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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition

Helen's Letter

Acts 2:1-4 NIV

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like a rush of violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

When I was a child the biggest Church festivals were Christmas, Easter, Harvest Festival, and Whitsuntide. Maybe I remembered them well because they always tied in with school holidays.

Whereas Christian churches still celebrate all of these and some others throughout the year, the general population here in the UK seem to have forgotten all about Whitsun, especially Whit Sunday and Whit Monday.

Mainly in the north west of England Whit walks are held where all people from church's and Sunday schools, gather together and parade through the streets wearing their best white dresses, and carrying posys, and the boys wearing their best trousers and white shirt. The church officers and clergy would carry banners and many bands would play.

Although this was a high point on the calendar at one time for everyone in and out of the church, it seems that this is not celebrated as it once was, and now Whitsuntide is now simply known as Spring Bank Holiday.

Pentecost also called Whitsunday (Pentecost from Greek Pentecoste), ("50th day" of Easter) is another major festival in the Christian church.

It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus, it also marks the beginning of the church's mission to the world..

God promises us goodness and mercy. He will never leave us or forsake us. Jesus promised that if we seek the kingdom and God's righteousness first, all the things we need will be added to us. God kept His promise to give the apostles the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

The book of Acts gives us the motivation, inspiration and guidance we read in our faith today.

Pentecost Sunday is the day we remember when and how that anointing took place.

What appeared to be tongues of fire settled over the head of each person. They began to speak in the native language of each person gathered in Jerusalem that day.

The miracle was that people from every known region of the world were able to understand what was being said in his or her language.

Whether we call it Whitsun or Pentecost, it is a major feast of the Church's year when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples, empowering them to begin their work of making disciples. The gift of the Holy Spirit for each of us is given ultimately, so that we too can be sent out as the Father sent Jesus, sent out to witness Christ at work in the world wherever we find ourselves.

Helen Oldham

Church Briefing

Hill & Valley Benefice

Services for June

Everyone Welcome

Sunday 4th June Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion 10.30am Coln St Denys

Sunday 11th June The first Sunday After Trinity

Holy Communion 10.30am Coln Rogers

Sunday 18th June The Second Sunday After Trinity

Holy communion 10.30am Chedworth

Sunday 25th June The Third Sunday After Trinity

Holy Communion 10.30am Yanworth

Sunday 2nd July The Forth Sunday After Trinity

Holy Communion 10.30am Coln St Denys

FoStA- Village Band/Whisky Chasers Evening and Family Picnic at the Playing Field Saturday 1st July

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the event has been postponed. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and are grateful for the understanding of the Parish Council and Village Hall. We will be reviewing future events shortly.

Robert Young

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
9-June	19:30	Back Row Club - The Lost King	Chedworth Village Hall
10-June		Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament	Tennis Club in Chedworth
14-June		WI Meeting - Garden Party	
15-June	19:00	NL Live - Fleabag	Chedworth Village Hall
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
14-July	19:30	Back Row Club - Tar	Chedworth Village Hall
15-July	09:00	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	
11-Aug	19:30	Back Row Club - Living	Chedworth Village Hall
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
08-Sept	19:30	Back Row Club	Chedworth Village Hall
11-Sept	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Sept		WI Outing	
16-Sept	09:00	Village Hall Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
09-Oct	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
11-Oct	19:30	WI Meeting - One Foot in Paradise	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Oct	19:30	Back Row Club	Chedworth Village Hall
21-Oct	09:00	Village Hall Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
08-Nov	19:30	WI Meeting - AGM & Supper	Chedworth Village Hall
10-Nov	9:30	Back Row Club	Chedworth village Hall
13-Nov	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	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	13	June
Tuesday	27	June
Tuesday	11	July
Tuesday	25	July
Tuesday	8	Aug

Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Friday	9	June
Friday	23	June
Friday	7	July
Friday	21	July
Friday	4	Aug

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EASTER

On our last day before the Easter break, we were treated to a wonderful worship by Mrs Irving and Mrs Bowley from St Andrew's Church in Chedworth. The children demonstrated how knowledgeable they are when talking about the Easter story by sharing facts with our visitors. The church kindly gifted the pupils with a palm cross and an Easter egg. We are so lucky to have these generous members of the village community who give up their own time to support our school and continue to share their important Christian message.

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 4th May was our Coronation celebration day in honour of our new King Charles III and Queen Camilla. The children mixed together in their house point groups and completed 4 different activities that linked to our focus of sustainability, in line with the King's own ethos.

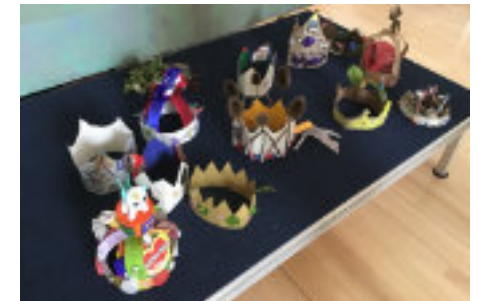
A huge thanks to the staff for

preparing these activities and creating a fun morning for all the children. Mixing our year groups together is one of the brilliant opportunities we, as a small school, have. The children act as a big family and it is heart-warming to see the joy they bring one another.

We all enjoyed our afternoon worship where we were joined by parents/carers, and members of the Church for our celebrations. We were treated to some lovely singing and sharing of poems. We are grateful to the Parish council for the kind gesture of providing each child with a commemorative mug, and for Mrs Irving and Mrs Bowley, for not only blessing our fruit tree, but for giving out the gifts.

Our sustainable crown competition was a highlight of the day – we had a large number of entries and it was incredibly difficult for our school council to judge! The winners helped to plant our fruit tree and everyone who entered received a prize. Well done everyone!

Here are some images for you to enjoy



School Visits

We have spaces still available now in some year groups, so please do contact us to arrange a visit to see the wonderful opportunities St Andrew's can offer your child.

Call us on (01285) 720427 or email admin@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange an appointment.

Find out more about our small, rural primary school here



Mrs J Smith
Interim Headteacher

St. Andrew's C of E Primary & Preschool

What a busy time we have had in Pre-School. We all enjoyed celebrating the King's Coronation with such an array of activities – from creating our own red, white and blue bunting to adorn our windows, creating crowns and making red (raspberries), white (banana) and blue (blueberries) fruit kebabs for our delicious snack through to our current most popular activity of children's choice, water. The children have so much fun from adding herbs and citrus fruits to squeeze and blend, creating potions or 'tea'; using paintbrushes with water to paint the fence / house / toys (this is a fantastic way of cleaning our toys) or simply just pouring and filling water into another vessel. Thank goodness for waterproof clothing. Our children are continuously looking for opportunities to find water.

We have been treated to a visit from ducklings – Boris proved to be the favourite by far. I feel that this was slightly bias and had something more to do with the food the children were

happily feeding him with!

The competitive streak is now running high through Pre-School with the anticipation of who can create the best crown in preparation for this month's Horticultural Show. We are all excited to see what the entries may bring.



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 to come and see what we have to offer!

Sarah Smith (Preschool Manger)



A cheery line-up of volunteers
at the Coronation cafe in May
There was ice-cream and cake
for all...
so lovely to share the joy!



This month, the cafe celebrates its 2nd
birthday so we are wishing ourselves
and all of our friends and neighbours.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS
Its always good to see you

Chedworth Parish Council

The six Chedworth Parish Councillors at the time of writing 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

A further Councillor should have been co-opted by the time you read this and a chair and vice chair elected for 2023/2024 .

The Coronation weekend was a great success. In addition to hiring the Village Hall for a live screening of the Coronation, providing Commemorative Mugs for all primary and pre-school children at St Andrews School, funding a Commemorative Tree and Bench and supporting the community litter pick the Parish Council also purchased a Flagpole and Union flag which flew

Councillors

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

from the Village Hall grounds over the weekend. Many thanks to Iain Robertson and Colin Pierce for erecting the pole.

There may still be some Commemorative Mugs left. Sophie Blackwell and Rosh Delaney have been selling the surplus at Pop up Cafe for a recommended donation of £5 to help offset some of the costs of the Coronation events.

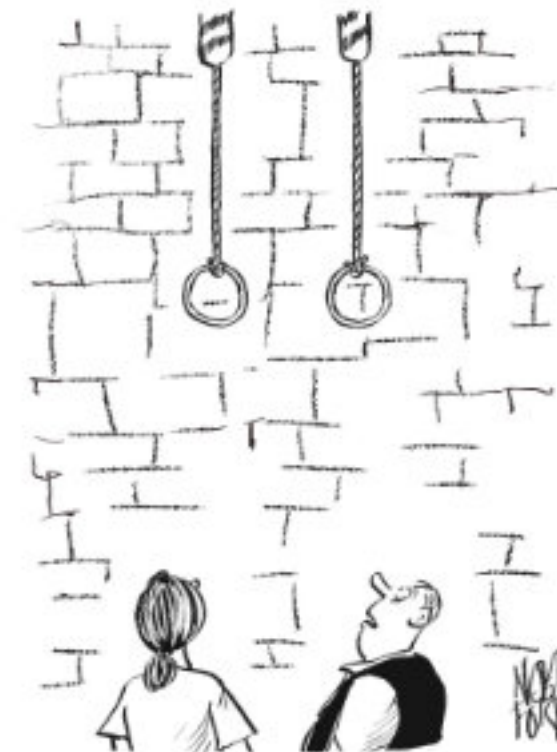
Sophie and Rosh have also been instrumental in organising the Commemorative Bench which local craftsman Eli Baxter has made for the parish, which should be in place on the Village Hall mound as you read this. Alan McLellan also assisted with planning the location of the bench and has sourced and nurtured a potted Commemorative Oak Tree which should also be in place on the mound as you read this.

Moving on we are hoping to resume the Community Speed Watch, Alan McLellan, George Broad and David Broad were the previous team, but with George working full time and some weekends, now we need some more volunteers. Ideally, we need teams of three, one to use the speed gun, one to read the numberplate and a third to write the details down if the vehicle is speeding so a pool of five or six volunteers would be ideal. Full training is provided by the Police. Please contact Alan on 720642 if you would like to help with this.

We have a new Cotswold District Councillor; Paul Hodgkinson adds the role of Chedworth and Churn Valley

CDC Ward Councillor to his existing County Councillor role. This means we have to say farewell to Jenny Forde who decided not to seek re-election and to say a big thank you for all her valuable assistance over the past years.

David Broad



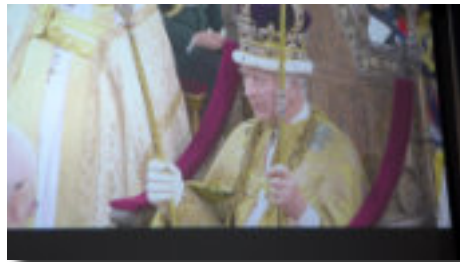
King Charles III Coronation Event

KING CHARLES 111 CORONATION EVENT - 6th MAY 2023

The opportunity to watch the King's Coronation on the Big Screen at the Village Hall was taken up by many Chedworth residents while enjoying tea, coffee and biscuits, with some bringing lunch.. The event was very

well received by those present, both young and old, and it was great to see the ceremony in the company of other villagers. This once in a generation event will stay in our minds, the first such event in very many people's lives, and the first since 70 years ago when Queen Elizabeth 11's Coronation back in 1953.

John Bearcroft



An article has appeared on Gloucestershire Live, with our village event included. The link is:-<https://www.gloucestershirelive.co.uk/news/gallery/gloucestershire-celebrates-coronation-king-charles-8421990>

Service in Celebration

A Special Service in Celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III



Was held in St Andrew's Church Chedworth at 10.30am on Sunday 7th May. The service was conducted by the Reverend

Roger Scoones, assisted by Reader Helen Oldham and included uplifting traditional hymns and concluded with a rousing rendition of the National Anthem. After the service we moved to the churchyard in bright sunshine and enjoyed a glass of fizz kindly supplied by Tim and Jeannie Hamilton and raised a toast to King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

Robert Young



The Resolutions meeting – and other matters.

At the beginning of the meeting, it was announced to members that very sadly Sheila Hughes has died. Sheila had been a stalwart member of Chedworth WI for over 40 years. She served as Secretary and President and was a champion baker of scones (with Sheila Bowley) during the time, when organised by Doreen Woods, teas were produced for visiting WI's and other organisations. Sheila was a quietly efficient, organised and always charmingly reliable person, possibly developed from her long experience as a teacher. She and her husband Martin always worked as a team – including in the building of Ballingers Hill House in 1985-86. I can attest to their quality building abilities as we are very happily living there now. Although sadly in the last couple of years Sheila had not been able to regularly attend meetings, she and her husband Martin had been able to come to our Annual Meeting and supper. Sheila will be much missed by us all. All the members joined in sending their deepest sympathies to Martin and all the family.

This is the resolution that will be put before institute representatives at the Annual NFWI meeting in Cardiff in June:

Clean rivers for people and wildlife

Water quality in our rivers is shameful. Legally, designated bathing waters must be regularly monitored for pollution. The NFWI urges its members, the wider public, local authorities and Government to make, support and promote applications for official designated bathing sites on appropriate stretches of rivers in their area. This will be as instrumental to the clean-up of rivers as it has been for water quality improvement at coastal beaches.

Whilst there were 23 members in favour of the resolution and 1 against, the discussions revealed that the process for designating sites as official bathing sites can be very long and drawn-out consuming energy and finances that could possibly be put to better use with more direct action. So, whilst requesting our delegate to vote in favour of the resolution the members also gave our delegate (Helen Taylor) discretion to listen to the full debate and change the vote if she felt it would be appropriate. Democracy in action – we hope!

Following this we had much fun listening to the memories and looking at the mementos of various members of the last Coronation (1953). From camping out in Green Park to secure an almost front-line view, being visited in hospital, winning the fancy dress competition, winning the float competition, and sitting crossed legged on the floor in front of tiny screens of newly purchased TV's, it made for a wonderful and entertaining trip down memory lane. Strangely though, the weather was just as damp as last weekend!

We ended with tea and a fiendishly fascinating 'Coronation Quiz'.

Next month's meeting on Wednesday June 14th will be a Garden party at our

new secretary's home – fingers crossed for a fine and dry afternoon.

Emma Isaac

Chedworth Girl Guides and Brownies

Girls can do anything.



Chedworth Guides have been making the most of the lighter evenings and enjoying being outside whenever we can. The older girls have been taking on the challenge of teaching the rest of the unit different ball games from around the world, it is great to see their leadership skills and confidence growing. Making stretchers to see which group could carry their 'injured' Guide the furthest produced a lot of laughter and required a certain amount of bravery from the 'casualties'. Lots of badges have been awarded recently, with four girls gaining their first Theme Awards. The girls choose their activities and which badges they want to do – whittling, confectionary and natural remedies are this term's most popular choices.

Next month we will be joining over 250 Guides and Rangers from Gloucestershire at the County Challenge weekend, taking part in lots of activities, meeting Guides from other unit and camping. It's the first time Chedworth Guides have taken part and we have two teams competing.

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.

Alice George

Marriage

During a heartfelt chat with her friend about relationships, my wife sighed and said, "You know, if something happened to Lloyd, I don't think I could ever marry again."

Her friend nodded sympathetically. "I know what you mean," she said. "Once is more than enough."

Your Gardening Tips for June



Keen gardeners will already have growing plans for their entries for the show at the end of the month, based on the schedule that has been circulated. If anyone needs another, please contact Jess Hope or Simon Colbeck. There should be a good showing of roses at least.

- Weeds will grow rapidly, and need be controlled by hoeing, digging out or weed killer.
- Dead head flowers to keep them looking tidy.
- Cut back (or mow) daffodils that have died back, if not already done, and add fertilizer to feed the bulbs.
- Plant out summer bedding if not already done, and stake tall or floppy plants
- Shade greenhouses when the sun is at its hottest.
- It is time to prune spring flowering shrubs and overcrowded stems of clematis
- Dig out tree and shrub suckers
- Keep sowing more salad seeds for continuous cropping, and carrots and beetroot for second crops. Try to avoid pulling carrots to thin them. It better to snip the tops off seedlings to thin them. Beetroot thinnings, however, respond well to being planted out for an extra crop. To improve germination of lettuce seeds in high summer, cool the soil with water before sowing and then place a board over the seedbed for two or three days. Sow radishes in succession, before the ground gets too hot, as they tend to bolt in very warm weather.
- Keep the herb bed stocked by continuous sowings.
- Plant out potted courgettis and French beans if not already done.
- Keep an eye on tomato plants to avoid them drying out and pinch out side-shoots. Feed when flowers have set. Plant side shoots for an extra crop.
- If you want to grow your own spring bedding plants for next year, many, including wallflowers and pansies need to be sown before July in order to flower next spring.
- Trim back trailing plants to encourage fresh growth.
- Keep tying in rambling roses.
- Keep a daily look out for pests such as aphids and remove as soon as infestation is seen. Keep

slugs off your delphiniums, lilies, and vegetables by constant vigilance! Keep use of chemical controls to a minimum to avoid killing pest predators such as ladybirds, lacewings and hoverflies.

- Hellebore seeds can be harvested and sown immediately. They will need winter frost to start germination..
- Add grass mowings to the compost heap in thin layers, or mix with

other vegetation

- Divide primroses after flowering, planting them in a nursery bed until they are ready to be planted in the autumn.
- This a good month to take soft wood cuttings such as Fuchsia, Hydrangea, Philadelphus, Lavender, Rosemary and Forsythia

*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

Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered.

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
bradburymdesigns@aol.com*



Cotswold Landscapes - Condicote

Condicote is a small upland village with a population of about 120 situated approximately 3 miles north-west of Stow-on-the-Wold at 620 feet above sea level. Although near to Stow, it used to be considered remote.

R.P.Beckinsale in *"Companion into Gloucestershire and The Cotswolds"* written in 1948 described the area as *"the bleak wolds, which are almost devoid of habitations save for a few isolated farms, a few lonely cottages and the hamlet of Condicote"*. This is proper Cotswold countryside with long views over undulating, mostly arable fields bounded by stone walls and interspersed with areas of woodland. The land is exposed. In the severe winter of 1963, Condicote was cut off for many days and I can remember some enterprising horse riders from the village braving the elements to get supplies for the villagers from Stow.

There were hardly any trees in the parish before 1823, when over the next ten years 30 acres were planted in the north of the parish at Hinchwick. At the beginning of the c18 the village had 18 houses and 80 inhabitants.

In the centre of the village is a splendid wall-enclosed village green, originally the pound with a beautiful c14 wayside cross, the shaft was added in 1864, marking the position of a copious spring. The cross marked the division of the village between the Slaughter and Kiftsgate Hundreds (the unit of English local government intermediate between village and shire which survived into the 19th century). There is a local tradition that the spring was a holy well, it certainly made possible the



settlement of the village, whose chief water supply it was until 1937 when a mains water supply was brought to the village. There was a pond at the southern side of the green, this was replaced in 1882 by a pump. At



more or less the four corners of the green are c17 and c18 farmhouses.



Most of the traditional cottages in the village are of the same period. Each of the farm-houses in the village has a range of traditional farm buildings, including some fine stone barns as well as dutch barns and steel framed farm buildings. There are several disused quarries in the parish, the stone was used for building, walling and road construction.

Near the centre of the village and to the north of the green is St Nicholas Church, a small c12 church which David Verey describes as *"drastically restored by Mark Hookham of Stow in 1888 when all the plaster was scraped from the interior walls"* The church comprises chancel and nave with a bellcot over the western gable, a small south porch and a 19th-century vestry north of the chancel. The church contains some fine examples of Norman craftsmanship in the three stringcourses, each with a distinct pattern and the elaborately carved doorway. The south and north nave walls were extensively rebuilt in the 14th and 15th centuries. The church plate includes a fine Elizabethan cup with paten cover, inscribed *"Cundicut Cup in Gloucestershire, 1571"*

To the west of the village is Condicote Lane which is on the route of Rynild Street, a Roman road that ran roughly south-west to north-east from the Fosseway at Bourton-on-the-Water to Templeborough in South Yorkshire. Part of the lane is a rough stone track, from which there are good all -round views of the surrounding countryside, including the tower of St Edwards Church Stow. The Condicote area contains remnants of Neolithic and Bronze Age settlements. To the east of the village is a henge, Eubury Ring a

Scheduled Ancient Monument of about two acres, possibly late Neolithic. To the west of the village is another earthwork known as Condicote Camp, "a spacious oval British camp". In the north east of the parish is Hinchwick Camp, a circular camp of about 1 acre.

One mile north of the village existed a secondary settlement at Hinchwick on the site later called Old Hinchwick



comprising a farm-house, cottages and farm buildings. In the c19 the farmhouse was largely demolished and the cottages rebuilt. The fine range of large traditional farm buildings survive. A new house designed by C.R. Cockerell, the distinguished architect who in 1819 was appointed Surveyor of the Fabric of St Paul's Cathedral, replacing the original was built between 1826 and 1835, 1/3 mile further to the north. The house was enlarged in 1937 and is now called Hinchwick Manor, which is Listed Grade 11.

Originally an agricultural community, Condicote has evolved and whilst agriculture remains the prominent land use – arable cropping

Cotswold Landscapes - Condicote

and livestock -the village is now very much associated with the training of National Hunt race horses. In 1962, David Nicholson, a leading National Hunt jockey bought Cotswold Farm



house and a few acres where he and his wife initially bred and dealt in horses. Over the years they acquired more land and when David Nicholson retired as a jockey, he started training race horses in 1968. He gradually built up a successful yard with a loyal band of owners, including the late Lord Vestey and Brigadier Roscoe Harvey. With more horses they inevitably outgrew the capacity of the stable-yard and there were also increasing problems with traffic on the local roads. In 1986, Colin Smith who had horses in training with Nicholson bought 240 acres four miles away at Ford and developed a state of the art horse training establishment, called Jackdaw Castle. In 1992 Nicholson moved from Condicote to Jackdaws Castle and was very successful becoming Champion trainer in 1993-1994 and 1994-1995, he retired in 1999.

The National Hunt racing thread in Condicote resumed a few years later

when Martin Keightley, who had ridden as a jockey for Nicholson, established a racing stable there with excellent gallops, including an ultra-modern carpet gallop as well as conventional gallops. He now has 50 horses in training and has had many winners including 30 winners at Cheltenham Race course. The stables provide important local employment.

Although Condicote has no large country house like Chastleton or Sherborne or association with figures or events of national prominence, it has a particular charm due to its remote location and attractive walled village green, interesting church and traditional dwellings. Because of its small size, it does not have a pub, shop or post office but it does have an excellent modern village hall and a bus shelter, albeit few buses! Refreshments are available nearby at The Horse and Groom pub in the village of Longborough and the welcoming Barn Café about one and a half miles away at the junction of the Luckley road from Condicote and the A424 Stow to Evesham road.

There are some unusually named farms in Condicote and the neighbouring parishes, including Fox Farm, Flagstone Farm, Hans Farm and Luckley Farm. From nearby Lower Swell, about two miles to the south east, there is a good circular walk, part on roads, along Condicote Lane, through Condicote, past Donnington Brewery, through Upper Swell and the footpath through the Abbotswood Estate.

Robert Young



Photo by Simon Colbeck



COLN VALLEY VILLAGE HALL
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www.coln-valley-village-hall.co.uk

Back Row Club at the Village Hall

9 June 2023 7.30pm
Chedworth Village Hall

Doors and Bar open 6.30 pm.
Half time choc ices as usual!



In 2012, having been lost for over 500 years, the remains of King Richard III were discovered beneath a carpark in Leicester. The search had been orchestrated by an amateur historian, Philippa Langley (Sally Hawkins), who instinctively and using her experience in archeology and history, located his

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"So," he concluded sadly, "you just felt sorry for him."

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Reviews
★★★★★ 'Filthy, funny, snarky and touching' (Daily Telegraph)
★★★★★ 'Witty, filthy and supreme' (Guardian)



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CLUB NEWS

We have been dodging the showers with varied success, May was better for gardens in Chedworth than for playing tennis! Defying the weather, Saturday afternoon mixed social sessions have been jolly gatherings of players of all abilities which is a great way to meet and mix with members new and older. The big event in June is our open tournament on Saturday 10th June; entry numbers are building well and we look forward to hosting players from all parts of Gloucestershire and beyond; the early stages are 'handicapped' to level for differing abilities -so everyone has a good chance to break into the cup and plate stages in the afternoon. As ever, do get in touch or come along and meet us at the club, we welcome players of every level of ability.

Robert Baker, Chair hillandvalleylta@gmail.com

OUR OPEN DAY held on May 14th

This was well attended and the sun shone, huge thanks to everyone involved to make this such a successful day! More photos on the News page of our website.



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Wine Column

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

As I write this, the sun is out at 8 pm and the golden light is shining across the yard over spring flowers. I have lilacs next to me, their scent silently reminding me of my childhood.

Our fireplace hasn't been roaring in over a week...so what could this mean? Summer is almost here!

I thought I would share some patio favorites to kick off Summer the right way.

Summer Loving Wines:

I have been loving this wine from Waitrose: **Bourgogne Blanc by Marc Dudet - £14.99**

A crisp Chardonnay that still has texture in the mouth. Not buttery or oaky. It is easy enough to enjoy on the patio without food, but stands up to roast chicken, risotto and grilled fish.

A red wine that Phil has been loving from Waitrose (he had at the neighbors and it brought him back to our recent trip to Puglia, Italy)

-Terre di Faiano Organic Primitivo £9.99 This wine is the same as Zinfandel in America. Ripe raspberries, vanilla and toasty oak flavors.

Local Wine: **Woodchester Vineyards & Winery**

Midas and I went on an adventure to one of our local wineries set on a hill, overlooking Stroud.

Woodchester is owned by Fiona, a passionate woman who started her journey with one acre of vines in her backyard in 2007. It slowly grew to 58 acres spanning over three sites. She farms sustainably and organically,



taking care of the vines and grapes, hoping this quality shines through in the wines...and it does.

I tasted through 7 wines there:

- Culver Hill White Blend (we'd call this a "patio pounder" in America)
- Pinot Noir Rose (cranberry fruit and freshness)
- 2 different types of Bacchus (floral nose but lemon curd and apple tart flavors)
- Sparklers: Cotswolds Classic, Blanc de Blanc, Brut Rose
 - **Blanc de Blanc was my favorite: clean yet rich mouthfeel**
 - Brut Rose: bright red fruits with a clean but full finish
 - Cotswolds Classic: fruity and full of ZING

They have recently won "BEST Sauvignon Blanc in the world under \$40", which has given them a nice shout out and of course, they sold out

in minutes! We are thrilled that the Cotswolds is getting a little media attention on wines and are hoping ours will taste as fabulous as theirs.

It is worth a day trip and Diana, their hospitality director, does a fantastic job educating about the winery, family and wines. A proper English Sparkling that you would think is proper Champagne from France if tasted blind.

Our Vineyard Update: We are up to 5800 vines on our property (just finished planting 2200 more on May

16) and are hoping for a long, hot summer. The weeds don't seem to notice that they are a nuance but otherwise, things are moving along. Stop in and see us – we'd love to show you around (and have you pull weeds)

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

Amber

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Everything I need to know... I learned from Noah's Ark

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're very old Someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics. Just get on with the job needing to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
10. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Author unknown



Chedworth Open Gardens & Show

Saturday 24th June.
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Donations to the National Garden Scheme charities and Chedworth Garden Club.

Claire Booth Cooks will be providing light lunches, teas and wine throughout the day in the village hall.

Entry to the Garden show in Marquee at Village Hall.

Come and make a day of it. Don't forget to get your entries into the Show.

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Better by half

As the music swelled at the end of a wedding in our church, my hopelessly romantic husband squeezed my hand, leaned in, and whispered fervently: "You are better looking than half the women here."

Plant

During our minister's very lengthy sermon, a large plant suddenly fell over right behind the pulpit, crashing to the floor. He smiled sheepishly. "Well, that's the first time I actually put a plant to sleep!"

Uncle Eustace

Beware the church microphone

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My dear Nephew Darren

Despite my assurances that it was unnecessary, it was kind of you to loan us your sound equipment, so we could experience the advantages of using radio microphones in church. Your assurance that everyone would then be able to hear with absolute clarity seemed to miss the point that everyone does not necessarily want to do so.

I have no doubt that members of your congregation hang on to your every word, eager to make sure you remain theologically sound. But for us, those who had blissfully slumbered throughout my sermons for the last 30 years found themselves unable to filter out a single syllable.

Colonel Wainwright decided to change the start of his Bible readings from the customary "Here beginneth..." to "Testing, Testing" before giving the microphone a good biff, which made the verger dash outside to check if yet another medieval gargoyle had fallen from the roof. Also, forgetting that microphones pick up asides just as effectively, his own comment to his wife in the front pew "I thought I read that rather well" did nothing for the pride he has always cherished for his humility.

I was also not convinced that the 16th century workmen who had devoted the greater part of their lives reverently



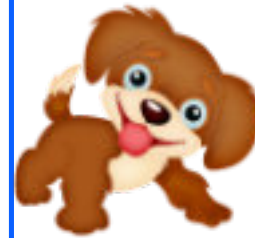
carving the Lady Chapel altar had intended it to support an electronic console that would have looked more at home in an aeroplane cockpit.

However, the event which finally decided us against microphones came about an hour after the service. Several of the choir boys had crept back into the church and decided to improvise a rock concert with their guitars and the mikes turned up full blast. The church exploded in a perfect cacophony of noise which panicked a horse and rider going by. The horse bolted down the road, which caused two cars to veer violently to avoid it. One car ended up in a pond, the other in a field, having ripped off a great deal of old fencing.

Whoever fixed the fencing failed, and later that night all 43 cows in the field escaped, and ended up in the Colonel's flower-filled front garden, where they spent a comfortable night slicing his velvet turf with their sharp cleats, and chomping everything in sight.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

How to Prepare for You New Puppy



(or: what the dog training manuals will never tell you)

Begin now – and build up your stamina!

1. Pour cold apple juice on the carpet in several places and walk around barefoot in the dark.
2. Wear a sock to work that has had the toes shredded by a blender.
3. Immediately upon waking, rush outside in your pyjamas in the rain and dark and say several times: "Be a good puppy, go potty now - hurry up - come on, let's go!"
4. Cover all your best suits with dog hair. Dark suits must use white hair, and light suits must use dark hair. Also, float some fur in your first cup of coffee in the morning.
5. Play 'catch' with a wet tennis ball.
6. Run out in the rain in your bare feet to close the gate.
7. Tip over a basket of clean laundry, scatter clothing all over the floor.
8. Leave your underwear on the living room floor, because that's where the dog will drag it anyway. (Especially when you have company.)
9. Jump out of your chair shortly before the end of your favourite TV programme and run to the door shouting, "No, no! Do that OUTSIDE!" Be sure and miss the end of the programme.
10. Put a little heap of chocolate pudding on the carpet in the morning, and don't try to clean it up until you return from work that evening.
11. Scratch the legs of the dining room table several times with a screwdriver – they are going to get chewed on anyway.
12. Take a warm and cuddly blanket out of the dryer and immediately wrap it around yourself. This is the feeling you will get when your puppy falls asleep on your lap.



All in the Month of June

It was:

400 years ago, on 19th June 1623 that Blaise Pascal was born. This French mathematician, physicist, inventor, theologian, and philosopher invented one of the first mechanical calculators.

300 years ago, on 16th June 1723 that Adam Smith was born. The 'Father of Economics', this Scottish economist and philosopher is best known for his book *The Wealth of Nations*, the first modern work on economics.

175 years ago, on 7th June 1848 that Paul Gauguin, French post-impressionist artist, was born.

150 years ago, on 5th June 1873 that the great slave market in Zanzibar (now part of Tanzania) was closed after Britain issued Sultan Barghash bin Said with an ultimatum to close it or face a blockade.

125 years ago, on 9th June 1898 that Britain leased Hong Kong from China for 99 years, and it became a British Crown Colony. It was transferred back to China in 1997.

75 years ago, on 21st June 1948 that the ship HMT *Empire Windrush* docked in London, bringing the first large group of immigrants from the West Indies to the UK.

Also 75 years ago, from 24th June 1948 to 12th May 1949 that the Berlin Blockade and Airlift took place. The Soviet Union began a rail, road and canal blockade of Berlin, cutting off all routes between West Germany and

West Berlin. The Allies launched a massive airlift – over 200,000 flights – to take in nearly 9,000 tons of supplies each day.

70 years ago, on 2nd June 1953 that the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II at Westminster Abbey took place. It was the first event where the British TV audience (20 million) was greater than the radio audience (12 million).

65 years ago, on 9th June 1958 that London's Gatwick Airport was officially opened.

50 years ago, from 16th to 25th June 1973 that Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev visited Washington DC and said that the Cold War was over as far as the Soviet Union was concerned. He and President Richard Nixon signed a major accord on arms limitation and the prevention of nuclear war.

Also 50 years ago, on 28th June 1973 that elections were held for the Northern Ireland Assembly. It began operating on 1st January 1974, but collapsed in May. It was re-established in 1998 but collapsed again in 2017. It was re-established in January 2020, but collapsed in February 2022. The seventh Assembly met in May 2022, but has not been able to meet since, as the DUP refuses to assent to the election of a speaker as part of a protest against working under a Sinn Féin first minister.

40 years ago, from 16th to 24th June, that Pope John Paul II visited his native Poland. He held a private

meeting with Lech Walesa, the founder of the banned trade union Solidarity. Walesa became President of Poland in 1990.

30 years ago, on 19th June 1993 that Sir William Golding, British Novelist and winner of the 1983 Nobel Prize in Literature, died. Best known for his novel *'The Lord of the Flies'*.

25 years ago, on 11th June 1998 that the UN declared an official famine in Sudan. About 250,000 people were saved by international aid, but up to 100,000 died in South Sudan. A ceasefire in the Second Sudanese Civil War was signed on 15th July but collapsed in April 1999.

20 years ago, on 20th June 2003 that the Wikimedia Foundation was founded in Florida. The non-profit charitable organisation operates several websites, including Wikipedia.

70 years since the last Coronation

Seventy years ago, on 2nd June 1953, the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place at Westminster Abbey. It was the first event where the British TV audience (20 million) was greater than the radio audience (12 million).

It helped to make television a mainstream medium, though it did not deter the many thousands – 50,000 in Trafalgar Square alone – who turned out on the streets to watch it, despite

chilly weather, with wind and rain. The afternoon temperature reached a peak of only 12C – considerably cooler than the Queen's November wedding day six years earlier.

Those who watched at home were restricted mostly to 14-inch screens, and of course black and white pictures – although the event was filmed in colour for posterity. Others watched it in bars and cinemas. The reaction was universally positive.

As well as bringing the nation together, the Coronation gave the BBC a huge head-start as the channel of choice, because it was still three years before ITV was launched as an alternative viewing option.

The televising of the Coronation was a suggestion of Prince Philip, at first resisted by politicians, church dignitaries and other traditionalists. The Queen gave permission for cameras to be installed in Westminster Abbey, and the main commentary was by Richard Dimbleby, who became a fixture for events of national significance.

It was a hit abroad too. Some 85 million people in the USA watched recordings of the highlights. In Europe new relay links enabled it to be a landmark – the first live broadcast of something happening in the UK.

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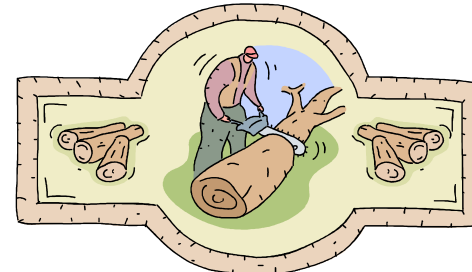
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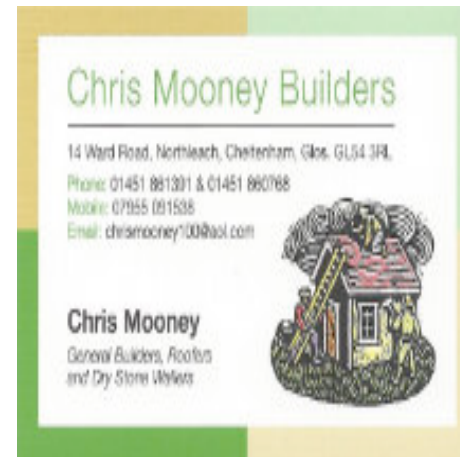


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