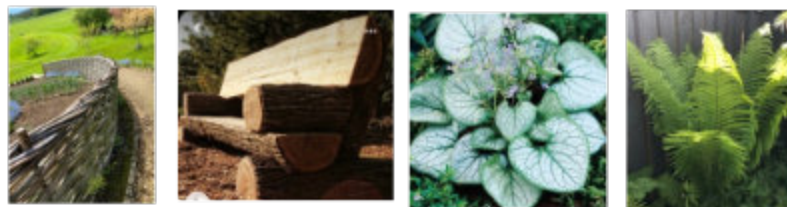


The children are so excited to be working towards this and it is wonderful to hear the sound of music and singing from the (well ventilated) classrooms

Thank you!

A big thank you to Ian Chamberlain groundworks ltd. for such phenomenal support once again. The company have been amazing in helping keep the school grounds safe. We are very excited for the refurbishments to our outdoor classroom.

The School Council are very excited for work to begin on the new woodland garden. We are hoping to have a log bench, protective bushes and a range of plants that can survive in the sheltered area as well as



decorative bark and path ways. If you can donate any time, resources or help- we would love to hear from you.

Year 6 Leavers

We are so proud of the perseverance, resilience and overwhelming hard work of our Year 6 pupils, who are leaving us this July.

We say goodbye to 13 year 6 pupils, who will be moving on to The Cotswold School, Kingshill and Pates. These pupils, as with last year's leavers, have had quite a memorable final year. Despite all of the challenges they have faced, they have maintained a good work ethic and the most tremendous sense of humour-keeping us all entertained. We wish all our leavers a happy summer and a successful start in the next stages of their education.



Next Year

Our topic in September will be 'Glorious Gloucestershire'. If you think you could contribute towards this topic in any way, please contact school.

Meet the Staff!

Name: Mrs Linda Pearson

Role: Class teacher, SENDCo

Hobbies: Yoga, walking my dog and reading.



I have worked at St Andrew's C of E since 1990 and am now teaching ex pupils' children, which is an amazing honour. I live locally and love teaching in Chedworth and seeing past pupils, as well as all of the changes to the school.



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Chedworth Parish Council

VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR

There is currently an opportunity for someone to join the Parish Council. CDC were notified that a vacancy had occurred and they have given the PC the all clear to co opt a new member. If you are interested in joining please feel free to contact any councillor for advice regarding what the role entails. Most residents are eligible, through being on the register of electors, and some others who work or own property in the village, may also be eligible. If you feel this is something you would like to do please email the clerk at clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk Supplying a short resume or CV would of course be very helpful.

WILDLIFE TRUST

Thanks to the overwhelming response from the article in the Hill and Valley

and from Nextdoor, the PC has agreed with the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to adopt the Chedworth Nature Reserve. The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust were satisfied that its priorities of wildlife preservation and open access for the community will be met by the Parish Council. Due to the positive community response, it was felt that adopting the Reserve was a once in a generation opportunity to preserve the valuable site as a community asset. The Parish Council are satisfied that owning Chedworth Nature Reserve will not be financially onerous or labour intensive to run. It will be exciting working with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust over the coming months to ensure a successful transition period. Thank you to all those who have said they may be able to help with running the reserve. We will be in touch!

POP UP CAFE.

The Parish Council were delighted to join with the Village Hall to financially help with the launch of Chedworth's Monday morning Pop-Up Cafe.

During the seemingly interminable lockdowns many have been starved of company and stimulation. We have also lost the Farm Shop and its café. The Pop-Up Café will help the community to reconnect; to meet old friends and get to know the

new residents who have arrived in the area during the pandemic.

We understand that the café venture may evolve, in time, into a weekly hub for the swapping of plants and produce, opinions and information, and a place where local businesses may present their services or wares.

So do pop in for coffee and help launch Chedworth into the new, post-Covid era.

VERGE CUTTING

The Parish Council has arranged to have visibility splays and bends in the village cut by our usual contractor Brian Brazington and the Tuns Hill Triangle cut by Bibury Landscaping. The Visibility splay at the A429 Chedworth Turning is not our responsibility so Glos Highways continue to maintain the verges at this location.

DOG FOULING

There have been persistent complaints of dog mess being left on the playing field. The PC is looking in to whether a Dog Poo bin can be provided, and more importantly emptied, but the message is "Please do not allow your dog to foul the playing field." It is used extensively by children and Dog Poo is not compatible

with a safe environment for children to play in.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The survey forms have been distributed and are also available on the home page of the Parish Council's website www.chedworthpc.org.uk

BIG LORRIES ON COOK'S HILL.

There have been a number of incidents involving large lorries trying to get up or down the lower stretch of Cooks Hill and becoming jammed against the walls. There is an 8ft 6" width restriction but less than 8ft 6" between the hedge one side and the wall the other. The signage is ambiguous and not fit for purpose so the PC have written to Glos County Council to request better signage.

Councillors

David Broad (Chairman)	01285 720313
Bella Amory (Vice Chairman)	07808 724972
George Broad	01285 720313
Tony Kingsley	01285 720743
Alan McLellan	01285 720642
Ian Morgan	01285 720885

To contact the Council, email the clerk, Elizabeth Broad (chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk), or call her on 720313, or get in touch with any of the councillors directly.

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



A Summer Drinks Party

Everyone Welcome to

A Summer Drinks Party

In the beautiful garden of the Manor
By kind permission of Tim and Jeannie Hamilton
(if wet in the Church covid restrictions permitting)

On Sunday 15th August at 12 noon

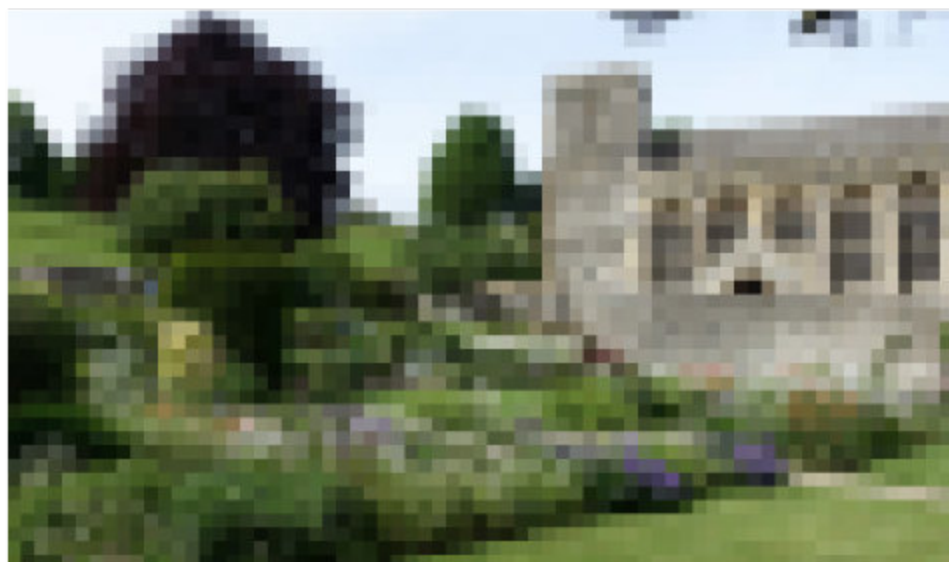
Drinks, light refreshments and raffle
Donations in aid of Friends of St Andrew's
(FoStA)

If you wish to go to the matinee of The Sound of Music and have tickets,
you are very welcome to have your picnic in the garden
around the FoStA drinks party.

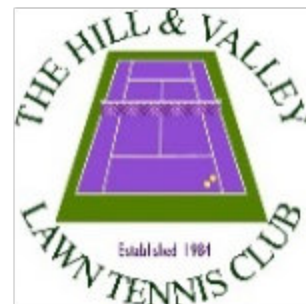
FoStA Advance Notice

Bertie Pearce -Magician

Chedworth Village Hall 7.30pm Saturday 13th November



The Hill and Valley Lawn Tennis Club



CLUB NEWS

This wonderful weather has certainly allowed plenty of tennis to be

enjoyed! If you are keen to play and would like to come along to one of our sessions to get a feel for the club before joining then please get in touch with our Membership Secretary, Caroline Baker, 07733 322176 carolinebaker75@gmail.com.

AFTER SCHOOL COACHING

After school coaching is running every Thursday until July 15th with David Ayala as James is temporarily not available in the week. It is not too late to sign up as there are still spaces. To book or for more info please email us on hillandvalleylta@gmail.com or contact Chrissie Kenning 07717 460240



COACHING CLINIC

Our next monthly Coaching Clinic with Tom Wyman is on Saturday July 3rd with coaching for adults and children please book in on the JM Tennis Coaching app



SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

These will be running over the holidays we will let you know the dates soon!

Please keep an eye on our website and facebook.

Please connect with us on social media to keep updated on the latest information.



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[Twitter.com/HillValleyTenn1](https://twitter.com/HillValleyTenn1)

*Robert Baker
Chairman*

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC

June 9th was a lovely happy occasion, at last we met face to face in person in the beautiful gardens.

WI Members hosted Tea parties in six gardens throughout Chedworth.

There was plenty of chatter and laughter at our tea time tables amongst the pretty flowers. We realized the importance of meeting for 'a good old

chat' and sharing delicious cakes.

Photo below is a Happy Scene in the Secretary's garden of Mick and John Marsh.

A thank you to the photographer, John Marsh.

Carol Bailey



The Soroptimist Club of Cirencester and District invites applications for small grants to its charity, The Dorothy Minnis Trust (registered charity no: 281078), from local charities and individuals.

Application forms and further information are available on the club website:

www.sigbi.org/cirencester/dorothy-minnis-trust

Cirencester Choral Society

Cirencester Choral Society – like so many of us – has found that what used to be a very innocent activity has been illegal for more than a year.

The pandemic silenced choirs and singers in churches, theatres and concert halls all over the world, and CCS has been unable to meet or perform since March 2020.

Recent research suggests that singing is no more dangerous than talking when it comes to spreading infection, but until now, social distancing requirements have prohibited rehearsals, which has been a huge blow to what is a very enthusiastic and friendly choir

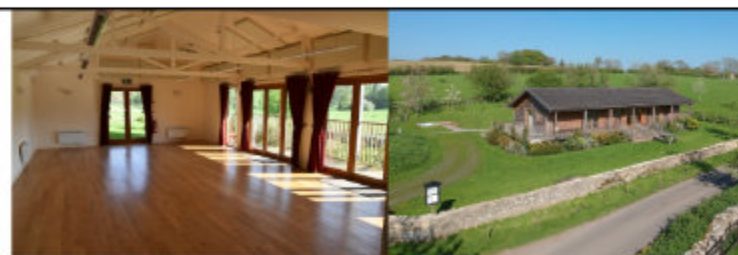
Ironically, research also suggests that singing is an activity that lowers stress, boosts the immune system, assists in pain management and is particularly

therapeutic for those with mental health issues.

The society has stayed in touch with members via newsletters and Zoom classes and is looking forward to restarting rehearsals after 21 June – if lockdown regulations permit – for a concert to be performed in Cirencester Parish Church on Saturday 6th November.

The programme will be composed of shorter pieces rather than one long mass or oratorio, so if any singers are interested in joining, this is an ideal time to get involved.

CCS is currently welcoming membership applications for all parts via <https://www.cirencester-choral-soc.org.uk/>.



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Seasonal Wild Flowers – Foxgloves

Foxgloves (*Digitalis purpurea*)

Foxgloves are a biennial or short lived perennial that flower in June-July through to September. They normally flower the year after sowing. When they first appear, they mark the end of spring and the beginning of summer. They are common on acid soils, especially following clearance of areas of woodland, when the increased sunlight encourages germination.

They are also found on roadside verges, heathland and in hedgerows. The name, foxglove derives from Anglo-Saxon times and probably reflects a series of corruptions in both the spelling and pronunciation of old words. Glove may be derived from the Anglo-Saxon *gliew*- a musical instrument with many small bells. And fox could be a corruption of "folk" meaning the "littlefolk" or fairies. In some parts of the country, such as Somerset, the plant is called "fairy bells". Another explanation is that the plant shares the same habitat amongst bracken and steep slopes as foxes. No animal will touch foxgloves. In France, foxgloves are called *Gants de Notre Dame*, the glove of our Lady the Virgin.

Foxgloves are upright and graceful plants that grow to six feet high and are a prominent feature of the countryside in summer, appearing in great numbers due to their prolific seed production. There are twenty to eighty seed heads on each spike, each

seed head containing thousands of seeds, which can germinate decades after being spread, especially in woods between coppicing. The flowers are mostly a deep pink,

occasionally white and very rarely apricot. Foxgloves are an important source of pollen for bees. The species has evolved to be especially attractive to long-tongued bees such as the common carder bee. When insects land on the lower lip of the foxglove before climbing up the tube, the insect will drop pollen from other foxgloves, allowing the plant to reproduce. Companion species are ferns, Harts-tongue, Rosebay Willowherb and Wood Sage.

Foxgloves were once widely used in folk-medicine, despite its high toxicity. Infusions of the leaves were given for sore throats and catarrh and compresses for ulcers, swellings and bruises. It was most frequently used as a diuretic against dropsy (accumulation of fluid in the tissues). In George Elliot's book *Silas Marner*, the main character who was a local healer, gave an old woman foxglove tea "since the doctor did her no good" with



miraculous results. They are poisonous if eaten. In 1785, William Withering recorded his research into the medical properties of Foxgloves in "An Account of the Foxglove". He identified that its main action was on the heart and that the leaf could be an invaluable help in the treatment of heart failure. This led to the isolation and purification of the foxgloves active principles digitoxin and digoxin, which are still used in small doses in orthodox medicine as heart stimulants by raising blood flow and increasing the body's defence mechanisms.

Strangely for such a prominent summer flower, foxgloves do not appear by name in Shakespeare. However, there is a reference to foxgloves in *A Midsummer's Night's Dream* :-

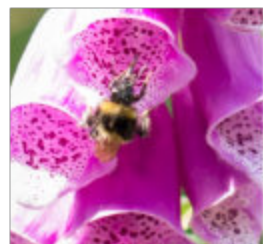
Yet marked where the bolt of Cupid fell:

It fell upon a little western flower,
Before milk-white, now purple with
love's wound,
And maidens call it love-in-idleness

Foxgloves for medicinal purposes are now mostly prepared from imported material. During the Second World War, when the U boat blockade hindered imports, foxgloves were gathered in large numbers by the County Herb Committees, mainly organised by the Women's Institutes and dried before being sent to the drug manufacturers. I wonder whether Chedworth WI was involved and if so, where the foxgloves were dried and stored?

Foxgloves are abundant in the Cotswolds, especially in old woods where there has been recent felling and coppicing. They have taken a liking to our old fruit cage where they germinate freely between the rows of soft fruit and are a source of transplants for the garden. In high summer, children are fascinated by the number and range of bees foraging in foxgloves.

Robert Young



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The Sound of Music

This is the first musical That I have put on in the beautiful grounds of Chedworth Manor

The Sound of Music is my favourite musical of all time and to say that this is a dream of mine to put it on at Chedworth Manor would be an understatement. I was 16 years old when the film was first shown and when I was 17 I was sad enough to go to Salzburg on my own to see where the movie was made .

I have probably seen the movie over 100 times and cry every time I watch it.

When I put on Romeo and Juliet last year on the hills above the church I already knew that this was where I wanted to put on the Sound of Music. I have been lucky enough to find a stellar cast with Grace Hawker in the lead role as Maria and Richard Murray as Captain von Trapp. It is no exaggeration to say that they are the most talented amateur Musical Theatre Actors that I have seen. They

have both won the award in the past for the best actor in a musical in all the South West drama groups and would grace any professional stage

Chedworth Actors continue to form the backbone of the show. Karen Roffe Plays the Baroness with her talented son George, who played Romeo last year, playing Rolf. Flora Kenning, who played a fairy as a 9 year old in my first production of Midsummer Night's Dream, now takes on the challenging role of Liesl. Having seen her in rehearsal, I know that the audience will be captivated by her performance.

Sue Nashe and Teresa Irving are in the nuns ensemble and Louise Abbott plays the fearsome Sister Berthe .

I hope that as many of you as possible will come and support this show which I know you will enjoy

Ross Aldridge Director

Save the Date: Four Hands One Piano

Enjoy an evening of world-class music, from Schubert to Gershwin, in **Northleach Church at 7.00 pm on Saturday 9 October**. Given by critically acclaimed, identical twin pianists Claire and Antoinette Cann, in support of the fund-raising Friends of Northleach Church. Their concert, Four Hands One Piano, will also feature Northleach Choir and an interval bar.

Tickets available online from 1 August. Save the Date!

Your Gardening Tips July and August



As it was in 2020, it has been a difficult year for growers so far with a long period of wet followed by a long dry spell. Now the temperature is rising there will be a growth spurt, but we could be in for another long hot dry period, so trapping water (including bath/shower) by every means possible is essential if you want to keep your produce in top condition for the possibility of a show this year!

- Hedges can be a lifeline for many of our garden animals, but will no doubt need trimming from time to time. Simple guidelines for pruning some native hedges once they have been checked for nesting birds are:
 - **Spindle.** Light pruning in winter/early spring
 - **Holly.** Light pruning in late summer
 - **Hawthorne.** Once in the summer and again in the autumn to create a dense hedge.
 - **Beech, Hornbeam and Forsythia.** Trim in June or after flowering and in late summer (August) If more vigorous

pruning is necessary to keep the shape and size under control, this should be done in early spring.

- **Blackthorn Pyracantha and Cotoneaster** Prune in winter after the berries have dropped.
- Warm moist weather will bring ants to the surface of lawns, together with piles of soil. Brush away the raised loose soil and if you want to destroy the nest nematodes can be highly effective in getting rid of them. Ant powder works well if the ants and the eggs are near the surface, or you can leave them for the Green Woodpeckers. If your lawn looks tired, give it a quick acting summer feed. Do not use lawn weed killers in dry weather. In prolonged dry weather raise the cutter on your mower or avoid cutting at all. If you can leave some areas to grow a little wild for the bees.
- Remove leaves from tomato plants once fruits have set, to improve air flow and allow the fruit to develop and be protected from blight. Apply diluted tomato fertilizer once a week. There may still be time in early July, to pot on pinched outside shoots to make additional tomato plants for a late crop. In August pinch out topmost growth above four trusses outdoors and six trusses under glass.
- Stop harvesting rhubarb in late July to give it time to build up reserves for next year.

- Pick runner beans regularly before they become stringy. Leaving mature pods on the plant can prevent further flowers forming and reduce the crop.
- Liquid feed containerized plants and keep moist in dry periods.
- Keep removing aphids from rose buds by hand or wash off with a mild soap mix. Pinch out and eat the tops of broad beans to avoid black aphids collecting there.
- Black Spot on roses is common in August, but not really treatable at this time of year. Sweep up dead leaves and burn them.
- August is a good time to apply nematodes and biological controls for vine weevil.
- Treat apple scab. In late August, prune plum, apricot, peach and cherry trees to reduce the risk of silver leaf disease.
- Deadhead flowering plants regularly especially in high summer. Cut back hardy geraniums and delphiniums after the first flush to encourage new growth.
- Prune wisteria in August
- Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners. Take cuttings of patio and container plants ready for next year.
- Clear algae and debris from ponds and keep them topped up with water.
- Hebes and lavenders can be given a light prune after flowering in August. If, however, you want to capture the full flavor of lavender essential oils for scent or culinary use, cut it when the flashes of the

petals are just showing.

- Prune rambling roses once they have finished flowering but leave roses that have attractive hips.
- In July, thin overcrowded apples, pears and plums leaving two fruits per clump. Water fruit trees and bushes in dry weather. Treat bitter pit in apples with calcium nitrate spray.
- Continue cutting out old fruiting canes on raspberries, and water well in dry periods.
- Take cuttings of shrubs such as Choisya, Hydrangea and Philadelphus in July.
- Collect seeds from garden plants. Cheaper and more satisfying than buying new ones!
- Trap earwigs to stop them chewing your dahlias.
- Check for discoloration caused by leaf and bud eelworm on herbaceous plants such as Chrysanthemum, Anemone and Penstemon.
- Make time to sit back and enjoy your garden.

*Simon Colbeck
Chairman Chedworth & District
HORTSOC*



In the recent matches Chedworth have played, there have been small margins in victory and defeat. Two of the matches were unluckily lost by 6 runs and 9 runs. However, against Upton St. Leonards, the luck went with them to win a high scoring match by 9 runs. Captain, Oliver Lockey, scored a masterful, fluent century of 112 not out, ably supported by a pugnacious innings of 68 by Chris Miles. They were the only players to score double figures as the side amassed 245 for 6 on a splendid wicket at the Beech Walk.

James Larnar and Dan Smith kept Upton's scoring rate under control with two wickets each. However, Oliver Lockey took the wickets of the two top scorers to swing the match in favour of Chedworth and confirm his Man of the Match status.

In the match away against Apperley, the side lost by 6 runs despite a fine spell of 5 for 44 by James Binns.

In the close game away against Kingsholm lost by 9 runs, James Larnar bowled economically to take 5 for 21 and Henry Lait made a stylish 54. A brief note on the personnel of the Chedworth side is that the Lockey family made up just over a third of the side with father, Alistair, playing with his three sons, Oliver, Elliot and Will.

There is no doubt that Chedworth are playing good cricket and that with continued striving their luck will be more favourable.

A note for your diary is Saturday 14th August when Chedworth are hosting a Pink Saturday match to raise money for Breast Cancer and the Club. This league match will be the return fixture against Kingsholm. The Club would welcome anyone from the village to support this worthy cause.

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There will be an exciting new opportunity for entrants to win significant prizes of up to £140! (See page 12 and 17 for details.) With entry to classes free, the Committee and volunteers are hoping for multiple entries, so please support them to keep up this lovely traditional day.

Entries are online at chedworth.org.uk/hortsocshow2021 from 1 August 2021 or by delivering the pull-out entry form to Richard and Bettina Abraham at Absolam's Orchard, Middle Chedworth, GL564 4AJ, by Monday 16th August 2021.

At the Show tea, ice creams and Pimms will be available, and in addition to stalls and a secret garden, entertainment will be provided by the Chedworth Silver Band and Professor Collywobbles Punch and Judy Show. There will be an opportunity to put your gardening questions to a panel of experts during the afternoon.

Come and support our 140th Anniversary!

Simon Colbeck

The Seven Tuns



July News

We're well back in full swing here now, running at capacity since reopening inside as well as out. The sun has been shining, the gardens are really coming into their own - with the picnic tables we can now offer an additional 28 seats making 108 outside in total. Let's just hope we can continue to operate without further setbacks or lockdowns as it's been a torturous journey!

Everyone has been working well beyond the call of duty to serve our customers but some days recently we've been very aware we could do with more staff. We've been looking since reopening, but we are seeing the same lack of response from trained hospitality staff as the rest of the country. But we are on the case and meanwhile we ask for

your understanding if the service is not a lightning speed when we are obviously fully booked. Hopefully the sheer joy of being able to be eat out again with friends in a buzzing environment will help!

If the weather holds up throughout July, Tom will fire up the barbecue regularly on Saturdays - we're all really looking forward to those special evenings.

Many customers now see Chris in a new light after his revelations in the last issue's interview. This month it's Waty Rauf Jones' turn! Small in stature but big on personality and accomplishments, Waty is full of surprises - as you are about to find out from her recent chat with Claire Watson.

Hi Waty, we all know you as Waty, is that a Malaysian name?

It is and it isn't! Waty is a short version of a very long name that my mother gave me.

I was born and raised in Penang, a sunny island north west of the peninsula of Malaysia. I learned English from the age of six, as required by the Malaysian curriculum.



Waty with her older sister and younger brother

So was all your education in Malaysia?

Yes, I went to the local primary school, after which I was invited to study at one of the most prestigious high schools in Malaysia, St George's Girls School. I then went on to study Mechanical Engineering while working in an electronics manufacturing factory. I



Pre engineering days in electronics manufacturing

even earned a Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering!

But you didn't stay in that field?

No, I didn't really use my degree, after four years in the manufacturing industry, I got a little bored, and I changed career and became a fitness consultant in a gym in Penang's capital, George Town. That didn't work out so well as I learned that I am not a very good salesperson!

I can't believe that, what did you do next?

That's when I decided to try hospitality. I started working at a 5 star business hotel, then a 5 star beach boutique hotel, then a G Hotel 5 star city / business hotel - where I met Paul, my husband.

How exciting! Did he sweep you off your feet?

Well, it took a year before I said yes to a date! At first I told him I couldn't date my hotel guests, then to my surprise, he checked out and checked into a hotel down the road! Isn't he a romantic? Since then, we've never left each other's side.



True love!

That is romantic. So presumably it was Paul who introduced you to the UK and to the Cotswolds?

The Seven Tuns

Yes, I began travelling to the UK in 2013 and we got married in December 2014. We held our wedding reception in February 2015 in Malaysia - at my parents' house with over 1500 guests invited! There's no such thing as a small wedding in the Rauf family.

After that I moved here permanently. We lived in Fairford for a while and in Quenington for about two years. We moved to Chedworth in 2016.

Quite a lifestyle change coming here from Malaysia?

I enjoy travelling and experiencing new things. So Paul and I have been on many adventures together, such as motorcycle tours around the UK and the Isle of Man TT Races. Our next trip will be in July, riding up to the north coast of Scotland. Originally our plan was to ride to the Alps with a few other biker friends, but due to the current situation, staying local is the best thing to do.



With Paul testing one of the race tracks on the Isle of Man

We also enjoy sailing. We sailed from the Isle of Man to Portsmouth in an antique wooden boat, and - just for your information - I cannot swim! Unfortunately, the boat was destroyed in one of the storms in 2019, a year after she was moored in Portsmouth.

You seem to be in perpetual motion Waty, do you ever stop to relax?

Of course! When we are not travelling, I enjoy just chilling at home, playing the guitar while Paul plays the bass guitar. I was taught by my father who was a musician back in the day, and yes, his hair is longer than mine!

And the Seven Tuns, how long have you been here?

I had my own cleaning company for about a year, cleaning private homes and holiday lets. I then started working at the Tuns with the previous landlady, Liz Henty in 2016. Josh and I were very lucky to have Simon and Tom keep us on! We are part of the furniture as they frequently say!

And how has lockdown affected you?

Well, lockdown certainly changed my routine that's for sure. During

the first lockdown, I took up yoga, which I still practice. Paul and I also fully renovated the garden, with help from my dog Biru of course!



Paul and Biru on one of their long walks

Now we can receive friends outside without getting scratched by the brambles!

I then launched my business, Asian Kitchen in the Cotswolds, in February this year. It's been a massive hit, I'm absolutely overwhelmed by the interest in South East Asian food. All my



Practising yoga in the sitting room

recipes are from my late grandmother, made just the way she taught me from around eight years old. Everything I know today

about preparing food from scratch I learned from her. My late grandfather was a fisherman after he retired from First Warrant Officer of the Malayan Army.

Sometimes he took me fishing for skate, mackerel, monkfish and other seafood, and he taught me how to gut and prepare them. I guess that's where I got my sea legs from.



Chicken Masak Merah, tomato rice with cucumber and pineapple salad - one of Waty's best-selling dishes

With such a success on your hands, what are your plans for the future?

My plan is to grow this business whilst maintaining the authenticity of South East Asian flavours. And as for the future, let's embrace it with arms wide open!

Absolutely Waty, and thanks for sharing with us so much of your very interesting life so far!

Claire Watson

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A postman shot at Christmas

History Corner- A postman shot at Christmas: Chedworth 1924

On the morning of 23rd December 1924, postman William Gardner left his house in Lower Chedworth to go to work at his usual time at 7am. As he turned to close his front door, a gun shot rang out and he fell to the ground. His wife and neighbours who had heard the gunshot came outside and went to the aid of the wounded man. He was taken to Cirencester Memorial Hospital, with severe injuries to his face, and other wounds to his body.

The assailant was quickly identified as being another postman, Frederick Broad, who had resigned from his job the previous day. Just before the shooting, a man named Authurs had met Broad going towards Gardener's house, dressed in his post office uniform. He thought he saw Broad throw something into the long grass beside the path. He wished him "good morning" and Broad muttered a reply. After they passed each other, Authurs looked back and saw Broad retracing his steps as if going to retrieve something that he had hidden.

The police were called from Northleach and a search party set out to hunt for Broad. He was tracked past a farm along a lane to Chedworth Woods but the trail was lost. The same morning, a railway ganger had come across Broad's mangled body lying next to the railway line about three



Sketches of the Chedworth shooting in the Illustrated Police News, 1 Jan 1925, via British Newspaper Archive (www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk). The victim was originally named as George Gardner, later corrected to William. The 'Mrs Gardner' who came to his aid was probably his wife, not his mother.

hundred yards from the tunnel and not far from the Roman villa. A double-barrelled shotgun lay nearby. His remains were taken to Chedworth railway station.

On the following day, an inquest was opened by the Stroud coroner at Chedworth Police Station and a jury sworn in. Evidence was taken from Frederick Broad's brother who identified the body and stated that his brother was 24 years old and in good physical health but had been "somewhat strange at times" and had been seeing the doctor. He had served

A postman shot at Christmas

in the army in the late conflict and was demobilised in the usual way at the end of the war. The inquest was adjourned until the 1st January. It was reported that William Gardner continued to be cared for at Cirencester Memorial Hospital, where his condition was said to be "fairly satisfactory". His jaw had been shot away, but there were hopes for his recovery.

Between Christmas and the New Year, the local press investigated the background to the incident and spoke to some Chedworth residents. It was reported that Broad had lately developed "several peculiarities and had been very upset about some changes made at his work. The postal rounds at Chedworth had altered recently, and Broad had been given a new, shorter route, which meant that he was paid slightly less money. His former round had been taken over by William Gardner, a colleague of many years service, and Broad had become convinced that the older man had some responsibility for the changes. He had resigned with immediate effect on the day before the shooting and another Chedworth man named Percy Mabblerley had been appointed to take over in the sudden emergency.

The Postmaster made a statement which made it clear that there was nothing personal in the alteration of rounds. "No report whatsoever had reached me of any unsatisfactory working on the part of Broad which would lead to his being changed from

one duty to another. Whatever action has been taken is not the outcome of any complaint about duty. The fact of the matter is we have reorganised the whole of the postal service in the district in connection with motor work"

On January 1st 1925, the inquest into the death of Frederick Broad resumed at the YMCA Hut Chedworth. The first witness was the father of the deceased, William Trotman Broad, a mason living in Chedworth. He stated that at half past six on the morning of December 23rd, his son opened his bedroom door and said he was going to assist Mr Mabblerley (his replacement) in bringing in the mail. He was dressed in his postal uniform. Broad senior advised his son to remain at home, go downstairs and light the fire. When he came downstairs, his son had gone. At breakfast the deceased's mother heard the report of a gun and looking up at their gun rack, he saw that Fred's gun was missing.

Peter James Morse, an engine driver in the employ of the Great Western Railway, and living in Cheltenham, stated that on the morning of 23rd December he was the driver of the train leaving Andover Junction at 8am. He pulled up at Chedworth, and on leaving the station, also on reaching the tunnel, sounded the whistle. On coming out of the tunnel and entering the cutting he thought the engine struck a small stone. He did not see a man on the line, but later was told that he had probably knocked someone

down. He inspected the engine and found no evidence of a collision, but he was afterwards told that there were some marks on one of the coaches.

James Buttle, a ganger of Withington, employed by the Great Western Railway, stated that on the morning of December 23rd December he was walking along the line from Withington in the direction of Chedworth Tunnel. He saw a passing train and some distance on he discovered the arm and hand of a man lying in the six-foot way. About 800 yards further on, he found the body of the deceased lying in the four-foot way, and terribly mutilated. Death must have been instantaneous. The witness added that there was no public crossing or footway near to where the body was found.

In summing up, the coroner said that it was perfectly clear that the deceased was killed by a passing train. What the jury had to ask itself was: Did he deliberately place himself on the line; and if so, they had further to consider the state of his mind at the time. The jury returned a verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind, and expressed their sympathy with the parents and relatives in their sad bereavement.

The funeral of Frederick Broad was held on the afternoon of Saturday 3rd January, at Chedworth Church. There were only a few private mourners, but about twelve parishioners came to the service. The parents were "too ill" to attend.

The above article is from the Illustrated Police News, 1st January 1925 via British Newspaper Archive and with the permission of Jill Evans 2017.

I have recently spoken to two local inhabitants, both in their 90's, who can remember meeting and talking to Mr Gardner, the postman who was shot. Peter Juggins who was born and lived in Chedworth for most of his life can remember Mr Gardner delivering the post for many years. Peter told me that in order to take nourishment, Mr Gardner had to lie on his back and his wife would pour liquid through a tube down his throat. Miss Enid Sly, who has lived in Northleach all her life, can remember seeing Mr Gardner when he visited Northleach, especially meetings at the Cotswold Hall. She thought that it must have been very awkward and tiring for him talking with a broken jaw.

From this distance in time, it is difficult to fully appreciate just what an impact the shooting would have had on a small rural community, especially as both Mr Gardner and Mr Broad were postmen and would have been well known in the village. It was very sad for both families and particularly Mr Gardner, who had to live with his injuries for the rest of his life. He was typical of his generation, who were stoic and got on with their lives and made the best of it.

Robert Young

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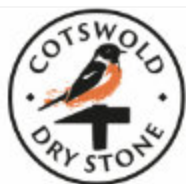
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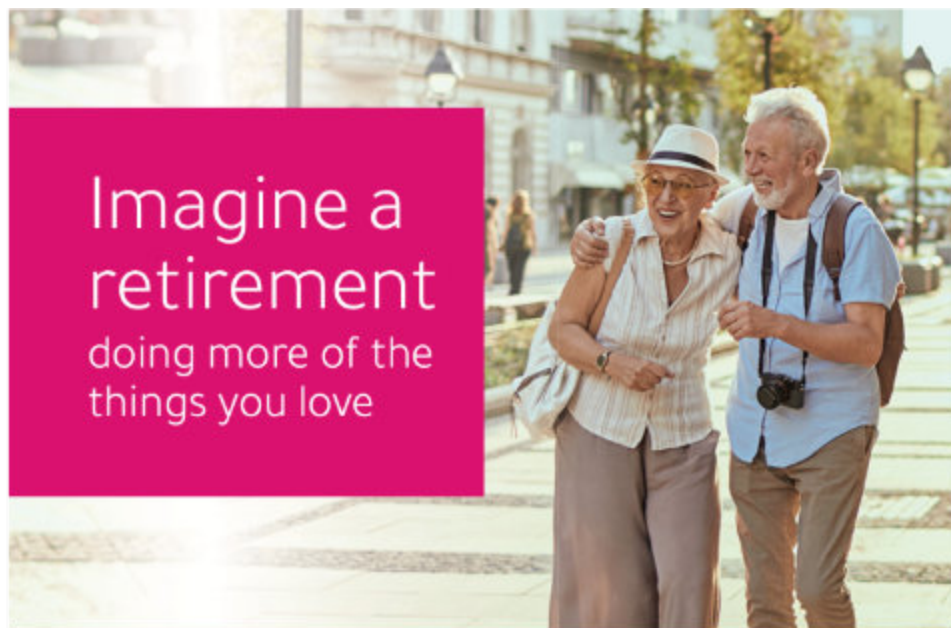
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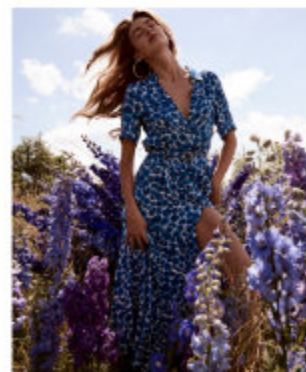
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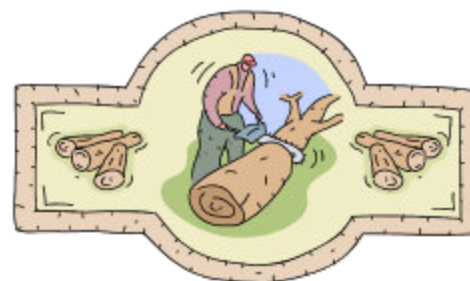
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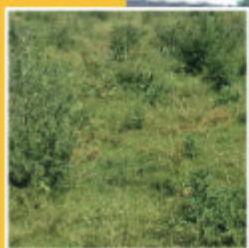



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