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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition

Stephen's Letter

King of Queens

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen!" 1 Tim 1v17.

At the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we will mark our Queen's astonishing 70-year reign. This makes Queen Elizabeth II the longest-serving British monarch, and indeed the third longest-serving monarch in the history of the world.

Our nation has changed beyond recognition during the Queen's reign. When she acceded to the throne, the country was still recovering from the Second World War, and standards of living were tough. Now, we are part of a global economy, and digital technologies have revolutionised life for all of us. EU membership has come – and gone. Working lives have changed, as have expectations of relationships and communities. Some would say that not all these changes have been for the better.

Set in this historical context, the constancy and courage of the Queen's service of our nation is all the more remarkable. The Queen is loved – or at least respected - by the British public; our monarchy remains the envy of the nations, and attracts tourists and immigrants alike from diverse countries, with very different cultures – and values – to our own.

Personally, I believe that the Queen's success is because she, in turn, serves the King. Christians acclaim Jesus as the true King of this world, whom God has appointed over us, because of

his ministry, his redeeming death and his resurrection for us. And, in her public broadcasts, the Queen has regularly spoken of her personal Christian faith - and that faith, I am sure, has enabled her to face the troubles of her life and of the nation over the years with dignity and resolve.

We face challenges in life too, and we all have to deal with them in a way that is commensurate with our personality and the circumstances to which God has called us. The Queen's circumstances might be different to ours - but being royalty brings its own challenges. But, in terms of faith, we should look to her example. If even our Queen serves the divine King, perhaps we should too? As we celebrate this historic Jubilee, let us think about what it means to serve the King of Queens, and to trust God with our lives and our future. I wish you all a joyous and peaceful Jubilee celebration.

With best wishes,

Stephen

PS This is my last letter for the H&V Magazine. It has been a privilege to serve you all in Christian ministry in these communities, and I wish everyone well for the future. See my Memories of Chedworth article.



Church Briefing

Services for June 2022

Sunday 5th June – Queen's Diamond Jubilee/Pentecost

Platinum Jubilee Thanksgiving Service

10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 12th June – Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP)

9 am - Chedworth

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Coln Rogers

Sunday 19th June – Trinity 2

Holy Communion (BCP)

9 am - Stowell

Family Service

10.30 am - Chedworth

Evensong

6 pm – Coln St Dennis

Sunday 26th June – Trinity 3

Holy Communion

10.30 am – Chedworth

Sunday 3rd July

Family Communion

10.30 am – Coln St Dennis

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service – Sunday 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 at 10.30 am**. 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.

Farewell to Stephen

As many of you will be already aware, Rev'd Stephen, Sally and Emily 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. But remember – the church is the people, not just the priest, and it's business as usual for the

Church Briefing

ministry of the church in Chedworth & District!

From the Registers

Marriages

“Let us love one another for love comes from God”. 1 John 4v.7

Timothy Johnson & Alicia Gumpert – 7th May – St Andrew’s Church, Chedworth.

Baptisms

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

Eleanore Henson – St Andrew’s Church, Chedworth – 22nd May

Family Summer Garden Party

Family Summer Garden Party

Every one welcome to a Family Summer Garden Party

by kind permission of Sue Callard at The Laines Farm,
Chedworth Laines
on



Sunday 17th July at 12 noon

Drinks and light refreshment



Children’s Treasure Hunt

Donations in aid of the Friends of St Andrews (FoStA)

CHEDWORTH VILLAGE
PLATINUM JUBILEE PICNIC

JUNE 5 | CHEDWORTH PLAYING FIELD
FROM 12.30PM **BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC!**

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON
FEATURING BOUNCY CASTLE • FACE PAINTING • MAGICIAN
PUNCH & JUDY • ICE CREAM • BAR PROVIDED BY THE SEVEN TUNS

PREFERRED DRESS CODE – RED, WHITE AND BLUE!

Memories of Chedworth

It has been a true delight to minister in these beautiful Cotswold villages of Chedworth & District and we have so many happy memories! Where do I start?

Well, there was the first Chedworth Games in 2012. As a highly successful fundraising event which brought the village together, this was a game changer (!) for both the church and the community, and I am proud to have had a part in its organisation. Indeed, the event was so successful that we ran it again in 2013, 2015 and 2018.

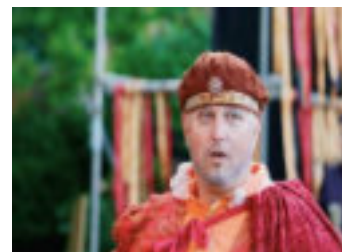
Our church Holiday Clubs and Light Parties have also been an important part of my life here, and we have had fun covering themes as diverse as time travel, circus skills and Minions! Our church/school collaborations have been great too – I still have fond memories of the *Taste* Light Party at the school in 2012, and iSing Pop in 2016.

Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed having roles in *Shakespeare at the Manor* productions in 2017, 2018 and 2020. Many local people will not forget my bravura performance as Baron Dudley, with a thick Black Country accent, in the 2017 production of *Merchant of Venice*!

And, as well these stand-out events, there has been the usual rhythm of times and seasons in these communities – the Christmas services, the Good Friday walk, Rogation and Harvest – and also the privilege of being alongside you in your lives at times of joy and sorrow, at weddings, funerals, baptisms and other special events.

I will treasure these memories always; I am grateful to you all for being part of these memories, and for your friendship and support over the years.

With all love and best wishes, Stephen



Dates for Your Diary

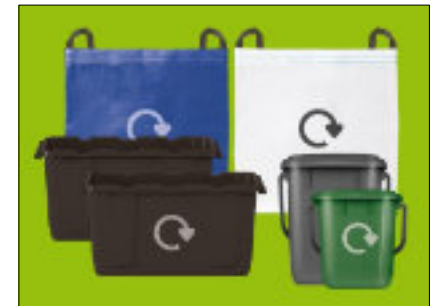
Day	Time	Event	Venue
02-Jun	21:45	Jubilee Beacon Lighting	Chedworth
05-Jun	12:30-16:00	Queens Platinum Jubilee Picnic Lunch	Chedworth Playing Field
08-Jun	15:00-17:00	WI - Queens Jubilee Garden Party	Chedworth garden
10-Jun	19:30	Back Row Club showing the film "Hero"	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Jun	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
18-Jun	16:00-18:00	Open Garden by Jess Hope	York House in Lower Chedworth
18-Jun	10:00-17:00	Chedworth Open Gardens - Cancelled	Chedworth
19-Jun	10:00-17:00	Chedworth Open Gardens - Cancelled	Chedworth
24-Jun	14:30	HortSoc Garden Visit to Upton Wold, Blockley	Blockley
25-Jun		Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament	Tennis Club in Chedworth
02-Jul	15:00-18:00	Bring a Picnic & explore - in aid of Ukraine	Wrens Orchard, Rendcomb GL7 7DF
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
17-Jul	Noon	FoStA Summer Family Drinks Party	Laines Farm Chedworth
21-Jul	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - NT Live screening - Prima Facie	Chedworth Village Hall
08-Aug	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
10-Aug		WI Meeting - Outing - tbc	Chedworth Village Hall
19-Aug	14:30	HortSoc Garden Visit to Pindrup Farm in Coln St Dennis	Coln St Dennis
09-Sep		Chedworth Charity Golf Day	Monmouth
11-Sep	10:30	Chedworth Roman Trail	Chedworth Village Hall
12-Sep	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall

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

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

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



Chedworth Area, Fossebridge, Yanworth

Tuesday	14	June
Tuesday	28	June
Tuesday	12	July
Tuesday	26	July
Tuesday	9	August

Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Friday	10	June
Friday	24	June
Friday	8	July
Friday	22	July
Friday	5	August

Turn your event into an occasion at

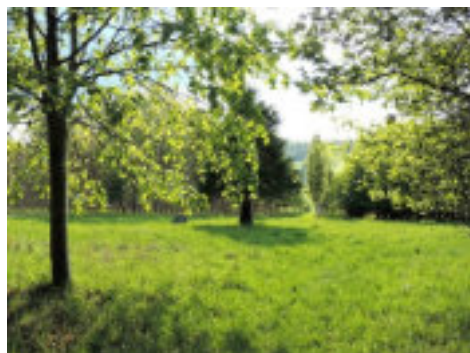
Chedworth Village Hall

Visit our website for full details including making booking enquiries

chedworthvillagehall.co.uk

Bring Your Own Picnic

Everyone is invited to a picnic afternoon
at Wrens Orchard, Rendcomb GL7 7DF.



Dogs on lead.

Donations to the Ukraine People.

Please come and explore the 30 acre wood with centre rides and discover wild
flowers, butterflies and Cotswold scenery.

3pm ----- 6pm.

SATURDAY JULY 2nd 2022.

Good parking.

Picnic site half a mile from Car Park.

Transport available.

Bring chairs and rugs which can be transported to the centre.

Bring your own food and drink.



If wet , Barn on site.

4.30pm Songs by the Centre Fir Tree.

COME AND ENJOY THE WOODLAND.



Thank you to Reverend Stephen for organising such a fun event with Chedworth's got Talent! It was a very proud moment for myself and Jenny to share with one of the children's abilities; sign language is a universal language that everyone can use to communicate with, our children learn sign language through singing songs accompanied by sign, which is then incorporated throughout our play and daily routine – I also must thank Wilfred for joining us up on stage, no mean feat for any 4 year old, but he took it all within his stride! I am sure he secured our second place!!!!

Chedworth Pre-School parents and committee have unanimously voted that the Pre-School should

be amalgamated with St. Andrew's Primary School; this would see Pre-School move into School House. However, this is subject to the current planning application – please do be assured that there would be no change to the current parking restrictions at School and that we are not increasing our sessions of 16 children. Having our own 'home from home' space for the children to safely play will make such a difference to us and we really appreciate all of your kind words of support. Should you have any concerns please do contact myself or St. Andrew's Primary School to address this.

Spaces now available for September 2022!

For further information please contact Sarah

07840 370220

chedworthpreschool@gmail.com

www.chedworthpreschool.co.uk

St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



We have had such a busy term- made all the better by the short periods of beautiful weather. Our Year 3 & 4 pupils went on a brilliant trip to Longleat Safari Park, where they interacted with animals in an animal experience and enjoyed seeing the animals up close.

Well done to our incredible and

resilient Year 6 pupils, who sat their SATs tests last month- they were impeccably behaved and took it all in their stride. We were really pleased with the SPaG and Reading papers, which seemed tough but fair.

All of KS2 represented St Andrew's at a local cluster athletics tournament, the children performed amazingly and we are through to the area finals in many of the events (50m, 80m sprint, 600m run, relay, throwing and triple jump).

Our reception pupils are making incredible progress and they are so proud of applying their phonics knowledge to their writing. They are looking forward to their next class trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Find out more about our small, rural primary school here.



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

Name: Miss L Williams

Role: Year 1/ 2 Class teacher

Miss Williams is the most recent to join our team, she joined us after the Easter holidays from a small school near Cheltenham. We are so excited for the experience and enthusiasm Miss Williams will bring to the team. She is also an avid rugby player (playing for the Cheltenham Tigers) and loves all things outdoors.

PTA Messages

The PTA are hoping to run a cake and produce stall at the Jubilee Celebration and would be extremely grateful for any donations of bakes, jams and chutneys on **Thursday 26th May** or **Friday 27th May**. We also need donations of **bottles** or **chocolate** for the tombola. Please do consider coming to the event, we would love to see you!

Chair of the PTA Mrs R Carnie ruthiepotter@hotmail.com



StAndrewsCofEI



Mrs N Smith
Headteacher

Chedworth Pop Up Cafe



This month the cafe is celebrating
it's First Birthday!

And we hope you will be joining us as usual every Monday to meet up with friends and neighbours and enjoy our delicious wares.

Thank you for your continuing support and **BIG THANKS** to our super suppliers.....

Claire Booth, Sarah Godwin, David Jowett, Anne Baxter, David Lindgren, Eddie & Marianne Graves, Lynn Mitchell, Lydia Handy

Not forgetting our cheerful volunteers who make it all happen.

So HAPPY BIRTHDAY Pop Up cafe.
And many happy returns every Monday!

Chedworth Parish Council

CAN YOU IDENTIFY VERGE PLANTS?

“Do you know your meadow vetchling from your bird’s-foot trefoil? – if you are interested in what’s happening with the village verges after the Parish Council took control of maintaining them, you might like to join members of the team to brush up your plant identification skills, or perhaps learn from scratch. Provisional date Monday, June 20th at 6pm has been set, subject to weather. Meet at Airfield Triangle (where Fields Road meets the Whiteway). For more details see Facebook/Nextdoor.”

TRANSPORT OF DELIGHT

In the absence of adequate public transport, we are still looking for smart ways to help young villagers get to and from social and cultural events outside Chedworth. Options could be a

transport link to Northleach to hook up with the better public transport there, car share volunteers, or even a dedicated minibus to go further afield. We need to hear what young people and your parents have to say on the subject. Please contact Tony Kingsley / tonykingsley210@gmail.com/ so that, with your ideas, we can get a discussion going and move on to action.

ROADSIGNS

We are still waiting for replacements for the faded road signs along Fields Road originally promised for February, but Gloucestershire County Council has repaired the direction sign near the eXbox which had been broken and its post completely snapped off at ground level. Our Chairman has repaired and repainted the “Roman Villa Footpath Only” sign at Courts Close which been broken and uprooted presumably by a large vehicle.



NOTICEBOARDS

We are very grateful to Mr Ray Hedger who has repaired several of the Village noticeboards. In addition to upgrading the Lower End and Well Hill Noticeboards Ray has given the Village Hall noticeboard several coats of preservative to prolong its life.

INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

One side effect of the recent development taking place in the area is

the infrastructure levy paid by developers to CDC. Currently the Parish Council gets a small proportion of this for works to improve the village infrastructure and if our neighbourhood plan is approved this sum will increase appreciably. Last year we used our infrastructure levy

payment to pay some of the cost of the upgraded disabled loos at the Village Hall. So far this year we have received £4,741.02. which we may ring fence for a major project.

*David Broad
Chairman*



Chedworth PC Verge Group

Do you know your meadow vetchling from your bird’s-foot trefoil?

The Parish Council Verge Group is hoping to expand its team of biodiversity surveyors for the annual roadside verge wildflower monitoring exercise.

The yearly collection of data is important for demonstrating the progress being made towards sustainable, flower-rich roadside verges which we hope will result. Replacing repeated one-metre width cuts (which leads to a grassy roadside strip with scrub encroachment beyond) with a single, late-season, full-width cut (undertaken after wildflower seed has been shed) is already beginning to produce a more biodiverse verge habitat. We are excited to see how this

year’s wildflower profile has been affected by the appearance last season of the grass-suppressing yellow rattle which had been introduced as seed in the preceding autumn.

Whether you wish to be involved in the project or just want to learn more about our verges, do join members of the Verge Group at the “airfield triangle” (where Fields Road meets the Whiteway) **on Monday, June 20th at 6pm** to learn basic surveying methodology and brush up your plant identification skills. In case of bad weather see updates on nextdoor/Facebook.

Ian Morgan 07778 168822

Councillors

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George Broad	01285 720313
Tony Kingsley	01285 720743
Alan McLellan	01285 720642
Ian Morgan	07778 168822
Jeremy Theyer	07765 007129

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

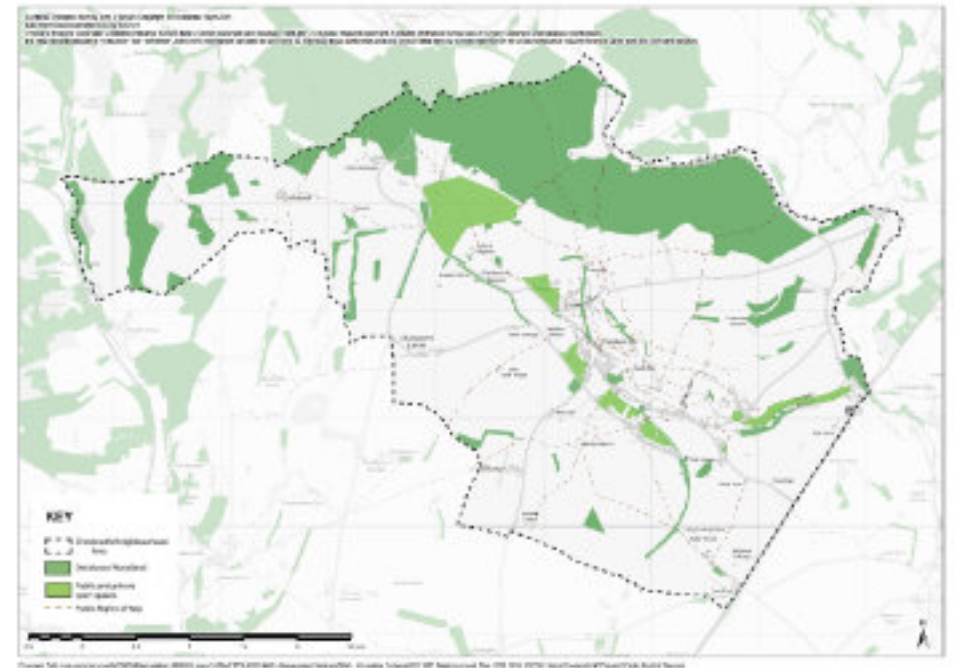
Neighbourhood Plan - Green Space

Chedworth Parish Council has been working to create a Neighbourhood Plan to help guide development of the village in all respects over the next 15 years.

The Plan, amongst other things, aims to preserve aspects of archaeological, historical and landscape heritage. It also seeks to preserve green space. In the latter case, the document will identify a number of important open spaces within the Parish which are not necessarily in the Chedworth Conservation Area Character Map. The

Parish Council believes green spaces give Chedworth its rural aspect.

The Parish Council has looked at preserving the more formal areas such as the land next to the Village Hall. The Parish Council has also identified a number of areas where people have habitually walked or played. These are generally fields in close proximity to the village where there is a footpath but people have been accustomed to walking more freely. Please see the maps below:



You may be the owner of one of the “public and private open spaces” in the above maps. The Parish Council would like to designate these spaces as Local Green Spaces in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council would like to stress that this in no way imposes anything on you as the owner of the land or prejudices the land’s use, rather the designation as Local Green Space is designed to record the importance of the area to the ambience of the village and to the people that live within it and to act as a marker that will help limit development of such areas for housing.

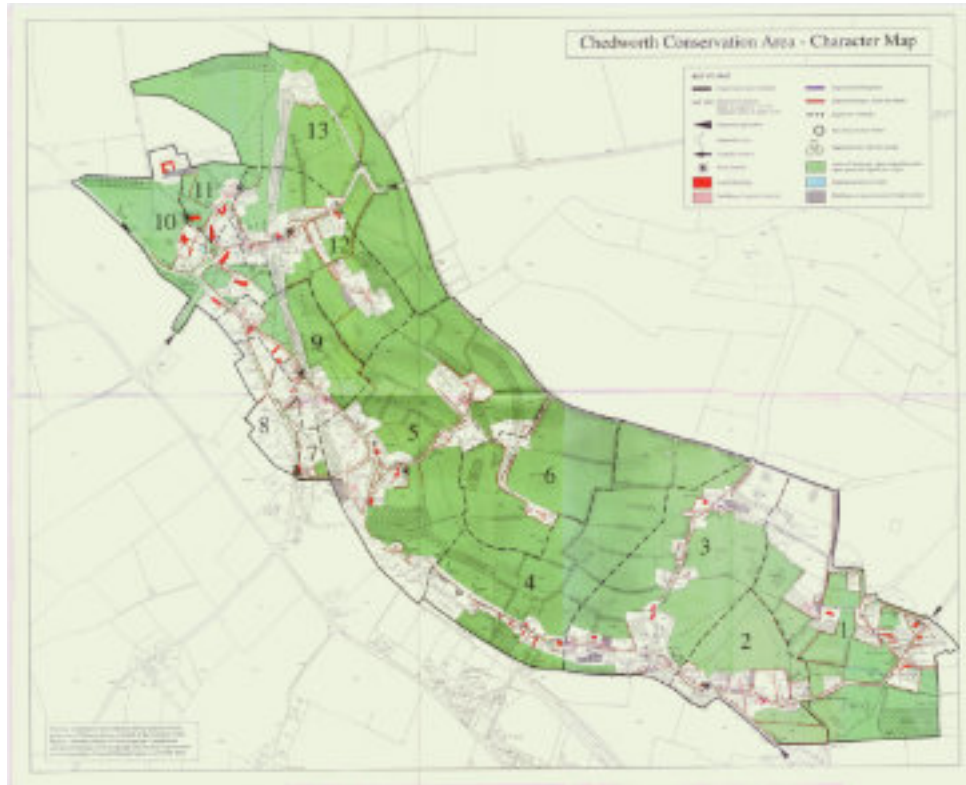
We have tried to contact all the owners of the “public and private open spaces” to make you aware of this proposal. However, we have been unable to discover all the owners of the land. Please do get in touch if you feel that the designation is inappropriate in any way. David Broad or Bella Amory would be pleased to discuss the issue

further should you feel that would be helpful.

We have not included all the public and private open spaces in the parish because weight is given, in planning terms, to the Chedworth Conservation Area Statement which states, “The Cotswold District Local Plan includes a policy on Chedworth for the protection of two open areas. One is very extensive and comprises most of the meadow and copped valley running through the centre of the conservation area. The second covers the open space around the road junction to the south west of the Seven Tuns. These are also indicated on the map accompanying this Statement.”

Please see the Chedworth Conservation Area Character map below.

Neighbourhood Plan - Green Space

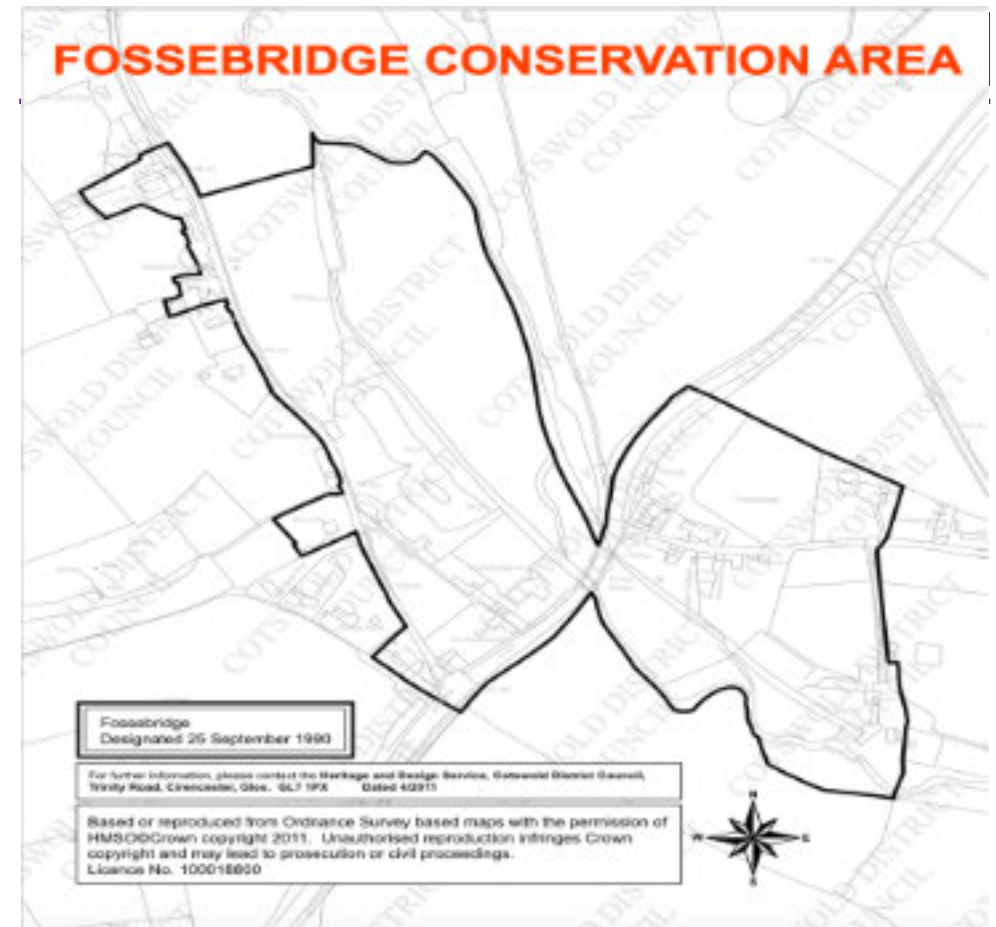


However, there may be some Local Green Spaces that are not highlighted that are important to you. Please let us know if that is the case.

We would also like further assistance with what people feel is important local green space in the Fossebridge Conservation Area. Whilst this is a designated area in the Local Plan, the Local Plan states "Given that

Conservation Areas are not referred to in any depth in the NPPF and they are particularly numerous in Cotswold District, specific local policy is required." So please let us know the green spaces that are most valuable to you!

Please see the Fossebridge Conservation Map below:



The initial survey has been carried out to identify which spaces could be considered as candidates for local green space designation. The final list of designations may differ, but people will have an opportunity to make further comments in due course. **Do get in touch with us at: clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk if you have any comments.**

Bella Amory

A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet."

He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, I KNOW they're my feet."

This month we had quite a lot of 'housekeeping' to get through with members being asked to sign up to help out at the Village Platinum Jubilee Picnic, serving teas, coffee and squash, reminded about our next meeting which will be a garden party for which we are going to dig out our 'posh clothes' and hats (hopefully pictures to follow next month) and our serious discussion of the resolution which is being put before the National Annual Meeting in June.

This year the resolution that has been voted by members at their December and January meetings to be put before the NFWI Annual meeting is that *'Women and Girls with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are going undiagnosed. The NFWI calls on the government and funding bodies to fund research into the female presentation of ASD and ADHD, and for action to be taken to improve the diagnosis process for women and girls, to ensure that they are quipped to better manage these conditions and do not suffer in silence. The NFWI further calls on WI members to raise awareness within their WIs of the issues facing women and girls with ASD and ADHH.'*

As a WI we had to decide how we would like our representative to vote either for, against or to use their vote at their discretion after they have heard the arguments put forward at the meeting. This resolution prompted much more discussion than some have in the last few years. Much of it was inspired by one member who has had

worked extensively with people with these conditions. One of the member's main arguments was that the terms ASD and ADHD should have been replaced with the umbrella term 'Neurodiversity'. Unfortunately, it is too late to change the wording of the resolution at this stage, but we were all inspired by her experience and depth of knowledge and will be asking her back to talk to us about the subject further. This does not detract from idea of inspiring greater awareness of neurodiversity issues experienced by women, in our local and wider community, when for many years they have all too frequently been seen as something only experienced by men. In the end we decided as an institute to give ask our representative at the meeting to use our vote at their discretion. This is WI political campaigning with a small 'p' and with lots of energy if all our discussion is anything to go by!

Fortunately, we had a delicious supper to restore us after our debating and friendly conversation to end the evening.

One late update: the £200 we raised at the Chedworth Village Hall Showcase event (thank you to everyone for your amazing generosity) will be going to provide Ukrainian children at St. Peters High School, Gloucester with free school meals for the summer term.

Emma Isaac



**The Chedworth & District Branch
of the
Royal British Legion**

Invites you to

'The Falklands War'

a talk by

General Sir Michael Rose KCB, CBE, DSO, QGM

Thursday 22 September 2022

At Chedworth Village Hall, GL54 4NE

6.30 o'clock

R.S.V.P

Simon Colbeck (on the attached form)
07444701884 /simoncolbeck@msn.com

**Drinks & Canapés
followed by the talk at 7.30 p.m**

**The Royal British Legion
"The Falklands War"**

talk by **General Sir Michael Rose**

Please return this form to:

Maj Simon Colbeck
Ashcombe Edge, Chedworth, Cheltenham GL54 4AJ
07444701884 /simoncolbeck@msn.com

Name.....

Address.....

.....Telephone:.....

Email address:.....

I wish to attend and require.....tickets at a minimum donation of £15.00 per person and enclose a cheque/cash for £.....(Payable to: RBL Chedworth & District Branch) or

I have paid £..... on line Bank : Sort Code 30-92-06 Account: 00038677

Ref: 'Rose – Payee name'

I regret that I am unable to attend but enclose a donation for £..... in support of the Royal British Legion

Signature.....Date.....

Tickets will not be sent out but attendance will be recorded on the door.

Registered Charity No 219279

Open Gardens 2022 Cancelled

This year we were intending to host Chedworth Open Gardens under the National Garden Scheme on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June.

Unfortunately there weren't enough people willing to open their gardens this year to make it viable.

We sadly therefore have cancelled this years event and hope to hold it again

next June with more people able to commit to 2023.

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

Best wishes

*Sue Bradbury
07831 464956
bradburydesigns@aol.com*

HortSoc Extra Garden Visit 2022

Extra Garden Visit this year and Open Gardens 2023

This year we were intending to host Chedworth Open Gardens under the National Garden Scheme on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June.

We therefore have set the date for next year to hold Chedworth Open Gardens under the National Garden scheme, alongside **a new look Horticultural Show**. This will take place on **Saturday 24th June 2023. 10am to 5pm** for the gardens. Show schedule will be announced in due course.

Because the HortSoc show has taken place in August for as long as I can remember it will mean that you will be able to enter different flowers and vegetables.

The organiser of the show our new committee member Jess Hope has kindly offered to have an **Open Garden at York House, Lower**

Chedworth on Saturday 18th June this year between 4pm and 6pm. With donations on the gate. This is open to anyone and you don't have to be a HortSoc member and there is no need to book. Come along and take a look, you can see what flowers you could grow for the show next year, enjoy a glass and a chat with other enthusiastic gardeners, we would love to see you.

Please contact me if you would like to enter your garden in next years Open Gardens, you have a whole year to plan.

Best wishes

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HortSoc Garden Visits 2022

By the time you read this we will have already visited our May garden which was fully booked. We have a handful of places left now so don't hesitate should you like to come. Please let me know as places available 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 and access to our twice yearly compost sales.

So don't delay book today!

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 to 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. **£15 per person**

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

Pindrup Farm is a four-acre garden, designed in 2 phases by Tom Stuart-Smith, since 2014. The gardens surround an 18th century farmhouse and include herbaceous borders, roses, fruit trees, topiary, lawns alongside the river Coln, and courtyard planting. A walled garden has been planted with a perennial prairie. Head Gardener Jo Best will give us a guided tour **£15 per person**

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Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

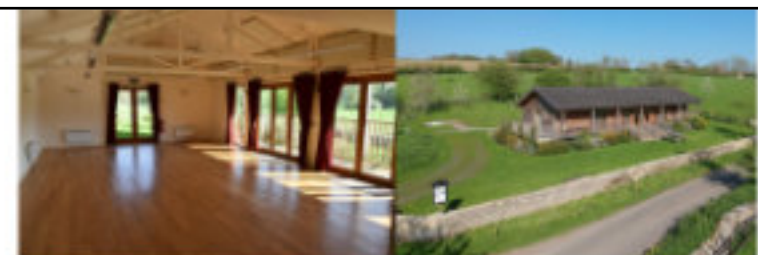
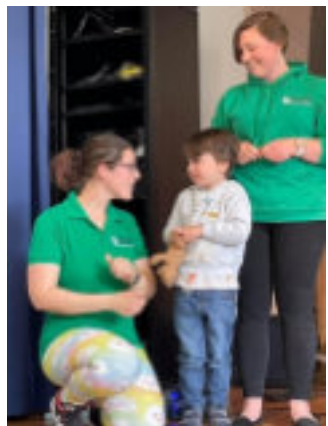
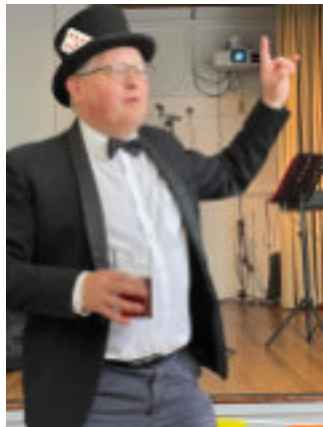
Chedworth's Got Talent!

Various members of our local community proved that **Chedworth's Got Talent!** in our fabulous reality show, at the Village Hall on Monday 2nd May.

With great music, and acts as diverse as Tae Kwon-Do moves, and Patch, the performing dog, this show really did have it all! And the show was ably compered by a Slicker Vicar! Special thanks must go to our excellent panel of judges – actor, **Richard Dampney**;

TV presenter, **Dawn Harper**; and local celebrity, **Tina Buck** – for their wise and helpful commentary, which made this such a special family occasion.

The show raised £166 for St Andrew's Church, and we are grateful for all your support. Special thanks to the production team, Jon Francis, Helen Oldham, Bryan & Sheila Bowley and Jeannie Hamilton, the Chedworth Pop-Up Café Team and the Village Hall bar staff, for making it go with a swing!



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Chedworth Church and Queen Elizabeth of York

In the year of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee it is appropriate to remember that Henry VII's wife, Elizabeth of York visited Chedworth in 1491 as described in the article below

that appeared in the local press in 1991 written by Gordon Ottewell, a well known author and lecturer on the Cotswolds.

Church marks Royal ceremony

ALTHOUGH it is as the year of the birth of King Henry VIII that 1491 is especially noted, the date has an added significance as far as the Cotswold village of Chedworth is concerned.

It was in that year that the future king's mother, Elizabeth of York, daughter of Edward IV, visited Chedworth to inspect the newly-completed extension to the Norman church of St. Andrew.

It was no mere whim that brought Henry VII's queen to a remote Gloucestershire village 500 years ago. Until his death at the Battle of Barnet 20 years earlier, the lord of the manor of Chedworth had been Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, the celebrated Kingmaker. His wife, Anne, was a Beauchamp and this family had held the manor for 400 years.

On Warwick's death it had passed to his son-in-law, George, Duke of Clarence, but after the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485, the Yorkist manor, like many others, became the property of the King.

The likelihood is, therefore, that the queen, although related to the dispossessed Yorkists, combined her visit to the extended church with an astute assessment of the state of the recently appropriated manor.

The visit was marked in a civic sense by the naming of the medieval road leading up to the church as

By Gordon Ottewell

Queen Street, a name still in use five centuries later. We can well imagine what a stir this ceremony caused, although there is, of course, no detailed record of the event.

It is to the church itself that we must turn for authentic evidence of Chedworth's royal occasion. Here, in the nave, we find representations of the heads both of the queen and of her husband, Henry VII. The

'It was no mere whim that brought the queen here 500 years ago'

queen's head can be seen opposite that of St. Andrew in the north east corner while that of the king, bearing the cap-of-maintenance, looks down from the south west corner.

Two other carved heads over the porch, both adorned by coronets, bear witness to the unfortunate Nevilles. They represent the Kingmaker and his wife Anne.

A careful search of the nave reveals three further intriguing reminders of the 15th Century extension of this church. These take the

form dates, inscribed on the stone in Arabic numerals, a style only just coming into fashion at the time.

The earliest date, that of 1461, appears in the Latin inscription to Richard Sly, believed to have been the Nevilles' bailiff. This can be seen on the buttress nearest the porch.

Second oldest is the date 1485 — the year of Henry's triumph at Bosworth Field — which is inscribed on the nave turret, while the most recent of the three, yet in some ways most significant, is the date 1491, carved on the right-hand jamb of the inner south doorway.

What do we know of the queen who left these few enduring traces of her visit to a Cotswold village, 500 years ago? One of the ten children of the union between Edward IV and Elizabeth Woodville, she married the king in 1486, soon after his accession, and bore him eight children.

Like the depiction in stone at Chedworth, Pietro Torrigiano's stylised carving of Elizabeth on the tomb she shares with Henry VII in Westminster Abbey, gives us only a vague idea of her appearance, although apparently contemporaries considered her beautiful.

Certainly, her royal finery must have impressed the villagers of Chedworth all those years ago.

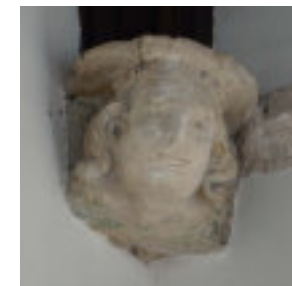
Elizabeth of York was born in 1466, the eldest child of King Edward IV and his wife Elizabeth Woodville. It was a traumatic time in English history with the country ravaged by the Wars of the Roses. Her uncle Edmund and grandfather, Richard of York had been killed at Wakefield. When her Father unexpectedly died in 1483, her younger brother, Edward V, ascended to the throne; her uncle, Richard Duke of Gloucester, was appointed regent and protector of his nephew. Richard placed Edward V in the royal residence in the Tower of London and declared Edward IV's marriage invalid and issued a bill that made his children ineligible for succession. Gloucester ascended the throne as Richard III in 1483. Edward and his brother Richard, the Princes in the Tower, disappeared soon afterwards amid claims that they had been murdered.

In 1485 Richard III was killed at the Battle of Bosworth, which marked the end of the War of the Roses. Henry Tudor took the throne by right of conquest as Henry VII. Elizabeth, aged 20 years, married Henry VII on 18th January 1486, thus uniting the Houses of Lancaster and York. Her eldest son, Arthur, Prince of Wales died at age 15 shortly after his marriage to Catherine of Aragon who subsequently became the wife of Elizabeth's young son born in 1491 when he ascended the throne as King Henry VIII. Three other of her children died young, her surviving daughters, Margaret and Mary became queens of Scotland and of France respectively.

Queen Elizabeth died aged 37 years on 11th February 1503, eleven days after giving birth to a daughter who died shortly thereafter. She was buried in

Westminster Abbey following a solemn funeral service attended by the court. Henry VII did not attend the service in accordance with royal protocol.

Following the upheaval of the previous decades, Henry and Elizabeth's devoted and successful marriage of 17 years helped restore trust in the monarchy, stabilise the country and establish the Tudor dynasty. Records indicate that Elizabeth was kind and generous to charities, especially religious orders. She enjoyed and patronised literature, music and courtly pursuits. During her



comparatively short life she had experienced considerable family tragedy as a result of conflict and the fragility of life in medieval times when disease was so rife and medicine was at a basic level. Yet she persevered, sustained by her strong Christian faith and was a loyal and devoted wife and mother. If only that stone head in the northwest corner of the nave of Chedworth Church could talk!

Acknowledgements – George Ottewell for the newspaper article and Annette Seymour for archive information- see her pamphlet "Queen Elizabeth of York 1466-1503-Wife of Henry VIII" in the church.

Robert Young

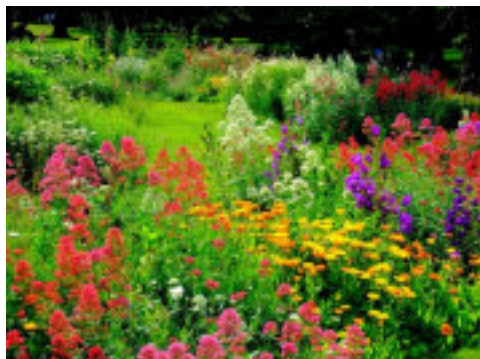
In his contribution to the Guide Book for St Andrew's Church, the late John Green of Chedworth Manor commented that "*The finest architecture in England was raised during the Wars of Roses, but few buildings can have had a more*

direct association with the dynasties involved". The carved head in the north east corner of the nave portrays Queen Elizabeth of York.

Your Gardening Tips

This time next year we shall be looking forward to the HORTSOC show and it would be useful to be looking now to what flowers, soft fruit and vegetables classes you may have ready to enter. They will be different to what is asked for in August. The classes will be published soon so you can plan ahead

- Weeds will grow rapidly, and need be controlled by hoeing, digging out or weed killer.
- Dead head flowers to keep them looking tidy.
- Cut back (or mow) daffodils that have died back, if not already done, and add fertilizer to feed the bulbs.
- Plant out summer bedding if not already done, and stake tall or floppy plants
- Shade greenhouses when the sun is at its hottest.
- It is time to prune spring flowering shrubs and overcrowded stems of clematis
- Dig out tree and shrub suckers
- Keep sowing more salad seeds for continuous cropping, and carrots and beetroot for second crops. Try to avoid pulling carrots to thin them. It better to snip the tops off seedlings to thin them. Beetroot thinnings, however, respond well to being planted out for an extra crop. To improve germination of lettuce seeds in high summer, cool the soil with water before sowing and then place a board over the seedbed for two or three days Sow radishes in succession, before the ground gets too hot, as they tend to bolt in very warm weather.
- Keep the herb bed stocked by continuous sowings.
- Plant out potted courgettes and



French beans if not already done.

- Keep an eye on tomato plants to avoid them drying out and pinch out side-shoots. Feed when flowers have set. Plant side shoots for an extra crop.
- **Tips for growing fruit in containers.** Fruits can include apples, pears, apricots, strawberries, blueberries, gooseberries, plums, cherries and currants.

Do

- Chose a root stock suitable for containers
- Use John Innes No 3 and add a controlled release fertilizer, plus a high-potassium liquid feed during the growing season
- Repot every year into a container 2ins wider than before until in its final container then refresh the compost every two years.
- Chose the right final container, about 18ins across the top and one not too heavy to move
- Keep an eye out for wine weevils

Do Not

- Do not be tempted to initially plant young fruit trees in a large pot straight away, as the

roots will get soggy.

- Do not let pots dry out. Water well after planting then during dry periods. This especially important once the fruit begins to form.
- Do not water citrus fruit or blueberries with tap water unless there is no alternative.
- If you want to grow your own spring bedding plants for next year, many, including wallflowers and pansies need to be sown before July in order to flower next spring.
- Trim back trailing plants to encourage fresh growth.
- Keep tying in rambling roses.
- Keep a daily look out for pests such as aphids and remove as soon as infestation is seen. Keep slugs off your delphiniums, lilies, and vegetables by constant vigilance! Keep use of chemical controls to a

minimum to avoid killing pest predators such as ladybirds, lacewings and hoverflies.

- Hellebore seeds can be harvested and sown immediately. They will need winter frost to start germination..
- Add grass mowings to the compost heap in thin layers, or mix with other vegetation
- Divide primroses after flowering, planting them in a nursery bed until they are ready to be planted in the autumn.
- This a good month to take soft wood cuttings such as Fuchsia, Hydrangea, Philadelphus, Lavender, Rosemary and Forsythia

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Cotswold Friends say "Thank You" in Volunteers Week.



Charity Cotswold Friends will be celebrating the difference volunteers make to their organisation and thanking them for their time and dedication during this year's Volunteers' Week (1st – 7th June).



Throughout the week, Cotswold Friends will be featuring case studies of volunteers who help them deliver their various community services on their website www.cotswoldfriends.org, Facebook and Twitter, and raising the profile of the amazing contribution volunteers make.

Cotswold Friends help and support older and vulnerable people by running several services in the North Cotswolds, including community transport, activities and day clubs, independence and carer support, befriending, and hospital support.

The charity's aim is to combat loneliness and isolation through their voluntary services, improve health and wellbeing, and support independent living. It has recently expanded its community transport service into Cirencester. It also receives support from young volunteers through its intergenerational projects.

Cotswold Friends volunteer befriender Jeannie Andrews, who lives in a village near Northleach, says:

"I was missing the human contact work used to provide, so when a Cotswold Friends information leaflet dropped

through my letter box, I applied to become a befriender and was accepted.

"Volunteering gives structure to my week regardless of the weather. My new friends have added another dimension to my life that was lacking before.

"It's good to feel part of an organised community group too, within a team of caring and friendly people who value my small contribution to the work of support being done."

Joanna Hammond, CEO of Cotswold Friends, said: "I'd like to say a big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers in the North Cotswolds and Cirencester.

"The quality of life of people using our services has been greatly enhanced by the contribution of volunteers, and their support for vulnerable people living in our communities has been incredible."

Cotswold Friends has volunteer roles available now to support people who may be isolated in the North Cotswolds and Cirencester. If you think you could help, contact George Halling, Volunteer Manager, on **01608 697007** email volunteering@cotswoldfriends.org.



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CLUB NEWS

The courts are looking very smart after the recent re painting and new nets so we hope this has added to the enjoyment of playing and has improved the line calls! Huge thanks to Graham Stock for overseeing this.



Congratulations to Yvonne & Charlie Winward, winners of the Mixed Doubles Winter Ladder, they have Seven Tuns vouchers to enjoy and nice cup for their mantlepiece! Presented by the Leila Lodwick who was the winner with Hisae Hollingsworth in the previous ladder.



Our new Pop Up & Play ladies session on Monday mornings is tennis followed by a jolly social time afterwards with coffee and a bit too much cake at the Pop Up Café!

The Glos LTA league matches for the Ladies and Men's teams are under way with some really good results already.

Junior coaching with David Ayala is going well and he is now providing tennis lessons at St Andrew's School and Chedworth Pre-School using the Club's courts.



Our special Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Open Tournament is on Saturday 25th, do come and join us for tea and have fun watching some exciting tennis for the semis and finals back on our courts from 4pm.

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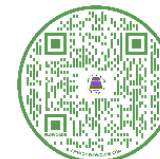
AFTER SCHOOL COACHING

New 7wk block starting on June 8th

On Wednesdays with David Ayala for ages 4-18yrs.

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COLN VALLEY MIXED DOUBLES OPEN TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 25th

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Chedworth, Coln St Dennis and Coln Rogers. The early rounds are played to a sliding handicap so that you can enjoy the tennis whatever your standard. The top two pairs from each group in the morning rounds go through to the afternoon rounds competing for the Speke cup. There are further rounds in the afternoon for those who would like to continue to play and compete for the Scott Silver Salver. The final rounds are held at the club. Thank you to our sponsors Pooky and Parallel Wealth Management.

Coffee, lunch and tea is included in the entry ticket price of £32.

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Wine Column

Hello Friends and Neighbours!

Why is a wine expensive?

I get asked this question often, mostly because I sell a luxury Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon that is deemed “expensive”.

If you ask a winemaker that question, he’ll likely tell you Oak, Time, and Terroir (soil, climate).

If you ask an owner, they will say the land, climate, bottles, oak barrels, the winery, the employees, and the winemakers. If you ask a salesperson, they will say supply, demand, ratings, and marketing. These are all right answers.

What really goes into the price of a wine? First up are the costs of production, or how much it costs to actually make it. You have materials: grapes, the barrels and bottles, then the farming, plus utilities and labor. You also must factor in sales and marketing costs. If the wine doesn’t go straight to the consumer from the winery, there are distributors, wholesalers, importers and retailers all looking to make a profit on every bottle sold so it gets marked up again.

Are you buying a bottle of wine in a restaurant? Those are often the biggest markups (but remember that someone must open the wine, get you glassware and wash those glasses, so it is justified).

There is also the biggest concern - Mother Nature!

In 2020 in Napa Valley we had awful fires, so very few wines were made in 2020. In Champagne and Burgundy there was horrific frost over the last couple of years so there are fewer wines available. Hail in Barolo...These

are all things that drive up price. Mother Nature always wins.

Expensive wines are usually expensive for two reasons. First off, expensive wines typically cost more to make. The raw materials can vary quite a bit in cost—a high-yielding grape from an unknown vineyard fermented in a stainless-steel tank won’t cost as much to make as a wine made from a low-yielding, high profile vineyard, fermented in brand-new French oak barrels by a “in demand” winemaker or consultant.

Indeed, when producing truly exceptional wine the attention to detail and care that is used has no limits. When crafting some of the exceptional wines listed at the end of this article, the winemaker won’t just select a barrel from a cooperage, they will select a specific tree, from a specific forest and track the barrels production over 4/5 years until it arrives in the vineyard ready for use. They use corks that are pre-tested for TCA cork taint, which costs up to 20 times more than a regular cork. And they go the extra steps to farm organically and have sustainable practices in the winery and vineyards. Every great winemaker admits that great wine is made in the vineyard. Land in these kinds of areas are truly expensive.

Secondly, expensive wines are expensive because they can be. The luxury category is an interesting one. The production costs simply aren’t the whole story. Think about what alcohol you buy and why? What brands of shoes do you buy or the vehicle that you drive? Many of these decisions are

based on perceived value, personal preference, or marketing trends. Wine on the secondary market can also fetch double or triple the cost of a single bottle of wine!

Value is subjective. I enjoy an £8 white wine from Waitrose that I find fitting for a salad and grilled fish on a Tuesday night. I also find myself sometimes opening an £85 Champagne on a Tuesday because it is delicious and its perfect with, well, anything. And I was just craving it.

Does expensive wine taste better? So, the short answer is no. Expensive wine doesn’t always taste better. However, it’s slightly more complicated than that. Just because a bottle of wine is more expensive, doesn’t mean you’ll like it. If you’re new to wine, it’s actually pretty likely that you’ll prefer less expensive bottles. It is more quaffable than a wine that has layers and years of ageing in different vessels. Personally, I think that the improvement in quality in a red wine is most notable when you move from spending £10 a bottle to £50. Once you get over £100, I believe that you are paying for the ability to age the wine.

What it all boils down to is this...what do you like? What makes you happy on a Tuesday, Friday, Saturday night. That is what you should drink, regardless of price.

We all like window shopping, so here’s a list of some of the finest and most expensive wines from France and the US:

- Château Lafite Rothschild £960
- Château Latour £844
- Liber Pater £4,128
- Le Pin, £2,375

- Château Margaux £711
- Château Pétrus £3,173
- Domaine de la Romanée-Conti Romanée-Conti Grand Cru £20,000
- Domaine Leroy Musigny Grand Cru £18,170
- Domaine Georges & Christophe Roumier Musigny Grand Cru £13,061
- Domaine Leroy Richebourg Grand Cru £6,063.
- Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon £4,162
- Scarecrow Cabernet £876
- Schrader Old Sparky Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon £823
- Harlan by Promontory £819

Drop me a line if you want to share a memory or have a glass of wine together. You can bring over any of the above, or your £8 favourite!

Happy Summer,

Amber

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These days I often awake with a sense of APPrehension. I'm nervous about the frustrating hours needed to navigate all those apps and other digital tools now essential to manage my life, do my work, bank or shop. To do almost anything. QR codes, uploads, downloads, digital signatures, scanning, Whatsapp notifications and everything else needed to function as a Digital Citizen.

Because when I say 'navigate' I really mean 'struggle.' This is no Luddite rant – I'm a fan of technology, which can and has helped us save lives, educate the world and transformed our ability to connect families and markets around the world. I'm often an early adopter of new virtual tools and sources of information, although I have to admit that while I embrace the new, I'm also a quick rejector, especially when the new APP or software is too fiddly or time consuming to get the benefits. Not surprisingly my favourite APPs are the torch and compass on my phone, allowing me to do all kind of analogue things but with a digital friend – I enjoy the irony.

The promised blessings of ease and efficiency through online working are a chimera for the consumer: spending all those hours filling - and refilling - forms online means that often we are paying our service provider for the right to become their digital clerk. Or even

their slave. It's a brilliant business model...

THE INFALLIBLE BUSINESS MODEL (IBM)

Outsourcing customer service and clerical work to the customer has been great for many large corporations, utilities and retailers. I resent that our homes have become Dilbert cubicles, as if we were working in an actual office space in the bowels of their enterprise. We mirror their setup at our own desk, with computers, scanners, printers, cameras and filing systems.

Naturally the providers assert that this is all for our benefit, and nothing whatsoever to do with their own cost-cutting drive. That's why I call it the IBM, or Infallible Business Model. Let the customer behave more like an algorithm than a human, then he or she will remove the need for so many of those expensive people you used to hire.

Until now I've spent my life avoiding 'mandatory fields,' in my career and personal life. As more of an innovator than a detail person, there's a part of me that thinks these boxes are a way of imprisoning me in the heart of the beast. AKA the meta-algorithm I'm being asked to join.

Look-I'm drowning in a sea of wrong usernames and forgotten passwords. That phrase, 'have you forgotten your password?' plays like an earworm in my

head. Its tone becomes more admonishing the more often I come across it. Is there such a condition as 'Digital Shame?' I think I've got it.

Malevolent AI

A technically adept friend, no longer young, still attributes malevolent motives to the algorithm. His observation that "It's got it in for you - and it's evil!" is the irrational view of many of a certain age, who misguidedly expect the technology to work with the sturdy reliability of, say a landline. (To use an analogy that makes no sense to the Millennials and Gen Z.)

My father was a mathematician, and I remember him taking time off work to coach me in my least favourite subject. With kindly intent, he would say the words, "It's very simple..."

Never use this phrase! Although well meant, it triggers a whole subtext of emotions. Yes, it would be simple - if I wasn't so...simple!

Technologically skilled people approach your problem - uploading a QR code to an airline's website, or the inevitable 'attachment disorder' you are experiencing - with comments about how it's all so easy and obvious.

Thus are you disabled in making the transition from digital immigrant to techno-native.

The Digital Divide

Of course the algorithm doesn't hate you, but it's not as easy to deal with as advertised. Travelling to Spain recently, the online form filling, uploading and double-checking, took as long as the whole end-to-end travel time. Can this be efficient? I put in hours of human emotional labour, with the sole aim of impressing the airline's 'bots' that I was fit to travel.

I kept thinking, 'suppose I was an older person, I wouldn't be able to manage this, and I'd be forced to stay at home.'

Then I realised I *was* that older person...

Again, I'm not (just) complaining. I'm lucky enough to still be working professionally in virtual ways, speaking and coaching people around the world online. I'm also curious- I had Tik Tok, Instagram and the other social media outlets since their inception, and lecture about the psychology of embracing digital transformation.

What I am impatient about is the unnecessary complexity and time-wasting repetition of data that - despite supposed data protection - my bank or credit card firm already has, probably on some digital server in the metaverse.

Whoops - I didn't mean to introduce that concept so late in my rant. Wearing my professional hat as an innovation-watcher, the metaverse *is* going to happen. Sooner and with more wide-reaching influence than we

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now think. (That's the nature of digital tsunamis.)

But for those of us who fear online – especially the box ticking - has already taken up too much of our mental broadband during lockdown, I suspect there will be a reaction. A wave of appreciation for human on human interactions, and all things beyond the screen.

On Being a Screenager

Over a decade ago I came across the term, 'screenagers.' It's said that the generation gap today exists between those of us who only, and sometimes reluctantly, manage one screen at a time, and those (usually younger) who can deal with several simultaneously.

We're screen and App happy. 5 years ago comedian Bill Bailey said that he'd gone to visit his local hospital – only to find it had been replaced by an App. Humour is often prescient, and reaches the parts more rational analysis doesn't penetrate.

So if anyone starts a conversation brightly with words like, "Have you seen this great new App? It puts you to bed, tucks you up and sings you a lullaby," just ask if it's easy and intuitive to use. Otherwise it's bound to be a source of APPrehension....

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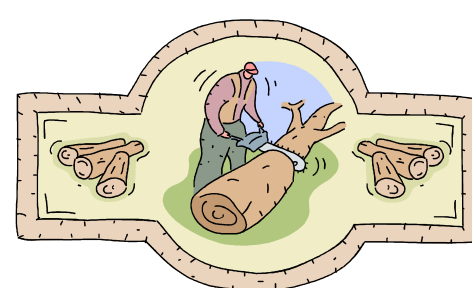
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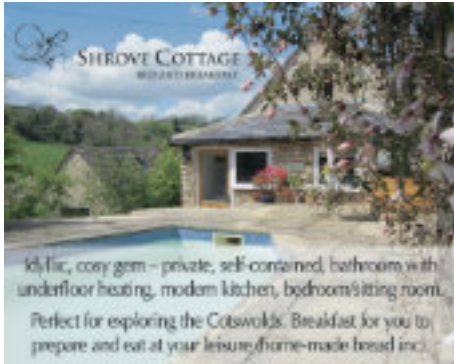
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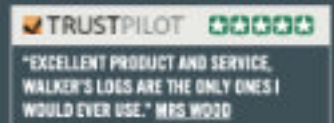
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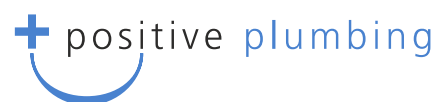
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