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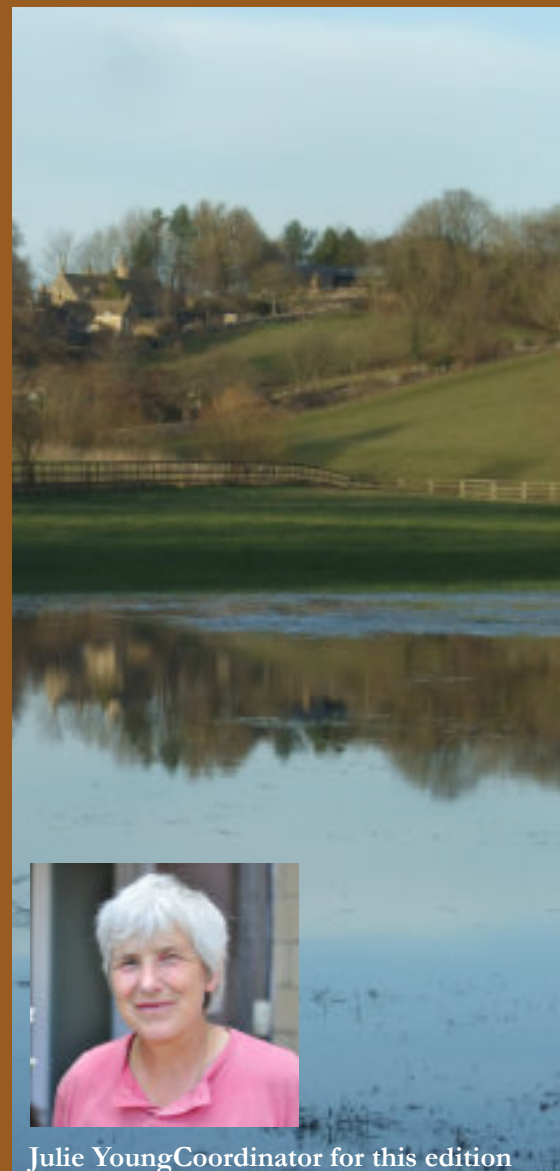
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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition

Helen's Letter

Matthew ch4 Temptations

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where he fasted for forty days and nights, and was tempted by the devil, who used quotations from Scripture

He was tempted to turn stones into bread, to throw himself from the top of the temple and to worship the devil in return for all the kingdoms of the world. He rejected all three temptations

With his own quotations from Scripture, and the devil left him.

So who is this devil that Jesus talked about? A person or just a character in fiction?

The Hebrew word *Satan* means "adversary" as one who stands against another.

And of course we have to remember that the language used in the bible, may also have a different meaning to the language we use today.

Jesus had temptations as we do, but he stood steadfast and rejected them. This shows that it can be done though we probably think it was easier for him than us. However when we are weak, it becomes easier to give in to temptation. So how did Jesus manage to reject temptations to evil? What was his secret?

And how do we deal with temptations? In today's world we are faced with temptations most days but we overcome them, knowing that they aren't worth sacrificing, it isn't easy and sometimes the pressure of temptation is so great it can make us

forget what we will lose if we give in to it.

The most important thing in Jesus' life was his relationship with God. And he never forgot it.

We can overcome our temptations if we realise there are things in our lives that are more important to us than the momentary satisfaction of giving in to the temptation—for example, our health, our families and relationships, our consciences and principles.

However let us not think the temptations we choose are bad temptations. All too often we are tempted by opportunities to do good. We may rush in, and sure that God is pleased because our motives are so pure. Many are already overloaded with duties and find it hard to resist the invitation to do one more thing. We need to make it a habit not to say **yes** lightly.

And remember that we are to live our lives as Jesus did, by the will of God. And that sometimes God has other priorities for us, even if we are active "for Him".

As we carry on walking through these days of Lent, we may find ourselves relenting to temptation, however, remember how Jesus sustained himself, in prayer and devotion and how it sustained him as, he was put to the test, so let us make time and space for God a priority in our own lives. God calls us to pause and reflect, a challenge in itself with the busy lives that everyone leads. Amen

Helen Oldham

Church Briefing

Services March 2023

Everyone Welcome

Friday 3rd

World Day of Prayer

7pm Chedworth

Sunday 5th 2nd Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

10.30 am Coln st Denys

Sunday 12th 3rd Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion BCP

9am Chedworth

Holy Communion

10.30 Coln Rogers

Sunday 19th 4th Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Holy Communion BCP

9 am Yanworth

Family Service

10.30 am Chedworth

Sunday 26th 5th Sunday in Lent Passiontide

Holy Communion

10.30am Chedworth

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday

Holy Communion

10.30 Coln st Denys

Garden Gathering at Neil & Teresa's Anchor Cottage Bacon Sausage Rolls 9.30am

Lent Lunches

All at 12 .30 am until 2pm on a Tuesday

28th February

Julie & Robert Young Malthouse Grounds, Chedworth, GL54 4NR

7th March

Jeannie Hamilton Old Tawny, Chedworth, GL54 4NU

14th March

Sylvia & Simon Colbeck Ashcombe Edge, Chedworth, GL54 4AJ

21st March

Sue Callard Laines Farm, Chedworth Laines, GL54 4NS

28th March

Neil & Teresa Irving, Anchor Cottage, Coln St Denys, GL54 3JU

Our lunches will be in aid of the Cirencester Charity Sign Post for the Homeless.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
03-March	19:00	World Day of Prayer	St Andrew's Church
09-March	19:15	WI Meeting - "Chaplin's Early Life" Paul Murphy	Chedworth Village Hall
11-March	10:00	Chedworth Gardening Club - Autumn Compost	Chedworth Village Hall
13-March	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
18-March		Village Hall Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
19-March		Mothering Sunday	
20-March	19:30	Parish Council Meeting (Parish Meeting)	Chedworth Village Hall
25-March	11:00 -14:00	WI - Nearly New Sale	Chedworth Village Hall
25-March	19:30	Chedworth Entertainment Club - Filkins Drift	Chedworth Village Hall
31-March	19:00	NT Live "Life of Pi"	Chedworth Village Hall
01-April	10:00	Church and Churchyard Spring Clean	St Andrew's Church
07-April	10:00	Good Friday Procession	The Brew House, Lower Chedworth
12-April	19:15	WI Meeting - "My Story" Lynne Rixon	Chedworth Village Hall
15-April		Village Hall Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
17-April	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	St Andrew's School
18-April	19:30	PCC Annual General Meeting	St Andrew's Church
03-May		Chedworth Gardening Club Member's Visit to Brillscote House, Lea, near Malmesbury	
10-May	19:15	WI Meeting - Resolutions	Chedworth Village Hall
15-May	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
17-May		RBL Talk - Snow Widows by Katherine Macinness	Chedworth Village Hall
20-May		Village Hall Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
31-May		Chedworth Gardening Club Member's Visit to Frampton Court Manor	
14-June		WI Meeting - Garden Party	
17-June		Village Hall Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
19-June	17:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
24-Jun	10:00-17:00	Chedworth Open Gardens under National Garden Scheme	Chedworth
24-Jun		Chedworth Garden Club Show	Chedworth
01-July		Village Band/Whisky Chasers Evening and Family Picnic organised by FoStA	Chedworth Playing Field
10-July	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
12-July	19:30	WI Meeting - From Lockdown Anxiety to Textile Artist	Chedworth Village Hall

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

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



Chedworth Area, Fossebridge, Yanworth

Tuesday	7	Mar
Tuesday	21	Mar
Tuesday	4	Apr
Tuesday	18	Apr
Tuesday	2	May

Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Friday	3	Mar
Friday	17	Mar
Friday	31	Mar
Friday	14	Apr
Friday	28	Apr

Turn your event into an occasion at

Chedworth Village Hall

Visit our website for full details including making booking enquiries

chedworthvillagehall.co.uk

David Jenks - 1932-2023

David Jenks died in January aged 90 years. From 1969 until 2012 David lived at Hartshill where he and his wife Anne converted three derelict farm cottages into a family home and developed a very successful stable-yard and stud. They bred many successful horses, the highlight being Red Marauder who won the Grand National in 2001. David was a successful businessman with wide interests. He was an ebullient character and was very much involved in the village where his enthusiasm, energy and generosity considerably benefited the community over many years. Those in the village running community organisations and fund raising knew that getting David involved was a key to advancing projects and garnering support. He was President of the Chedworth Royal British Legion and the Chedworth Society, a member of the Chedworth Trust and a founding Trustee of the Friends of St Andrew's Church, where he was a regular member of the congregation for the early morning communion service.

He was a keen sportsman and played cricked for Chedworth, one of the highlights of the season was when he brought his David Jenks X1 to play against the village team and also the Burmah Oil eleven, captained by Sandy Smith who lived in Chedworth. A marquee was erected over the weekend for hospitality. David had a great interest in old cars, especially sports cars. Sport and fun went hand in hand for David.



David on his 90th birthday last July, 22nd July 2022

He was at heart a countryman and established Longbarrow Farm on the former Chedworth Glebe land which was a bare land holding, building a farmhouse and a range of farm buildings which was let to tenants. He carried out tree planting, including on the former tip opposite the village hall which is now well established as a shelter belt.

David was very supportive of the young in the village and made the swimming pool at Hartshill available to those taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and helped sponsor participants in Operation Rayleigh. It was typical of David's kindness that when he saw Paul and Robert Bowley efforts as teenagers working hard on cutting the large area of grass at the village hall with a sit on mower and a hand mower, that he gave them his spare sit on mower so that they could complete the mowing more quickly and move on to their next pocket money task. He was a kind and considerate employer being very loyal to his staff. A friend rightly described him "as a country gentleman of the old school".

David was a generous host and loved parties. He gave a tremendous party for his 80th Birthday in the Tithe Barn at Yanworth attended by family, friends and representatives of many local

organisations reflecting his involvement in the area.

David's funeral will be held at 2pm on Friday 10th March at St Andrew's Church Chedworth.

Robert Young



David in his Alvis car



David with his precious dog Tara sitting in his garden which he created and loved



Here at St Andrew's we have continued to be extremely busy focusing on all the different areas of our curriculum. In particular we spent time exploring what is meant by Children's Mental Health Week as well as Safer Internet Day. We place real importance on giving children the knowledge and skills they need to lead fulfilling and safer lifestyles.

Children's Mental Health Week

This year's theme of 'Let's Connect', encourages children to make meaningful connections, recognising that we all thrive within a community and this is vital for wellbeing. When we have healthy connections with family, friends and teachers, this can support our mental health and sense of wellbeing.

Thunderbolt Class focused on practicing mindfulness with some meditation work. They then produced some really colourful artwork with mindfulness patterns and put some real thought into their butterflies and what they represented to them.

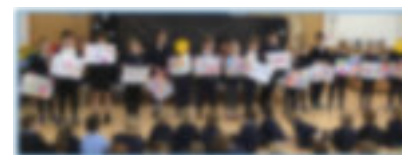
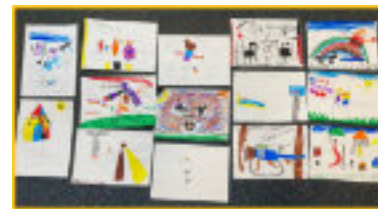
Goldfinch Class did some fantastic exploration of their OW'S and WOW'S with Mrs Karam. Here you can see some examples of some of their WOW'S—these are the things that they think of or do that make them feel happy. Spending time with family members or playing with friends in the playground featured high up on their lists.

Churchill Class considered how mindfulness may help them if they are feeling overwhelmed or upset about something discussing how Art can be used to practice mindfulness. With Miss Watkins, the children then had a go at *painting their breath*! They practised breathing deeply and drew the rhythm of their breath to create a pattern, which they then painted.

Godolphin Class decided it would be good to focus on things that could make them feel better when down or sad. They considered many different things they could do, such as: an enjoyable activity, speaking to a friend, family member or teacher, listening to music, reading, colouring or other forms of Art and dance.

They discussed how feeling connected can often make them feel less alone and then had a go at learning the dance for 'We're all in this together' from Disney's *High School Musical*!

Some images from Mental Health Week:-



The children of KS2 competed in a cross-country event at Far Peak on Wednesday morning. There were many valiant performances with some excellent results. The children were wonderfully behaved and represented the school in a way we can all be proud of. Congratulations to Aggie and Max who came 5th and 6th respectively which is an incredible result with attendees in their 100s. Aggie has qualified for the County finals so we wish her luck! A huge well done to

those children who, like many of us, do not find running to be their favourite sport but had a jolly good go!



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.

Mrs J Smith
Interim Headteacher

St. Andrew's C of E Primary & Preschool

We have been embracing the cold weather by freezing balloons filled with coloured water (not very full!) and creating 'Dinosaur Eggs' along with freezing small dinosaurs in bowls of water! The children have had a wonderful time using our tools to release the dinosaurs frozen within!



We recently enjoyed a walk to visit one of our children's Grandparents house, where the children were able to meet Hugo (the horse!) chickens and ducks; the children are looking forward to a future visit to see the arrival of Spring with chicks!

Spaces are now available! Please contact Sarah 07840 370220 or email: chedworthpreschool@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk to request further information!

Sarah Smith
Preschool Manager



In case you are new to the village, the Pop-up Cafe takes place every Monday morning at Chedworth Village Hall from 10am-1pm.

* From 1st March the Pop-up will be cash free..... all payments by card please.
As the cafe is run entirely by different teams of volunteers on a weekly basis, dealing with cash/floats/tills/bank deposits is just too complicated!

Bear with us!

Daphne Christine Abbley

An interment Service took place on Friday 30th September 2022 for Daphne Christine Abbley and her husband, Christopher Abbley at St Andrew's Church, Chedworth officiated by Canon Owen Barraclough.

Daphne was born in Chedworth on 23 June 1944 only child of Ida and Chris Robins. Her Grandparents were Victor and Delaretha Day who owned the village Bakery and where Daphne would eventually live. Her uncles, Dennis & Cecil were Master Bakers supplying bread delivered in hand held baskets door to door around the village.

The Days (& Lawrences) were old well established Chedworth families with history spanning over 200 years. Daphne's grandfather, Victor Day, was one of the founding members of Chedworth Silver Band. Her cousins Jenny, Alison, Heather and Valerie lived at The Seven Tuns run by their grandmother, Elsie Pinchin. Elsie was the sister of Daphne's father's mother Alice. Uncle Ralph Harvey ran a daily coach service to Cheltenham and Cirencester.

After attending the village school, Daphne continued her education at Westwoods Grammar School, Northleach together with her cousin Gill. She joined Chedworth Guides under the watchful eye of Barbara Trehwella and devoted time - with her friend, Tessa Keenan (the Station Master's daughter) to raising money for The Sunbeam Society - Enid Blyton's Sunshine Appeal to help blind children. Together they hosted plays at the

former Village Hall, the Stable Room and their own gardens.

Daphne was active in the Youth Club run by Shelagh and Richard Lovatt Turner from Amplett House but, following a car accident - at the age of 18yrs - Daphne spent a year in intensive care at the Stoke Mandeville Spinal Care Unit..

Daphne's formative years in the village with its rural isolation were idyllic and she was able to enjoy & roam the countryside - often collecting wild flowers to press including Rosebay Willow Herb, Harebells, Primroses, Anemones, Blue Geraniums, White Campion & many more. Daphne also helped her mother, Ida, in their village shop in Upper Chedworth.

On leaving school, Daphne took up a secretarial course at the North Gloucestershire Technical College in Cheltenham and went on to work for various solicitors in the town.

Eventually Daphne married at St Andrew's Church and left the village to live in Bishops Cleeve, the USA and eventually returning to Cleeve with her second husband, Chris, and where she kept up an active interest in Chedworth, its inhabitants and its history until her untimely death in November 2021. She leaves behind a daughter, Samantha.

Tessa Foster

Chedworth Parish Council

VOTER PHOTO ID NOW REQUIRED

On Thursday 4 May 2023, elections to Chedworth Parish Council and to Cotswold District Council are taking place. To vote at a polling station, you will need to bring photo ID. The most common forms of Photo ID:-

Passport
Driving licence (this includes a provisional driving licence)
Older Person's Bus Pass
Disabled Person's Bus Pass
If you don't have any of these you can apply to Electoral Services at Cotswold District Council (01285 623000) for either a Voter Authority Certificate enabling you to vote at a Polling Station without Photo I.D.
Or for a Postal Vote You don't need Photo I.D for a postal vote
The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for the elections

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To contact the Council, email the clerk, Elizabeth Broad (chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk), or call her on 720313, or get in touch with any of the councillors directly.

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

on 4 May 2023 is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023.

STANDING FOR ELECTION

On Tuesday 7 March 2023 the Electoral Commission is hosting a pre-election webinar for candidates and their agents taking part in elections in England on 4 May.

The webinar provides an opportunity to gain essential information on the nomination process and the spending and donation rules, including information on:

- Standing for election
- The nominations process
- When the spending rules apply
- How much you can spend
- Notional spending rules
- Who you can accept donations from
- What you need to report after the election

There will also be a chance to ask questions. If you have a specific question in advance, or topic you would like the Commission to speak about, please do get in touch before the event.

The webinar will take place virtually on Tuesday 7 March 2023 at 12pm – 1pm. To confirm attendance please email Stuart Butler on sbutler@electoralcommission.org.uk

If anyone is thinking of standing for Chedworth Parish Council at the 4th May election the nomination packs will be available from Electoral Services at Cotswold District Council 01285 623000. Candidates need a proposer and seconder and a witness for their signature.

If you are interested in Chedworth Parish Council you may find it useful to

attend the Parish Council meeting on the 13th of March.

For election to Cotswold District Council in addition to Proposer and Secunder ten assentors are also required. Electoral Services at Cotswold District Council 01285 623000. There will be an opportunity for prospective Cotswold District Council Candidates for the Chedworth and Churn Valley Ward to address the Chedworth electorate at the Parish Meeting on 20th March at Chedworth Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

GETTING CONNECTED

As more everyday activities are moving online, The generational divide means that some people are missing out and having a tough time with banking, shopping, managing bills, keeping in touch with friends and families and logging on to health and medical services. The good news is that the CDC Adult Education department is offering courses to bridge the digital generation gap

We now have the opportunity to set up a course of weekly sessions in Chedworth Village Hall. An outside tutor would be aided by a local organiser and volunteers. Modules would include use of apps and social media, security and fraud, shopping and banking online and handling photos and videos.

If you would like to join in, either as a participant or a volunteer, please contact Tony Kingsley: tonykingsley210@gmail.com. mob: 07525298742.

DARK SKIES

To promote the Parish Council's adoption of a Dark Skies and Tranquillity Policy, and while we still have long nights, we will be providing a monthly selection of fascinating night sky objects which can be seen from Chedworth. Each one can be seen with the naked eye or binoculars. Starting from March 1st, for a few days, Venus and Jupiter will be paired close. If you have a clear viewpoint to the western horizon they should be easy to spot being the brightest night sky objects around this time of year. But you need to be quick, they set early around 20:00.

During this time of year, the constellation Orion should be easy to spot looking generally to the south. Its signature three belt stars can easily be seen. If you go down from the middle belt star you will see another straight, though fainter set of stars known as Orion's sword. This includes in the middle, what looks like a fuzzy star which is the Orion Nebula. From Orion's belt cast your gaze upwards and you will see a bright reddish star. That is no star, it's the planet Mars which is still bright from its closest approach in December. A rule of thumb for spotting planets - stars twinkle, planets don't.

During March, Mars will be sitting on or near the Milky Way, a vast band of stars stretching across the sky. See if the Chedworth night sky allows you to spot it. Next, trace a line between Mars and Orion's belt. Halfway down, take a right and you will come across another reddish star, this time an actually a star - Aldebaran. This is the brightest star in the constellation Taurus. Finally, keep right at Aldebaran and you will see the seven sisters of the Pleiades star

Chedworth Parish Council

cluster. To the naked eye it looks like a blob of dense tiny stars. We hope that was fun! As light pollution continues to escalate in the UK, the pristine dark skies of Chedworth offer a rare and precious chance to marvel at our magnificent universe. More next month.

LITTER PICK

A date for your diary. The Parish Council has pencilled in the weekend of the Coronation from Saturday 6th to Monday 8th May for our annual litter pick

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 20th March at 7.30pm at Chedworth Village Hall. This is a meeting where any resident can have their say about anything relevant to Chedworth, as opposed to national or county wide issues. In addition to Chairman's report, charity reports etc on the formal agenda the Chairman has indicated he will allow prospective candidates in the May COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL elections a few minutes to introduce themselves and say a few words.

DEFIBRILLATOR

The Xbox defibrillator is back in action. Thanks to Juliet Stainforth who checks the Xbox regularly, we were informed of an electrical failure which involved blown bulbs and an inoperative cabinet heater. With no heat the pads deteriorate and have to be changed. A Councillor repaired the lights and reset the heater with some difficulty due to unusual tamperproof fixings and took the opportunity to replace the battery. The parts were not cheap at some £327 + VAT

NEW COUNCILLOR

Mr Andreas Cola
andreaszcola@gmail.com 07947 388687 joined the Parish Council at the recent budget meeting. Andreas kindly supplied the Dark Skies information above.

David Broad (Chairman)



FILKIN'S DRIFT

AIR ⁱⁿg
Arts in Rural
Gloucestershire

CE
Chedworth Entertainment Club



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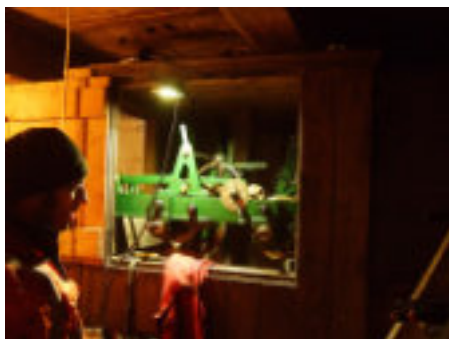
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Time Waits for no Man

The church clock is always going and keeps good time but perhaps few of us give a thought to how this happens. Twice a week, every week, Tim Hamilton takes a precarious journey up to the third floor of the tower to manually wind up the heavy weights (up to 52 turns for each) and adjust the pendulum. He has been doing this for the last six years, having taken over from Malcolm Brown assisted by Robert Young and before that Bryan Bowley for many years. Heroes all.

If you walked past the church at the beginning of last month you may have noticed a white van parked outside for several days. This marked the visit of Richard, an engineer from Smith of Derby, a long-established firm specialising in clock making and restoration who service our clock annually. He was there to convert the church clock to automatic winding and timekeeping.

Not only is the access to the clock room tricky and potentially dangerous, there are other hazards. The six bells are mounted overhead above the clock and on one occasion Tim discovered that one of the bell clappers (which could barely be lifted) had flown through the air and gouged a hole in the floor which is now covered by a plywood patch. Whether this happened through metal fatigue or exuberant bellringing we do not know, but clearly this was something to be avoided. At least it wasn't Tim who 'dropped a clanger'!



Our clock was installed in 1910 – a relatively late example as church clocks go but we can only guess as to what a wonderful antique mechanism it replaced. It was made by J B Joyce of Whitchurch in Shropshire who were founded in 1690. They went on to become a leading manufacturer and supplier of church and other specialist clocks throughout the world. They built the famous Eastgate clock in Chester which was erected in 1899 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and is said to be the most photographed clock in the world, after Big Ben.

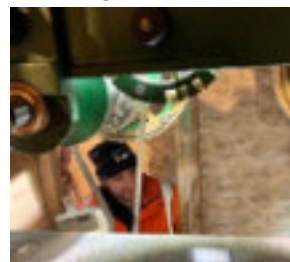
Smith of Derby who were founded in 1856 subsequently acquired various other prestigious clock-making firms including J B Joyce & Co in 1965. So the story of our clock has come full circle back into the caring hands of Mr Smith.

Those of you who have had dealings with an old grandfather clock will know that there are two weights delivering power to separate going and strike trains and a pendulum to control the escapement – the rate at which the

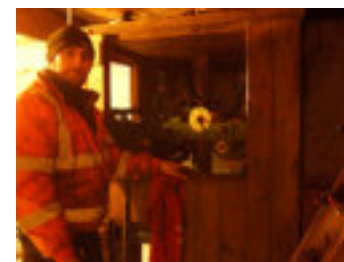
power is delivered into the going train. The weights descend to the floor, hence the long case.

The automatic winding is achieved by two small electric motors with a back-up battery delivering power to each train via a bicycle-type chain. Gearing means that these lighter motors can compensate for the original gravity drive, thus allowing the use of smaller weights and a shorter drop.

The timekeeping is achieved by installing an electro-magnet which can capture and stop the pendulum at the top of its swing. The clock is set to run



slightly fast such that when a wireless time signal is received the circuit is broken, the pendulum is released and gravity takes over once more. Much



more on this can be found on the Smith of Derby website.

The Church and clock are Grade 1 listed and several hurdles had to be overcome to allow all of this to happen. To satisfy Conservation requirements the installation is reversible. That is to say that everything is bolted on – no holes or similar have been drilled into the frame - half an hour with a spanner could revert the clock back to its original configuration.

The funding for this exercise came from the Greenwood Trust and I am sure you will join with the Parochial Church Council in thanking the Trustees for their generosity.

John Marsh



Photos of Richard of Smith of Derby installing the electrification equipment in February

As one of our Vice Presidents this year Sheila Bowley warmly welcomed well wrapped up members to our February meeting (back to the freezing temperatures but thankfully no snow!).

Members were reminded of our Nearly New Sale on Saturday 25th March with a drop off starting at 9.00am and the doors opening at 11.00am. Stalls to include clothes, bric-a-brac, books, and toys. Members were asked to think about providing cakes for refreshments at the Nearly New Sale.

They were also asked to sign up if they were interested in an outing to Sezincote in September this year rather than August to see if more members would be free to take part – but other ideas are welcome too.

A vote was taken on which resolution from a short list of four will be put forward at the National Federation of WIs in Cardiff on the 25th May this year. The resolutions this year were

‘Save our water – every drop counts’ designed to encourage people and water companies to save water.

‘Women to women – Turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers’ who often live in dire conditions and work for well below the poverty line wages.

‘Online gambling harm – Time for action’ and **‘Clean rivers for people and wildlife’**.

Whichever resolution makes it through to the annual meeting will inspire a

national campaign for the next few years. Our members’ votes will be sent on to County headquarters and then the votes from across the county will be sent to National headquarters - democracy in process.

A garden visit to the Rococo gardens in Painswick to view the beautiful snowdrops at 2.00pm on the 22nd February has been arranged by three members; anyone else is most welcome to join them.

Our very own Jo Todd then stepped into the breach (as our expected speaker had had to move their talk to March) and gave us a most fascinating and instructive talk on ‘Neurodiversity’.

This is an umbrella term now used to cover developmental differences in children’s brains which can lead to such conditions as Autism, Attention Deficit Disorder, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, and many others.

Jo explained and illustrated all these conditions, how they start from the earliest days of conception and babyhood and how different they all are. She then went on to consider what can be done to help people with these conditions, by understanding the conditions and applying this understanding to their workplaces and work colleagues. If the right help and support can be in place, then the workplace can be a safe and welcoming place for all. Most importantly what Jo managed to put across in her talk was that we are all so different and that we should all appreciate everyone for their unique

and wonderful talents and insights into our world.

Jo has worked in this area for many years, ending up at GCHQ and has helped so many people in so many ways. We were very fortunate to be able to hear her talk about her experiences and to share some of her insights.

After that excellent work out for our brains we were treated to a delicious tea and happy chat!

Our next meeting will be on the 8th March, at the village hall at 7.15pm, and the talk will be the postponed talk scheduled for February, on the early life of Charlie Chaplin.

Emma Isaac

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**Saturday 25th March
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11am - 2pm

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GO!

A teenager was always asking his father if he could borrow the family car. Pushed to the limit, the father asked his son why he thought that God had given him two feet. Without hesitation, the son replied, "That's easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator."

Chedworth Gardening Club Trophy Recall

Chedworth Gardening Club Trophy Recall.

Please could all recipients of Trophies awarded in the 2021 Chedworth Horticultural Show ensure you have engraved your name on the trophy if you wish, and clean and return them no later than June 1st of this year. This is to ensure we have them all present and correct ready to award to the Winners of our show, that is to be held on the 24th June 2023. Could all trophies be returned to me at

York House,
Lower Chedworth,
Cheltenham,
GL54 4AN

Any problems please contact me on
jrabbit_24@hotmail.co.uk

Many thanks to all

Jessica Hope
(Chedworth Gardening Club Show Secretary)



It's Spring again ...

And time for our annual Chedworth Church spring clean.

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

Saturday 1st April starting at 10:00am

Coffee, Tea and Biscuits provided.

Bring your own energy and tools.



Time to Get Walking Again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Gloucestershire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/glos> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more.

Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said "There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Gloucestershire (part of the Walking in

England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.



With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

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How to boost your State Pension and access the Household Support Fund in the Cotswolds

Do you know someone on a state pension who struggles to make ends meet? Or perhaps a couple? What if they could get a boost to their income? Too good to be true? A lot of other state pensioners certainly think so: a third of those who are eligible miss out. That's a million older people scrimping and saving and going cold when they don't need to.

This pension boost is called 'Pension Credit'. It not only provides extra pension income: **it can also cover or reduce a host of other costs – rent, mortgage payments, council tax, energy and utilities, TV licence, dentists and opticians and more.** Overall, the effects really can be transformative to pensioners who are struggling.

How to qualify? State pensioner households may be eligible if income is less than £182.60 per week for single people and £278.80 for couples. Pensioner households with higher income may be eligible in some circumstances – for instance if there is a carer in the household or a disability.

So, have a think: do you know someone who may qualify? If in doubt, search for Pension Credit online, ring the Pension Helpline - **0800 99 1234** (8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday), or get in touch with us at Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswolds, **0800 800 0510** (10-4 Monday to Friday, 10-1 Friday) where we can check you are claiming all the benefits you are entitled to. Don't hesitate – Pension Credit can make a big difference.

Pension Credit may also help you to access the **Household Support Fund** for help with food, energy costs and wider essentials such as warm clothes, bedding, boiler repairs and the purchase of white goods. Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts currently have funding from Cotswold District Council to help pensioners on Pension Credit or who are on a low income and struggling to make ends meet. Please do contact us if you are interested in accessing the fund.

Present

For their elderly vicar's 70th birthday, the congregation at St Mary's decided to give him a present of a new suit. The vicar was so moved by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and began his homily with a tear in his eye, "Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit."

Garden Visits 2023

Why not become a member and join our wonderful garden visits? For details of how to become a member, or how to renew your subscription, please contact Josie Hutson at hutson77@btinternet.com.

The visits are open to members only.

Wednesday 3 May 2023 - afternoon visit to a Club Member's beautiful garden at Brillscote House, Lea, near Malmesbury. This is a garden with an emphasis on wildlife and sustainability. It was created from a sheep field in 2005, when the house was built. There should be a good display of bulbs and blossom at this time of year. The visit will be followed by tea and cakes in the garden.

Wednesday 31 May 2023 – afternoon visit to Frampton Court Manor, Frampton on Severn. Frampton Court has a mid-18th century water garden, with 19th- and 20th-century gardens near the house. The gardens cover

around two hectares within the wider parkland of around 25 hectares.

Friday 28 July 2023 – evening visit to Stanley Hill Flowers, a flower farm near Winchcombe, run by Gill Badger. Gill will show us her lovely garden and flower farm and explain to us how she grows her flowers using organic principles.

Wednesday 30th August 2023 – afternoon visit to Moreton Hall Gardens near Alcester. Morton Hall rests on the crest of a steep embankment and looks out west over the Vale of Evesham. Seven acres of garden and park designed by the landscape architect Charles Chesshire, combine historic and new features in a highly aesthetic fashion providing the backdrop for a collection of nearly a thousand plant varieties.

Each visit includes refreshments. All visits are £15.75 per person.

For further information or help please contact

Richard Abraham at richardabraham2@gmail.com



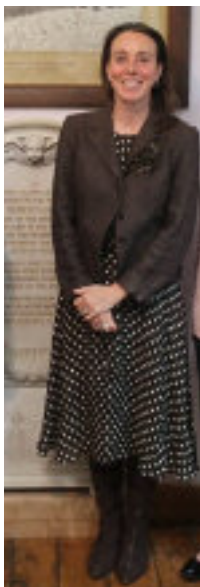
RBL Talk - The Snow Widows

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'THE SNOW WIDOWS'

TALK BY KATHERINE MACINNESS



Katherine MacInness has accepted the invitation from Chedworth RBL to tell the fascinating story of the Snow Widows: The untold history of Scott's fatal Antarctic Expedition through the eyes of the women they left behind. The men of Captain Scott's Polar Party were heroes of their age, enduring tremendous hardships to further the reputation of the Empire they served by reaching the South Pole. But they were also husbands, fathers, sons and brothers.

Her book 'The Snow Widows' will be available to purchase on the night.

*Simon Colbeck
Hon Sec
Chedworth RBL*

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Chedworth Environment Group

Extraordinary Meeting of Chedworth Environment Group:

To discuss whether there is any future for the Group, and if not, to consider appropriate disposal of any funds still held by the Group. Any costed proposals for fund use, up to £700,

from Village Groups or institutions, may be considered.

Monday 6th March at 7.30pm in the Fossebridge Inn

Any queries please Contact:

Rebecca Francis
at rebeccafrancis@hotmail.com

Magic Show and Children's Tea Party

Magic Show and Children's Tea party on Saturday 11th February

There was an excellent attendance at St Andrew's School hall for this event organised by the Friends of St Andrew's Church. The magician, Colin Dymond early on established a very good rapport with the many young children present (and the adults!) and gave a very entertaining and amusing performance. He made full use of his enterprising glove puppets, especially Nigel the misbehaving dragon.

The FoStA committee provided a delicious tea during the interval.

Thank you to the Chedworth Parish Council for sponsoring the event and to St Andrew's School for the use of the school hall. The next FoStA event will be the Village Band/Whisky Chasers Evening and Family Picnic at Chedworth Playing Field at 7pm on Saturday 1st July 2023.

Robert Young



“Emma and I are very excited to have the chance to work with George in the beautiful setting of Northleach church. Emma is now at drama college working

towards her chosen career as an actor. After her energetic and moving portrayal as Liesl in the Sound of music, the part of Rita gives her the opportunity to show the full range of her talents “said Ross Aldridge

Ross is the owner of Bonzo productions and has previously played Fagin and Doolittle on the Bristol stage as well as many straight acting parts including Shylock in the Merchant of Venice and Bernard in Alan Ayckbourns Seasons Greetings for which he was nominated for best actor at the Rosebowl awards.



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Your Gardening Tips for March



The cold settled weather at the end of February could change rapidly but there are genuine signs that spring is on us and soon the daffodils and crocuses will be showing us their true colours.

- Clear up weedy beds before mulching.
- Top up outside pots with fresh compost or replace completely, adding a thin covering of grit to deter slugs.
- Start Sweetcorn inside or in warm greenhouse as it needs a long growing season. For the discerning growers the sweet tasting varieties that have won awards are Mirai 003 (early), Sparrow (mid), Seville (mid), Swift (early) and Northern Xtra Sweet (very early)
- Germinate tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and aubergines in heated propagators if possible or indoors.
- Prune to the ground autumn fruiting raspberry canes if not already done.
- Prune gooseberries by removing dead wood then spur prune all side shoots back to one to three buds from the base. Shorten branch tips by one quarter.
- If your rhubarb sends up flower stalks, remove them so the plant will focus on foliage production,

not seed production, and it will still benefit from a dose of manure.

- Most vegetables need full sun to perform well. If you have some shade, try growing cool season crops such as lettuce, spinach, radishes and cabbages.
- Plant shallots, onions and early potatoes, if the ground is not too soggy. Start brassicas and lettuces off in-doors.
- Think about protecting your leeks and brassicas from flea beetle and leaf allium mining fly infestations by purchasing the Ultra Fine Veggiemesh Netting from 'Gardening-Naturally' and other similar outlets. The netting needs to be in place soon as the young plants are in the ground and must certainly be protecting the plants in March/ April and August - October.
- Start canna rhizomes into growth in 20cm pots of multipurpose compost and water lightly in a warm place.
- Plant summer flowering bulbs, sow sweet peas outside, and protect all new shoots from slugs. If the weather warms up remove protective fleece and straw to avoid damage to new shoots.
- Sow hardy annuals such as poppies
- Lift and divide overgrown lumps of perennials. Divide hostas before they come into leaf.
- Prune back Cornus (Dogwood) and Salix (Willow) to two buds above ground level, and mulch to get a good showing of winter stems. Prune fruit trees
- Insects cannot stand plants such as garlic, onions, chives and chrysanthemums. Grow these

companion plants around the garden to help repel unfriendly insects.

- Prune winter flowering Jasmine, once flowers have faded, then feed and mulch.
- Feed roses as they come into growth. This the best month for planting roses in heavy soils or cold areas. Prune bush and climbing roses.
- Remember to put in place any supports needed for tall border plants now to allow the plants to grow through them.

- Feed shrubs, hedges and especially newly planted trees with a balanced fertilizer such as Growmore or Blood Fish & Bone.
- This is a good month to start layering bushes such as Philadelphus (Mock Orange), Forsythia, Cotinus (Smoke bush) and Lonicera. Buried stems should have taken root by next spring.
- The last day for ordering compost for 11 March collection is 3 March!

Simon Colbeck

Chairman Chedworth Gardening Club

Chedworth Gardening Club Compost Day

**Compost Day at The Village Hall
Saturday 11 March**



75 Litre Mushroom Compost Bags will be available for collection at the Village Hall between 10.00am and 12.00 noon 11 March. The price of each bag is £6.00 for members and £8.00 for non-members.

Please email Josie Hutson at hutson77@btinternet.com with your order and method of payment as soon as possible to ensure delivery. If paying by BACS Reference your order 'Compost' and Your Name to Sort Code: 30-92-06, Account: 00054788. You can pay by cash on the day. Cheques payable to 'Chedworth & District HORTSOC' (Note not Gardening Club)

Last day to put your order in is Friday 3 March to enable us to get the right number of bags to the hall for you.



www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC

CLUB NEWS

We start the new membership year on 1st March and we have a wide range of tennis activities on offer with something to suit all abilities, age groups and tennis preferences. We offer opportunities for competitive tennis with Gloucestershire LTA county leagues, winter mixed doubles and our own club ladder and tournaments. The committee prioritises supporting a strong social element where everyone has an enjoyable, inclusive experience when you come to the club. We wish to create an environment where all ages and abilities can meet to make new friendships and find players of a similar standard. Please do come along to meet others and enjoy some tennis! You are welcome to try up to three club sessions before joining.

Do get in touch for a chat and discuss how we can support your ambitions for the 2023 season at hillandvalleytc@gmail.com

Robert Baker, Chair

WHAT'S COMING UP

OPEN MORNING

Saturday, March 11th 10am-12pm

For all ages and abilities, members, non members, friends and family
Please come and join us for coffee, croissants and an optional game or two. Whether you want to start, come back to tennis, improve your game, compete or just play socially we have something for everyone!

Please let us know you are coming, use QR code or follow the link below.

We look forward to seeing you!

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TOM WYMAN ADULT COACHING CLINIC Saturday March 18th

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

Sessions for all abilities

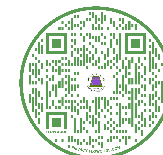
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EASTER CAMPS April 4th 6th 11th 13th

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Tuesdays & Thursdays

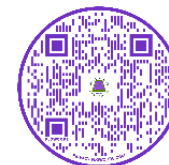
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Full day £40 (9.30-4, bring a packed lunch)

TEENS ages 13-18yrs

Tuesdays 4-6pm £20



FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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April 15th Dunlop Demo Day

May 14th LTA Big Tennis Weekend

June 10th Coln Valley Tournament

July 1st John Robson American Doubles Tournament

Sept 23rd Allison Stock Day



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Chedworth Cricket Club



NEW ERA UNDERWAY FOR CHEDWORTH CC

Hello

My name is James Binns, Chairman of Chedworth Cricket Club. Following our recent AGM, I just wanted to give you a short update on life at your local cricket club.

Despite being at the heart of village life since 1888, sadly the club's very existence has recently come under threat.

With dwindling player numbers and a loss of connection with the village, we have decided to take drastic steps to revitalise and reinvigorate the club.

We recently relinquished our league cricket status with the aim of creating a more accessible and welcoming environment for cricketers of all ages, abilities and genders.

We will be running introductory winter nets alongside a carefully selected summer fixture list designed to bring a fun, friendly and family-focussed feel back to the club. Something we're all very excited to be part of.

Keep your eyes peeled over the coming months for more updates on how you can get involved as a player, spectator or supporter of your local club.

Hopefully see you there!

James Binns



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Chedworth Village Hall

Chedworth Village Hall successfully launched a monthly Produce Market in December 2022. Since then, we have held two further markets in January and February. This is planned to become a regular feature at the Hall to be held every third Saturday of the month going forward.



Over the course of the first three markets we have been joined by a range of local food and drink producers. Chedworth based businesses have included; cheeses from Kingstone Dairy and Jason Hinds, ice cream from Calf Yard, pies and smoked salmon from the Seven Tuns, yoghurt from Woodlands Farm, bulbs and seasonal decorations from Pancake Hill Flowers and oysters from Fosse Oysters. Other local food and drink producers have added to the range of items available; eggs from



Cacklebean Eggs, bread from Sourdough Revolution, cider and apple juice from Bushel and Peck, fresh vegetables from Cotswold Market Garden, biltong and beef from The Sandy Hill Mob and charcuterie from Salt Pig Curing Company. On each occasion the market stalls were



complimented by the ever-popular Chedworth Pop Up Café, who offer warm drinks, tasty cakes and snacks and a welcome space to meet friends.

Thank you to everyone who turned up to support the first three markets; shoppers, vendors and the Pop-Up Café volunteers alike. Everyone helped to make each market a success. I would also like to give a special thank you to Jason Hinds who has given so much of his time to get this project off the ground. His advice and expertise continues to be invaluable as we build the list of producers and profile of the market. In addition, Fiona Hutton-Potts has been a massive support with ideas and practical matters such as printing.



Going forward the Produce Market scheduled dates for the monthly market are as follows:

Saturday March 18th March - note this is before Mother's Day so stock up!
 Saturday April 15th April
 Saturday 20th May
 Saturday 17th June
 Saturday 15th July
 Saturday 19th August
 Saturday 16th September
 Saturday 21st October
 Saturday 18th November
 Saturday 16th December



Each month we will be joined by our regular producers as well as, we hope, new producers joining the selection to offer a broader range of food and drink as the market develops. Keep a look out on Facebook and Nextdoor for monthly updates on the range of produce on offer at each market.



Over the course of the last few months the Village Hall Committee have also been busy ensuring the hall facilities are regularly maintained. New front doors and locks have been installed to offer additional security and ease of access whilst improving the thermal efficiency

of the entrance. Unfortunately, there were a few teething issues which have now been resolved. We apologise for any inconvenience caused whilst we addressed these.

The ongoing maintenance of the hall is one of our top priorities to ensure we continue to offer the best facilities to all hirers and users of the hall. We are keen to hear from any local trades who might be able to support our existing teams in areas such as decorating and outside maintenance. In particular at the moment, we would love to hear from any electricians who can volunteer their time to help with a few identified fixes. If you do feel you might be able to volunteer some time please contact Charles Hutton-Potts, Chairman of CVH at charles.hp64@gmail.com

I would like to particularly thank two Hall supporters; Mike Dentith for decorating and freshening up areas showing signs of use and David Peake for leading the outside maintenance group and his constant vigilance over the Hall including litter picking.

The hall continues to be a valuable community resource available to hire for a range of uses from regular meetings to large catered events. For hiring information see the Hall's website.

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*Charles Hutton-Potts
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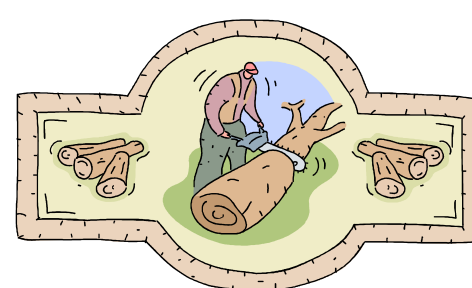
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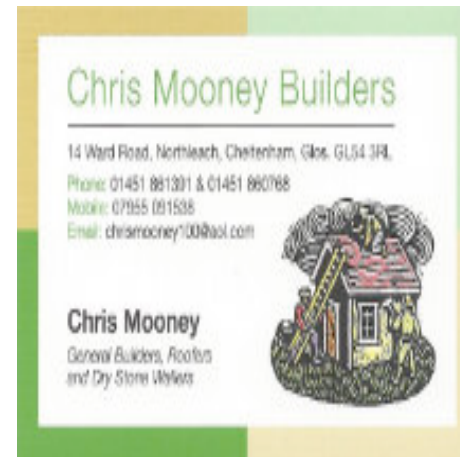
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