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Happy Christmas
and
New Year
to all our readers



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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition



Stephen's Letter

He's behind us!

"The Virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him, Immanuel, which means "God with us" Matt 1v23

Christmas is, of course, the pantomime season, and one of the standard theatrical devices of pantomime is where the character on stage seeks the elusive villain - or hero - to the cries of "He's behind you!" from the audience.

We may have times in our lives when we feel that God is equally elusive - that he could, or should, be nearby, and we wonder just what role he is playing on our lives, and on the stage of history. We might especially wonder that at present, with the twin perils of the ongoing pandemic, and the looming climate crisis.

But, at Christmas, as we remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Christian message reassures us that this is simply not the case. Because, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, God joined the human race, and lived life as one of us. This is why the prophecy of Isaiah referred to Jesus, the virgin's son, as "God with us". He shared our experiences - and he knows how it is for us.

But also, as Jesus, God arrived in a particular place on the world's stage - ultimately to enact God's plan of salvation on the cross, to save us from our sins. In adult life, Jesus drew a lot

of attention to himself with his miracles and teaching; in 1st century Palestine, a lot of people knew exactly where Jesus was.

And, if we trust that Jesus died for us, we can experience God with us in our own life and can know God's deep love and forgiveness through the work of the Holy Spirit in our heart. And, if we have this assurance, we can be sure that the God who is with us...is indeed behind us! Behind us...cheering and supporting us every inch of the way through the troubles of this world.

So I wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas, and I pray that in 2022, you would know God's love with you in Jesus Christ. Because if God is with you, then he really is behind you...oh yes, he is!

With best wishes,

Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for December 2021/January 2022

Sunday 5th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 12th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion

9 am – Chedworth

10.30 am – Coln Rogers

Saturday 18th December

Carol Service

9 am – Coln Rogers

Sunday 19th December – 4th Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (BCP)

No Family Service

Carol Service

9 am – Stowell

6pm – Chedworth

Friday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Crib Service

Crib Service

Midnight Holy Communion

3pm – Chedworth

5pm – Yanworth

11.30 pm – Chedworth

Saturday 25th December – Christmas Day

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion

Family Service

9 am – Stowell

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 26th December – 1st Sunday of Christmas

No Service

January 2022

Sunday 2nd January – Epiphany/Plough Sunday

Epiphany/Plough Sunday Family Communion 10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 9th January – 1st Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion

9 am – Chedworth

10.30 am – Coln Rogers

Church Briefing

Sunday 16th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion 9 am – Yanworth
Family Service 10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 23rd January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion 10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 30th January – Candlemas/Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Candlemas Family Communion 10.30 am – Yanworth

Sunday 6th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion 10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Chedworth Silver Band Christmas Concert – Sunday 5th December

The **Chedworth Silver Band** will be playing a programme of **Carols and Christmas Music** in **St Andrew's Church, Chedworth** on **Sunday 5th December at 4 pm**. An opportunity to get into the Christmas mood, and support our local silver band after what has been a difficult year or so for them. Entrance free, but retiring collection to be split between the band and the church. Do join us for this jolly event.

Christmas Services

We fully intend to operate the Christmas Service schedule shown, but do look out on email and social media for any short-notice COVID related contingency plans. As well as the Christmas services, there will be a church video entitled Christmas Box, which will be released on YouTube in mid-December. Please also note that there will be **no service on Boxing Day (Sunday 26th December)**.

Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, or would value a confidential discussion of any concerns that you have, please get in touch with me at 720392 or stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com.

Chedworth Community Land Charity

The Chedworth Community Land Charity is a charity whose objective is to provide assistance to people in Chedworth parish facing particular urgent health or welfare needs or financial hardship. The Trustees consist of the Rector and two Parish Council nominees. The Chedworth Community Land Charity has helped various parishioners over the last few years and is able to respond rapidly to any urgent financial needs due to winter pressures or pandemic-related issues. To find out more or to apply, please contact Rev'd Stephen Goundrey-Smith (720392) or Bryan Bowley (720369). All applications are dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Plough Sunday Service – 2nd January

Do join us for **Plough Sunday Holy Communion** at **Coln St Dennis** on **Sunday 2nd January at 10.30 am** (also the Epiphany). Plough Sunday is traditionally the first of the Christian festivals for the agricultural year and, on Plough Sunday, the plough, the churn and the livestock are blessed. All are warmly welcome to this special service.

Advance Notice – Confirmation Service

There will be a **Confirmation Service** at **St Andrew's Church, Chedworth**, on **Sunday 22nd May 2022**.

Confirmation is an important opportunity for young people to explore faith in detail, and make a commitment. If there are any young people who wish to consider being confirmed, please get in touch with Rev'd Stephen at stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com.

Consider the Lilies

This autumn, we embarked on an innovative course, entitled **Consider the Lilies: Exploring Healing & Wholeness Through Art**. While this course was quite a departure from what we usually do, and a select group took part, the reflective style and the therapeutic quality of the art was a real blessing to participants.

We are especially grateful to Dr Alissar McCreary for her facilitation. We certainly learnt a good deal from each other and from Alissar during the course, both in responding to her and

each other's artwork, learning some art techniques and, most importantly, reflecting on important themes of healing and wholeness.



Christmas Greetings

The Vicar, Churchwardens and PCCs of the Hill & Valley Benefice would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support at a difficult time. We wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas, and we hope and pray that 2022 will bring hope, health and fulfilment.

From the Registers

Baptism

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

Florence Clarkin – St Leonard's Church, Stowell – 14th November

Marriage

"Let us love one another for love comes from God". 1 John 4v7

Richard Almond & Stephanie Phillips – St Andrew's Church, Chedworth – 18th December



Christmas pop-up shop

Crafts, Gifts, Art, Cards....

Shipton Reading Room
Sunday 5th December
10am - 3pm

The Coffee Cube van will be outside selling fresh coffee, tea and homemade cakes

Replace

Did you know? By replacing potato chips with grapefruit as a snack, you can lose up to 90% of what little joy you still have left in your life.



The Pop Up Cafe team would like to wish a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS
 and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
 to all of our friends and neighbours, in Chedworth and beyond.

We started this cafe back in June, with the aim of reconnecting us all after such a long period of isolation. We hope we've succeeded!

However, we know that a huge part of any success we may have had is largely due to these lovely people and we would like to thank each and every one of them.

Claire Booth - Claire Booth Cooks
 Sarah Godwin - Sarah's everyday cakes
 David Jowett- King Stone Dairies
 Eddy(MBE) & Mary Ann Graves - Eddy's MBE honey
 Lynn Mitchell - plants & flowers
 Clare Peterson - honey
 Ann Baxter - Piccolo Farm eggs
 Katie Fryer - bread

We send our warmest greetings to them all.

Finally the cafe team has decided that any profits made in December will be donated to Cirencester Food Bank, from Chedworth with love

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE
See you next Monday!



Dates for Your Diary

Date)	Time	Event	Venue
03-Dec	19:30	Murder Mystery Dinner presented by Chedworth Drama	Chedworth Village Hall
08-Dec	19:15	WI meeting - the "Swinging Sixties"	Chedworth Village Hall
10-Dec	19:30	Back Row Club showing the film "The Last Bus"	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Dec	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
12-Jan	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
14-Jan	19:30	Back Row Club showing the film "The Courier"	Chedworth Village Hall
15-Jan	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - AIR in G "Noble Jacks" (music)	Chedworth Village Hall
28-Jan	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - NT Live screening of "Leopoldstadt"	Chedworth Village Hall
09-Feb	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
11-Feb	19:30	Back Row Club showing the film "Nomadland"	Chedworth Village Hall
17-Feb	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - NT Live screening of "The Book of Dust - La Belle Sauvage"	Chedworth Village Hall
25-Feb	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - AIR in G "Moscow Drug Club" (music)	Chedworth Village Hall
09-Mar	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
18-Mar	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - NT Live screening of "Hex"	Chedworth Village Hall
26-Mar	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - AIR in G "Elvis Blue Hawaii" (theatre)	Chedworth Village Hall
12-Apr	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
11-May	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
08-Jun	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Jul	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
10-Aug	19:15	WI Meeting - Outing	Chedworth Village Hall
09-Sep		Chedworth Charity Golf Day	Monmouth
14-Sep	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
12-Oct	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
09-Nov	19:15	WI Meeting - AGM	Chedworth Village Hall
14-Dec	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall

See www.hillandvalley.co.uk for more details

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

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



Chedworth Area, Fossebridge, Yanworth

Tuesday	14	Dec
Tuesday	28	Dec
Tuesday	11	Jan 2022
Tuesday	25	Jan
Tuesday	8	Feb

Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Friday	10	Dec
Friday	24	Dec
Friday	7	Jan 2022
Friday	21	Jan
Friday	4	Feb

Turn your event into an occasion at

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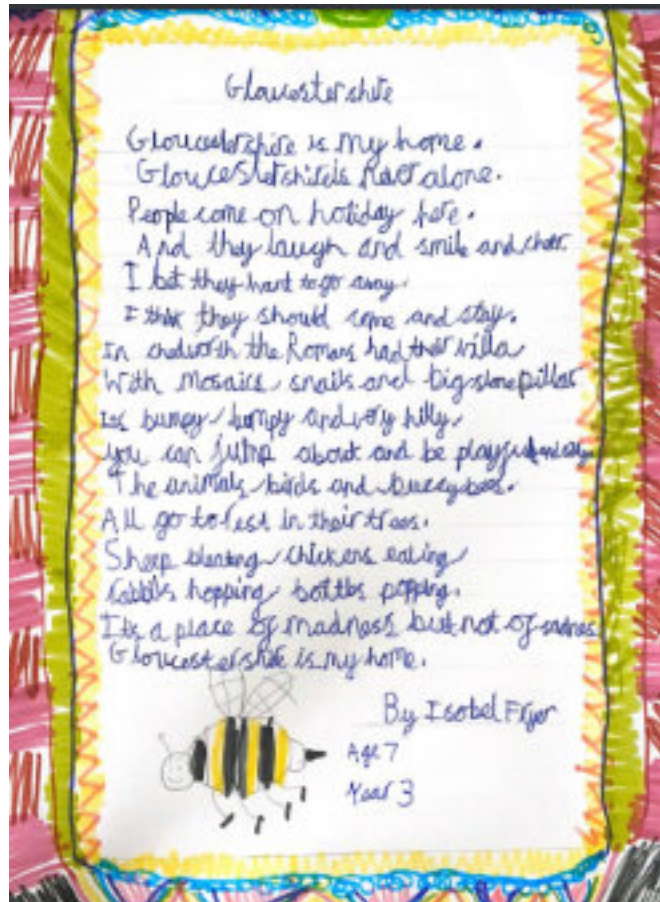
St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



Remembrance



Once again, our pupils amazed us with our act of Remembrance on Thursday 11th November. The school met on the playground to observe a 2-minute silence and a selection of pupils read some beautiful poetry. To finish, Year 5 & 6 (Godolphin Class) sang an emotive song, 'We Shall Remember.'



Our previous topic, 'Glorious Gloucestershire' inspired Isobel (Year 3) to write this wonderful poem about Gloucestershire. We are now looking forward to a busy Autumn term culminating in the last week with a trip to The Everyman Theatre, before our own Christmas performance at St Andrew's Church on Thursday 16th December. We would like to sincerely thank all at the **Seven Tuns Inn** for kindly donating the oranges for our Christingle service.

Community Consultation



St Andrew's C of E have been working closely with Chedworth Pre-School for a number of years. More recently, we have been exploring options to amalgamate. As part of our due diligence, we will be putting our ideas out for consultation. Please keep an eye out for this on the village Facebook and Next Door. In the meantime, if you have any thoughts about this, please email:

clerk@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk

Meet the Staff!

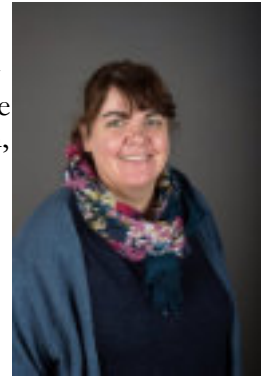
Name: Mrs Sally Smith

Role: Year 1 & 2 Class Teacher

I have worked at St Andrew's C of E for nearly 2 years now.

Before teaching, I was a nurse for 20 years specialising in palliative care for 10 of those. I really enjoy being part of village life, helping with Brownies and running events

for children at church. I am married to Rev Stephen and we have 4 children, 2 of which attended St Andrew's school. 3 are now at University. With just one left at Cotswold School.



PTA Events

Our wonderful PTA have been so busy this term planning incredible events for our pupils from school discos to Christmas Fayres and movie nights. If you would like to support the PTA and make any donations, please contact ssmith@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk

Mrs N Smith
Headteacher

[StAndrewsCofE](https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsCofE)

New bank

Mother decided that ten-year old Cathy should get something 'practical' for Christmas. "Suppose we open a savings account for you?" she suggested. Cathy was delighted. "It's your account, darling," mother said as they arrived at the bank, "so you fill out the application." Cathy was doing fine until she came to the space for 'Name of your former bank.' After a slight hesitation, she put down 'Piggy'.

Chedworth Parish Council

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - THE BIG CHEDWORTH SURVEY (BCS) - RESULTS

The survey produced a range of responses from residents which were of relevance to this Design Code. The responses include:

A consensus that there is a need for a small amount of new housing in the Plan Area.

A mix of opinion regarding property type, however majority in 'strong agreement' for 'affordable homes' and in 'agreement' for 'small houses (1 to 2 beds).

Majority in 'strong agreement' for the need for carbon neutral new development.

The most popular energy options, 'individual or community solar', 'individual air source heat pumps' and 'individual ground source heat pumps'.

Councillors

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

Footpaths and bridleways are a significant source of recreation and used year round.

Views are highly valued throughout the village.

The preservation of wildlife and history is important

A community orchard would be preferable over an allotment or community garden space.

Enhanced community facilities would be looked on favourably including the reintroduction of a village shop.

COMMUNITY ORCHARD

The Parish Council has agreed to progress The Community Orchard Project which is to be located on the Diggers Field adjacent to the Playing Field off Fields Road.

There are several reasons for this, not least that it should become an excellent community asset & it has been recognised as a popular option in the responses received from the BCS (Big Chedworth Survey). This will involve considerable practical work as well as funding so please contact the PC if you are able to assist in any way with practical help or advice.

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust is proposing a site management training day for volunteers who will help to manage the reserve following the transfer of ownership of the Chedworth Nature Reserve to the Parish Council. If you think you would

like to become a volunteer, this guided walk along the mile-long track of woodland and limestone grassland, rich in wild flowers, butterflies and bats, would be an excellent introduction to the work involved. The date in January or February, to be announced.

PARISH VERGES

2021 is the fourth year that the Parish Council has been arranging a cut and collect of what has been gradually increasing areas of its verges, and the first that we have taken full control from Gloucestershire Highways. A team of villagers continue to provide advice to the Council on the management of this and we thank them. Last autumn Harvey Sherwood led a team spreading wild flower seeds in many of the verges. This year our survey showed a much greater number of species, 57 this year compared with 38 last year, and an increased preponderance of Yellow Rattle, a plant which is great for creating conditions for other wild flowers to thrive. Sward height has reduced in places and many of the species recorded for the first time in 2021 were present in Harvey's seed mix. Taking control from Highways has allowed us to integrate the visibility splays spring cut and their autumn "1 metre" cut with our own activities, and also to control the timing of these. Going forward we hope to continue and expand this process so increasing attractiveness of

our verges and their biodiversity. Our thanks must also go to our contractor Brian Brazington both for his excellent work in cutting the verges and also his advice on what we can cost effectively achieve, and to Toby Baxter of Manor Farm for taking the arisings from us.

NOTICE BOARD REPAIRER NEEDED

The lower end noticeboard by the "Donkey Field" is looking shabby and needs repair, a new surface mainly as we believe it is generally sound. The Parish Council has allocated funding but so far has failed to find anyone interested in repairing it. If you can help or suggest someone who can please get in touch clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk

CHEDWORTH TO NET ZERO

The Parish Council was pleased to support the Chedworth to Net Zero initiative by agreeing to sponsoring the event by paying the cost of hiring the Village Hall and Projector equipment. The initial meeting has already taken place and we will be very interested in any projects or suggestions which come from the meeting.



Chedworth Parish Council

DOG FOULING, PLAYING FIELD

The problems of dog mess on the playing field continue. This is not something parish councillors can monitor so we need everyone's help and cooperation to put an end to the anti social practice where individuals allowing their dogs to foul the field

and not clear it up. Whether by allowing dogs to run free and out of sight there or by simply allowing them to roam the village unsupervised. Dog mess is dangerous to children and it is quite unacceptable to leave it where children play. Please help us to stamp out this unsavoury practice.

David Broad



FoStA Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards



Christmas kneelers in St Andrew's Church.

Sold in aid of Friends of St. Andrew's Church.

Pack of 10 cards and envelopes £10

Contact Sue Callard 01285 720468
suecallard324@btinternet.com

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC

CLUB NEWS

May I thank all our members for their support this year; it's been great to see so many new and existing members participate in club sessions, coaching sessions and children in the school groups. We have been lucky to grow our membership and I would like to thank our dedicated coaching team, David, Tom, Hilary and Joe and also our committee for their hard work on behalf of the club, and for their excellent work in broadening the availability of tennis to our community.

I wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to a healthy and busy playing season in 2022.

Robert Baker, Chairman

GIFT VOUCHERS

A Christmas present suggestion! give a Gift Voucher for coaching or membership please get in touch.

hillandvalleytc@gmail.com



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



WHAT'S COMING UP

Tom Wyman Clinic

Saturday Dec 4th

Coaching for adults and matchplay for juniors aged 6-13yrs

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Coaching



Xmas Holiday Camps

Tuesdays Dec 21st

Dec 28th, Jan 4th

Fun camps for children aged 4-13yrs with David Ayala

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Coaching/Camps



After School Coaching

Starts January 12th

After school coaching with David Ayala on Wednesdays for children aged 4-18yrs.

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Coaching



Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

After our Zoom Annual Meeting in 2020 it was good to be back in person all in the village hall, masked for the business and with windows and doors open as Covid precautions of course! Only a very few of our members were unable to come due to a variety of mostly health related issues – we missed them all and sent our best wishes and a little plant to commiserate with them for missing out.

We went through our normal business and our annual reports and appointment of committee and officials. The major theme that came through the evening was the huge value that we all placed on the support and friendship that all members had offered each other, via zoom, telephone calls, delivering cards and posies, small tea parties, outside coffees, and just being there for each other over the last year and a bit.

This is the one meeting of the year when we have to limit attendance to paid up members, otherwise we always welcome all visitors. Although I must admit that we did have one very special honorary member with us, Martin Hughes came with Sheila to enable her to fully enjoy the evening.

We were then treated to a lovely two course meal prepared and served by Claire Booth a real treat to celebrate a little bit of 'normality' and all the effort that so many members have put in over the last year and a half to keep us

going and so nice for us all not to have to cook or wash up!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th December, at the village hall at 7.15pm when our speaker will be Alan Winchcomb, the topic is the 'Swinging 60's' and if possible, anyone attending should come in 60's dress. If any visitors would like to revisit their or their parent's youth you will be most welcome particularly if you are ready to join in and 'twist and shout'!

Emma Isaac



Hedgerow Trees – Crab Apple

Crab Apple

Crab Apple- *malus sylvestris*- is a small, rounded deciduous thorny tree found in hedgerows, copses, roadsides and rough ground, usually occurring as a single tree and native in old oak woods. Their beautiful and distinctive blossom is the last of the fruit to flower in late April and on through May. In hedgerows Crab apples are a conspicuous landscape feature and are the third most mentioned species as boundary features in Anglo-Saxon and Welsh charters, occurring in nearly 10 per cent of charters examined. In Appleby Cumbria enclosure hedges were usually planted in the ratio of three thorns to one apple, some were crab apple and now provide an immense variety of fruit. The crab apple was the most important ancestor of the cultivated apple.

Wilding, scrab, gribble and hobgoblins are some of the local names for crab apples. Scogg is a dialect word for a scrubby bush or tree and its sour fruit is the key to the nickname "crab" after the creature with its awkward shaped claws and ungainly walk.

Crab apples are an ancient foraging fruit their remains have been found in a Bronze Age coffin. Crab-apples are small, hard and sour but make good pickle and jelly which is a delicious treat in the winter. Crab apple flowers cannot be self pollinated, it is necessary to have another crab apple



tree that can provide the pollen carried from tree to tree by bees and insects.

Crab apples have also contributed to traditional revelry, in times past the first day of November was dedicated to the angel presiding over autumn fruit. From this evolved a variety of wassail, consisting of ale, nutmeg, sugar and toasted crab apples, which used to be served at college feasts in the University of Cambridge. The brew was also popular at christenings,



the godparents were sometimes called "gossips" and the christening mug was known as "the gossip bowl". The crab apple is a symbol of fertility and is associated with love and marriage. Crab apple is mentioned several times by William Shakespeare. In *Love Labour's Lost* "When roasted crabs hiss in the bowl", in Shakespeare's time, crab

Hedgerow Trees – Crab Apple

was the name given by country people to the crab apple

The timber of crab-apple trees is very hard and durable. It is good for wood turning and long lasting furniture. Uses include furniture, delicate wood making instruments such as set

squares, mallets and screws. Crab apple wood was often used for making cudgels, In Shakespeare's Henry VI the porter cries "Fetch a dozen crab staves and strong ones". It is a good wood for cooking because it burns hot and slow without much flame.

Robert Young



COLN VALLEY VILLAGE HALL

The perfect venue for small parties and events

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Please see our website for availability and prices

www.coln-valley-village-hall.co.uk

Cotswold Crafts -Hedge Laying

Further to the article on hedge laying in the June 2020 edition of Hill and Valley, Terry Underwood (an appropriate name for a woodland craftsman!) cut and laid the hedge at the bottom of our spinney in early October this year. The predominantly quick thorn hedge was planted about 30 years ago and was first cut and laid

by Terry in 2013. The hedge had grown substantially in recent years and was about 12 foot high. The cutting and laying will encourage new growth and thicken the bottom of the hedge for the benefit of wildlife. The operation produced some useful firewood and a lot of brash to clear!



On 23rd October, Terry Underwood came second in the Midland Intermediate Class at the National Hedge Laying Competition at the Rotherfield Park Estate in Hampshire. The event was very well supported, as

are the regional and local competitions, which are important in helping to maintain the traditional craft.

Robert Young

Thanks for Food Bank Collection



Many, many thanks to everyone who attended, and to all who contributed so generously to the Cirencester Food

Bank Collection at our Harvest Evensong at Coln Rogers. It was a lovely service and an amazing response. The

collection was almost 100kg for which they were extremely grateful.



Neil & Nellie Church Wardens.



Your Gardening Tips for Dec/Jan



As at this time last year there are plenty of holly berries on the trees indicating a hard winter, but it was not to be, so who can tell. Nevertheless it would be wise to prepare your garden and plants for some deep frosts and maybe some snow. It is being increasingly flagged up that gardening is not only good for physical wellbeing but also for mental health too, so it is will be good for you not just to shut your garden down and forget about until spring but find things to keep you active be it pruning, potting up bulbs, moving plants, tidying up or improving or developing spaces, however small. Enjoy the pleasure of feeding our overwintering birds too!

- Prune open-grown apples and pears, and acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding
- Bare rooted deciduous trees and shrubs can be planted and transplanted in December and January, and it is the time to take hardwood cuttings. Ensure newly planted trees are well staked.

- For winter colour in your garden you could include a beech hedge, or Cornus alba, Baton Rouge which reveal its deep red stems when the leaves have fallen. Pampas grass planted in front of evergreen conifers such as Frisian Gold for yellow or the spruce Blue Trinket for its silver -blue needles will provide the drama of contrasts throughout the winter months
- 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.
- Plant new raspberry canes making sure that the soil is well drained and fertile.
- Prune wisteria by cutting back side shoots to two or three buds.
- Plant roses, in areas not previously inhabited by roses.
- Try sowing over wintering lettuce and parsley. The seeds will need to be started off inside or over a heated tray but should grow on in the greenhouse or south facing cold frame.
- Group and 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 on the soil.
- Cover unused areas with thick mulch or membrane to suppress weed sand keep the soil warm ready for the spring.

- Harvest good sized leeks, but the smallest can be left to grow until the spring. Some growers may have experienced what I and a number of my gardening friends have, where leeks suddenly collapse and die. This may be caused by Leek Moth and or Leaf Miners. To reduce the risk of infestation, clear the ground of debris that may harbour the insects, before planting out strongly germinated seedlings. The moths produce the damaging grubs in March and April and when the grubs hatch a second lot of grubs are produced in September – October. The best line of defence if you are worried is to cover the plants with fleece during these two vulnerable periods.
- Root crops are sweetest after a frost, but will need to be lifted and stored in sand before the ground gets too hard
- It is not too late to plant shallots ready for an early 2022 crop unless the weather turns really cold. Cover with fleece in the coldest weather.
- Lift and divide established clumps of rhubarb. Start forcing rhubarb in January.
- 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.
- Brush off snow from conifers, climbers, light limbed shrubs and brassicas to avoid losing branches. Shake snow from any netting you have over plants.
- Avoid walking on lawns on frosty mornings, and spike areas of waterlogging.
- Insulate outdoor taps and drain water butts if a heavy frost is forecast to avoid damaging the taps.
- Clean the greenhouse inside and out, and if it is being used for growing plants, insulate against frost with bubble wrap or similar. It is a good thing to ventilate the greenhouse occasionally during warmer days to reduce fungal infection.
- Keep an eye out for overwintering pests such as whitefly and red spider mite and treat accordingly.
- This is a good time to plan what you want to grow next year, and buy your seeds.

*Simon Colbeck
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Snowmen

Two snowmen were standing next to each other. One said to the other: "Can you smell carrots?"

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Chedworth Silver Band



Covid has hit the Band hard with no engagements in 2020 and only one, the Chedworth Show, so far in 2021. This has hit our finances hard as bills still have to be paid.

However, we are back and start our 2021 Christmas engagements with a Christmas Concert at St Andrews Church on Sunday 5th December at 4.00 pm.

Admission is free but donations will be welcome. The Band will play a number of pieces of Christmas themed Music to listen to and a number of popular Carols and Christmas tunes for you to sing along to, song sheets will be provided.

The Band has a large library of Christmas music, some like The

Snowman, and When a Child is Born, were chart topping tunes in their day others are a new take on traditional tunes like Snow Waltz and are new for this Christmas.

Our other Christmas performance in Chedworth will be around Upper Chedworth/Tuns Hill on Boxing Day commencing on Ballingers Hill about 10.30am.

Looking ahead, the Band is seeking additional Cornet players for the 2022 season. We practice from 7.30 to 9.30 pm on Tuesdays at GL54 4AB

Merry Christmas
David Broad
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Showcasing Chedworth Event



Advance notice

The Village Hall with the support of the Parish Council intends to organise an event to showcase all that the village has to offer. Our initial thoughts are that this would be held on a Saturday at the Hall in Spring 2022. Likely timings 10:30 to 15:30 and an event primarily aimed at villagers with all village groups and other interested parties being offered free space to demonstrate their “wares”.

The Committee feels that this would allow both newcomers and more

established neighbours to fully appreciate the wonderful activities and opportunities that the village community provides. It may also encourage new interest groups to form.

The Hall Committee has already heard from a number of village groups indicating their support so we hope that we be able to put on an event that will cover a diverse range of interests.

We hope to be supported by the “Pop Up Café” so refreshments will be available on the day.

If you would like to help organise the event or participate please contact:

Charles Hutton-Potts,
chair Chedworth Village Hall
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Angel tidings

The little boy was to be an angel in the Christmas play and his one line was: “Behold, I bring you good tidings.” He asked what tidings were and his mother explained that the word meant news.

On the night of the play, the youngster had stage fright and, after a long silence, blurted out: “Hey, have I got news for you!”

Camels

In Jane’s Christmas drawing, two of the camels were approaching the inn, over which was pictured a large star. The third camel and its rider were going directly away from it. “Why is the third man going in a different direction?” her mother asked. Jane replied: “Oh, he’s looking for a place to park.”

Wine Column

Hello Wine Friends,

The holidays are here and soon Christmas Crackers will be set on tables, Mistletoe will be hung and the wine will be flowing at parties and family gatherings. I thought it fitting to write about food and wine pairing as we go into the most festive time of year.

The old traditional rules are: Red wine with red meat – white wine with chicken/fish. I have never been a follower of those rules and I find that as a sommelier and lover of food and wine, pairing is important, but also, what am I in the mood for at that moment? I find it exciting to watch how the flavors of the food change the wine. You could have a glass of wine while preparing dinner (with no food), and then have the exact glass WITH dinner and the way the wine tastes could be completely different.

Tips for food and wine pairing:

- It is better to match the wine with the sauce than with the meat.
- The wine should be more acidic than the food.
- The wine should have the same flavor intensity as the food.
- Red wines pair best with bold flavored meats (e.g. red meat).
- White wines pair best with light-intensity meats (e.g. fish or chicken).
- Sparkling wine pairs with ALMOST anything

- Drink what you like and happiness will follow

Here is a basic guide to follow

Sparkling Wine: English sparkling, Champagne, Cava, Prosecco

Food: vegetables, soft cheese, hard cheese, caviar, smoked fish, eggs, fried chicken

Sparkling whites are the best with snacks, brunch, sunny days and winter nights.

Champagne and french fries, anyone? My favorite pairing!

Sweet Wine: Riesling, Gewurztraminer, and Moscato

Food: soft cheese, hard cheese, cured meat, sweets. They also get along famously with salty appetizers and rich desserts, but also with spicy Indian dishes. Why? The sweet can help tame the heat.

Dry White Wine: Sauvignon Blanc, Albarino, Pinot Grigio, Chenin Blanc, Bacchus and Phoenix

Food: vegetables, roasted vegetables, starches, and fish, grilled chicken, citrusy/herby dishes

Dry white wine is a broad category but usually they're light, bright, and acidic and pair well with similarly styled foods.

Light Red Wine: Pinot Noir, Beaujolais, Sangiovese

Food: Roasted vegetables, smoked meat, salmon & trout, pork loin, cured meat, mushrooms

Lighter reds are quite diverse for pairing options, depending on the dish and the varietal.

Duck is also a perfect pairing with these kind of wines.

Medium Bodied Red Wine: Merlot, Zinfandel, Barbera

Food: Grilled Poultry, hard cheese, cured meat, lean red meats, pizza, burgers, Venison

Medium-bodied reds are pretty flexible and are easily able to start and finish a meal.

Full Bodied Red Wine: Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Carmenere, Pinotage

Food: Hard cheese, Beef, Venison, Veal, grilled food

Big, Bold reds are the classic steak wine — rich and tannic enough to cut through the fat. But you could also do other meats with peppercorn sauce, rich pasta/cheese dishes and the perfect Sunday Roast match.

Are you having doubts? Don't forget about **Rosé**. Rosé wines have the crisp acidity of a white with the fruitiness of a red, which gives them clout with a variety of dishes and cuisines.

Don't be afraid to mix and match food and wine and find your favorite pairings!

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What you need:

- 500g Sloes
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- 100g sugar
- 200ml brandy
- A large, clean preserving jar with flip top lid.

Method:

Add the sloes, sugar and the bottle of wine to the jar. Seal the top and shake every day for 3 weeks to ensure the sugar is fully dissolved and wine gets distributed.

Then add the brandy to the jar and shake well. Stick in a corner somewhere dark and forget about it for at least 3 months.

When you're ready to drink your port, strain off the berries (you could make chutney out of those) and decant your Sloe Port into bottles.

Give as gifts or use as a before bed sipper.

Have a festive and fun Holiday Season!

Amber Minha

Chedworth Downs

Whatever Happened on Chedworth Downs?

Eighty years ago, a decision was taken that would bring a remarkable change to the Chedworth landscape. In 1941, in the midst of World War II, it was decided to construct an airfield to act as a satellite station to RAF Aston Down.

The chosen site was Chedworth Downs, a high, flat ridge that had long been an unenclosed common dotted with old oak and ash trees, and a favourite recreation place for the village. It was an excellent spot for rabbiting, which is why many villagers, including my father, kept their own ferret. What some of these villagers may not have known is that, thousands of years before, the Downs were already being used for hunting and for gathering sloes, hazelnuts, and crab apples.

Excavations made prior to the construction of Chedworth airfield revealed two Bronze Age round barrows on the Downs, both just to the east of the ancient White Way leading from Cirencester and down through the woods towards Compton Casey

The first barrow had been disturbed over the years by the quarrying and scavenging of the limestone slabs. It contained the remains of two bodies, one of a young adult woman, buried in the mode of the Early Bronze Age (2500–1500 BC).

The second barrow, a round mound, probably belonging to the latter part of the Bronze Age, had been invaded by burrowing rabbits, and revealed burnt bone and flint scrapers. Full excavation of this barrow was unfortunately curtailed, in favour of urgent work at another site.

Both barrows were obliterated by the construction of the airfield. The airfield itself was active for a short time, mostly used for training purposes, until 1945. It then served as a storage site for vehicles. These were eventually moved on, leaving behind the vestiges of huts and hangars we can see today.

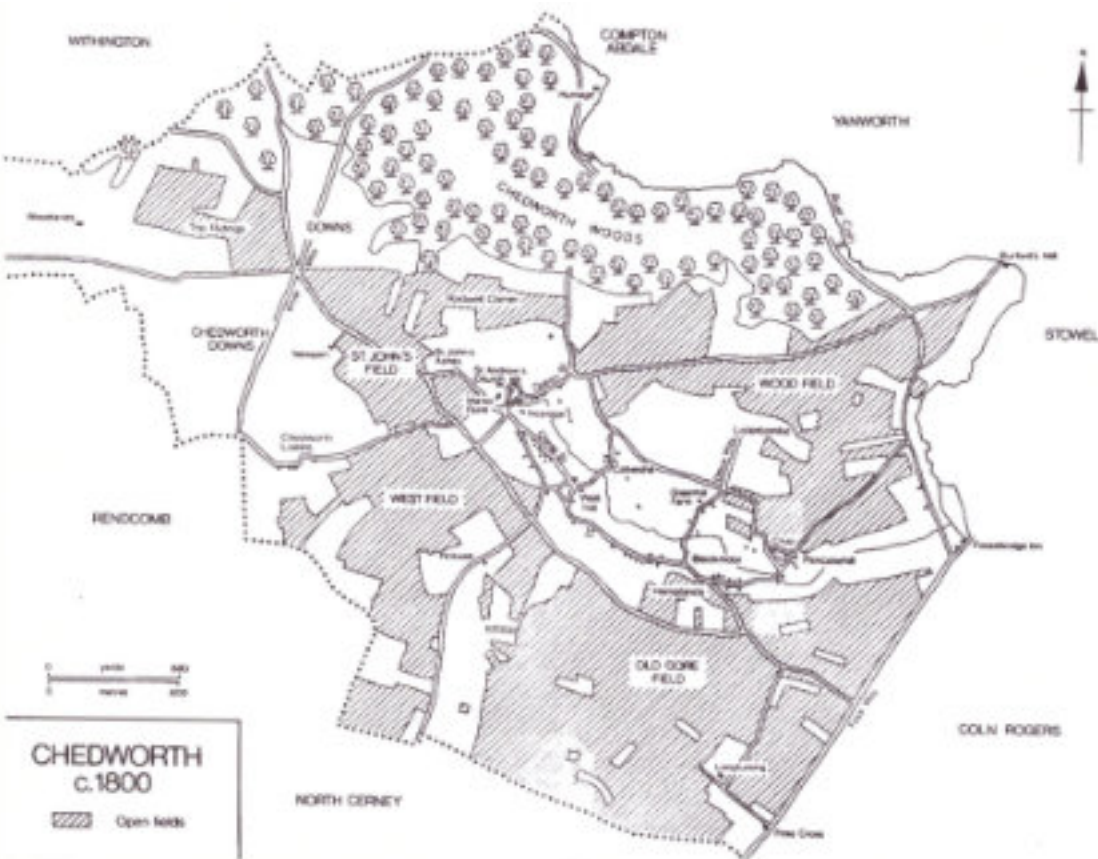
I spent my childhood on Newport Farm, in a house a hundred yards or so from the airstrip, seen at the bottom of this 1946 photo of Chedworth Airfield. The name Newport is said to derive from a market on this site in medieval times. It must have been a busy place then, but nothing compared to the roar of planes taking off and landing just behind our house.

In the 1950s, the old control tower and the bomb shelter provided exciting playgrounds. The ground between the airstrips was cultivated once again, hedgerows reappeared, and our cows grazed peacefully against the background of old airfield buildings. At the time, I had no idea that we were living so close to the human remains of our early ancestors.

Nikki Jones



An aerial photo of Chedworth Airfield in 1946



Chedworth Map circa 1800 showing the Chedworth Downs and a 1950s photo of Newport Farm cows on the airfield.



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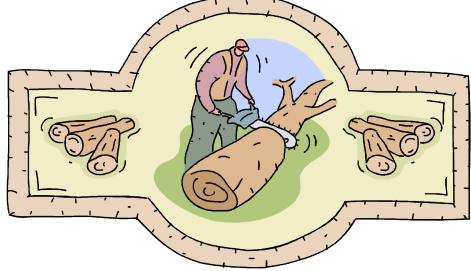
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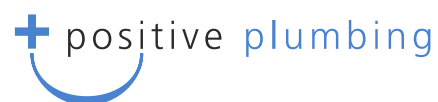
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