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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition



Helen's Letter

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (John 14:1-3)

I wonder how many of you can say they have witnessed a "Historical Event" that will be remembered for the rest of your life.

In 2022 we all probably celebrated one way or another our late Queen's 70th reign on the throne. I would imagine there are not many who can say they were there to see her coronation back in 1953, and of course were all about to witness another historical event of "His Majesty Charles the Third" coronation this May.

There was also many historical events that were witnessed during the life of Jesus, The five major milestones in the New Testament narrative are his Baptism, Transfiguration, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension.

May 18th is the fortieth day after Easter which means it is Ascension Day. We do not normally celebrate Ascension Day as a church, but it is the day which marks the ascension of Christ into heaven.

It's been five weeks since we celebrated Easter, and a lot has happened since then, during that same period of time, Jesus was still here on the earth following his resurrection. For forty days he continued to appear to his

disciples, showing them he was alive and teaching them about the kingdom of God. It wasn't until the fortieth day— that Jesus finally ascended into heaven.

Before his death Jesus set his sights on Jerusalem and the cross. But now that he had risen, he set his sights on heaven and his great reunion with his Father.

The empty cross tells us Jesus died. The empty tomb tells us he has risen. And the empty earth tells us he has ascended to heaven. The first reason why the ascension matters is that Jesus returned to the Father. He came from the Father and entered the world. He left the world and returned to his Father.

And what an amazing sight it would have been to see Jesus take his place on the throne. When we have royal coronations here on earth, we have great celebrations that go along with them, but nothing compares to the spectacle of Jesus taking his place on the throne of heaven, and yet so few saw it happen.

When Jesus left earth to return to the Father, he did not leave us permanently. He promised he would return to us. It doesn't make sense that Jesus would go and prepare a place for you if he wasn't planning on coming back to us as well.

We may not talk about the ascension as much as we do about the cross or the resurrection. But it is still a vital part of our Christian faith. Amen

Helen Oldham

Church Briefing

Hill and Valley Benefice

Services for May

Everyone Welcome

Sunday 7th May 5th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

10-30am Chedworth

Special Service in Celebration of the Coronation

Sunday 14th May 6th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

10-30am Coln Rogers

Sunday 21st May 7th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion Service

10-30am Coln St Denys

Sunday 28th May Whit Sunday

Holy Communion

10-30am Yanworth

Sunday 4th June Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion

10-30am Coln St Denys



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

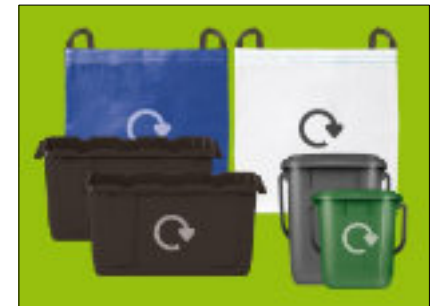
Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
03-May		Chedworth Gardening Club Member's Visit to Brillscote House, Lea, near Malmesbury	
06-May	10:00	Live Broadcast of Conation of Charles III	Chedworth Village Hall
10-May	19:15	WI Meeting - Resolutions	Chedworth Village Hall
12-May	19:30	Back Row Club - Operation Mincemeat	Chedworth Village Hall
13-May	19:30	The Hill & Valley Singers Concert	Cirencester Baptist Church
14-May	10:00	Tennis Open Day	Hill & Valley Tennis Club
15-May	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
17-May	18:00	RBL Talk - Snow Widows by Katherine Macinness	Chedworth Village Hall
20-May	09:00	Village Hall Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
2-May	19:00	NT Live - Best of Enemies	Chedworth Village Hall
31-May		Chedworth Gardening Club Member's Visit to Frampton Court Manor	
10-June		Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament	Tennis Club in Chedworth
14-June		WI Meeting - Garden Party	
17-June	09:00	Village Hall Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
19-June	19:30	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
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
15-July		Village Hall Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
21-July	19:30	Concert: Swing from Paris	Chedworth Village Hall
28-July		Chedworth Gardening Club Member's Visit to Stanley Hill Flowers near Winchcombe	
09-Aug	19:30	WI Meeting - Carol's Garden Party	
14-Aug	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
19-Aug	09:00	Village Hall Produce Market	
30-Aug		Chedworth Gardening Club Member's Visit to Moreton Hall Gardens nr Alcester	
08-Sept		Chedworth Charity Golf Day	Monmouth
11-Sept	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Sept		WI Outing	

Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

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



Chedworth Area, Fossebridge, Yanworth

Tuesday	2	May
Tuesday	16	May
Tuesday	30	May
Tuesday	13	June
Tuesday	27	June

Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Friday	12	May
Friday	26	May
Friday	9	June
Friday	23	June
Friday	7	July

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at

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St. Andrew's C of E Primary & Preschool



With the arrival of the summer term we are hopeful that the April showers (or should that be deluge's??!!) are now behind us and we can look forward to enjoying our fabulous garden space!?! The children have been busy planting sunflower seed's and we shall see who can grow the tallest flower – I think that there may be a prize for the shortest too!

We shall be receiving a visit from our local PCSO Susan Fellows; the children so enjoy playing with our small world police cars and police station within the Playmobil (one of our most popularly requested resources!!!) and so to have the opportunity to look at a real police car will prove an exciting afternoon! Within this visit, we will be incorporating road safety as a reminder for our families and children – as we actively encourage all of our families to park & stride to school from the village hall, due to the narrow village roads and lack of parking spaces.

And of course we shall indeed be celebrating the King's Coronation with a tea party, along with each child creating a crown fit for King Charles to be entered in this year's Horticultural Show!

We have limited spaces available for children aged from 2 years – we accept all Nursery Education Funding for 2, 3 and 4 year olds along with Tax Free Childcare Scheme – please do call 07840 370220 to book an appointment!

Sarah Smith (Preschool Manager)

The Chedworth Pop-Up Cafe
will be open as usual
every Monday (inc Bank Hols)
throughout May.

On Monday the 8th of May



our happy band of volunteers
will be hosting the

CORONATION CAFE

Serving ice creams, bubbly drinks
and a very Royal Cake!

Come and drink a celebratory toast

We know King Charles is keen to encourage
volunteering so any children out there
aged 10 or over who would like to help
run the cafe - we'd love to see you

and there'll be an ice cream waiting for you!

Chedworth Parish Council

COUNCILLOR'S May 2023 ON

Chedworth Parish Council has one vacancy following the nomination process for the 2023 election as only six persons were nominated for the seven seats and so have been elected unopposed. One further person will have to be co-opted to fill the vacancy.

The six councillors are.

David Broad, Phone 01285 720313
George Broad, Phone 07895 177961
Andreas Cola, Phone 07947 388687
Mike Dentith, Phone 07970 900373
Tony Kingsley, Phone 01285 720743
Alan McLellan, Phone 01285 720642

TRUSTEES

There are a couple of charity trustees coming to the end of their terms in May, if anyone is interested, please contact Elizabeth on clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk

Councillors

David Broad (Chairman)	01285 720313
George Broad	01285 720313
Tony Kingsley	01285 720743
Alan McLellan	01285 720642
Mike Dentith	07970 900373
Andrea Cola	07974 388687

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

FLOODS

The Parish Council has been involved in discussions with landowners and County and District Councils regarding the flooding which blocked the 7 Tuns to Church path with a landslide and flooded properties down Tuns Hill in early April. The action was instigated at the March meeting even before the latest event, but the latest floods were felt to be the worst in living memory and the solution is far from obvious. That County Council deals with Highways flooding and District Council with private land, yet private owners are responsible for their water courses, makes effective decision making and even getting everyone together to discuss rather challenging. A public meeting for interested parties is one possible way forward.

CORONATION WEEKEND

The Parish Council is paying to hire the Village Hall for a live screening of the Coronation procession and service on the Hall's Big Screen from 10am until 2pm on Saturday 6th of May. Refreshments will be available and a bar if there is sufficient demand.

MUGS

The Commemorative Mugs celebrating the Coronation have arrived and will be given to pupils of St Andrews School and Pre School with some also available for other residents. How they are distributed, cost, when and all other details will not be decided until the April Parish Council meeting several days after the deadline for the H&V. Council is also making funds available for the construction of a commemorative wooden bench to be

constructed by a local craftsman to mark the occasion, and for a commemorative tree for the land next to the Playing Field.

LITTER PICK

On the Bank Holiday Monday the 8th May there is a Community Litter Pick starting at the POP Up Cafe at the Village Hall at 10am. Alan McLellan is organising the exercise and it would be helpful if volunteers who would like to be involved could let Alan know by phone, 720642, or email alan.mclellan1@btinternet.com and also if possible to include which 'bit' of the parish they would like to cover.

DARK SKIES

To promote our Dark Skies and Tranquillity Policy we bring you May's guide to the night sky around Chedworth. This month, the constellation Scorpius will dominate the sky in the southeast. Its distinct curved tail and red giant star, Antares, will be visible in the early evenings through-out May. The Eta Aquarid meteor shower will peak on the nights of May 4th and 5th, which is caused by debris

from Halley's Comet. It should be visible in the eastern sky for those willing to brave the early hours before sunrise. 30 meteors per hour are possible with clear skies.

16th May will present us with a total lunar eclipse, when the full moon moves into the Earth's shadow. Only red light, unaffected by Earth's atmosphere will reach the Moon at this time, causing it to turn a spooky shade of red. Sometimes referred to as a Blood Moon.

With the increasingly shorter nights we will be pausing our guides for the summer. We hope that the last few months of exploring the Chedworth dark skies have left you feeling inspired and filled with wonder. We will be back in Autumn.

David Broad



Found in church pew-sheets....

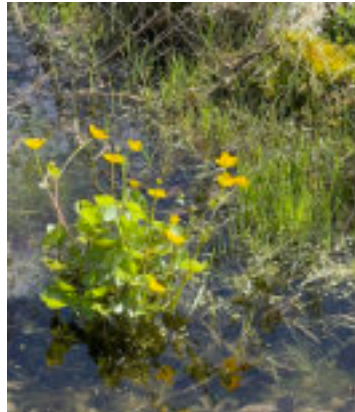
The youth group will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church hall this Friday at 7pm. The congregation is warmly invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.

Fire

There was a fire at the main Inland Revenue office in London, but it was put out before any serious good was done. - Ronnie Corbett

Spring is Here!



Marsh Marigolds in flower.
Spring is here!

Mob-grazing. Chittlegrove and Manor Farm both practise mob-grazing. The cattle are moved each day to a relatively small enclosure which they quickly eat out. They benefit from fresh grazing and the land is tilled. A virtuous circle. In the foreground is yesterday's area. Beyond is today's. Unusually, the feed has been so abundant that many of the cows are satiated and lie down to chew the cud.

Mark Aveline



Floods in
Chedworth
April 1st & 2nd.

No April
Fool!

Photos by

*David Broad &
Julie Young*

We made it to a meeting – albeit windswept and wet! At least the torrent of water had stopped rushing down Tuns Hill and flooding gardens and houses at the bottom. We were all delighted to hear that the ‘Nearly New Sale’ had been a great success and well worth everyone’s hard work, a very heartfelt thank you was said to all members who helped by Sylvia Colbeck (President) who was chairing the meeting.

A date for the annual outing has been fixed for Wednesday 13th September to Sezincote. Fingers crossed for good weather.

It proved to be one of those evening of IT glitches which were overcome by human ingenuity! The village hall microphone did not seem to want to co-operate so voice projection and positioning of those of us hard of hearing so that we could see whoever was speaking helped. Then it was the turn of our speaker Lynne Rixon, who was speaking about her amazing life. Unfortunately, her computer wouldn’t talk to the hall projector, so a member whizzed home for her computer and projector; and with one extra phone call and some compromising on slide views we were shown that for Lynne a little IT problem was nothing!

Having been married at twenty, three boys arriving before twenty-five and a variety of careers as a wife then following divorce, a single mother juggling children, home and work as a dog trainer, florist specialising in dried flowers not to mention more mundane office jobs. However, it was the acceptance of a surprise suggestion from her ex-husband to join him in a

venture to take on a farm in stunningly beautiful but extremely remote mid Wales (remote meaning that the nearest neighbour was four miles away by road!) that would have most of us running in the opposite direction, that led her on to animal husbandry, spinning, felting, gardening, and hospitality catering for guests in converted barns around the farm.

After an exhilarating but exhausting seven years in Wales Lynne suffered from heart failure, one major heart attack, two strokes and a very serious riding accident. Lynne and her (by now married once again) husband to ‘retire’ to Stow on the Wold. Most of us would have then settled back and relaxed – not Lynne. She felt that Stow WI should be reformed, so she did it! And finally, despite her strokes having left her with problems with finding words in her daily speaking she decided that she should take up writing. Now she has one published novel, ‘Survival’ written under her pseudonym of Ellen May Hynes, one just going into print and the third one just written! One amazing woman – we were all left slightly breathless in admiration and enjoyment of her life.

Fortunately, delicious tea and chat revived us!

Our next meeting in May will be our resolutions meeting – always a fascinating insight into the debate points for discussion and what will be presented at the Annual meeting of the NFWI. This year this will be in Cardiff and our representative will be Helen Taylor. Many thanks to her for keeping us in contact with the national movement.

Anyone who would like to come and hear about that, see our scrapbooks for the 1970’s, 80’s, 90’s and into the 2000’s and join us for tea and chat is very

welcome. 7.15pm Wednesday 10th May at Chedworth Village Hall.

Emma Isaac

Chedworth Church Spring Clean

Chedworth Church Spring Clean Saturday 1st April

A hardy band of volunteers braved the initial rain and road floods for the annual Church Spring Clean. Good progress was made with a thorough clean and tidy of the church interior. Outside, the weather relented and the paths were edged, suckers and brambles cut out, the compost bins

welcome coffee/tea and shortbread at half time.

Do make a note in your diary for the 2024 Church Spring Clean which will be on Saturday morning March 24th, the day before Palm Sunday. All are welcome!

Robert Young



tidied etc. Sue Callard provided very

Life abundant

Two students from a theological training college decided to spend part of their holiday in the countryside doing outreach. They stopped at an old farm house and proceeded up the path through a group of screaming children and a washing line heavy with wet clothes. When they got near the door, the woman of the house stopped scrubbing the steps, brushed her hair and perspiration from her brow, and asked them what they wanted. “We’d like to tell you how you can live forever,” they answered.

The exhausted woman hesitated for a moment, and then replied, “Thank you, but I don’t think I could stand it!”

Palm Sunday & Lent Lunches

On Palm Sunday our Benefice service was held at Coln St Denys Church. Breakfast was enjoyed beforehand at Anchor Cottage, after which everyone processed down to Church where the Rev'd Roger Scoones led us in a lovely Service.

During Lent five lunches were held to raise money for Sign Post Charity for the homeless in Cirencester. A cheque was handed over for £550 which was very gratefully received. many thanks to those who hosted, and to all who supported this worthwhile cause.

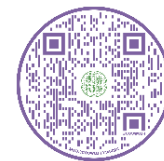
Neil
Churchwarden



OPEN DAY

Sunday, May 14th

10am-4pm



A Tennis Celebration with **FREE COACHING & GAMES**

For Members and Non Members

**Membership & Coaching Offers • Raffle • BBQ & Refreshments
Fun Activities • Ball Machine • Free Play • Prizes**

All Levels Welcome

Sessions for Adults, Children & Families

Whether you want to start, come back to tennis, improve your game, compete or just play socially we have something for everyone!

Please book in, you can choose the sessions
or decide on the day

We look forward to seeing you!

Hill & Valley Tennis Club, Chedworth, GL54 4NE

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Thank You To . . .

THANK YOU TO

The Chedworth Brass band for the music during our Good Friday walk.
Simon Colbeck for having the task of carrying the cross.
To all who joined us on the walk, and for the refreshments provided which was greatly received on such a beautiful day.

Thank you to all who used their talent to make St Andrews church look lovely with arrangements of flowers on Easter Sunday. It was good to see the service well attended.

Helen Oldham



Photos by Myra Bye, David Broad & Julie Young

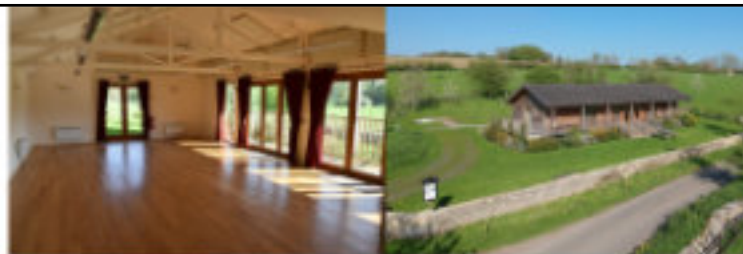
Chedworth Gardening Club Open Evening



*chedworth village hall
Friday 19 may
7.00-10.00pm*

The Chedworth Gardening Club committee will be holding an open evening for all interested parties as well as club members to come and provide ideas and discuss what future activities, and events, social and 'educational' they would like the club to provide. Drinks and nibbles will be available to help with the 'process'. Come and give us your ideas!

*SIMON COLBECK
Chairman*



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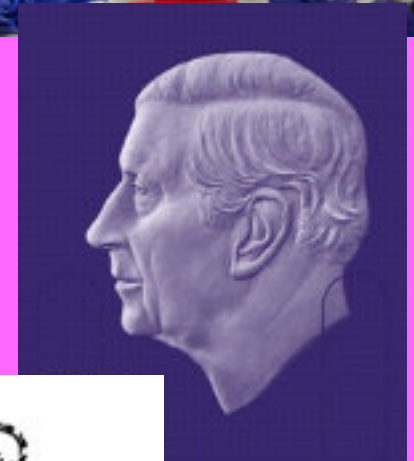
SATURDAY 6th May 2023
The Coronation of King
Charles III

Come along to the
Chedworth Village Hall
to see the live broadcast
of
the Coronation
on the BIG Screen

Free Entry + Free Tea/
Coffee + Free biscuits

Bring your own
sandwiches / lunch

OPEN
FROM 10.00am



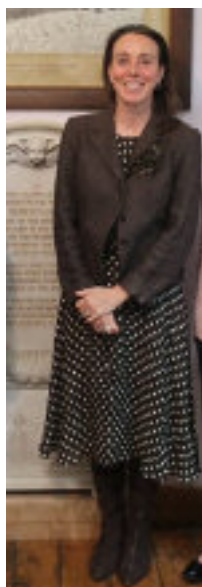
RBL Talk - The Snow Widows

WEDNESDAY 17 May 2023

CHEDWORTH VILLAGE HALL

‘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*

Mark

When the late Dean of York was asked why he called his stumpy-tailed fox terrier ‘Mark’, he explained: “The New Testament contains the life-stories of our Lord by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Mark’s is the shortest tale!”

Marrie

How many women can one man marry? A little boy who attended his first wedding worked that one out pretty quick: the answer is 16. It is easy, if you think about it. Four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer. Comes to 16.

Lesson

A nervous Head boy was reading the New Testament Lesson in School Assembly for Pentecost: “Here beginneth the first Actor of the Chaps.”

The Chedworth & District Branch
of the
Royal British Legion



Invites you to

‘The Snow Widows’

a talk by

Katherine MacInness

Wednesday 17 May 2023

At Chedworth Village Hall, GL54 4NE
6.00 o'clock

R.S.V.P

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

**Drinks
followed by the
talk at 7.00 p.m**

**The Royal British Legion
“The Snow Widows”**

talk by **Katherine MacInness**

Please return this form to:

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07444701884 / simoncolbeck@msn.com

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Address.....

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

Email address:.....

I wish to attend and require.....tickets at a minimum donation of £12.50 per person and enclose a cheque/cash for £.....(Payable to: **RBL Chedworth & District Branch**) or

I have paid £..... on line

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Ref: ‘Snow Widows – Payee name’

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

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

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

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Your Gardening Tips for May



It looks as if we are in for unsettled weather, but lets hope that there is more good than bad, to get our flowers and crops well established

- **Peas and Beans** Although it is best to have already sown Mange Tout peas by now there is still time to get a crop if planted now. The same goes for French Beans.
- Put summer bedding plants into the ground at the end of the month.
- Pick off dead leaves from plants to control the spread of disease.
- Keep weeding! Hoe out most annual and newly germinated weeds on a sunny day so that any left on the ground dry out and die, but perennial weeds such as ground elder, bindweed and dandelions, if not dug out should be left to develop leaf growth and then zapped with a good weed killer such as glyphosate, if you can get it!
- Earth up potatoes
- Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges. The nesting period is officially from February to August.
- Make bee and insect hotel/houses to help the pollinators.
- Lift and divide any overcrowding clumps of daffodils, once they have died back. Apply liquid fertilizer to encourage next year's growth.
- Watch out for viburnum and lily beetle grubs as well as aphids and other pests.
- Sow winter bedding plants, and spring bedding plants such as wallflowers and pansies between now and July.
- Tie in the leading shoots of greenhouse crops such as tomatoes, peppers and aubergines as they grow, to avoid stems breaking or growing in undesired directions. Pinch out the side shoots of tomatoes, to strengthen the crop. Side shoots can be used to grow more tomato plants.
- If the greenhouse is likely to get hot damp down the floor as this will reduce the likelihood of red spider mite infestation. Regularly check also for whitefly and remove from plants. They can be trapped using sticky tape used to trap flies.
- Harden off plants raised from seed gradually exposing them to cooler conditions, but protect from frost. This especially applies to courgettes and squashes. Lettuces are hardier and can be planted out sequentially to keep a steady supply going. If you like lettuces why not experiment with some red and green curly ones like Saxo, Asilomar, White Salad Bowl or

- Freckles.
- Thin out direct sowings of vegetables, in stages to obtain good sized crops. Sow seeds such as lettuce and rocket in small numbers sequentially so avoid a glut. Plan to keep space available for this.
- Tie in rambling roses as near to horizontal as possible to encourage side shoots to grow along the stems.
- Prune out dead or overcrowded stems of clematis montana once it has finished flowering.
- Take softwood cuttings of deciduous shrubs
- Keep feeding your compost heap with plant material and lawn

clippings as it will provide your garden with the nourishment it needs to thrive.

- For those who like to have a lawn to be proud of, this the time to dig out weeds and or apply more weed and feed, but not more than three times before August, keeping six weeks between applications.
- If you have an excess of seeds and /or seedlings you may be able to swap with others at the Pop Up Café on Mondays at the Village Hall.

*Simon Colbeck
Chairman Chedworth Gardening Club*

Helpers Required for Open Gardens

Helpers required for Chedworth Open Gardens
Saturday 24th June. Any time between 10am – 5pm

I'm sure you already have **Saturday, 24 June** highlighted in your diary as the date for Chedworth Show and Open Gardens. The day will be a wonderful opportunity for you to take part in the Show by entering a whole range of classes and for visiting up to 8 gardens in the village.

However, we need volunteers to help with the Open Gardens; manning a garden for a couple of hours to give the garden owner 'a breather', selling Open Garden tickets in the Village Hall or helping with car park duties at the village hall playing field. You will still have plenty of time to visit the Show and the gardens.



If you think you can help, please contact me. I am putting a rota together over the next few weeks and will be able to give you full details of how you can help to make the day a real success.

Thank you in anticipation.

Sue Bradbury
bradburydesigns@aol.com



Backrow Club at the Village Hall

250 years ago, on 10th May 1773 that Britain passed the Tea Act, which favoured the British East India Company over the American colonies, which led to the Boston Tea Party in December, which escalated into the American Revolution and the establishment of the USA.

150 years ago, on 1st May 1873 that David Livingstone, Scottish missionary and explorer, died. Best known for his search for the sources of the Nile, and for going missing (and being found) in Africa.

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Robert Baker, Chair
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WHAT'S COMING UP

OPEN DAY LTA BIG TENNIS WEEKEND Sunday, May 14th

Our OPEN DAY to celebrate tennis for members and non members with FREE Coaching and Games for ALL levels. Whether you want to start, come back, improve your game, compete or just play socially we have something for everyone. There are sessions that you can book in advance for Adults, Children & Families. There will be Membership & Coaching Offers on the day along with a Raffle, BBQ, Refreshments, Fun Activities and Prizes. There will be Free Play and the Ball Machine will be available.

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Chedworth Girl Guides and Brownies

Girls can do anything.

Chedworth Guides have welcomed several new members recently and in our last meeting before the Easter holiday they made their promises around our indoor 'campfire' before sharing some delicious hot cross scones that the girls made in our bake-off challenge. The girls have gained lots of badges recently and had great fun on our 'badge night' where they all choose and organised which badge they wanted to work towards. Some were carving whistles out of carrots as part of the whittling badge, others were dusting for fingerprints and extracting DNA from strawberries for the investigators badge, and some made sweets for the confectionary badge. It was very impressive seeing them show such independence in planning and carrying out what they needed to do.

We currently have a few spaces – any girl from 10 to 14 is welcome to come



and join – we have a varied programme of activities from craft and cooking to games and useful life skills.

We are all looking forward to next term when we can get back outside for some adventures and games, and especially to joining the Cotswold division camping and challenge weekend for Guides from lots of different units in July.

Guides is for girls from 10 - 14 years old and is the biggest organisation for girls in the UK. Chedworth Guides meet weekly during term time, if you would like to find out more please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk. or email Alice at aj.george@btinternet.com.

Alice George

80 years ago, on 16th-17th May 1943 that the RAF launched Operation Chastise, which became famous as the 'Dambusters' Raid'. Bouncing bombs were used to bypass anti-torpedo nets and breach dams, which caused catastrophic flooding in Germany's Ruhr Valley.

75 years ago, on 14th-15th May 1948 that Israel was declared an independent state as the British mandate in Palestine came to an end. Next day the Arab-Israeli War began with the invasion of Israel by Egypt, Transjordan, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq.

70 years ago, on 29th May 1953 that New Zealand mountaineer Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

60 years ago, on 27th May 1963 that the folk/blues album 'The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan' was released. It included the hit song 'Blowin' in the Wind'.

A Trip to Tanzania

In the February edition of Hill and Valley I reflected on my upcoming visit to Tanzania. Having heard from several people from Chedworth in relation to the article I thought I should do an update.

It was exciting, hugely absorbing and inspiring. It was packed with opportunities to meet people and visit projects. I have always been impressed with the impact Livingstone Tanzania Trust (LTT) has, but to see it in real life was incredible.

LTT is very small. Set up by Julian the Director and Clive the Chair, the passion is very much part of day to day. We focus on the 36 primary schools in Babati, with the aim of improving exam results. We do this by ensuring the school provides a safe and inspiring space for learning, this includes hygienic and safe toilets, handwashing facilities and the provision of a meal. We make sure teachers have resources to teach interesting lessons. We run a leadership training programme for head teachers. We also have a series of entrepreneurial programmes, mostly focused on agriculture, because we know that if a family is struggling financially the children are not supported to learn at school.

In Tanzania, to get to secondary school you have to pass your Standard 7 exams. In one school I visited, which LTT had totally

renovated, exam results have gone from 28% to 97% in 7 years. That means more children have the valuable opportunity to go to secondary school, learning more and creating a better future. At all 7 schools I visited, I met communities and kids that are ready to make a difference, ready to learn and are passionate about improving their futures.

I met a lady that had been on our Street Business School training that had set up a business cooking mandazi (doughnuts) and now saving a small amount each week. Savings mean resilience, if her harvest fails she can buy food in the market, if someone is sick, she can pay for transport to hospital, she can afford the school uniform and materials for her children to go to school.

I met farmers that had benefited from training, they weren't just making a good living for themselves they were employing lots of other people providing more jobs and more resilience. Some were now able to get their produce into larger markets, bringing money into Babati for the whole community to benefit from.

The whole trip left me with a desire to make sure the rest of the world knows about what impact fairly small interventions have, and a huge desire to go back!

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Wine Column

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

I have been traveling a lot for the last three months in the US and Europe, which has been lovely, but also hard to keep up on things like this fun wine column. Glad to be back!

What does the King drink every night? After some research I found out "He likes a martini before dinner, that's for sure." But, when abroad, King Charles is said to drink his martini from his own glass, which he brings with him. Now that is dedication!

The Kings Coronation is right around the corner and there have been some limited edition English Sparkling wines available for the occasion.

My favorites are from Hattingley Vineyards in South England:

- Limited Edition Kings Coronation Kings Cuvée 2015 £85.00 Gbp
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NYE Timber and Chapel Downs also have them available and are solid choices. And there are some Gin companies that have some special editions as well, so you can join the king in a martini toast!

Recent interesting discovery for me in the wine world: Switzerland!

During my travels in Europe last month, I had a stop in Zurich, Switzerland to speak at a few wine events. I had some down time and was invited to head down to their wine country and go taste some of the most well known (and expensive) Swiss wines. I got in the car and headed

south, watching snow capped mountains slowly becoming closer. I



stopped roadside to jump onto a ski lift that took me high above the clouds so I could see the landscape 360. What a view!

This particular wine country reminded me of my other home, Napa Valley. Two mountain ranges sandwiching a valley with rolling hills, benchlands and tiny pockets of different terroir. I drove up into the benchlands (area where the mountains have slowly eroded and created a sloped area with diverse soils) and found a tiny village that housed a couple of wineries.

Donatsch:



The Donatsch family (1897) runs a wine-growing estate in the Bündner Herrschaft - one of the leading Swiss wine regions - the wines of which are said to be the best in Switzerland. 5 generations and still going, with Martin, a young chap who is continuing his family's legacy with his father still working with him daily.

Thomas Donatsch is the owner and is recognised as a pioneer of Swiss wines. He started to raise the quality of his

wines to an international standard early in his life, being inspired by the wines and terroir of Burgundy.

- The first Swiss winery to press a sparkling wine according to the Champagne method
- The first to plant Chardonnay and Pinot Blanc, which was illegal at that point in time
- First to experiment with French wine barrels with his first barrels being from Andre Noblet, the winemaker from Domaine de la Romanee – Conti, and they were used La Tache barrels which happens to be one of the best rated and sought after wines in the world

I had a tour of his facility, which was quite modern as far as winery and tasting areas come in this part of the world. Then we settled in the wine tavern above the winery which also serves as a tasting area, opening in 1912, which serves as a local's hangout with many stopping on their way home for work for a glass of wine or for a lovely lunch of the regions famous Grison soup, farro and ham.

It was a windy and rainy day so we stayed inside but opened the shutter to be able to see the snow capped mountains that surrounded us.

We tasted through Sparkling wines, Pinot Gris, a couple of Chardonnays and something I have never had before, a **Completer**. This wine was drunk during the Last Supper prayer (the Complete), which is how it got its name. The Completer, which is also called the "vine of Malans" has - after it had almost become extinct - re-established itself again as a rarity. It was incredibly acidic but had fruit. A wine that you would want to have with food. It sells for about £70. I wouldn't personally buy this, but it was fun to try

something I haven't had before and it was very interesting.

Then onto Pinot Noir, which they, and the region, are known for. From £20 – £100, these wines aren't inexpensive,



but have a lot of acidity which will allow you to age for many years. Great fruit on the nose and in the wine. I can see why they are known for this grape.

After tasting through their lineup, they brought me into a room filled with wine, called the Vinoteque. There is no wine list to page through, you just walk around and see wines from the 70's, 80's, 90's and mostly from Bordeaux and Burgundy, that you can purchase to drink there at the "Zum Oschen". There were some big names and then some lesser well-known wines available. Impressive! And what a fun concept to not only have your wines for sale, but your friends from around the world!

I finished my time there with a piping hot bowl of the Grison soup, which reminded me of what my grams used to make on the farm...rich and salty, served with homemade bread for ensuring you got every last drop mopped up. I had an old Bordeaux with the soup and then they really put the cherry on top of my day by sending out a piece of walnut pie, made that morning. If I lived close to that place, I fear I would be there every day drinking old French wine and eating that soup and pie!

Wine Column

Switzerland Wine Region:

The region above (where Donatsch is) is about 1.5 hours south east of Zurich, on the Liechtenstein Border. Geneva is the largest wine area, which is very south and west of Zurich.

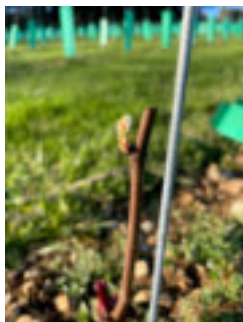
Main Grapes:



- Pinot Noir (called Blauburgunder in Switzerland), accounts for almost 30% of all grape production in the country.
- Chasselas grape variety (called Gutedel in Switzerland), which produces a light-bodied, crisp white wine that also accounts for about 30% of grape production.

Why don't we see Swiss Wines? 95% is drunk in Switzerland!

Our Vineyard Update: We officially, as of April 7, have budbreak. Which is exciting, but terrifying, as we still believe that Mother Nature is going to bring some frost, which could make the buds fall off and we won't produce grapes. Fingers Crossed.



Also, in May, we are planting another 2200 vines. Pretty exciting and if you have interest in watching, drop me a line. It is pretty interesting, and we'd love to have you come down and check out the process.

Have a happy Spring! Reach out if you want to tell me about your favorite wines. Or enjoy a glass together.

Amber

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I was walking Isla over Hensons Hill the other day and took this photograph.

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Dennis spent a long time in church
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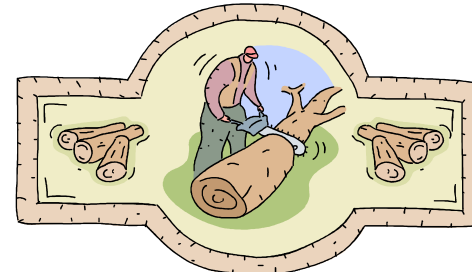
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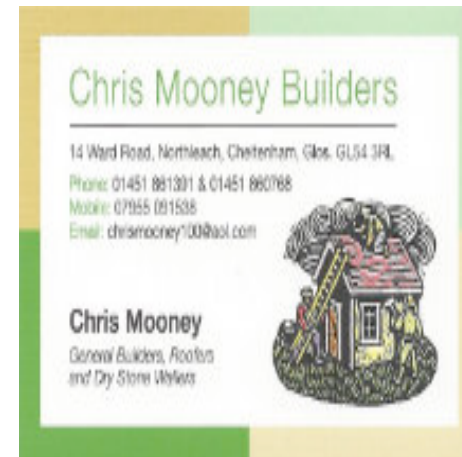
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