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The Hill and Valley

Parish Magazine

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and
New Year
to all our readers



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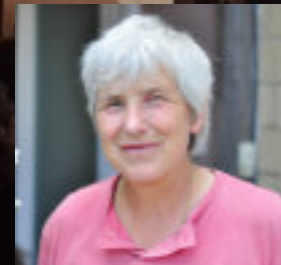
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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition

Helen's Letter

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him; and without Him, nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness did not comprehend it... That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. (John 1:1-5, 9)

No matter where you turn in God's Word, you'll find that Christmas is about *light*, for Jesus is the Light of the world. We love to sing "Silent Night, Holy Night," but this great carol is not about night or darkness. It's about the light. "Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace."

We sing at Christmas because we have something to sing about. Light has come into this dark world, and we need never walk in darkness again.

But Christmas carols aren't the reason we link the word "...light" with the Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle John in his great gospel begins his account of the life of the Lord Jesus Christ with a declaration of who Jesus is—not just from the manger forward but going back before the beginning of time.

Think about this: Jesus' birth in Bethlehem was not the beginning of His life. In eternity past, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit always were. There was never a time when ...God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity..." did not exist. He has no beginning and no end.

When the Bible calls Jesus "the light of the world," it's a statement of the sinless, stainless purity of the Son of God. Jesus exposed sin, but He was never contaminated by sin. He could touch sinners, but sin never touched Him. He was undefiled. He was "*in* the world" (John 1:10) but not *of* the world.

In the natural world, the speed of light is constant. It doesn't change. Albert Einstein said the reason he was able to construct his famous Theory of Relativity was that there is one thing in the world that is constant—the speed of light. Everything else is relative.

Jesus is our constant in the spiritual realm. "...Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." He is unchangeable. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father.

When Jesus came to Earth in Bethlehem, He came to give us life. Everywhere He went during His earthly ministry, He brought life. He said, "I have come that they might have life and that they may have it more abundantly". Light overcomes darkness. No matter how cold and dark your world may seem, it can be brought back to life when the glorious light of the Son of God shines into your heart.

When we make Jesus both Lord and Savior, the One who entered time and space as a baby in Bethlehem comes in, turns the light on, and life begins for us, because He gives eternal life.

I pray that Jesus will bring His light and life into your Christmas.

With Blessing's

Helen Oldham

Church Briefing

Services for December 2022/January 2023

Sunday 4th December

Holy Communion 10.30am Coln st Denys

Sunday 11th December

Holy Communion (BCP) 9am Chedworth
Holy Communion 10.30am Coln Rogers

Saturday 17th

Carol Service 6pm Coln st Denys

Sunday 18th

Carol Service 6pm Chedworth

Saturday 24th

Crib Service 3pm Chedworth
Crib Service 5pm Yanworth

Saturday 24th Christmas Eve

Midnight Holy Communion 11.30pm Chedworth

Sunday 25th Christmas Day

Holy Communion (BCP) 9am Stowell
Holy communion 10.30am Coln Rogers
Family Service 10.30am Chedworth

January Services

Sunday 1st January

Holy Communion 10.30am Coln st Denys

Sunday 8th January 1st Epiphany

Holy Communion (BCP) 9am Chedworth
Holy Communion 10.30 am Coln Rogers

Sunday 15th 2nd Epiphany

Family Service 10.30 am Chedworth

Sunday 22nd 3rd Epiphany

Holy Communion 10.30 am Chedworth

Sunday 29th Candlemas

Family Communion 10.30am Yanworth

Sunday 5th February 4th Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion 10.30am Coln St Denys

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
05-Dec	10:00-13:00	Pop-Up Cafe	Chedworth Village Hall
09-Dec		Consultation deadline for Submissions to Village Hall Committee	
09-Dec		Chedworth Singers' Charity Carol Singalong	Seven Tuns in Queen Street
09-Dec	19:30	Back Row Club showing the film "Top Gun Maverick"	Chedworth Village Hall
10-Dec	10:00-13:00	Pop-Up Cafe Saturday Special	Chedworth Village Hall
11-Dec	16:00	Christmas Concert by Chedworth Silver Band	St Andrew's Church
12-Dec	10:00-13:00	Pop-Up Cafe (also attended by Chedworth Village Hall Committee)	Chedworth Village Hall
12-Dec	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
14-Dec	19:15	WI Meeting - The Bard of Barnwood talk by Margaret Daniels	Chedworth Village Hall
15-Dec		Chedworth Guides & Brownies Christmas Party	
17-Dec		First monthly Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
19-Dec	10:00-13:00	Pop-Up Cafe	Chedworth Village Hall
26-Dec	10:30	Chedworth Silver Band playing carols	Upper Chedworth & outside Seven Tuns
2023			
09-Jan	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Jan	19:30	Back Row Club showing the film "Thirteen Lives"	Chedworth Village Hall
23-Jan	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - Noble Jacks	Chedworth Village Hall
22-Jan	19:30	Parish Council Meeting to set budget	Chedworth Village Hall
28-Jan	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - NT Live screening - The Crucible	Chedworth Village Hall
06-Feb	10:00-13:00	Pop-Up Cafe restarts every Monday morning	Chedworth Village Hall
11-Feb		Children's Party with Magician organised by FoStA	Chedworth Village Hall
24-Feb	19:00	Chedworth Entertainment Club - NT Live screening - Othello	Chedworth Village Hall
25-Mar	19:30	Chedworth Entertainment Club - Filkins Drift	Chedworth Village Hall
24-Jun	10:00-17:00	Chedworth Open Gardens under National Garden Scheme	Chedworth

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

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



Chedworth Area, Fossebridge, Yanworth

Tuesday	13	Dec
Wednesday	28	Dec
Tuesday	10	Jan
Tuesday	24	Jan
Tuesday	7	Feb

Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Friday	9	Dec
Friday	23	Dec
Friday	6	Jan
Friday	20	Jan
Friday	3	Feb

Turn your event into an occasion at

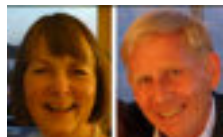
Chedworth Village Hall

Visit our website for full details including making booking enquiries

chedworthvillagehall.co.uk

The Hill and Valley Magazine 2023

There will be some changes in the personnel in 2023.



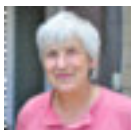
Iain and Sue Robertson will retire from helping with the production of Hill and Valley with effect from the end of the year. Over the last ten years they have worked hard as part of the Hill and Valley team in producing and improving the quality and finances of the magazine. The improvement in advertising revenue now covers the printing and other costs without the need for subscriptions from readers. The Hill and Valley Magazine has evolved considerably since it was first produced over forty years ago by Sheila Bowley on a gestetner. We are very grateful for Iain and Sue's contribution and to all those who help, who contribute articles and to the magazine distributors who deliver throughout the

year in all winds and weather. Without all these volunteers there would be no Hill and Valley.

Going forward, Julie Young will continue as a co-ordinator and will be joined by new co-ordinator Sue Nashe.



Mark Lanyon (720430 marklanyon38@gmail.com) will now manage the advertising.



With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

The Hill and Valley Steering Committee.



"Does anyone have a light, please?"

Children's Magic Show and Tea Party

11
FEB
2023

AT ST ANDREWS SCHOOL
CHEDWORTH

2.30PM
TILL
4.30PM

£5
PER CHILD
(ADULTS FREE!)

IN AID OF FRIENDS OF ST ANDREWS CHURCH CHEDWORTH (FOSTA)

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM DAISY POOLE (DAISYBROOK@HOTMAIL.CO.UK) AND SUE CALLARD (SUECALLARD324@BTINTERNET.COM / 01285 720468) OR ON THE DOOR

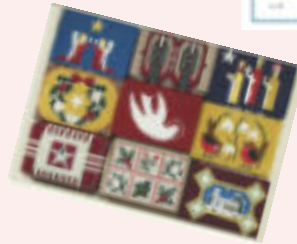
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FoStA Christmas Cards

Sold in aid of
Friends of St Andrew's Church (FoStA)

£5 per pack of 10

Contact Sue Callard 01285 720468
suecallard324@btinternet.com



Carols by Chedworth Silver Band

Come and enjoy Christmas Music and Carols

by

Chedworth Silver Band

on

Sunday 11th December

at 4pm

in

St. Andrew's Church, Chedworth



Cup of Tea and Mince Pies.

Retiring Collection.

Bellringers Needed

For centuries church bells have sounded, calling people to worship, in celebration of special occasions, in remembrance and to mark special events. Bellringing is a great way to find new friends, a new hobby, take gentle physical and mental exercise and a great way to connect with local communities. It's for young people 10yrs+ and adults of all ages. You don't have to be mathematical, musical or strong!

Bellringers across the country are making plans to "Ring for the King" at his coronation next May. And they need help.

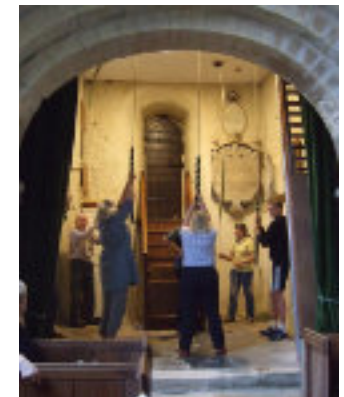
There are about 6,000 sets of bells across the British Isles, totalling nearly 38,000 bells and only around 30,000 bellringers. Bellringers often support several towers to fill the gaps and with the announcement of the date for the coronation of the new king, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has put out an appeal to recruit more ringers so they are trained in time to Ring for the King.

In our area, the bells are regularly rung at Withington, Chedworth, and Compton Abdale, but there aren't always enough bellringers to go around. More are needed to help continue to produce this fabulous, emotion-stirring sound for people to enjoy!

Myra Burridge

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Good home

After the christening of his baby brother in church, young Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That minister said he wanted us to be brought up in a good Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys."

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? - Frostbite.



A **Remembrance service** was held at school on Armistice Day. The whole school contributed to this special worship with wonderful artwork, a recital of 'Flanders field' and sharing of the significance of poppies. Churchill class wrote their own poem to share.



As you will know, Chedworth Preschool has now joined us at the school. This move is a significant step in the offer we can now provide as a school. Sarah Smith and her team, as well as many other volunteers, have worked tirelessly to ensure the provision we can now offer is second to none. The pupils at St Andrew's are now able to utilize the School House facility for both Breakfast and After School club, which they are very much enjoying. We look forward to seeing you at the opening day on the 10th December.

Lots of wonderful learning is taking place this term based on our new topic 'Wonders of the World'. The children are focusing on a range of curriculum areas, including 'Ancient Egypt' and 'The Great Fire of London'. Many are motivated and enthused by the new knowledge they are gaining.

Churchill's Remembrance Acrostic poem

- R espect for soldiers and civilians who have died or been injured in conflicts
- E verybody respecting two minutes silence
- M agical moments guaranteed through others sacrifice
- E ncouraging people to reflect on others that have sacrificed their lives
- M any people need to be courageous to win wars
- B e empathetic to people's thoughts and feelings
- R especting others is something we should always try to do
- I s for animals that lost their lives in conflict
- N ice, thoughtful people saved us
- C onflict is always best to avoid, be kind
- E verything is possible when we work together
- I s for doing your part
- A ll of us are forever grateful
- Y esterday's sacrifices will never be forgotten

Godolphin class visited **The Cotswold Wildlife Park** earlier this term to

complement their Science topic where they have been investigating the life-cycles of various animals. They were lucky to have a talk from one of the keepers who explained the life-cycle and habitats of a parma wallaby, giant tortoise, emu and the colobus monkey. Their favourite part was meeting the ring-tailed lemurs, who were very friendly!



The **Rugby League Festival** organised by the *With the Ball* team was a great success, and involved 3 teams from St Andrews. One of our KS1 teams won Gold with the other finishing 4th. Our KS2 team won Silver. They lost the final during 'next try wins', after it was level at full time. We are so proud of the teams representing our school so well.



Mrs Jo Smith – Interim Headteacher

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the Interim Headteacher of St Andrew's C of E. I feel very fortunate to be given this opportunity in what has been a really positive experience so far. I understand the value of the local community and hope we can work together for the benefit of all. Please do contact me on head@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk if you are interested in working with the school or have any other queries.

St. Andrew's C of E Primary & Preschool

School visits

After a successful open morning a few weeks back, we would like to extend the invitation once again to those who may have a child starting Reception in 2023 who were unable to visit. We also have some spaces in other year groups so please do contact us to arrange a visit to see the wonderful opportunities St Andrew's can offer your child. Call us on (01285) 720427 or email: admin@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk

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



We are always on the look-out for volunteer readers to come and support in school.

If you think you have the time and commitment, please email the school office admin@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk to discuss further.

StAndrewsCofE



Mrs J. Smith
Interim Headteacher

Visiting Father Christmas

A mother took her young daughter to visit Father Christmas in his grotto at the garden centre. He greeted the youngster merrily and asked: "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The little girl stared at him, open-mouthed with horror. "Didn't you get my email?!"

Lord's Prayer, updated

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer. Then she implored: "and lead us not into temptation but deliver us some e-mail."



www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC

CLUB NEWS

The evenings may be drawing in, but tennis continues! We had a jolly time for the last organised event of the year in memory of Alison Stock who brought so much to our tennis lives; work which is continued by her husband Graham, ever the life and soul of events at the club! May I thank all our members for their support this year; it's been great to see so many new and existing members participate in club sessions, coaching sessions and children in the school groups. I would like to thank our dedicated coaching team, David, Hilary and Tom, and also our committee and volunteers for their hard work on behalf of the club, and for their excellent work in broadening the availability of tennis to our community.

I wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to a healthy and busy playing season in 2023.

Robert Baker, Chair



Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year

GIFT VOUCHERS

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

WHAT'S COMING UP

Xmas Holiday Camps

December 20th – 29th

Open to all, rackets provided.

5% discount for siblings,

15% discount for members

JUNIORS ages 4-13yrs

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9.30am-12.30noon or 1pm-4pm

or 9.30am-4pm

TEENS ages 13-18yrs

Tuesdays 4-6pm

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After School Coaching

Starts January 11th

Open to all with David Ayala on

Wednesdays for children aged

4-18yrs. Rackets provided.

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Chedworth Parish Council

The Community Orchard, A Fruitful Enterprise

The thirteen assorted trees planted by our volunteer in January are all doing well and all produced a few small but perfectly formed apples this year.

Our professional fruit tree consultant, Martin Hayes, is now helping us to apply for more trees, which will come free-of-charge from the Gloucestershire Orchard Trust which is co-funding an initiative with the GCC's Trees for Climate Change unit.

We are requesting 22 mixed apple, pear plum and cherry trees, mostly Gloucestershire varieties and all on vigorous root-stocks. These will grow slowly and mature over the years and will complement the faster growing, smaller dwarf varieties that are already there.

Councillors

David Broad (Chairman)	01285 720313
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George Broad	01285 720313
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Alan McLellan	01285 720642
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

Along with the new trees, we are also applying to the Tree Council's Branching Out Fund for free tree guards to protect all the trees from visiting deer.

If you would like to join our volunteers in planting and maintaining the new trees, please contact Allison Oldershaw: allison.oldershaw@gmail.com, mob:0754150631. Young volunteers and their parents, especially welcome.

Support for Businesses

Councillors are concerned about massive increase in costs, especially energy costs, impacting local businesses as highlighted by the article about the Seven Tuns in last month's Hill and Valley. The Parish Council put a lot of effort into getting the Tuns open again eight or so years ago when it closed for a period, and we wish the landlords every success in weathering the storm. We will have an agenda item regarding support for local businesses at the December meeting. We actually have three licensed premises in the parish, The Seven Tuns, The Stump and the Inn at Fossebridge, the latter two right on the corners of the parish boundary.

Children's Magic Show

At the November meeting we were very pleased to hear Sue Callard outline her plans for a children's entertainment, with a Magician, planned for February 2023, as a fund raiser for FOSTA (Friends of St Andrews.) The Council decided to support the event by providing £350 to pay the magician and towards the costs of refreshments.

Cooks Hill Width Restriction

We continue to receive complaints about wide vehicles in Cooks Hill. County Council Highways looked into it and improved the signage earlier this year and informed us the works were complete back in September. However, they had not installed advance warning of the 8ft width restriction which we requested for the Stowell crossroads and the width restriction on Tuns Hill can still be read as referring to Church Road. Councillor George Broad measure the road with a calibrated pole which showed the width between walls below Hills Farm is 8ft 3" in places and between wall and hedge less than 8 feet. We shall continue to ask for better signage and also reduction in the width limit as 7 feet or 2.1m seems a more realistic restriction.

Co Option

We continue to seek someone to co-opt to join the Parish Council, this will only be until the beginning of May 2023 as all the Councillors terms of office end then.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with, and indeed someone to lead, the Chedworth Neighbourhood Plan, much of the work on the design code section of the plan has been done but we ran into objections regarding the designated open spaces which rather derailed progress and so we are seeking volunteers to carry the project forward,

In addition to our regular monthly meeting on 9th January we shall set our

budget for 2023/4 at a special meeting on Monday 23rd January. Meetings are at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

*David Broad
Chairman*



Chedworth Silver Band

The Band is still recovering from Covid, but 2022 was a great improvement on 2021 where we only managed to perform at one summer event and one concert.

This year the number of engagements has still barely reached half the pre Covid levels, but the level of enquiries suggests 2023 will see a return to something like our usual number of engagements.

This year we start our Christmas engagements with a Christmas Concert at St Andrews Church on Sunday 11th December at 4.00 pm. Admission is free but donations will be most welcome. The Band will play a number of pieces of Christmas themed music to listen to and a number of popular carols and Christmas tunes for you to sing along to, song sheets will be provided.

The Band has a large library of Christmas music, some were chart topping tunes in their day, others like "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer," are old favourites and others are new for this Christmas.

Our other Christmas performance in Chedworth will be around Upper Chedworth/Tuns Hillon Boxing Day,



commencing on Ballingers Hill around 10.30am.

Other Christmas performances include Purton (Wilts) Methodist Chapel on 8th December and a number of short performances in Burford on Saturday 17th December.

Looking ahead the Band is seeking additional players, particularly Cornet players, for the 2023 season. We practice from 7.30 to 9.30 pm on Tuesdays at GL54 4AB

Merry Christmas

David Broad (Bandmaster)

01285 720313

Please note our website is now www.chedworthsilverband.com



Back Row Club at the Village Hall

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE OF £15 FOR 2023 IS DUE NOW

CASH OR SUMUP ON THE NIGHT OR BACS TO :

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Please email: simoncolbeck@msn.com if paying by BACS

The November meeting is always a mixture of business and pleasure as it is the monthly and the annual meetings all in one. Fortunately, due to the efficiency of our wonderful retiring secretary Mick Marsh and our not retiring amazing treasurer Chrissy Mitchell (from down the valley) both meetings were whizzed through in record time, allowing us plenty of time to enjoy a delicious meal provided by Claire Booth, an annual treat for us all with no cooking or washing up, which we truly appreciate.

Many thanks and tributes were paid to Mick who has been our secretary for the last seven years! We will miss her, but Penny Taylor (who lives in Perrot's Brook) is bravely stepping into her shoes. Sylvia Colbeck, Sheila Bowley and Jo Todd are nobly taking over as President and Vice Presidents.

Many rural WIs are struggling to find not only members but in particular members who are willing to serve on committee and as officials. Chedworth members are not without some reluctance, mostly it has to be said due to all their other varied and many commitments. So, there is another big 'thank you' due to those willing to take on these duties for the next year. Their first event will be the December meeting (Wednesday 14th December 7.15pm at Chedworth Village Hall) with Margaret Daniels, the Bard of Barnwood.

Why not come along and support them, meet all the members and enjoy an evening of entertainment, friendly chat and even some coffee/tea and cake or maybe even a homemade WI mince pie!

Emma Isaac

Chedworth Gardening Club



As advertised in the August edition of the Hill and Valley Magazine, the proposal to change the name of the Chedworth HORTSOC to the **Chedworth Gardening Club** was made at the AGM on 8 November. The motion for the change was overwhelmingly supported, and so the new name will be used in all future correspondence.

Simon Colbeck
Chairman
Chedworth Gardening Club

FoStA- Friends of St Andrew's Church



FoStA was set up in 2013 to support and provide additional income for St Andrew's Church, to hold events to

further the work of the church, bring members of the community together in different ways and to welcome newcomers. Over the last ten years FoStA has raised considerable funds for repairs and improvements to the church and has made grants towards various projects including the installation of the electric heating system, the redecoration of the chancel, nave and external decoration, repairs to stonework, windows and in 2022 half the cost of restoring the Listed churchyard monuments.



Each year events have been organised ranging from concerts in the church, summer drinks parties, talks in the village hall on Chedworth, Cotswold stone, the Last Lord Chedworth, Chedworth at the dawn of the Victorian Era and performances by Bertie Pearce the magician.

In 2023, FoStA will be organising a Children's Party with a magician in the village hall on Saturday February 11th and a Jazz Evening and Family Picnic on the village playing field on Saturday 1st July. Further details will be published in due course in Hill and Valley and Next Door.

If you would like to support FoStA by making an annual donation, helping at events or would like further information, please contact one of the committee members:-

Richard Isaac 720276, Jeannie Hamilton 07708 591373 Sue Callard 720468, Sue Nashe 720254, Sue Sharman 720408, Heather Brown 720280, Daisy Poole 07801 848812, Bryan Bowley 720369, Ken Minshall 720425, Julie and Robert Young 720398.



Your Gardening Tips for Dec/Jan

We are experiencing yet another unseasonally warm period for this time of year, and some people are reporting caterpillars still munching on their brassicas! The garden benefits from a spell of cold weather but with fuel costs so high maybe we will not begrudge another few weeks of mild weather even it means waiting longer for the first frost to sweeten the parsnips. Nevertheless, it would be wise to prepare your garden and plants for colder weather. There plenty of things to do be it pruning, potting up bulbs, moving plants, tidying up or improving or developing spaces, however small.

- Prune open-grown apples and pears, and acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding. Careful pruning will produce fewer but bigger fruits.
- Tips for pruning apple trees:
 - Remove damaged wood
 - Thin out areas of overcrowding where rubbing of smaller branches occurs to achieve an open centred tree.
 - Try to keep branches about a forearm's length apart.
 - Cut back to strong mature wood
 - On mature trees remove drooping branches which would otherwise produce inferior fruit.
 - Usually you are shortening the previous year's growth by 1/3.
- Bare rooted deciduous trees and shrubs can be planted and transplanted in December and January, and it is the time to take hardwood cuttings. Ensure newly



- planted trees are well staked.
- Remove weeds from around the base of young fruit trees. Check that stakes are secure, and a thick dry mulch will protect the roots from frost.
- Plant new raspberry canes making sure that the soil is well drained and fertile.
- Prune wisteria by cutting back side shoots to two or three buds.
- Plant roses, in areas not previously inhabited by roses.
- Try sowing over wintering lettuce and parsley. The seeds will need to be started off inside or over a heated tray but should grow on in the greenhouse or south facing cold frame.
- Group and insulate vulnerable patio pots from frost with bubble-wrap or similar protective material.
- This a good time to work bulky organic matter into heavy soil ready for the spring, but remove plant debris to avoid disease overwintering on the soil.
- Cover unused areas with thick mulch or membrane to suppress weed sand keep the soil warm ready for the spring.
- Yet again some leek growers may have experienced what I highlighted last year where leeks suddenly collapse and die. This may be caused by Leek Moth and or Leaf

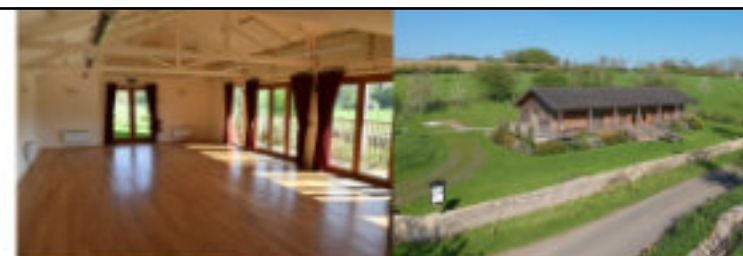
Miners. It is too late to protect your leeks from infestation now, but make a note to cover the plants with fleece during March and April and September-October next year

- Root crops are sweetest after a frost, but will need to be lifted and stored in sand before the ground gets too hard
- It is not too late to plant shallots ready for an early 2022 crop unless the weather turns really cold. Cover with fleece in the coldest weather.
- Lift and divide established clumps of rhubarb. Start forcing rhubarb in January.
- Check autumn sown sweet peas for slug and mouse damage and take defensive action! Sow more sweet peas in January, if required.
- Check stored bulbs for sign of rot and remove affected bulbs.

- Insulate outdoor taps and drain water butts if a heavy frost is forecast to avoid damaging the taps.
- Clean the greenhouse inside and out, and if it is being used for growing plants, insulate against frost with bubble wrap or similar. It is a good thing to ventilate the greenhouse occasionally during warmer days to reduce fungal infection.
- Keep an eye out for overwintering pests such as whitefly and red spider mite and treat accordingly.

Now is the time to think about what you might want to grow for the show in June next year!

*Chairman
Chedworth Gardening Club*



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Chedworth Village Hall

Consultation on future use of social room

Background

The Chedworth Preschool has been a long standing hirer of the Village Hall's facilities. After many years of wishing to occupy their own bespoke space, the preschool is moving to Old School House and forging even closer links with St Andrew's Primary School. This is a positive move for both of these important education providers and for the children of our village and we wish them both well for the future.

The preschool has been the single largest contributor to the Hall's income for many years and so now the Hall Committee needs to find new ways of meeting its running costs. The Committee has been looking at ways of replacing the rental income, to ensure the future of the Village Hall as an important community asset.

We have a modern, well equipped hall with various sized spaces available for rental on both a single use basis (such as weddings, parties, business functions) and regular longer term users (WI, parish council, back row and entertainments club, fitness and many others). The Hall recognises the importance of supporting local users of the Hall but also needs to attract external hirers to be financially viable.

The current opportunity

Community based café

The Hall recognises the success of the Pop Up Café which has operated on



most Mondays and some Saturdays. This is undoubtedly providing a friendly and relaxed space for both Chedworth residents and people from surrounding villages to meet as well as visitors to the area. Whilst the pop up has proved to be a great success, it is run on a voluntary basis and does not have the resources to become a full time offering.

Our initial proposal is that the Hall builds on a café concept by letting the space previously occupied by the preschool to create a more regular café offering within the village. The Committee believe that the café could also offer basics such as milk, bread and other staples to purchase and enjoy at home, sourced where possible from local suppliers of food and beverages. This could go some way to replacing the farm shop facility that closed a while ago.

We have made some initial enquiries about the viability of such a project with a local resident who has extensive experience of running a community-based café.

The situation of the Hall alongside one of the main roads into the village together with its large car park should attract passers-by as well as regular users from the village.

Monthly Produce Market

The Hall is also looking to launch a monthly produce market attracting stalls from local artisan producers. The first of these is planned for Saturday 17th December 2022, to try out the concept. Details of suppliers who have taken a stall will follow, but please make a note in your diary and plan to come along to support the Village Hall.

If you know of any local artisans, producers of food, drink and other craft items, please do ask them to make contact with Charles Hutton-Potts.

Your input

Chedworth Village Hall is an important community asset and the Hall Committee are committed to ensure its long term future. We

therefore would like to receive views from Chedworth residents with regard to the above proposals as well as any other ideas residents may have regarding the future use of the space previously occupied by the preschool.

Please send your written views to the Hall Committee before 9th December 2022 so we can discuss these at the next Village Hall Meeting. Please email Charles Hutton-Potts, chair of Chedworth Village Hall, on Charles.hp64@gmail.com or leave a text/have a conversation on 07970 673611.

Members of the Hall Committee will attend the pop café on 12th December 2022 to allow discussion of any ideas before the Committee makes any final decision. Any interested parties are welcome to see us then or at any other time beforehand.

Charles Hutton-Potts



As usual, the Pop-up Cafe will be open at Chedworth village hall, every Monday morning throughout December. In addition, there will be another Saturday Pop-up Special on 10 December, 10am-1pm with lots of locally-produced wares - freshly baked bread, croissants & doughnuts from baker Mark Harris in Northleach as well as

Christmas cakes, mince pies and all our usual delicious offerings - eggs, cheese, honey, apple juice and more.

This year, because of you our lovely customers (as well as our hard-working volunteers and our wonderful suppliers!) the cafe will be donating £800 to Cirencester Food Bank, with good wishes from us all in these challenging times.....and the cafe collection jar for Ukraine, which has so far raised well over £1000, will sadly still be needed & in situ into the New Year.

IN JANUARY THE CAFE WILL BE CLOSED
But don't worry - we'll be back on Monday February 6th 2023

Until then, we wish you all a merry Christmas and a very happy new year

Chedworth Village Show

Welcome to the competition classes for 2023. We welcome everybody to take part in our Horticultural show. Information of how to enter and timings will be shared in the New Year.

VEGETABLE CLASSES

- 1) A BUNCH OF SPRING ONIONS
- 2) BROAD BEANS (FIVE PODS ARRANGED ON A PLATE)
- 3) PEAS (FIVE PODS ARRANGED ON A PLATE)
- 4) RADISHES (A BUNCH OF FIVE WITH FOLIAGE ATTACHED)
- 5) ONE PAIR OF LETTUCE (ANY VARIETY)
- 6) A SELECTION OF SALAD LEAVES (DISPLAYED IN A BASKET, NO LESS THAN FIVE TYPES)
- 7) A SELECTION OF HERBS FOR CULINARY USE (DISPLAYED IN A JAM JAR)
- 8) NEW POTATOES (FOUR ON A PLATE)
- 9) GARLIC (ONE HEAD)
- 10) STRAWBERRIES (SIX ON A PLATE)
- 11) ANY OTHER BERRY - (SIX ON A PLATE)
- 12) RHUBARB (SIX STICKS WITH FOLIAGE ATTACHED, TRIMMED TO NOT MORE THAN 4 INCHES/10 CENTIMETRES)
- 13) A TRUG OF VEGETABLES (FIVE TYPES MINIMUM)
- 14) FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR BASKET OF VEGETABLES (FIVE TYPES MINIMUM)

SWEET PEA CLASSES

- 1) A SINGLE SWEET PEA (ANY VARIETY)
- 2) A VASE CONTAINING THREE STEMS (SAME VARIETY)
- 3) A VASE CONTAINING 5 STEMS (SAME VARIETY)
- 4) A VASE CONTAINING 9 STEMS (SAME VARIETY)
- 5) JUNIORS - UNDER 14 YEARS - 3 STEMS IN A VASE. (SAME VARIETY)

SWEET PEAS TO BE EXHIBITED AS STEMS WITHOUT TENDRILS OR FOLIAGE.

PEONY CLASSES

- 1) A SINGLE STEM (ANY VARIETY/COLOUR)
- 2) 3 STEMS (ANY VARIETY/COLOUR)
- 3) 3 STEMS (ONE VARIETY AND ONE COLOUR)

PEONIES TO BE EXHIBITED AS STEMS WITH FOLIAGE ATTACHED.

ROSE CLASSES

- 1) A SINGLE ROSE (ONE STEM, SINGLE BLOOM, ANY COLOUR)
- 2) THREE STEMS (SINGLE BLOOM, ONE VARIETY, ONE COLOUR)
- 3) THREE STEMS (SINGLE BLOOM, ANY VARIETY, ANY COLOUR)

- 4) FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR - FIVE STEMS (ANY VARIETY, ANY COLOUR)
- 5) CLIMBING ROSES - THREE STEMS (ONE VARIETY, ONE COLOUR WITH FOLIAGE ATTACHED)
- 6) MOST FRAGRANT ROSE - 1 STEM (ANY VARIETY, COLOUR.) TO BE JUDGED BY THE PUBLIC BY 4PM ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW.

CUT FLOWER CLASSES

- 1) DELPHINIUMS - THREE SPIKES IN A VASE (ONE COLOUR/ONE VARIETY)
- 2) LUPINS - THREE SPIKES IN A VASE (ONE COLOUR, ONE VARIETY)
- 3) ALSTROMERIA - FIVE STEMS IN A VASE (ONE VARIETY, ONE COLOUR)
- 4) SWEET WILLIAMS - FIVE STEMS IN A VASE (ONE VARIETY, ONE COLOUR)
- 5) GEUMS - SIX STEMS IN A VASE (ONE VARIETY, ONE COLOUR)
- 6) GLADIOLUS - SINGLE SPIKE IN A VASE (ONE VARIETY, ONE COLOUR)
- 7) GLADIOLUS - THREE SPIKES IN A VASE (ANY VARIETY, ANY COLOUR)
- 8) SNAPDRAGONS - SINGLE SPIKE IN A VASE (ONE VARIETY, ONE COLOUR)
- 9) SNAPDRAGONS - THREE SPIKES IN A VASE (ANY VARIETY, ANY COLOUR)
- 11) STOCKS - SINGLE SPIKE IN A VASE (ONE VARIETY, ONE COLOUR)
- 12) STOCKS - THREE SPIKES IN A VASE (ANY VARIETY, ANY COLOUR)
- 13) FIVE SPIKES OF ANY OTHER VARIETY (ANY TYPE/ANY COLOUR)
- 14) THREE SPIKES OF ANY OTHER ANNUAL (ANY TYPE/ANY COLOUR)
- 15) THREE SPIKES OF ANY OTHER BIENNIAL (ANY TYPE/ANY COLOUR)
- 14) FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR - THREE SPIKES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE VARIETY (ANY TYPE/ANY COLOUR)

FLORAL ART CLASSES

- 1) IN THE PINK - THREE SINGLE PINK BLOOMS WITH FOLIAGE
- 2) BOTTLED BLOOMS - THREE FLOWER HEADS DISPLAYED AS INDIVIDUAL BLOOMS IN THREE BEER BOTTLES (FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR ONLY)
- 3) BE SWEET - A DECORATIVE ARRANGEMENT OF SWEET PEA (WITH OR WITHOUT FOLIAGE ATTACHED)
- 4) JAMMY - A SMALL POSY ARRANGED IN A JAM JAR
- 5) WHAT! NO FLOWERS! - AN ARRANGEMENT OF GREENERY, NO FLOWERS
- 6) GARDEN OF ENGLAND - 5 BLOOMS IN RED AND WHITE WITH GREEN FOLIAGE.
- 7) LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE - A PETITE DESIGN IN A WINE GLASS
- 8) MINIATURE - A POSY NOT OVER 10CM HIGH/WIDE OR DEEP
- 9) RULE BRITANNIA - ARRANGED IN MEMORY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH 2ND.
- 10) ROSE THE DAY AWAY - A VASE OF ROSES AND FOLIAGE.

BAKING AND PRESERVES

- 1) A JAR OF JAM MADE FROM ANY FRUIT
- 2) A JAR OF FRUIT CURD

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- 3) A JAR OF CHUTNEY OR RELISH
- 4) A JAR OF SWEET OR SAVOURY JELLY
- 5) A LEMON DRIZZLE LOAF CAKE
- 6) A SAVOURY QUICHE
- 7) 5 SWEET BISCUITS

JARS - LABEL TO STATE VARIETY AND DATE ONLY AND PLACED ON SIDE OF JAR. PLAIN LIDS AND CELLOPHANE ONLY PLEASE.

MIXED PRODUCE

- 1) THREE BROWN EGGS
- 2) THREE EGGS - ANY COLOUR
- 3) ANY NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINK
- 4) ANY ALCOHOLIC DRINK

CRAFTS

- 1) A HAND KNITTED OR CROCHETED ITEM.
- 2) ANY SEWN ITEM
- 3) AN ITEM OF EMBROIDERY
- 4) ANY OTHER CRAFTED ITEM

JUNIOR CLASSES

- 1) ANY TYPE OF FRUIT SHOWN ON A PLATE
- 2) ANY TYPE OF VEGETABLE SHOWN ON A PLATE.
- 3) BEST PINT OF PEAS (PODS INCLUDED)
- 4) THREE CUPCAKES DECORATED WITH RAINBOWS.
- 5) 3 BISCUITS TO CELEBRATE FATHERS DAY.
- 6) A CROWN FOR KING CHARLES 3RD. (EXTRA POINTS FOR USING PRODUCE FROM THE GARDEN!)

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

- 1) BRITISH WEATHER
- 2) PORTRAIT OF A FAMILY FRIEND
- 3) DAILY WALK
- 4) ARCHITECTURAL
- 5) SKYSCAPE
- 6) BLACK AND WHITE
- 7) ANIMAL
- 8) UNDER 14 - A PHOTO OF YOUR BEST FRIEND

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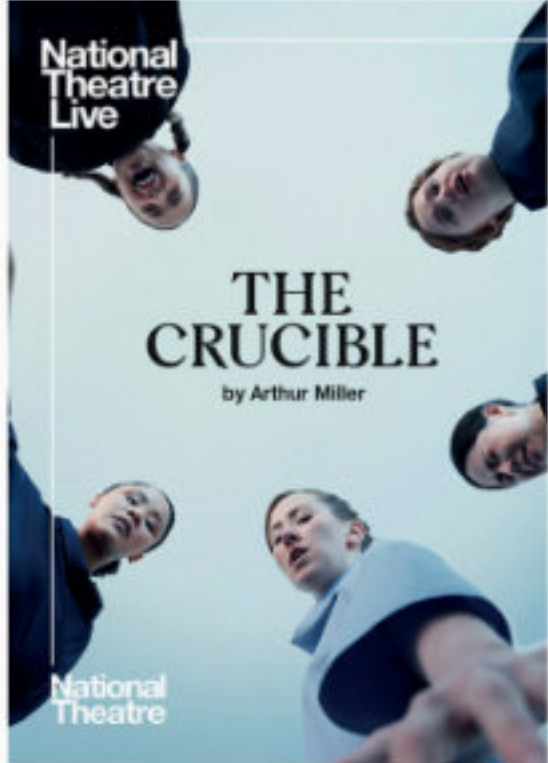
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JAN 28

7.00PM • TICKETS £12.50

VENUE: CHEDWORTH VILLAGE HALL
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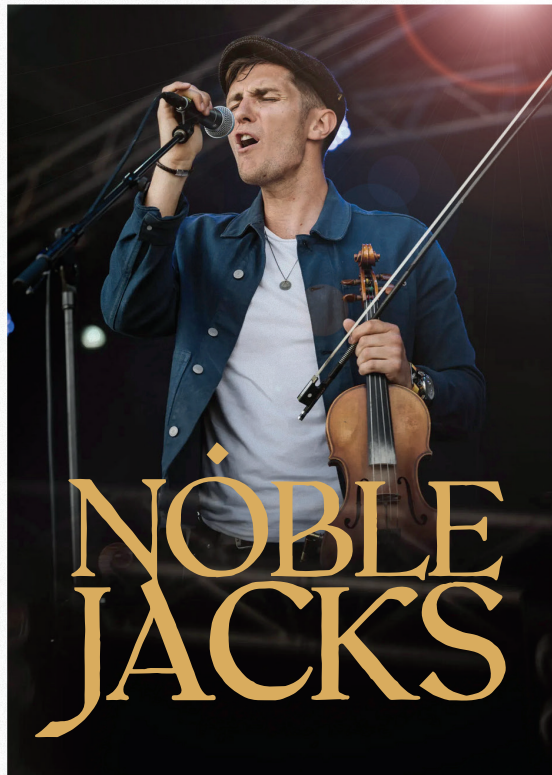
A witch hunt is beginning in Arthur Miller's captivating parable of power with Erin Doherty (*The Crown*) and Brendan Cowell (*Yerma*).

Raised to be seen but not heard, a group of young women in Salem suddenly find their words have an almighty power. As a climate of fear, vendetta and accusation spreads through the community, no one is safe from trial. **Lyndsey Turner** (*Hamlet*) directs this contemporary new staging, designed by Tony Award-winner **Es Devlin** (*The Lehman Trilogy*). Captured live from the Olivier stage at the National Theatre.

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21 JAN 2023

7.00PM • TICKETS £12.50 / £8.50 U16

VENUE: CHEDWORTH VILLAGE HALL
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**Back by popular demand, Noble Jacks return
to the Village Hall on 21st January 2023!**

With the fiddle leading the charge, Noble Jacks are out to take no prisoners with their high-energy footstompin' rhythms which have taken crowds by storm across the UK, as well as major festivals including Glastonbury, Isle of Wight and major European festivals.

Local Calendars for Sale

If you live in Chedworth or Withington, and are interested in the history of the area, why not take a look at these local calendars?

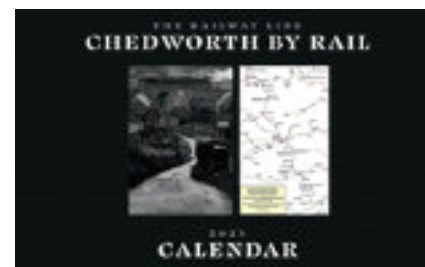
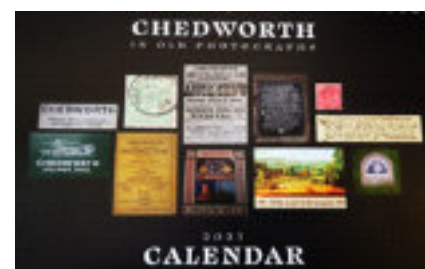
There are 3 to choose from;

1. Chedworth In Old Photographs,
2. Withington In Old Photographs
3. The Railway Line Through Chedworth.

Would make great presents for the family, here or abroad.

£10 each, they are available at the PopUp Cafe, Village Hall Chedworth, Monday mornings from 10, (and occasional Saturdays).

Profits go to benefit the Cafe





Cotswold friends charity says thank you after Cotswold district council's crowdfunding pledge

A funding pledge totaling £6,000 has been made by Cotswold District Council to the Cotswold Friends charity's 2022 crowdfunding campaign for its 'Connecting Community' project.

As part of Cotswold District Council's Crowdfund Cotswold initiative, which raises money for hyper-local community projects, the Council have made the pledge to Cotswold Friends to help support older and vulnerable people.

If the campaign is successful, the charity will be able to provide volunteer-led practical IT help for people in their communities, enabling them to live independently at home for longer.

£4,000 of the pledged funding will come from Cotswold District Council's Cotswold Community Fund and £2,000 will come from the Council's Covid Community Resilience Fund.

But Cotswold Friends needs to reach its full crowdfunding campaign target by 13th December to release all the funds pledged.

Councillor Jenny Forde, Cotswold District Council's Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, said:

"It's fantastic to see Cotswold Friends embracing the opportunity Crowdfund Cotswold presents.

"We all know how much our use of IT can widen our worlds and help us to connect with others and it's great to see a project that will help our older residents do the same!

"A pledge is about more than the money - it's a way of showing your support and letting people know that we care about one another."

Jo Hammond, Chief Executive of Cotswold Friends, said:

"On behalf of all the older and vulnerable residents that we'll be able to assist with IT support, to alleviate their loneliness and help them access the practical support they need to stay independent, healthy, and well in these challenging times, I want to thank Cotswold District Council for such generous pledges to our Connecting Community crowdfunding campaign.

"It really will make a difference to many local people's lives if we can reach our target of £16,353 by 13th December. Every donation, however big or small, helps us towards our target so we can access all the funds that have been pledged."

Cotswold Friends' work is increasingly important, as the cost of living crisis has made many of the charity's vulnerable and older clients even more reliant on support.

If the charity reaches its crowdfunding target, those individuals will be able to

receive assistance with IT from knowledgeable, trained volunteers, who will provide practical support for things like keeping in contact with friends and family online, doing online shopping, having online GP appointments, and so on.

The charity's first crowdfunding campaign last summer was successful, and, thanks to 50 backers, Cotswold Friends raised their target.

So far this year, the campaign has had over 30 backers with over £13,500 raised so far – meaning the charity is over 80% towards achieving its target. Donations can be as little as £2, and this year's project will help at least 50 older and vulnerable people.

To find out more about the 'Connecting Community' project and donate by 13th December, visit <https://www.spacehive.com/cotswold-friends-connecting-community>.



Jess O'Hara, Cotswold Friends Support Services Co-ordinator, with Independence Support Service client, Derek.

For more information on the work of Cotswold Friends, visit www.cotswoldfriends.org.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you help?

☎ 01608 697007 ✉ volunteering@cotswoldfriends.org
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Ukraine appeal



URGENT – request for donation of various items for the people of Ukraine

Will Blackburn is a Director of Business Development at Legacy Box and he is also a member of the Territorial Army. At the Remembrance Service lunch on Sunday 13th November he gave details regarding an important initiative that he and friends have set up to help and assist the people of Ukraine.

They are collecting various items for three main groups in Ukraine:

1. Ukrainian Military - In the volunteer and "TA" type elements of the Ukrainian Army there is a real need for warm military kit this winter. Will is asking those who have served or are serving in the military to have a look around their sheds/cellars/lofts for a box or boxes of ex-military gear which contain kit that would be useful in supporting the Ukrainian military over the winter months. As a guide there is a real need for the following items -

1. Sleeping systems (mats, sleeping bags, bivvy bags)
2. Bashes and Ponchos + bungees etc.
3. Boots - still massive issue for the "TA" elements of Ukraine's forces.
4. MTP or DPM Gortex jackets and trousers.
5. First Field Dressings/Israeli Bandages/Celox Gause etc
6. Bergens, webbing, PLCE - C95 kit all gratefully received.
7. Helmets and CBA.
8. Anything "Gucci" that can be donated.

2. Dog Food and Cat Food - As a result of the war there are many distressed dogs and cats in Ukraine that need feeding and taking care of. Will and his friends are asking people to donate dry cat and dog food to help support the established animal welfare centres in Ukraine who are caring for these pets until owners return, or new homes can be found for them.

3. Ukrainian Civilians - As the Ukrainian forces liberate more territory the civilians in these areas are in immediate need of warm clothing, sleeping bags and tents.

Any donations can be posted to the following address in the UK -

'The Studio Flat'
50 Holmewood Rd
London
SW2 3RR

Will Blackburn is happy to be contacted if you wish to assist him and friends in any way in support of this excellent good cause -

Email - will.blackburn@legacybox.co.uk
M - 07989 583109

Thank you

*David J. Peake
Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser
Chedworth & District*

Chedworth RBL Branch Curry Lunch



Chedworth Royal British Legion Branch Curry Lunch



Fifty-six people attended the annual curry lunch prepared by Claire Booth in the Village Hall following the Service of Remembrance in St Andrews Church. The curry was excellent and the company also!

Before the meal Andrew Tabor, Chairman of the Chedworth Branch presented the Poppy Appeal Collectors Awards Nellie Burrow for 50 years (see photo), Anne Bradford, for 20 years and David and Felicity Peake for 10 years.

Congratulations to all them and all the other collectors who work hard each year to collect donations for the RBL each year.

*Simon Colbeck, Hon Sec,
Chedworth Branch*

Chedworth Guides and Brownies



Chedworth Guides and Brownies were proud to carry our flag at the Remembrance service in Chedworth this year. We also remembered how Girlguiding was

involved in both World War One and World War Two; including working as messengers and in hospitals - there was even a badge for war work. In 1941, the Royal Air Force gave us a mysterious mission: to collect 11,000 cotton reels for the Royal Corps of Signals. Within a week, Girlguiding members had collected over 42,000 for them. At the time they weren't told why they were collecting them but it was later revealed that the reels were used by the intelligence department at MI9 to send secret messages written on microfilm, maps, and even German currency to soldiers on the front lines.

It's a bit too dark to go outside now but we have enjoyed making tiny toffee apples over candles, with tiny cupcake case saucepans and clothes peg handles. The Guides have been busy making Christmas crafts to sell at the Chedworth Christmas fair.

Any girls aged between 7 and 14 are invited to join us at our Christmas Party on December 15th to have some fun and find out what happens at Brownies and Guides. Please email aj.george@btinternet.com for more information.

Guides is for girls from 10 - 14 years old and Brownies is for girls from 7 - 10.

If you would like to find out more please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk.

Alice George



"The vicar's still miffed that one of the parents got £250 from You've Been Framed for their video of last year's nativity play."

CHRISTMAS TEATIME CLASSICS AT NORTHLEACH CHURCH



Wednesday 7th December, 3pm
Violin: Gill Hopkin, Piano: Gerry Hopkin

Tickets £5 on door

Mince pies and mulled wine
available for £3



Wine Column

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Just like that, another year has passed, and we are almost to 2023.

It is the time of year where we eat more, drink more and our calendars seem to fill fast and furiously.

I am excited to spend a month at home in the Cotswolds. I have been traveling more than normal this year so I feel my favorite Christmas gift will be staying in the same time zone for a month, cooking my own meals, riding my Peloton daily and taking our Midas for walks in Stowell Park. We will also be tending to our vines and prepping to plant the bottom field in Spring!

I hope you enjoy the holidays this year, which can easily become harder with family, friends and busy schedules.

Here is your guide to make the wine decisions easy!

Wine Guide for the Holidays!

What to bring to the neighbors? What to serve at your festive party? What to drink Christmas morning, evening and night? What to buy as gifts? SO many decisions to make. And how do you know what someone will like/dislike?

I always start with bubbles! It tastes great, it feels like a proper party wine and you can get great values or splurge!

Champagne and Sparkling.

Remember that Champagne only can use that name if from the Champagne region in France. Everything else is

known as sparkling wine. There are so many fantastic examples of both and it seems that during the holidays we drink more than any other time of year as its deemed the celebration wine!

I must be celebrating most days as I drink it casually on a Tuesday, Friday and Sunday (or any day that ends in Y!)

Champagne and Sparkling Guide:

£ Cava and Prosecco are lightly sparkling and great used as a mixer for mimosas, Christmas morning and pre-dinner quaffing.

- Spanish Cava: Contevedo Brut Gold NV - £5.29 at Aldi
- Italian Prosecco: Tesco Finest Prosecco Superiore - £10 at Tesco

££ Crémant Crémant is the name for sparkling wine from all the other French wine regions (excluding Champagne) Loire is a well known region for this and you can find great values with freshness or richness depending on where it is from and what grapes it is made with.

- Loire Cremants: Prince Alexandre Crémant de Loire AOC at Waitrose £13.99

£££ Methedo Classico is made like Champagne but from other regions.

- English Sparkling: Busi-Jocabsohn Rose Extra Brut – buy direct from winery £39.00
- Italian Sparkling: Ca Del Bosco Franciacorta

££££ **Champagne:** I will continue to wave the flag for **Sheldon's Wine Cellars in Shipston on Sours** for having the best Champagne and at an amazing price of under 30. It is under their private name, Sheldon Champagne.

Pol Roger: it is my Champagne of choice for over 20 years. It was my first love for Champagne and they have many different options. You can buy at most wine shops and online. £50 and up.

- White Label
- Blanc de Blanc
- Sir Winston Churchill

What about buying wines that can please a crowd that aren't sparkling?

White: Chablis, Chenin Blanc and Gavi.

- Christian Moreau Chablis - £20
- Les Andides Saumur Blanc – £9.99
- Terranuova Gavi di Gavi - £14.99

Red: Beaujolais, Cote Du Rhone, Pinot Noir

- Beaujoalis – The curious wine cellar has two option under £19.00
- Cotes du Rhone – Waitrose, Phoenix Wines and Sheldon's all have some great ones under £32.00
- Pinot Noir – Try something from New Zealand – I love Central Otago region. Mt Difficulty and Burns Cottage are delicious.

What to pair with Christmas Dinner?

Roast Beef: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot (Bordeaux or Napa)

Ham: Rose, Southern Rhone Reds, Shiraz (French or Aussie)

Salmon/Fish: Pinot Noir, Chablis, Champagne

Poultry: Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Gamay

After Dinner Nod:

It feels proper to sit by the fire and have a "Final Final" before you head to sleep.

- Madeira: I love old madeira. It lingers in your mouth and a two ounce pour is just enough. Great with cheese and after dinner loafing.
- Port: Sweet style or Tawny (nutty and dry) will complete a meal or a perfect bedtime "snack".
- Sherry: Great with Cheese after dinner and honestly, as a pre-dinner aperitif.

New Years Eve celebrates the year you've just had and then toasting to the year ahead. We have so much to be grateful for. I hope you pick your favorite bubbles and your new year starts with smiles and joy.

Popcorn and Champagne are the perfect pairing!

Have a happy Christmas Season and memorable New Year. Let's get together for a glass.

Amber

cotswoldswineadventure@gmail.com



da capo
a cappella chamber choir

Radiant Dawn

Choral music for Advent

Saturday 3rd December at 7.00pm
St Peter & St Paul, Northleach
In aid of Northleach Church

Tickets £15
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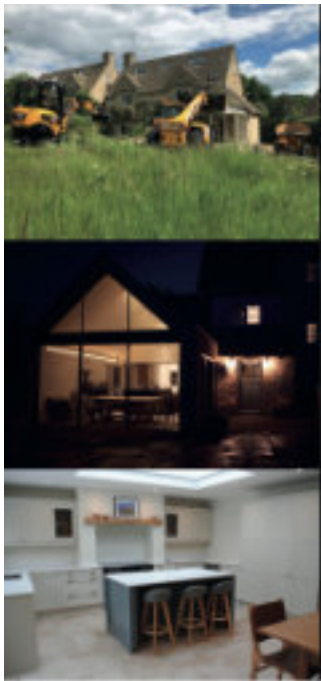
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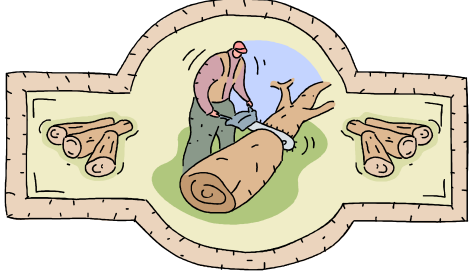
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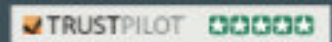
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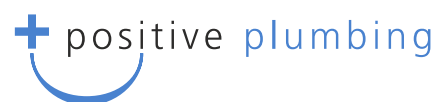
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