

The background of the cover is a photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there are several bright yellow daffodils with green leaves growing from a bed of brown leaves. Behind the flowers is a rustic stone wall made of irregular, light-colored stones. Above the wall, there are green trees and a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. On the left side, there is a vertical yellow bar.

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Sue Robertson
Coordinator for
this edition



Stephen's Letter

True Love Ways

"And now these three remain – faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Cor 13v13

I am writing this on Valentine's Day, as the world celebrates romantic love – sometimes in cringeworthy ways that will make you feel queasy! Sadly, Valentine's Day this year is on a Monday, which also perhaps limits the potential for extravagant dates with one's better half. But with true love, hearts and flowers and romantic gestures – lovely though they are – only get you so far.

By the time you read this, it will be Lent - the time when we reflect deeply on the suffering of Jesus, and our own mortality and human limitations. But we do this in order to remember Jesus' greatest act of love for humanity at Easter – when he died on the cross to liberate the world from its sin and evil.

That, my friends, is true love. It is because of Jesus' sacrifice that St Paul describes love as the greatest of Christian spiritual gifts (above). And, if we have known that love in our hearts, we will want to show that love to others. And that kind of love is, in fact, a Monday kind of love – it's a no-nonsense love, which gets going and gets the job done, as we serve the people we love in our world.

And, if we love in that way, we will find true fulfilment. As the celebrated

literary novelist, Martin Amis once said to me (yes, really!), the best bit about being a writer is not about posing at book signings, but actually sitting quietly at your desk, typing and..well..writing! And, in the same way, we will find true fulfilment as we actually get on with the task of loving our neighbours - in our world and situation – sacrificially, as Christ has loved us. Love is about the gift, not the gestures.

With best wishes for Lent,



Stephen



Church Briefing

Services for March 2022

Wednesday 2nd March – Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

7pm – Chedworth

Friday 4th March – World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer Service

7pm - Chedworth

Sunday 6th March – 1st Sunday in Lent

Family Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 13th March – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)

9 am - Chedworth

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln Rogers

Sunday 20th March – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)

9 am - Stowell

Family Service

10.30 am - Chedworth

Evensong

6 pm – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 27th March – Mothering Sunday

Family Communion

10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 3rd April – 5th Sunday in Lent/Passion Sunday

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln Rogers

Lent Course - Loved & Liked

Our Lent Course this year will focus on how we are all made uniquely by God and that God loves each one of us as we are. We find it easy to say that God loved the world (*For God so loved the world...* John 3v16), but not so easy to acknowledge the fact that God

loves us personally. This course will help us to think about this. For more details, look at <https://www.lovedandliked.life/>.

This course has been developed from material produced by the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity (LICC) with support from the Diocese

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of Gloucester.

The course will take place on **Wednesdays in Lent (9th March - 6th April) in St Andrew's Church, Chedworth at 7.30 pm.** The sessions are as follows:

- **9th March** - Journey (Am I on a journey, or is this it?)
- **16th March** - Identity (Am I the wrong person, or in the wrong place?)
- **23rd March** - Story (What is my story so far?)
- **30th March** - Called (If that's true, what next?)
- **6th April** - Equipped (shall I just try harder?)

There is a course book for every participant. Please do join us if you can, and make time for some self-discovery this Lent.

Lent Lunches

Sadly, we have decided not to run the Lent Lunches this year. Given the format of the event, the ongoing COVID risk and people's anxieties about COVID, we feel this is the best decision.

World Day of Prayer Service – Friday 4th March

This year's service has been put together by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and is on the theme, "I know the plans I have

for you." This is a reflective and prayerful service, providing an opportunity for peace and inspiration in a busy world.

Palm Sunday Family Communion & Garden Gathering – 10th April

This year, the **Palm Sunday Garden Gathering** will take place at the home of Neil and Teresa Irving (Anchor Cottage, Coln St Dennis). Bacon sandwiches served **from 9.30 am**, children's activity, and then procession to church for **Family Communion at 10.30 am.**

Building Bridges – Wednesday 27th April

We are holding a special event at **St Andrew's Church on Wednesday 27th April** entitled Building Bridges. This event is part of a series of events around the country on *Engaging Christians with Science*, facilitated by the **Rev'd Dr Justin Tomkins**, a scholar in the area of the science/religion dialogue, with funding from Durham University. I am pleased that we have been given the opportunity to host this event.

The purpose of the event is to hear about the experiences of Christians working in science and technology, to find out more about what they do and why, and to think about how we – and the local church – can support them in their work. In many situations, it's not

easy to make connections between work and faith, and to have time to reflect on the work we do. This event will provide an opportunity for us to do this, and to hear the stories of people whose work in science and technology is making a difference in our daily lives.

Speakers confirmed so far include **Mr Matt Fulford** (care of the environment/environmental science/technology) and **Dr Jon Francis** (consultant anaesthetist). Please join us if you can for what promises to be an interesting and thought-provoking event.

Chedworth's Got Talent!

Chedworth's Got Talent, which was due to take place last summer, has now been rescheduled and will take place at **Chedworth Village Hall on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May at 2 pm.**

If you have a talent – whether singing, dancing, music, magic or sport – come and take part. Our panel of (local) celebrity judges are friendly – but they are discerning, and their decision will be final!

There will be great prizes available for the winners. Bar and light refreshments available.

A great family Bank Holiday afternoon of entertainment brought to you by St Andrew's Church, Chedworth! If you'd like to find out more or to take part, please get in touch with Stephen Goundrey-Smith

(stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com, 720392)

General admission - £3 per individual and £10 per family. Proceeds in aid of St Andrew's Church. Also: do get in touch if your business would like to sponsor the event. We will be name-checking a local business alongside each act!

Confirmation Service – Sunday 22nd May

On **Sunday 22nd May** at **St Andrew's Church, Chedworth at 10.30 am**, we will be joined by **Bishop Rachel**, the Bishop of Gloucester for our **Confirmation Service.**

Confirmation is an important service where people growing in faith – young or older - have an opportunity to take their faith further, and make a public commitment to the Christian faith. We already have a number of candidates for confirmation but if you, or someone in your family, would like to be confirmed, please contact Rev'd Stephen (720392, stephengoundreysmith@gmail.com).

COVID Requirements

Please note the following:

- Masks are no longer a legal requirement in church, but you can still wear one if you feel more comfortable doing so.
- Holy Communion will continue to be by simultaneous administration (communicants will be offered the wafer dipped in the wine by the

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priest). The common cup will not be shared.

- Refreshments after services have now been reinstated.

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.

While (hopefully) the COVID lockdowns are at an end, the economic impact of COVID on businesses will be felt for a while yet, and together with rising energy prices, this may make this autumn and winter a difficult time for ordinary families. But there is help if you need it. To find out more or to apply, please contact Rev'd Dr Stephen Goundrey-Smith (720392) or Bryan Bowley (720369). All applications are dealt with in the strictest confidence.



It's Spring again ...

And time for our annual Chedworth Church spring clean.

Do please come and lend a hand and join our convivial spring cleaning session in St. Andrew's Church & Churchyard

Saturday 9th April starting at 10:00am

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



World Day of Prayer

Service at St. Andrew's Church, Chedworth at 7.00pm. Everyone welcome



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
07-Mar	10:00-13:00	Pop-Up Cafe restarts every Monday morning	Chedworth Village Hall
07-Mar	19:30	Meeting to discuss Chedworth's Jubilee Celebrations	Chedworth Village Hall
09-Mar	19:15	WI Meeting - Wind, Rain and Beavers talk by Canon Morris	Chedworth Village Hall
11-Mar	19:00	Back Row Club showing the film "No Time To Die"	Chedworth Village Hall
12-Mar	10:00-12:00	HortSoc Compost Sale	Chedworth Village Hall car park
12-Mar	10:00	Annual Village Litter Pick	Chedworth Village Hall car park
14-Mar	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
21-Mar	19:30	Annual Parish Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
26-Mar	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - AIR in G "Elvis Blue Hawaii" (theatre)	Chedworth Village Hall
27-Mar		Mothering Sunday / Mother's Day	
27-Mar	01:00	British Summer Time begins - Clocks go forward 1 hour	
02-Apr	10:30-15:30	Chedworth Village Hall Showcase Event	Chedworth Village Hall
03-Apr	10:00-16:00	Hill & Valley Tennis Club's Family Fun Day	Tennis Club Chedworth
09-Apr	10:00	St Andrews Church Spring Clean	St Andrews Church
11-Apr	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Apr	19:15	WI Meeting - Hedgehogs talk by Hugh Warwick	Chedworth Village Hall
21-Apr	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - NT Live screening of "Henry V"	Chedworth Village Hall
02-May	14:00	Chedworth's Got Talent	Chedworth Village Hall
09-May	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
11-May	19:15	WI Meeting - Resolutions	Chedworth Village Hall
19-May	18:00	HortSoc Garden Visit to garden of Charlton Farm in Malmsbury	Malmsbury
05-Jun		Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Chedworth	
08-Jun	19:15	WI - Queens Jubilee Garden Party	Chedworth garden
13-Jun	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
18-Jun	10:00-17:00	Chedworth Open Gardens	Chedworth
19-Jun	10:00-17:00	Chedworth Open Gardens	Chedworth
24-Jun	14:30	HortSoc Garden Visit to Upton Wold, Blockley	Blockley
11-Jul	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Jul	19:15	WI Meeting - Katherine Parr talk by Mike Bottomley	Chedworth Village Hall
15-Jul	14:30	HortSoc Garden Visit to the Butterfly Garden, Bamfurlong Lane	Cheltenham

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	8	March
Tuesday	22	March
Tuesday	5	April
Tuesday	19	April

Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Friday	4	March
Friday	18	March
Friday	1	April
Friday	15	April
Friday	29	April

Finding the right solution

A manager, an engineer, and a programmer were driving down a steep mountain road when the brakes failed. After a terrifying few seconds they managed to stop the car by running it against the embankment. Shaken by their narrow escape from death, they got out. The manager said, "We need to organise a committee, have meetings, exchange ideas, and then develop a solution." The engineer disagreed, "No that never works. I will take apart the brake system, isolate the problem and correct it."

Then the programmer said, "You are both wrong. First, we need to push the car back up the hill, get back in, and see if it happens again."

Young and old

A baby-sitter is a teenager acting like an adult, while the adults are out acting like teenagers.

St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



be so missed by the staff and children, who are busily planning how they will say goodbye in a fitting way!

Handy Man!

Do you have the skills to support school by doing the odd 'handy' job? We are seeking someone local who could complete lists of small, manageable tasks on an adhoc basis. Please email head@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk if you think you could help!

*Mrs N Smith
Headteacher*

[StAndrewsCofE](#) 

Developing our Grounds

Earlier this month, we took delivery of 5 fruit trees and a variety of hedges to supplement our beautifully varied grounds. We are incredibly grateful to PJ Gardeners for donating their time and effort to plant these for us. The children are so excited to watch them grow and change throughout the seasons.

Governor Position

We currently have a position available on our governing body for a foundation governor. If you think you have the appropriate skills, passion and commitment to support your local school, please get in touch with our clerk to governors clerk@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk

Rev. Stephen

We are so sad to be losing our local vicar and incredible supporter. Rev' Stephen has lit up worship and events at school for the past 12 years. He will



Meet the Staff!

Name: Ms P Watkins

Role: Teaching Support Partner

The wonderful Ms Watkins has worked at St Andrew's since September 2020 and is a qualified teacher. Prior to teacher training, Ms Watkins has worked as a nanny and so is extremely compassionate, creative and skilled whether working with 4 year olds or 11 year olds.



Wildlife Workshops from Will Pratt of Calmsden Estate



Thunderbolt Class, Den building



Nature Club on their litter pick

Find out more about our small, rural primary school here



Chedworth Parish Council

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - 2nd - 5th June.

The Parish Council is keen to support Sue Callard with her plans to include Chedworth in the Jubilee Picnic celebrations over lunch on Sunday 5th June and has so far pledged £500 for entertainment and £100 for expenses towards the project.

As a number of Village organisations have also expressed an interest in celebrating her majesty's unprecedented 70 year reign.

The Parish Council has arranged a meeting at the Village Hall for Monday 7th March at 7.30pm to discuss the program of celebrations, road closures, licences for events and other matters.

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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

Litter Pick - Saturday 12th March

The Annual litter pick will be held on Saturday 12th March, meeting point will be the Village Hall carpark at 10.00 am. Everyone most welcome, the more the merrier. Some grabbers, hi viz vests and gloves will be available, but please bring your own if you have any.

Wildlife Reserve

The Parish Council is very grateful to the volunteers who did a great job of clearing the walking route along the Chedworth Wildlife reserve during their recent



maintenance session. The reserve is a mile of former railway line through Chedworth woods formerly managed by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust which the Parish Council is in the process of taking over.

A further session is pencilled in for either Sat 26th February or Sat 5th March, so if it is the latter there may be time for you to become involved in this exciting project, a walk along towering embankments, giving views at treetop height, through geologically rich cuttings and everywhere a wide

variety of woodland plants and animals.

Community Orchard Project

The project has made great progress thanks to the team of Tony Kingsley, Jeremy Theyer and Alan McLellan.



The Apple trees have been planted and further trees acquired from the County Council under the Ash die back scheme, though they may only be useful for hedging. There has been a suggestion that the Orchard be named after the Platinum Jubilee, watch this space.

Precept

The Parish Council has set its 2022/23 budget and has set a precept of £16,426 exactly the same as last year. The precept is the money collected from Chedworth residents by CDC for the Parish Council as part of the Council Tax. It includes money for donations, verge cutting, £5,000 for the Village Hall doors, legal expenses of taking over the Wildlife Reserve and a sum to pay for the cost of elections, which CDC are now passing on to parishes. With so many other bills

going up the Parish Council has managed to buck the trend and kept its amount the same.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 14th March at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 21st March

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Monday 21st March, again at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. This is a chance for residents to bring up any items they wish which are relevant to Chedworth. The meeting also features charity reports, reports from County and District Councillors as well as the annual report from the Parish Council. The Chairman normally allows AOB in addition to items on the formal agenda, but it is helpful if people give notice of items they wish to raise or discuss.

Please contact the Clerk at clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk for more details.

David Broad



Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in Chedworth

Silver Jubilee 1977

Chedworth featured in The Times newspaper on 8 June 1977



Golden Jubilee 2002

Tea party in the village hall



Diamond Jubilee 2012
All day events



Photos and information kindly shared by Sue Callard

Platinum Jubilee 2022

Join the nation's Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June with an all-age picnic on the playing field with family entertainment

Chedworth Roman Villa

Volunteering at Chedworth Roman Villa

Are you looking for a new challenge in 2022? Thinking about volunteering but don't know where to start? Chedworth Roman Villa can help!



As a Site Expert you can share your passion for history with visitors, or you can get creative as an Events Volunteer helping to deliver crafts,

trails and activities throughout the year. Perhaps you want to get involved with conserving our beautiful mosaics, or perhaps serving customers with a smile in the shop or café would be more tempting. No experience or knowledge needed just enthusiasm!

Join one of our Volunteer Open Mornings on Tuesday 1st or Sunday 6th March 10am-12pm to hear more, meet the team and explore the site! Contact Anndie Hill if you would like to book a place on anndie.hill@nationaltrust.org.uk or 01242890256. Please also contact us if you can't make those days and would like to come along another time.



Chedworth Village Hall update

After the ups and downs that we have all experienced in the last two years, life is returning to normal at Chedworth Village Hall. The Chedworth Entertainment Club is providing some welcome local events, including performances by Arts in Rural Gloucestershire (Air in G) and National Theatre Live showings, and the Back Row Club continues to show monthly screenings of the latest films. The very popular pop-up café also returns to the Village Hall in March to provide us with an opportunity for Monday morning catch ups with neighbours over coffee, cakes (and, of course, sausage rolls!) and to stock up on local produce. The pre-school is thriving, and the hall continues to provide a modern and spacious venue for local clubs and societies. Jamie Taylor is running a fitness club and there is a yoga class too.

As we all emerge from the pandemic, with the support of the Parish Council, we are organising an event to showcase the village and to reintroduce the Village Hall and all the local societies

to the community, to both newcomers and more established neighbours. This event will be held on **Saturday, 2nd April 10.30am – 3.30pm** and will be an opportunity for all village groups to demonstrate their “wares” and to encourage new interest groups to form. Please come along and meet your fellow villagers and hear about our clubs and societies.

The pop-up café has kindly agreed to support the event, so participants and visitors will be well catered for!

There is a planning meeting on 24th February from 6pm at the Seven Tuns to which all societies are welcome. We will discuss ideas for the Showcase event including advance publicity.

Please get in touch if you would like to participate or help organise the event: charles.hp64@gmail.com

Charles Hutton-Potts
Chairman

**Turn your event into an occasion
at**

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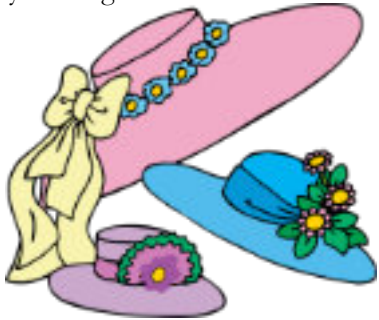
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chedworthvillagehall.co.uk



We had another full house for our meeting on 9th February. The President was pleased to welcome a returning member with a friend to the gathering.

We were reminded about our Garden Party in June for the celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will take place in a lovely garden in Chedworth on 8th June. Everyone is asked to wear their summer dresses and hats which will complement the beautiful borders of roses and colourful blooms as we offer our congratulations to our Queen for her 70 years reign.



This month's talk was given by Canon Graham Morris, the Vicar of Cirencester and was entitled "Milking Parlour to Pulpit".

Canon Morris's style was full of fun with banter as he took us through his lifestyle from a farming background with a Friesian milking herd to his appointment as Canon and to the beautiful parish church in Cirencester.

Canon Morris loved every church he was involved with, particularly the

parish church in Bromyard, and in his early days he was encouraged by his Father. He has always listed pastoral care highest on his list and would have practised this in his many churches. These have included Salisbury, Hereford and Portsmouth cathedrals.

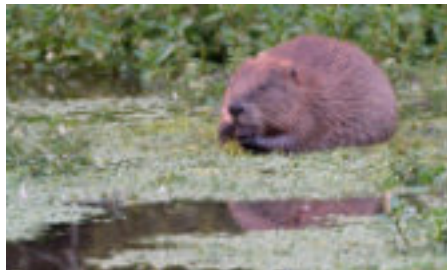
His appointment in Ventnor on the Isle of Wight was very enjoyable. He had responsibility for the farming community which took him back to his farming roots and a thrill at becoming a cattle judge at the agricultural show.

His buoyant style was enjoyed by all. We extend a large thank you to Canon Morris for taking the time to talk to us as he has a very busy life in Cirencester.

The next meeting is at 7.15pm on Wednesday 9th March in Chedworth Village Hall when James McWilliam will give us a talk entitled "Wind, Rain and Beavers".

New members are always welcome.

Carol Bailey



Chedworth Pop-up Cafe



GREAT NEWS, CHEDWORTH

**Spring is coming
and the Pop-Up Cafe is back!**

**With a few of your favourite things.....
good coffee, delicious cakes &**

**FABULOUS
sausage rolls**

**As well as lots of lovely local produce -
eggs, honey, cheese, jams etc.**

Every Monday

from 7th March at The Village Hall. 10am - 1pm

**So welcome back everyone -
we can't wait to see you again**

**Also we will be at the Village Showcase Event
on Saturday 2 April. A date for your diary**

What did your mum need to know about your dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background, like has he put anything too disgusting on Facebook?
3. She needed to check out his bank account, to make sure he could buy her clothes.

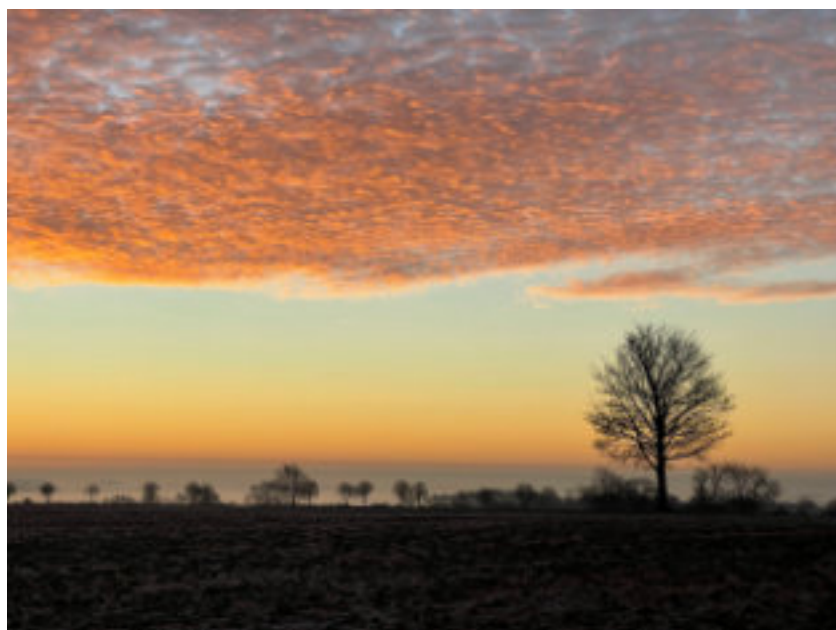
What's the difference between mums & dads?

1. Mums work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but they panic when the dishwasher overflows.

Our Beautiful Countryside



Early evening near Sett's Farm by Mark Aveline



Glorious sunrise by Benjamin Sturges



Last month we were joined by the reception children from St. Andrew's Primary School for an exciting visit from the Fire Service! What fun we had dressing up in the uniform; looking inside the engine, watching the lights flash, listening to the sirens and not to mention using the hoses!! A big thank you to everyone who allowed for their cars to be washed - I apologise that they did not clean all the way around the car!!



We are delighted that our weekly transition visits to St. Andrew's Primary School are

now back up and running every Tuesday morning; these visits allow for the Rising 5's to become familiar with the school classroom, meeting the teachers and children; from these weekly sessions the children find settling in to school in September so much easier and far less stressful too, we are so fortunate to be able to offer our children such an opportunity!

Last Friday our inquisitive children were delighted to be able to investigate and look more closely at the developing orchard next to the playing field; the children were busy thinking of all of the things we could make with apples from the trees in the autumn, delicious fair such as apple pie and apple cakes were but a few of the suggestions! This walk was then continued by walking along the footpath and climbing over the stiles, we really are so privileged to be able to share such wonderful adventures and opportunities with the children!

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!

CHEDWORTH
ENTERTAINMENT
CLUB



Presents
at
Chedworth Village Hall

Elvis in Blue Hawaii

7.30 pm
Saturday, 26th
March

Spitz & Co is thrilled to bring you "Elvis in Blue Hawaii" - an homage to the classic Elvis film starring the King himself aka Joe Reeve ('Best Sideburns' GlosVegas 2008). Once again Josephine Cunningham will be keeping things running smoothly in her role as Tour Manager and Covid Safety Officer, whilst Elvis invites the audience to dig out their favourite Hawaiian shirt and join him in Paradise.

A highly visual show packed with physical comedy and audience interaction, plus all your favourite Elvis songs.

Book tickets at chedworthvillagehall.co.uk

Kit Harington (Game of Thrones) plays the title role in a contemporary adaptation of Shakespeare's thrilling study of nationalism, war and the psychology of power.

National
Theatre
Live



HENRY

NT Live

7pm Thursday,
21st April

Fresh to the throne, King Henry V launches England into a bloody war with France. When his campaign encounters resistance, this inexperienced new ruler must prove he is fit to guide a country into war.

Captured live from the Donmar Warehouse in London, this exciting modern production directed by Max Webster (*Life of Pi*) explores what it means to be English and our relationship to Europe, asking: do we ever get the leaders we deserve?

From the creators of "Gloriator", "Gloria in The Mist" and "Les Gloriables"

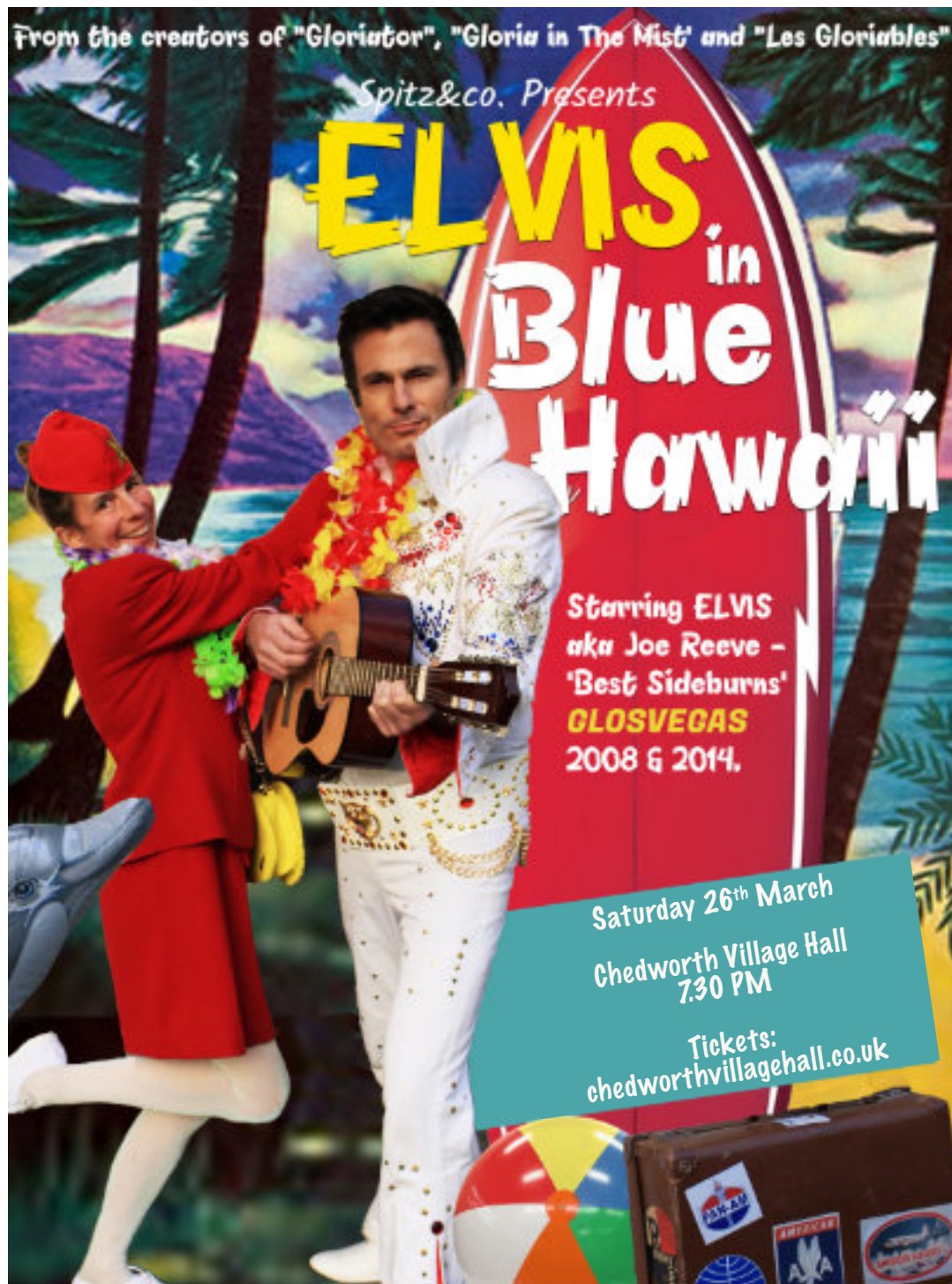
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ELVIS in Blue Hawaii

Starring ELVIS
aka Joe Reeve -
'Best Sideburns'
GLOSVEGAS
2008 & 2014.

Saturday 26th March
Chedworth Village Hall
7.30 PM

Tickets:
chedworthvillagehall.co.uk



Hedgerow Shrubs - Elder

Elder- Sambucus Nigra

Elder is a common deciduous shrub of hedgerows and waste ground, especially nitrogen rich areas. It is a member of the Honeysuckle family. Second to hawthorn, elder is the commonest hedgerow blossom in England. Companion species are common nettle, hogweed and bramble. The old Anglo-Saxon name for elder is “æld” meaning fire. This is because the branches are hollow and were once used as bellows to blow air through to help fires to start. Folk names include Dog tree, Fairy tree and Boon tree.

Elder was once regarded as one of the most magically powerful of plants. If you burnt it, you would see the devil but grown by the house it had the power to keep the devil at bay. Gypsies consider the Elder a sacred tree and will never burn it either for fuel or to get rid of it. The Scots believed that Elder grew profusely wherever blood had been shed. In the past cattle drovers used elder switches to protect cattle from flies and disease and hearse drivers favoured elder-wood for the handle of horse whips. This reflects a combination of practical use and old superstition. In the West Country, elder was planted near dairies to keep the flies away and by outdoor privies! Sheltering under an elder during a thunderstorm was thought to protect you against lightning.

Elder's association with the devil, witches and druids appears to be pre-



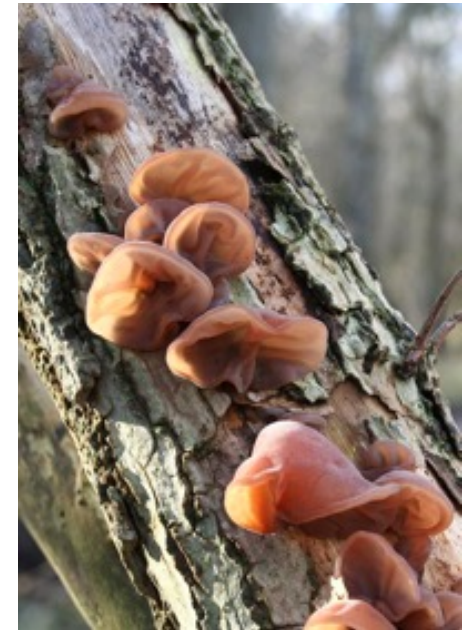
Christian. It was considered to be tempting providence to fell elder, to burn it in a house or to make a cradle out of elder. Notwithstanding the superstition, Christianity has adopted elder in its tradition. In the Middle Ages it was considered that the tree from which Judas hanged himself was an elder and that the cross of Christ was said to have been made from its timber. This is referred to by Shakespeare in Loves Labours Lost and in Cymbeline he equated the “stinking elder” with grief.

The conspicuous whitish flowers appear in June/July and have a sickly sweet scent, reminiscent of honey. The flowers are much valued for making elderflower cordial and can also be used for making champagne, although following a court case in 1994 brought by the French Champagne association it can no longer be described as champagne - “elderflower wine” does not really do it justice! The berries can be used to make jam, jelly, wine, relish and elderberry vinegar. There is another crop from the elder and that is

Jelly Ear Fungus (*Auricularia aurunculajuda*) an edible fungus that can be found at all times of the year growing from dead limbs or stumps of elder.

Elder has always been regarded as a source of home medicines. It was thought that warts and sorrows could be transferred to an elder stick and buried. Elder flower water has a reputation as a skin cleanser and has been used as an eye lotion. It has also been used for respiratory problems, including bronchitis, coughs, sinus and sore throats. Elder twigs and berries are used for making dyes for basket making. The hollow stems of elder with the pith removed were used to make flutes and whistles. As children we used the stems of elder as pea shooters with the berries or goose grass seeds as ammunition.

Elder seeds prolifically and can soon take over a hedgerow if it is not cut out. In past times one of the winter



jobs for farm workers was to cut out the elder, bramble and old mans beard to maintain the vigour of established stock proof hedges.

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HortSoc Garden Visits 2022

Chedworth & District Horticultural Society

Garden Visits 2022

I am pleased to announce our garden visits for this year. Please let me know should you like to come as by booking only. If you aren't already a member you can join for as little as £10 for the year, giving you access to these gardens and discount at Burford Garden Centre plus access to our twice yearly compost sales.

Thursday 19th May - 6pm at the garden Charlton Farm, Malmesbury, 30 people max

Join us in this beautiful garden created by Sarah Rivett-Carnac from a flat field over the past 11 years. Sarah is a creative artist and knowledgeable plantswoman, her aim has been to allow as much nature as possible and use plants for colour and balancing formal with informality. There is great contrast between the intimate and more expansive 4 acres, with herbaceous borders, a gravel garden, woodland, box parterre, cutting garden, orchard and a shrub walk and a further 3 acres planted with trees in 2016.

Cost per person £15 to include refreshments

Friday 24th June 2.30pm Upton Wold, Blockley, Maximum 35 people.

The Northwick Estate is home to Ian & Caroline Bond for over 40 years.

Garden designed with help of Hal Moggridge and Brenda Colvin. Home of the national collection of Walnut trees.

£24 for special tour followed by cream tea.

Friday 15th July 2.30pm The Butterfly Garden Bamfurlong Lane, Cheltenham

Hosted tour by Chris Evans who has been a long time friend of Chedworth HortSoc and was on the panel of our GQT at last years show. The garden is an educational, therapeutic and recreational scheme. It's a project for people of all ages dealing with disablement of any kind. They are a registered charity with an open door policy.
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Friday 19th or 26th August to be announced next month
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CLUB NEWS

With the days lengthening and signs of spring emerging the prospect of social and sporting activity on the courts is gladly upon us. We have kept competitive tennis going over the winter with the Stroud Mixed Winter Leagues matches taking place at home and away; and some definitive wins have been accrued! The club members mixed doubles ladder has also been running with plenty of entertaining and competitive matches played despite some inclement conditions.

We start our new membership season on the 1st of March and welcome all ages and abilities to join; there's a wide range of tennis activities on offer with something to suit all abilities, age groups and tennis preferences! We are also expecting to run a full event programme as well as Ladies and (a resurrected) Men's Team league matches. Please get in touch if you would like more information.

Robert Baker, Chair
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AFTER SCHOOL COACHING

New 6wk block starts March 2nd
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TENNIS & COFFEE MORNING

Sunday, March 13th 10-12noon

Social morning open to all inc kids, non-members welcome, playing optional! Do join us for a coffee & cake & croissants!

FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, April 3rd 10am-4pm

Free tennis & games for all plus cardio tennis, check your serve speed, try a racket, come and give it a go! BBQ, Pizza van & refreshments. See poster for more info.

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Music Events at Northleach Church

Save the Dates! An event-full spring at Northleach Church

Saturday March 12th 7.30pm - Da Capo a cappella chamber choir perform Soul Music.

Tickets £12 from Northleach outlets and at ticketsource.co.uk/dacapo

Da Capo was founded in 2007 under the musical direction of John Adams, since when it has established a considerable reputation for fine a cappella singing. The choir has built a substantial repertoire of music suited to a smaller number of voices, ranging from sacred to secular.

Da Capo's home base is Warwick, so it is a rare opportunity to hear them perform their uplifting repertoire of music for lent in the fine acoustics of Northleach Church.

Saturday April 23rd, 7.00pm - Patrick Mackie talks about his book "Mozart in Motion"

Tickets £8 from local Northleach outlets and at <https://northleachmozart.eventbrite.co.uk> - advance orders of the book are available on line at £16 (vs RSP £20)

Mozart is one of the most familiar and beloved icons of our culture, but how much do we really understand of his music, and what can it reveal to us of the great composer?

Patrick Mackie mixes biographical storytelling with deep dives into the experience of listening to Mozart's music to reveal a musician in dialogue

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Saturday May 28th, 7.00pm - James Fleming talks about his book "Bond Behind The Iron Curtain"

Tickets available soon. Cocktails, shaken not stirred.

James Fleming, nephew of Ian Fleming, shares previously unseen illustrations and material translated from the languages of Russia and its communist satellites, detailing their attack on capitalism and the character and morals of 007. An astonishing story, described as "Brilliant" by The Times and "One of the best things I've ever read on Bond" by the Daily Telegraph.

If you'd like to be kept informed of future events at Northleach Church, please sign up at <https://www.northleachbenefice.org/concerts-events>

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Your Gardening Tips - March 2022

Just like last year it has been a wet and but so far not as cold end to winter and the ground is still heavy with water with springs flowing strongly. It does, however, look as if it will be cold for the next few weeks. The snowdrops and aconites have had a good showing, and are still going strong so now we wait for the daffodils and crocuses to add some colour to our gardens.



- Avoid digging or planting in wet soil; working it damages the soil structure.
- Clear up weedy beds before mulching.
- Top up pots with fresh compost or replace completely, adding a thin covering of grit to deter slugs.
- Start Sweetcorn inside or in warm greenhouse as it needs a long growing season. For the discerning growers the sweet tasting varieties that have won awards are Mirai 003 (early), Sparrow (mid), Seville (mid), Swift (early) and Northern Xtra Sweet (very early).
- Prune to the ground autumn fruiting raspberry canes if not already done. Prune gooseberries.
- If your rhubarb sends up flower stalks, remove them so the plant will focus on foliage production, not seed production, and it will still benefit from a dose of manure.
- Most vegetables need full sun to perform well. If you have some shade, try growing cool season crops such as lettuce, spinach, radishes and cabbages.
- Plant shallots, onions and early potatoes, if the ground is not too soggy. Start brassicas and lettuces off indoors.
- Plant summer flowering bulbs, sow sweet peas outside, and protect all new shoots from slugs. If the weather warms up remove protective fleece and straw to avoid damage to new shoots.
- Lift and divide overgrown lumps of perennials. Divide hostas before they come into leaf.
- Prune back *Cornus* (Dogwood) and *Salix* (Willow) to two buds above ground level, and mulch to get a good showing of winter stems. Prune fruit trees
- Insects cannot stand plants such as garlic, onions, chives and chrysanthemums. Grow these companion plants around the garden to help repel unfriendly insects.

- Prune winter flowering Jasmine, once flowers have faded, then feed and mulch.
- Feed roses as they come into growth. This the best month for planting roses in heavy soils or cold areas. Prune bush and climbing roses.
- Remember to put in place any supports needed for tall border plants now to allow the plants to grow through them.
- Feed shrubs, hedges and especially newly planted trees with a balanced fertiliser such as Growmore or Blood Fish & Bone.

- This is a good month to start layering bushes such as *Philadelphus* (Mock Orange), *Forsythia*, *Cotinus* (Smoke bush) and *Lonicera*. Buried stems should have taken root by next spring.

Simon Colbeck
Chairman

Chedworth & District HORTSOC



HortSoc Open Gardens 2022

Chedworth and District HortSoc

Open Gardens 2022

We need your Garden!

This year we will host Chedworth Open Gardens instead of the HortSoc Show. This is under the National Garden Scheme and gardens will be open between 10am and 5pm on **Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June.**

As usual a small coach will travel around the village dropping off the visitors who will park at the village hall.

Lunches and teas will be served by Claire Booth Cooks. We are hoping to have local stalls from suppliers and artisan crafts.

We are looking for some new gardens to open to create more interest for our visitors.

If you are interested in opening your garden please contact me. I would love to hear from you.

Best wishes,

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Wine Column

Hello Wine Friends,

What kind of wine drinker are you?

- You have a glass on occasion and just order it by colour – red or white please!
- You are a weekend wine drinker and have your usual favourite bottle.
- You are a daily drinker and drink the same brand of wine most times or at least the same type of wine (example pinot noir)
- You are a daily drinker and try new things all the time from all wine regions around the world.

Whatever your preference, we all must start somewhere. Let's take a step back and review the basics...**do you know how to taste wine?**

About 20 years ago, I dove headfirst into studying wine and took Sommelier classes. After countless hours of studying (and more importantly, many glasses of wine), I received my certification. The study guide starts with what I think is the most important: **how to taste wine properly.**

First, we need the proper glass which can be any glass, but ideally with a stem, not too big or small of a bowl, but most importantly clean and odourless. Sounds obvious but your glasses can pick up all sorts of flavours



from your dishwasher. Eggs are the worst.

Next is temperature. We want the wine to be at the right one – not too hot or cold, around 16-19C.

Don't store

your wine next to the radiator or on top of the fridge, but in a cool, dark and dry place.

Look, Smell, Taste

Look: Colour & Clarity

Just like food, your initial taste of a wine starts with your eyes. The colour of a wine tells you a lot about the wine. Hold out the glass, tilt it a bit and then hold the wine over a white surface like a tablecloth or napkin. I will use red wine in this instance.

The colour can go from light red that you can see through or dark red/purple that you can't. Deeper colours let you know this is a concentrated wine, possible Bordeaux varieties (Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot based) are at this end of the spectrum. Lighter colours are normally fruitier and more acidic in style, like Pinot Noir or Gamay.

Smell: Swirl, Smell and Sniff!

I've read that as much as 85% of taste is derived from your sense of smell. A smell can bring you back to a moment in time: the smell of your grandma's kitchen while she bakes bread, a leather saddle in the barn or how the ground smells after a rain in the hot of summer. These are smells that are "stuck" in my olfactory (where we store scents) and I can pinpoint them in certain wines. This is why wine is so personal. Smells can bring us back to a time and place and open our treasure chest of memories. Which is also why we could love or highly dislike a wine.

But you cannot smell the wine without first swirling your glass. This allows oxygen to enter the wine, which allows the wine to release its scents (esters) into the air while coating the glass at the same time.

After swirling your wine, take a long smell. I keep my mouth slightly open when inhaling and exhaling. I feel like I get more with that technique.

If a wine smells good, meaning there are no off odours such as scents of wet dogs, old newspapers, mould, or vinegar, the wine is sound and not tainted.

So what are you smelling?

- Fruit: What kind of fruit do you smell? Berries, plums, stone fruit, lemons, apples
- Earth Elements: Barnyard, dirt, stone, rain, forest floor, minerals, flowers

- Oak: Do you smell wood? Vanilla, coconut, smoke, toast
- Other Foods: Mushrooms, coffee, chocolate, bell peppers, honey, butter
- Spices: Herbs, cinnamon, pepper

Does it burn your nose when you smell it? This could mean it is a high alcohol wine.

Regardless of the wine being white or red, remember, the fruit needs to smell clean and fresh.

Part of being a good wine taster is also being able to recognise flaws in wine, especially corked wines (TCA), which causes a wine to smell like a wet dog, or old, wet newspapers. This is from a faulty cork. Oxidised wine smells like vinegar.

Tasting the Wine:

When tasting wine, you assess the wines balance, structure, palate feel, level of sweetness, acidity, complexity, and length of the finish.

Take a drink. Now it sounds silly, but don't take a drink like you are drinking a glass of water (taking a drink and swallowing right away). Let the wine



Wine Column

hit all parts of your tongue. Then fill your mouth. Inhale a breath of air and swish it around.

- Was the wine light or full bodied? Think of it like milk. Light bodied would FEEL like skim milk in your mouth and a full – bodied wine would FEEL like whole milk.
- Was the wine hot, which is a sign of being unbalanced due to a high level of alcohol.
- What did the wine taste like? How was the fruit, was it fresh? The freshness comes from acidity.
- Was the wine sweet, bitter, spicy, or sour? Underripe or overripe fruit.

In a quality wine, you are looking for balance. This refers to all the elements in the wine and that they should not overshadow each other, allowing you to distinguish them as part of the whole: fruit, acid and tannin.

Complexity and Finish. A pinot grigio that is light and bright isn't very complex, but it is simple and refreshing with a quick finish. A Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is rich, ripe, and the finish is long lasting. The longer the good, enjoyable flavours remain in your mouth, the better the wine.

The average wine delivers a finish that is often not longer than 5 to 10 seconds. Very good wines last in your mouth for 20 to 30 seconds. The world's best wines remain on your

palate for up to 1 minute, or even longer!

I've been lucky to taste thousands of wines throughout my career. Ultimately, that is the way that you become a better taster...drinking wine. A tough job that someone must do!

How do I remember them all? Well, I don't. But I have learned that if I really like something, I take a picture of the label. And then when I am dreaming of my grandma's fresh bread from the oven, I can look up what wine I think would pair with that memory.

We are almost through winter...Happy March neighbours.

Drop me a line if you want to share a memory or have a glass of wine together.

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Amber Minba

It helps

Laughter is like changing a baby's nappy: it doesn't permanently solve any problems, but it makes things more acceptable for a while.

Mother's Day - 10 Fun Facts

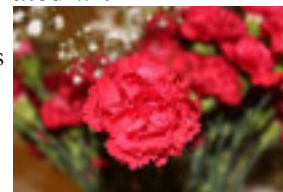
1. **Mother's Day is the biggest flower buying day of the year in Britain.** Flower sales are up around 70% on Mother's Day, compared with most other days of the year.
2. **Mother's Day dates back to Ancient Greece.** The roots of



Mother's Day go as far back as Ancient Greece, when Greeks used to hold an annual spring festival

dedicated to the maternal Goddess Rhea, mother of the Gods.

3. **In the UK and Ireland, Mothering Sunday is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent.** That explains why the date varies every year! This year, that date falls on **Sunday 27th March**.
4. **Mother's Day is one of the most popular days of the year for eating out.**
5. **In America, Mother's Day was founded by Anna Jarvis.** In the States, Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1907, thanks to Jarvis. Ironically, she later went on to protest the holiday, criticising how overly commercialised it had become.
6. **Carnations are the flowers typically associated with Mother's Day.** This tradition is evident around the world too, in Japan it is traditional to



give your mother a red carnation, for example.

7. **In the UK, around thirty million cards are sent on Mother's Day.**
8. **Traditionally, the food most associated with Mothering Sunday is Simnel Cake.**

Unsure what a simnel cake is? It is



in fact a fruit cake with a layer of almond paste covering the top and the middle. The cake is decorated with eleven balls of marzipan to represent the eleven disciples, minus Judas.

9. **The oldest first-time mother in the world was 70.** In 2008 Rajo Devi, gave birth to her first child and was 70 years old at the time.
10. **Mother's Day is celebrated in 46 countries around the world.**

Mother's Day is a well-established tradition around the world, but



it's celebrated at different times of the year dependent on what country you're in, so don't get confused! Just to reiterate, Mother's Day in the UK this year falls on 27th March!

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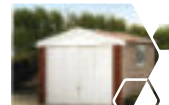
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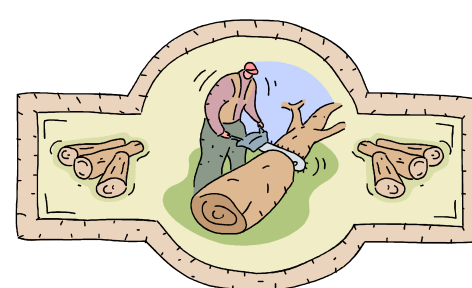
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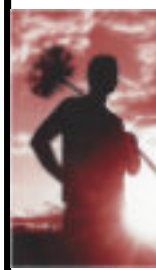
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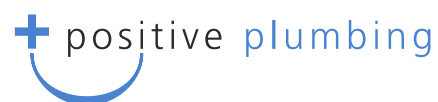
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