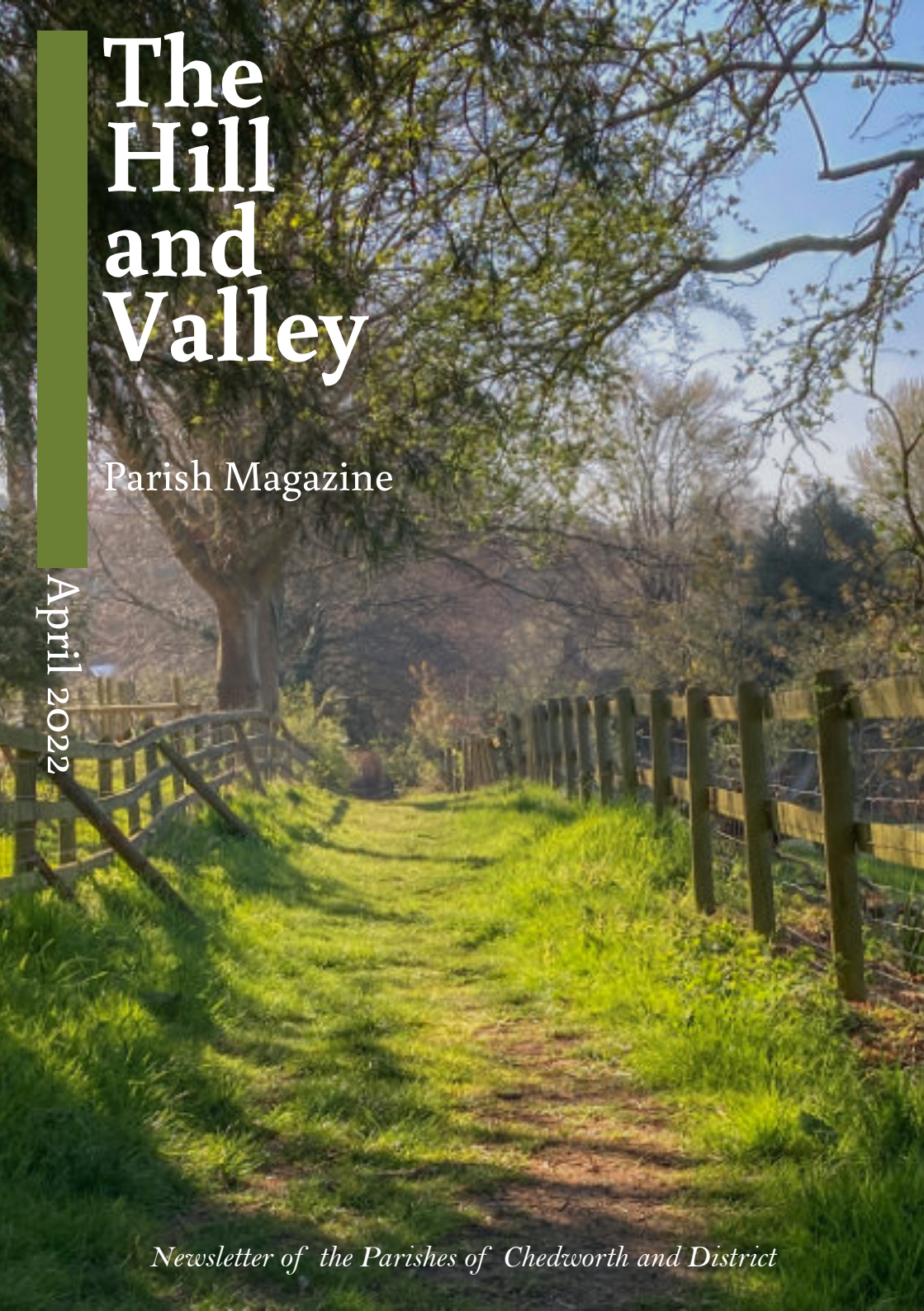




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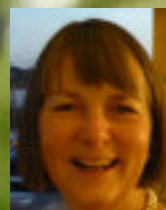
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Sue Robertson Coordinator  
for this edition

# Stephen's Letter

## Freedom, Outward and Inward

*"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, and do not...be burdened by a yolk of slavery."* Galatians 5v1

As well as the amazing death and resurrection of Jesus, the other great Christian narrative of Easter is the Passover – the sacrifice of the Passover Lamb through which God enabled the people of Israel to walk free from Egypt (Exodus 12v1-14). Of course, these two stories are intertwined: Jesus is the ultimate Passover Lamb, by which God enables us to walk free from our sins, in our lives today.

And it's not a moment too soon for us to think about the inner freedom that faith in Jesus provides, given the unprecedented threats to freedom, peace and democracy in our world today, with the Russian invasion of Ukraine. After the Passover, the people of Israel travelled to the land God promised them to find freedom. On the contrary, we hope and pray that the people of Ukraine find peace in their own land, and that the Russians leave!

But whatever's happening on the ground, we can all find inner freedom – from sin, fear and evil - through faith in Jesus Christ, who made the ultimate sacrifice for the world on the cross. And that has two important implications for us and for our world this Easter. First, we hope that faith in God's saving purposes would give the Ukrainian people the strength to face

their current troubles, and indeed would encourage people of goodwill around the world.

Second, we should remember that, as Paul assured the Galatian Christians, Christ set us free so we could be free - and nothing should hold us back from that freedom. In the same way, therefore, we should not tolerate slavery, oppression and subjugation in a world for which Christ died to bring freedom. So let us pray for peace – and freedom – in Ukraine, eastern Europe and indeed the world, and do what we can to show solidarity with our fellow human beings who face tyranny and injustice.

So this Easter, as we celebrate the liberty that God gave the world through the death and resurrection of Christ, let us pray for freedom, both outside and in. And may I wish you peace, hope – and freedom – this Easter.

*Stephen*



# Church Briefing

## Services for April 2022

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

Holy Communion 10.30 am – Coln Rogers

### Sunday 10th April – Palm Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP) 9 am - Chedworth

Family Communion & Garden Gathering 10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

### Thursday 14th April – Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion 7 pm – Chedworth

### Friday 15th April – Good Friday

Good Friday Walk 10 am – Chedworth (at the Brew House)

Last Hour 2 pm – Coln Rogers

### Sunday 17th April – Easter Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP) 9 am - Stowell

Holy Communion 10.30 am - Chedworth

Easter Praise 6 pm – Coln St Dennis

### Sunday 24th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion 10.30 am – Chedworth

### Sunday 1st May – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion 10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

## Lent Course – Loved + Liked

The final session of our Lent Course **Loved + Liked** will take place on **Wednesday 6th April** at **St Andrew's Church, Chedworth** at **7.30 pm**. The theme is Equipped (shall I just try harder?). This has been a great course,

and if you've not been able to come, you could still work through the course on your own in the comfort of your own home. Do get in touch if you'd like a copy of the course book, and check out the resources at <https://www.lovedandliked.life/>.

# Church Briefing

## Palm Sunday Family Communion & Garden Gathering – Sunday 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**, games for the children, 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 include **Mr Matt Fulford** (care of the environment/environmental science/technology), **Dr Jon Francis** (consultant anaesthetist) and **Mrs Kate Milsted** (the pharmaceutical industry). 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](mailto: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. Please pray for **Tilly Hooper, Martha Hooper, Freddie Marsden** and **Hamish Dewar** as they prepare for confirmation.

## Chipping Norton Set

As many of you will be already aware, Rev'd Stephen and Sally will be leaving Chedworth in June, and moving to Chipping Norton. Rev'd Stephen will be standing down from routine parish ministry, in order to spend more time doing theological writing projects, and providing teaching on Christian ethics and doctrine to students training to be vicars and also local church congregations. Stephen, Sally and Emily will be sad to leave Chedworth, and will miss you all, but are excited about their new home and life.

From June, the churchwardens – **Neil Irving, Helen Oldham, Nellie Burrow** and **Alexander George** – will be leading the Benefice, in conjunction with the Rural Dean, the Rev'd Canon Katrina Scott. Please do not hesitate to

make contact with any of us if you have any further questions at this time. And please pray for the churchwardens as they make plans concerning the future of the Benefice.

## Advance Notice – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend – 2nd - 5th June

There will be a **Service of Thanksgiving** for the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** at **St Andrew's Church, Chedworth** at **10.30 am** on **Sunday 5th June**.

This is an important opportunity to give hearty thanks to God for the Queen's unprecedented 70 year reign, and also to pray for the life of our nation. This service is for the whole community and for all ages - everyone will be most warmly welcome.



Do look out for various celebratory events around the villages during the course of the weekend.

## From the Registers

### Funerals

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

Nigel Eastman – 4th March – St Andrew's Church, Chedworth

### Baptism

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

Lucas Grieten – 6th March – St James the Great Church, Coln St Dennis

Polly Ringstrom – 13th March – St Andrew's Church, Chedworth

# Church Spring Clean



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.*



"It's not as picturesque as the old steeple  
but it's saving a fortune in electricity bills!"



**JUNE 5**  
FROM 12.30PM

CHEDWORTH PLAYING FIELD  
**BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC!**

**MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON**  
FEATURING BOUNCY CASTLE • FACE PAINTING • MAGICIAN  
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PREFERRED DRESS CODE – RED, WHITE AND BLUE!

## Dates for Your Diary

| Date                                                                                                | Time        | Event                                                                     | Venue                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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     |
| 04-Apr                                                                                              | 10:00-13:00 | Pop-Up Cafe                                                               | Chedworth Village Hall    |
| 08-Apr                                                                                              | 19:30       | Back Row Club showing the film "The Alpinist"                             | Chedworth Village Hall    |
| 09-Apr                                                                                              | 10:00       | St Andrews Church Spring Clean                                            | St Andrews Church         |
| 09-Apr                                                                                              | 10:30-12:00 | Chedworth Pre-School Easter Fayre                                         | Chedworth Village Hall    |
| 11-Apr                                                                                              | 10:00-13:00 | Pop-Up Cafe                                                               | Chedworth Village Hall    |
| 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    |
| 25-Apr                                                                                              | 10:00-13:00 | Pop-Up Cafe                                                               | 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                 |
| 26-May                                                                                              | 19:00       | Chedworth Entertainment Club - NT Live screening of "Straight Line Crazy" | Chedworth Village Hall    |
| 27-May                                                                                              |             | St Andrews C of E Primary School Platinum Jubilee Party                   | St Andrews Primary School |
| 02-Jun                                                                                              | 21:45       | Jubilee Beacon Lighting                                                   | Chedworth                 |
| 05-Jun                                                                                              | 12:30-16:00 | Queens Platinum Jubilee Picnic Lunch                                      | Chedworth Playing Field   |
| 08-Jun                                                                                              | 15:00-17:00 | 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                 |
| 23-Jun                                                                                              | 19:00       | Chedworth Entertainment Club - NT Live screening - tbc                    | Chedworth Village Hall    |
| 24-Jun                                                                                              | 14:30       | HortSoc Garden Visit to Upton Wold, Blockley                              | Blockley                  |
| 11-Jul                                                                                              | 19:30       | Parish Council Meeting                                                    | Chedworth Village Hall    |
| See <a href="http://www.hillandvalley.co.uk">www.hillandvalley.co.uk</a> 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 | 5  | April |
| Tuesday | 19 | April |
| Tuesday | 3  | May   |
| Tuesday | 17 | May   |
| Tuesday | 31 | May   |

### Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

|        |    |       |
|--------|----|-------|
| Friday | 1  | April |
| Friday | 15 | April |
| Friday | 29 | April |
| Friday | 13 | May   |
| Friday | 27 | May   |

Turn your event into an occasion at

# Chedworth Village Hall

Visit our website for full details including making booking enquiries

[chedworthvillagehall.co.uk](http://chedworthvillagehall.co.uk)

## Chedworth Pop Up Cafe



**Your Pop Up Cafe**  
will be open every Monday  
in April except Easter Monday

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, jam, Humblebee apple juice  
and **Chedworth Gold** cider.

**See you there!**

### Miscellaneous observations on life:

The real purpose of a child's full name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

Never buy a car you can't push.

City life: Millions of people being lonesome together. - Thoreau

Conference: The confusion of one person multiplied by the number present. - Anon

Commuter: A person who has a complaint of longstanding. - Anon

Never drive faster than your guardian angel can fly. - Anon

This is not my bald patch; it's a solar panel for brain power. - Anon

Why was the Easter bunny upset? He was having a bad hare day.

What is Easter Bunny's favourite kind of music? Hip-hop, of course!

What do you call a rabbit that can tell a good joke? A funny bunny.



We are so fortunate to be able to explore the beautiful local environment with all of the children being able to have the opportunity to practice climbing over stiles, this building both confidence and muscles!



Recently we have enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day - dinosaurs are currently the favourite topic with our children! Which led us to create our own stories using a dinosaur template and placing the template on a variety of surfaces to describe the different texture, or colour of the dinosaur! This

is a great activity to try at home! We also had delicious pancakes as our treat for Shrove Tuesday - whilst not forgetting the fun we had with lemons and water!



**Come along to our Easter Fayre**

**Saturday 9th April; 10:30 - 12:00**  
**at Chedworth Village Hall**

Variety of stalls, raffle; Easter bonnet competition; children's activities; tea & cake - something for everyone! Do come and join us!

For more information please take a look at our website

[www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk](http://www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk)

Contact Sarah on 07840 370220 or email  
[chedworthpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:chedworthpreschool@gmail.com) to arrange a visit!

# St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



We are looking forward to an afternoon of celebrations, cake and fun.

## 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](mailto:clerk@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Platinum Jubilee Party

We are really excited about celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the summer. The staff, governors and pupils at St Andrew's C of E would love to invite you all to a Platinum Jubilee Party on Friday 27th May 2022. Timings will be confirmed soon so please keep an eye out on our school website, Facebook and Nextdoor.



## Sports

We have had a busy term of sporting engagements. Our football team have played away at Sherborne C of E, as well as hosting. St Andrew's played well against a highly disciplined team.



St Andrew's vs Sherborne

Find out more about our small, rural primary school here



We also took a Year 5 & 6 Tag rugby team to Temple Guiting to compete in a tournament. The children played amazingly well in very miserable weather conditions. One of our pupils was player of the tournament! Overall, we came second in the event.

Tag Rugby Tournament



Mrs N Smith  
Headteacher

## Meet the Staff!



**Name: Mr L Gingell**  
**Role: Teaching Support Partner**

Mr Gingell has worked at St Andrew's since September 2021 and is a qualified teacher. Mr Gingell has a varied work background, most recently working for Mars confectionary. Mr Gingell also played rugby to a high standard and so is enjoying leading rugby and football matches.



## Sudoku Puzzle

**Easy!**  
Solution on page 19

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# Chedworth Parish Council

## Platinum Jubilee

The Parish Council hosted an informal open meeting at the Village Hall on Monday 7th March.

A group had already been formed to arrange a Jubilee Lunch / Picnic for Sunday 5th June commencing at 12.30pm and finishing 4pm or perhaps later. Peter Heaps represented the group and explained a Bouncy Castle and a Magician/ Punch and Judy have been arranged as has a group of local musicians to perform. The Seven Tuns will provide the Bar and the WI will help with other essential refreshments. The Parish Council has pledged £600 towards the event while Judy Tice has given £250 and the Chedworth Society a further £250 donation.



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| Jeremy Theyer               | 07765 007129 |

To contact the Council, email the clerk, Elizabeth Broad ([chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](http://chedworthpc.org.uk)

Simon Colbeck and Martin Spooner together with Cllr Jeremy Theyer are looking in to having a Jubilee Beacon at 9.45pm on Thursday 2nd June as part of the national chain of beacons. Possibly on the field by the Playing field or with land owners agreement, on the site of the original "Chedworth Beacon". Watch this space!

Saturday is a day for smaller parties. The Seven Tuns has been considering a Saturday Lunchtime event. Reverend Stephen has a tea party for the faithful, but no one came forward to request the parish help with funding or a road closure order.

A Friday evening event was discussed but opinion was to concentrate on the Sunday event as one to bring the whole community together. St Andrews Church has a Special Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 5th June at 10.30am. St Andrews School has a Tea party the day they break up for half term.

So that is :-  
Thursday 2nd June 9.45 pm 21.45 hrs Beacon lighting.  
Saturday 4th June 7 tuns lunchtime / smaller parties.  
Sunday 5th Special Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrews 10.30am.  
Sunday 5th June Big Lunch Picnic, 12.30 pm onwards.

Many thanks to all who attended.

## Footpaths

We have been asked to pass on a request from a resident for land owners to keep the rights of way across your land clear and usable now the growing season is on us once again. It is extremely frustrating for walkers to find a right of way blocked



or indeed for them to become injured by barbed wire, or shocked by electric fences. Keeping rights of way in good order is not only good neighbourliness but it is also an offence for a public right of way to be obstructed.

## Notice Board

We are very grateful to Mr Ray Hedger who has completely refurbished the Well Hill Noticeboard for us. The board has historically been extremely difficult to push pins into but Ray has put a new surface on which is much more use friendly.

## New Shed in use

The new storage shed at the playing field is now in use with Horticultural Society and Drama having started to move their artefacts in. The Council is very grateful to Cllr Tony Kingsley for project managing the creation of this much needed resource.



## Litter Pick

We were very grateful to all those who helped with the Litter Pick on Saturday 12th March.

Cllr Alan McLellan once again organised the pick. Numbers were a little down on some previous years but a prodigious amount of rubbish was removed from our verges before the verge cutting season commences. Many thanks to all who took part.



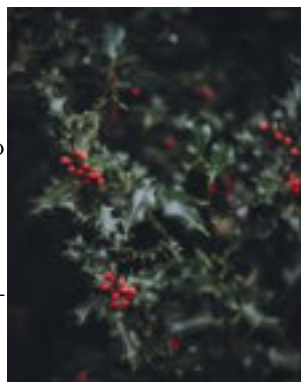
*David Broad*  
Chairman - Chedworth Parish Council

# Trees & Shrubs - Holly

## Holly

*Ilex aquifolium*

Holly is native to the United Kingdom and is one of our very few wild evergreen-broad-leaved trees. It is dioecious, meaning that there are male and female flowers on different trees, the flowers are white with four petals. The leaves are alternate, hard and leathery; the upper surfaces are glossy and dark green, the under-surfaces are dull and light green.



Holly likes a mild winter climate and is most vigorous in our western districts. Under good conditions it can grow to a height of 60 ft, but is usually in bush forming undergrowth providing dense cover for birds. It is a shade-tolerant tree able to survive as an understory species in woodlands, especially oak and beech woods. The prickly leaves of holly protect oak and beech seedlings from deer and rabbits. Holly is itself susceptible to browsing when a seedling but once the plant is a year old it forms the fiercely spiny leaves that protect it. As holly matures, the leaves near the top become unspiny again as they grow out of the reach of grazing animals.

It is the red berries of holly that make it such a distinctive tree. Its widespread distribution is reflected in the many place names incorporating the word holly such as Hollingdon in

Buckinghamshire, Holmsley in the New Forest and Hollington in Derbyshire.

The name holly comes from Anglo-Saxon hollen or hollin, which means a group or grove of hollies that were regularly pollarded for cattle feed. There are good examples of hollins in Shropshire and in the Pennines. As a prominent feature in the landscape, hollies have frequently been used as boundary markers and as sighting lines by ploughmen. In some country districts, holly trees were used to mark land drain outfalls. With its prickly leaves holly makes for a very good stock proof hedge and is very tolerant of grazing as new shoots appear from cut stems above, and at ground level. Tall wide holly dominated hedges are common in Herefordshire and Warwickshire.

Holly flowers provide nectar and pollen for bees and other pollinating insects. The leaves are eaten by caterpillars and the holly blue butterfly. The dense cover of holly is good nesting cover for birds, bird sown seedlings take readily. Its deep and dry litter is used by hedgehogs and small mammals for hibernation.

The wood of holly is the whitest of all woods and is heavy, hard and fine grained. It can be stained and polished to make furniture, engraving and turnery work. It is much prized for making walking sticks. In past centuries a large number of holly trees were felled for making bobbins for the Lancashire cotton mills. Holly was believed to have power over horses and was much in demand for the stock



burns with a strong heat.

Holly is strongly associated with Christianity and in folklore it was believed that holly stood for the crown of thorns and the berries for Christ's blood. Its foliage is much sought after for Christmas decorations. As it is evergreen it has always been associated with immortality, life and renewal and was used in the darkest days of winter as a sign that spring will come again. In folklore it was considered bad luck to cut down a holly tree and to this day some woodmen are reluctant to fell a holly without very good cause.

Holly was supposed to be symbolic of foresight and defence. In some areas holly trees were planted either side of buildings as a deterrent against fire and lightning. The custom of attaching male holly boughs to the rafters above cattle stalls is still used by some farmers to counteract ringworm during the winter. It is thought that the spores of the fungus prefer the holly and leave the cattle alone. At Wheelbirks Farm in Northumberland, the Richardson family have kept a milking herd of Jersey's since 1925 and are firm believers in the efficacy of holly boughs protecting their cattle against ringworm.

of riding whips. At the zenith of the horse-drawn era over 200,000 holly whips were made each year. Holly is a good firewood and

With holly so prevalent in the countryside it is not surprising that it regularly features in our culture and literature. One of the favourite Christmas carols is the Holly and the Ivy:-

*The holly and the ivy  
When they are both full grown  
Of all the trees that are in the wood  
The holly bears the crown-*

Holly was considered to be a symbol of foresight and ivy of fidelity. Both it was believed, would keep the house goblins at bay until Christmas Eve!

And in Shakespeare's "As you Like it":-

*Heigh-bo! Sing, heigh-bo! Unto the green holly  
Most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly  
Then heigh-bo! The holly!  
This life is most jolly.*

There are areas of good holly understory in the belt of beech trees on the left hand side of the road from Chedworth to the old airfield.

*Robert Young*

**Solution to Sudoku Puzzle on Page 15**

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Another full house on Wednesday 9th March listened to a short business meeting followed by a talk titled “Wind, Rain and Beavers” given by James McWilliam on his work with the National Trust in the Somerset Region. James’s grandparents attended the meeting and I am sure they were very proud of him.

James, in his early days, was the welcoming guide for Dyrham Park, Studland Bay and the area surrounding the Cheddar Gorge. On seeing his beautiful photographs several members were reminded of their trips to these places.

His main work is the encouragement of families to engage with nature and the outdoors with the reminder of conservation and climate change. This can be done via education, walks, photography and even cloud gazing. 2,000 trees have been planted and families are encouraged to buy a tree and plant it at home.

The beaver reintroduction at Holnicote was the first made by the National Trust and combined plans to create habitat for nature. In 2020 a pair of these amazing mammals was released into two fenced areas of woodland at Holnicote on the edge of Exmoor. James was very keen to tell us that the team on Exmoor were

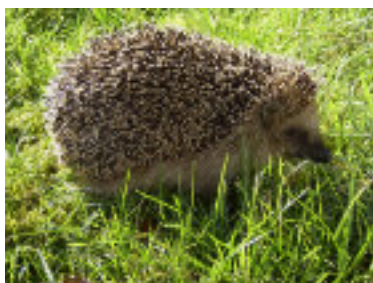


pleased to spot the very first beaver kit born on National Trust land. The Project has been very successful as the beavers have transformed the enclosure from an unmanaged woodland to a more open wetland attracting more wildlife in just 18 months. If you are interested to learn more, go to the [nationaltrust.org.uk](http://nationaltrust.org.uk) website and search for ‘beaver reintroduction’.

Everyone was fascinated and enjoyed the talk enormously. Another thank you for an excellent evening.

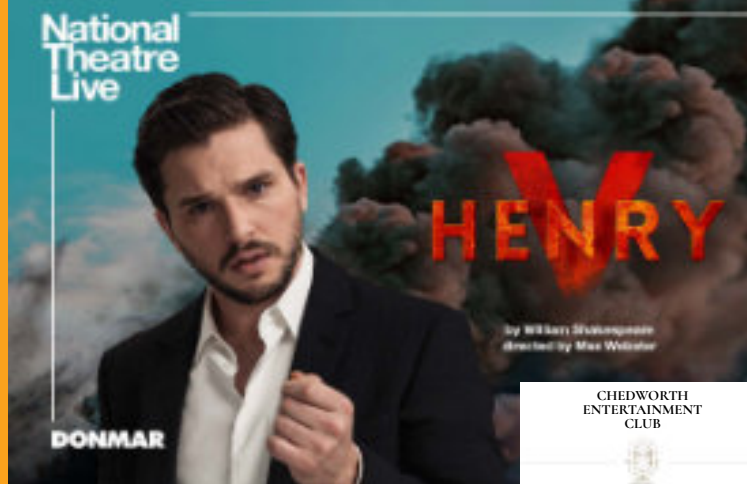
Our next meeting is at 7.15pm on 13<sup>th</sup> April at Chedworth Village Hall. Hugh Warwick will give us a talk titled “Hedgehogs”.

New Members are always welcome. First meetings are free.



Please can I ask for a Volunteer to write the April Report for the May edition of the Hill and Valley magazine? A new approach for the Report is always a good thing. If interested please contact Emma Isaac. Thanks.

*Carol Bailey*



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advance orders of the book are available on line at £16 (vs RSP £20)

Whether you love playing or listening to Mozart, Patrick Mackie will give you a whole new understanding of why his works move us so intensely.

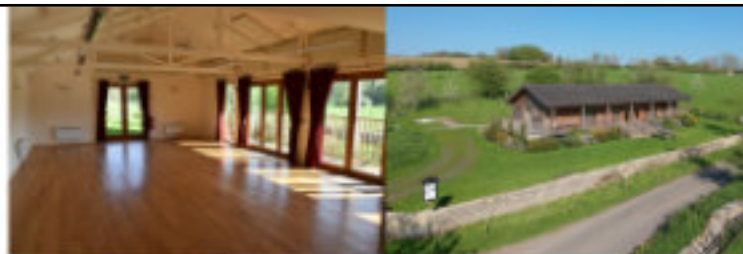
Chosen by the Financial Times as 'One of the best books of the week' and described as an "immersive and thought-provoking experience that will send you back to Mozart's oeuvre with a renewed appetite", Gramophone was equally complementary saying that it is

'eminently worth finding space for this intensely personal, beautifully written response to (Mozart's) music'

The Literary Review felt that Mozart would "no doubt have applauded Mackie's drive" and the Times Literary Supplement described it as "a feeling of looking over Mozart's shoulder."

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*Jane Quelch*



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## Your Gardening Tips - April 2022

Despite the recent unsettled weather it does now feel that spring is here and the daffodils and crocuses are showing well, it is time for tulips for colour and daphne and lily of the valley to provide scent for our gardens.



### Tulip Diseases

- **Tulip Fire.** Leaves emerge distorted and brown spots of dead

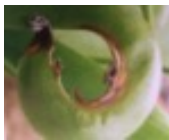


tissue develop looking like fire scorch. Spots grow on stems and flowers and in damp conditions fuzzy grey mould develops and

flowers rot rapidly. No fungicides are available to home gardeners so remove and destroy infected plants and avoid planting again in infected soil for three years.

- **Tulip Grey Bulb Rot.** Fungus present on bulbs germinate infecting the neck and working downwards. Foliage may fail to emerge or leaves are distorted

similar to Fire but without fuzzy growth. There are fungal controls so dig up and destroy and avoid planting in infected area again for five years.



- **Tulip Leaf Spot.** Small brown scars on young leaves causing leaves to curl. Remove affected leaves and reduce humidity around the foliage if possible. Severely affected bulbs should be burnt.
- To avoid these problems, buy large healthy bulbs from a reputable supplier and discard any with scabby spots, mould or bruising.
- Pinch off old flower heads from spring flowering bulbs that are going over but allow to die back before trimming or mowing so that the bulbs retain as much energy as possible.
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses and climbing plants such as clematis and honeysuckle. Climbing roses will flower better if trained to grow horizontally. The hormones are normally concentrated at the tip of the plant, but if spread equally along the stem, each bud will be encouraged to grow a leaf and eventually a flower.
- Plants that benefit from regular clipping often with shears are box, yew, hebe, lonicera and pittosporum, which as well as restricting size can produce new colour in the foliage.
- Slightly tender plants such as penstemons and lavender can be

pruned, cutting just above fresh new shoots.

- Sweet peas can be sown outside when the ground has warmed up. Protect from mice!!
- Herbaceous perennials such as Geranium can be divided and planted outside in well prepared soil.
- Loosen any tree ties that are biting into the bark, and feed trees shrubs and hedges, with a balanced fertiliser, then mulch.
- Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds, and plant out plugs already started off under cover
- Increase water to house plants, and if you have any citrus plants, now is the time to start giving them high nitrogen or proprietary summer feed.
- If not done in late March, sow grass seed over bare patches and apply lawn feed and weed control.
- Keep an eye out for aphids and remove by hand as soon as spotted.
- Keep weeds under control as they will want to be growing vigorously.
- There is still time to sow an annual wild-flower meadow or corner.

- Cover ground to be sown with a membrane to help warm up the soil. Ready for sowing seeds, but also try sowing some quick maturing root crops such as radishes, spring onions and baby beetroot.
- Brassicas can be sown outside, but it may be better to start them off in the greenhouse.
- Do forget to rotate your crops around the vegetable patch if you can. If not make plans to sow green manure in the autumn
- Use your compost straight away as if left in the bag for too long it will degrade as the microbes start to break down the organic material and consume the available nitrogen.

*Simon Colbeck*

Chairman Chedworth & District  
HORTSOC

## HortSoc Garden Visits 2022

### Chedworth & District Horticultural Society

#### Garden Visits 2022

I am pleased to announce our garden visit for August. Please let me know should you like to come as this is 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, discount at Burford Garden Centre and access to our twice yearly compost sales. Please note we are getting booked up, so don't delay book today!

## HortSoc Garden Visits 2022

### **Thursday 19th May - 6pm** **at the garden of 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 used 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**

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### **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.

£15 per person

### **Friday 19th August 2.30 pm** **Pindrup Farm, Coln St Dennis**

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*Sue Bradbury*



## Chedworth Oil Club News

The last few weeks have been the most turbulent time for the supply and price of domestic heating oil since the founding of CHOC (Chedworth Oil Club).

The scale is unprecedented. During the past 10 years we have seen high fluctuation, in February 2013 the oil price peaked at around 69p per litre. Then it dropped incrementally until March 2016 hitting a low of 28p. A climb to January 2021 brought the price to 55p dropping to around 30p and rising to enter 2022 at double that. It would be hard to argue that these were routine, but compared to the current situation such rises and falls are minor. At time of writing a peak of 170p per litre was seen around March 10th. This is driven both by supply side shortage and forward buying.

It seems inevitable that despite a price drop in the last few days, when prices stabilise we will see a very substantial increase compared to last year.

The energy crisis for gas and electricity has been well-publicised, but the impact on oil has been much less documented. Sadly CHOC has very limited ability to assist in this pricing turmoil. Although we offer suppliers a substantial prospective market, backed by history, we agree to a long term arrangement. The actual commercial transaction is between individual customers and the supplier. Our current supplier is Sweet Fuels.

There is no commitment for CHOC members to only buy from Sweet Fuels. However it is unsurprising that in this time of shortage Sweet are

prioritising loyal customer relationships and may therefore feel unable to supply customers who do not have a consistent history, even if they are CHOC members.

As a reminder, to obtain the admittedly small discount on the daily price you will need to advise Sweet of your CHOC number when ordering. Remember the village benefits from CHOC through the rebate that we receive to help fund village amenities. There is a benefit to the environment in the consolidation of deliveries; usually the Sweet tanker visits on Wednesdays and of course the prize draw means winning members benefit from some free oil.

If you have any questions, or suggestions for CHOC, contact me by email [chocchedworth@gmail.com](mailto:chocchedworth@gmail.com), or call 07939 105455.

Whilst the village website is down joining information and other documents will be available on request.

*Richard Todd*  
14 March 2022



## Let's Talk Fitness

We all know we should exercise as part of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. For some of us it's part of our everyday routine, dog walking, a job that requires physical labour, a garden that needs attending, walking to school or to the bus.

For others it's more difficult to fit exercise in the daily routine. You could be working at a desk, working shifts, revising for exams, school or other commitments that stop us from making it a priority.

The NHS 'Live Well' programme recommends adults from 19 to 64 years old, should do some type of physical activity every day. Exercise just once or twice a week can reduce the risk of heart disease or stroke. It's recommended to do 75 minutes of

vigorous exercise or 150 minutes of moderate aerobic exercise a week to maintain healthy body and mind.

What's moderate aerobic exercise? It's exercise that increases your heart rate, intake of breath will be faster and body temperature rises. Examples are: a brisk walk (find some hills!), cycling, hiking, pushing a lawn mower.

Those who like a bit more of a challenge or are time poor might prefer to do 75 minutes of vigorous exercise a week. 75 minutes of vigorous exercise has the same health benefits as 150 minutes of moderate exercise. This will include jogging, a fast walk up a hill, cycling at a faster pace, or swimming the crawl. Most moderate exercise can be converted into vigorous exercise. Easy!



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Very Vigorous exercise will be done in short burst with the highest intensity. The popular HITT (High Intensity Interval Training) – short burst of anaerobic exercises with less intensity recovery periods, typically lasting 30 minutes. This raises the heart rate, body temperature, and it should be very difficult to talk. You might be familiar with Joe Wicks's famous lock down HIIT classes.

Although I've broken down exercise into 3 intensities, the reality is most exercise and sports are a combination of all three, as the body energy and oxygen levels will put the brakes on and lower the intensity to recover to be able to start again.

There is also evidence even 10 minutes a day of exercise can improve your health. Dr Mosley, TV and radio presenter has a podcast that explains some of the science, so even if you can fit in just 10 minutes a day of physical activity, you'll improve both mind and body.

There are benefits of all exercise - It can reduce your risk of major illnesses, such as coronary heart disease, stroke,

type 2 diabetes and cancer and lower your risk of early death by up to 30%.

Give your body and mind a treat with the gift of exercise.

NHS 10 minute workouts - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/10-minute-workouts/>.

Dr Mosley Just One Thing Podcast - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000zljp>

*"The difference between your body this week and next week is what you do in the next 7 days to achieve your goals"* – Joe Wicks.

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The government not only has the bad habit of living beyond its income, but also beyond ours.



[www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC)

### CLUB NEWS

With the spring sunshine appearing and daffodils bobbing, the new tennis season is underway. We had a jolly gathering for our social morning with coffee & croissants on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, and some impressive tennis was played much to the entertainment of the coffee drinkers! Our Family Open Day is on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and we do hope to see you there, there are activities for all. We will also be at the Village hall on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for the 'Showcase Chedworth' event.

Our new membership season started on March 1st and we 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  
[hillandvalleylta@gmail.com](mailto:hillandvalleylta@gmail.com)

### WHAT'S COMING UP

#### FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-4pm

Free tennis coaching for adults & children, plus cardio tennis, check the speed of your serve, demo rackets to try, come and give it a go! Activities for all, BBQ, Pizza van & refreshments. See poster for more info.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Events>

#### EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Tues April 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> (TBC)  
Thurs, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> (TBC)

Fun camps with David Ayala for ages 4-13yrs  
[www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Coaching/Camps](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Coaching/Camps)

#### AFTER SCHOOL COACHING

New 5wk block April 27<sup>th</sup>

After school coaching on Wednesdays with David Ayala for ages 4-18yrs.  
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# Refugee Support in Chedworth

How can Chedworth support Ukrainian Refugees?



which there is government provision under the Ukraine Refugee Scheme. At our level we have a church, WI and other village groups which will wish to become involved in caring for refugees. In Gloucester there's a thriving Ukrainian

What is on offer nationwide is receiving considerable media coverage and the CDC has put info on their website [www.cotswold.gov.uk/communities-and-leisure/support-for-communities/ukraine-support](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/communities-and-leisure/support-for-communities/ukraine-support).

However, does Chedworth as a community wish to become involved in some way? We believe it does and would like to try, through your help, to make it happen!

Although many of us will have already contributed financially and with other gifts, it seems to us that we can bring help closer to home by providing accommodation in Chedworth itself.

We believe there may well be property owners in the village who might be encouraged were they to know they had community support. There are empty homes, B and Bs and Airbnbs whose owners might be encouraged to provide accommodation if they knew that the village was behind the project.

As to practicalities, we have a school, local medical and other services for

community for language and other assistance.

There are thousands of our fellow human beings in the most appalling circumstances in desperate need of our help and accommodation.

Perhaps village homeowners could rise to the challenge and offer help? Perhaps others would fund raise to help such home owners with the cost of running such accommodation housing refugees?

We are offering to coordinate any support you may need on behalf of the Chedworth community. If you feel we can help please do not hesitate to contact us (in confidence) by phone or email. We would like to hear from you.

Thank you,

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*Iain Robertson* (01285 720683  
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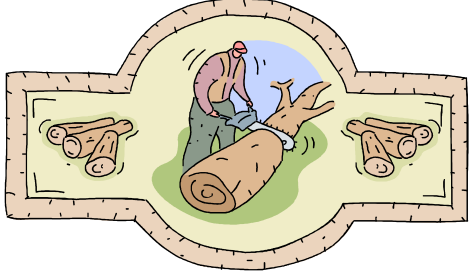
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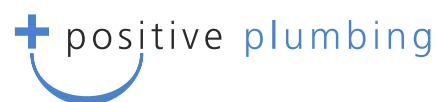
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