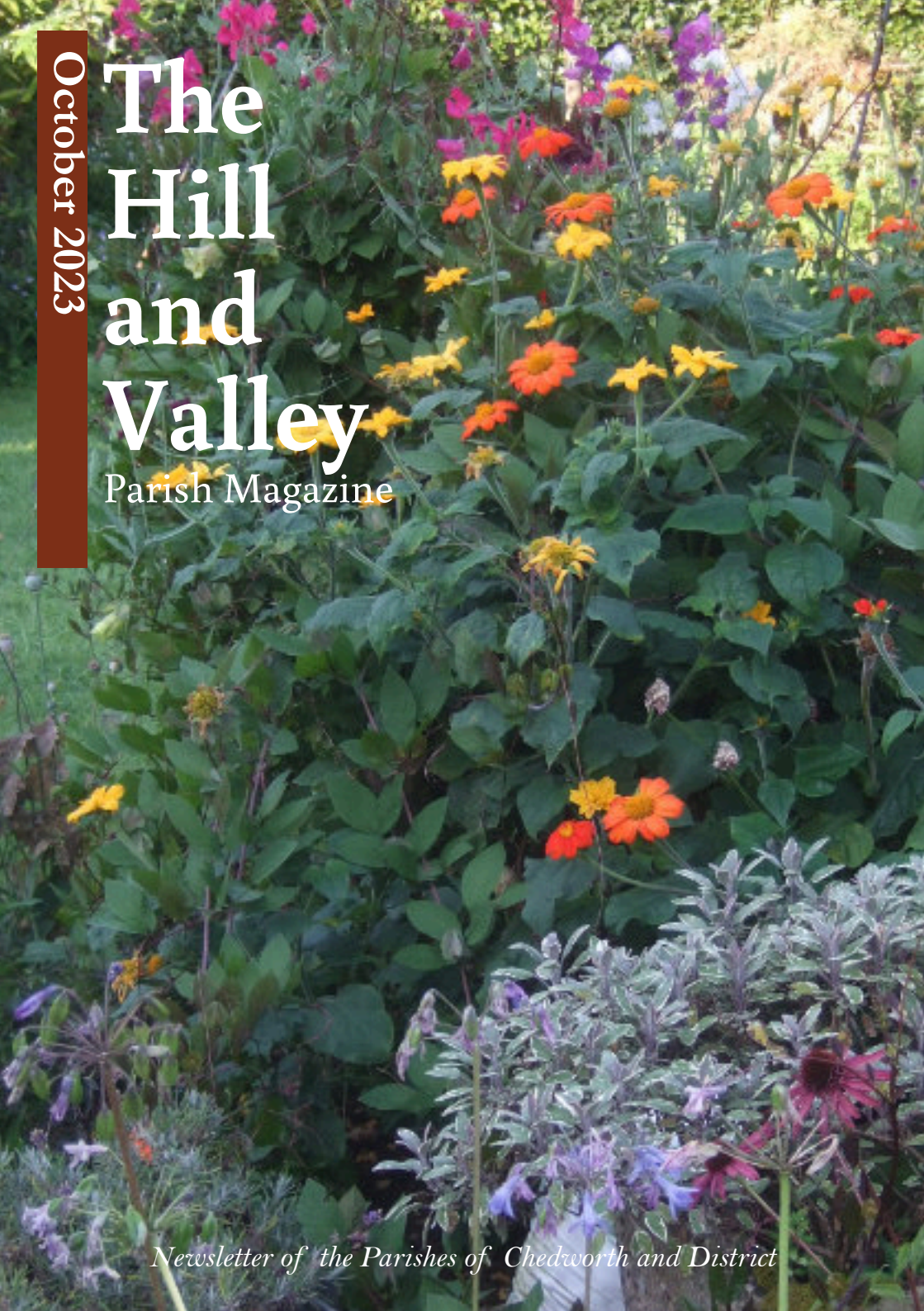




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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition



## Helen's Letter

**The Book of Genesis tells us that on the third day, the Lord God brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.**

When we look at nature, we can remember God, who created it. Seeing God's creation can invite us into a deeper admiration for God and His handiwork. In nature, surrounded by His creation, we may feel closer to Him. The beauty of creation is a reminder of God. We only need to look around us outside and see everything he made can be put to good use in one way or another.

The Conker season is upon us. Inside the prickly green casing lie the fruits – brown, shiny, and hard – which are still avidly collected by children all over the UK. They are eagerly gathered up nibbled, and squandered away as the squirrels are spoilt for choice, children, and adults alike, carrying bags as they to gather them to take home, maybe to play Conker games, which used to be a school playtime pastime, where now unfortunately the worries of Health & Safety, it sadly doesn't happen nowadays.

It's hard to resist not to pick some up when out walking, just to see how big they are!

I wonder how many get planted in a pot, so one can watch how the Conker sprouts the seedling to grow into a small tree. God also planted us in the world to make a difference. He also asks us to plant seeds by telling others how Jesus came into this world to make a difference. A touch of love, kindness, generosity or help which gives that opportunity to give others, a glimpse through us what God is like.

The gospels present Jesus with many such meetings in his short life, to all types of people, planting the seed of God, alongside the big events like the feeding of the five thousand, and often there were encounters while Jesus was travelling, as people followed him everywhere to hear about his teachings.

Even today, more than two thousand years later, here we are, still retelling that story, sowing the seed again and again.

Today as you go out and about in your daily life be mindful that each person you meet, gives you the opportunity to plant the gospel seed, also remembering from a tiny seed, major growth can emerge. just like the Autumn Conker!

With Blessing

*Helen Oldham*

## Church Briefing

### Benefice Church Services

October 2023

Everyone Welcome

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Holy communion

10-30 am Coln St Denys

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Holy Communion

10-30 am Coln Rogers

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Festival

Collection for Cirencester Food Bank

10 -30 am Chedworth

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Holy Communion

10.30am Yanworth

Harvest Evensong

Collection For Cirencester Food Bank

6pm Coln Rogers

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Holy Communion

10.30 am Chedworth

**Induction and Installation Service for Rev Karen Hunter Kriwald**

**Wednesday November 1st 7pm Chedworth.**

**All Saints day**

### From the Register

#### Marriages

*"Let us love one another for love come from God"*

Will Fitch & Laura Brand



## Dates for Your Diary

| Date   | Time  | Event                                                           | Venue                  |
|--------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 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 - Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris                       | Chedworth Village Hall |
| 21-Oct | 09:00 | Village Hall Produce Market                                     | Chedworth Village Hall |
| 1-Nov  | 19:00 | Induction and Installation Service for Rev Karen Hunter Kriwald | Chedworth Church       |
| 4-Nov  |       | Chedworth Gardening Club Compost Day                            | Chedworth Village all  |
| 10-Nov | 9:30  | Back Row Club                                                   | Chedworth village Hall |
| 12-Nov | 12.30 | Remembrance Sunday Curry Lunch                                  | Chedworth Village Hall |
| 13-Nov | 19:30 | Parish Council Meeting                                          | Chedworth Village Hall |
| 15-Nov | 19:30 | WI Meeting - AGM & Supper                                       | Chedworth Village Hall |
| 18-Nov | 09:00 | Village Hall Produce Market                                     | Chedworth Village Hall |
| 08-Dec | 19:30 | Back Row Club                                                   | Chedworth Village Hall |
| 11-Dec | 19:30 | Parish Council Meeting                                          | Chedworth Village Hall |
| 13-Dec | 19:30 | WI Meeting - Bard of Barnwood                                   | Chedworth Village Hall |
| 16-Dec |       | Village Hall Produce Market                                     | 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 | 17 | Oct |
| Tuesday | 31 | Oct |
| Tuesday | 14 | Nov |
| Tuesday | 28 | Nov |
| Tuesday | 12 | Dec |

### Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

|        |    |     |
|--------|----|-----|
| Friday | 13 | Oct |
| Friday | 27 | Oct |
| Friday | 10 | Nov |
| Friday | 24 | Nov |
| Friday | 8  | Dec |

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# St. Andrew's C of E Primary & Preschool



I am very pleased to be able to introduce myself to you and feel privileged to be working in your community with the children at St Andrew's and the adjoined Preschool over this term, as Mrs Nikita Smith completes her maternity leave. Now in my twelfth year as a headteacher, I am currently leading both these settings and my second school – Cam Hopton CE Primary in Dursley, where I have been for nearly seven years.

My first headship was in a village school, very much like St. Andrew's, also a very special place at the heart of its' community. I travel from the

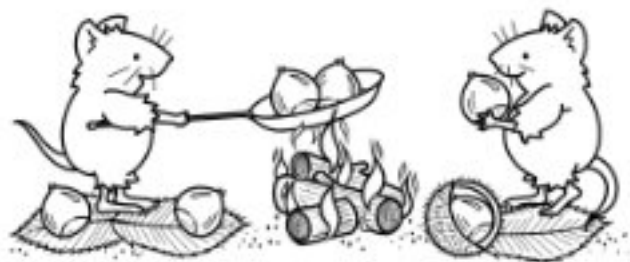
picturesque town of Malmesbury where I live with my husband and our 3 cats. My daughters having flown the nest to University and beyond.

In coming to work at St. Andrew's, my aim is to offer an experienced and steady hand so that staff continue to have everything they need to be able to give your children a fun, safe and inspiring experience in school and I look forward to meeting many of you during my time here.

With the term in full swing now, the children have all settled back in beautifully and we have welcomed our new starters. We have lots of exciting things planned so please do take a look at our school website [www.st-andrewsschool.co.uk](http://www.st-andrewsschool.co.uk) where you will find all our upcoming school event dates such as Open Days and Community events, newsletters and any job vacancies that may be available from time to time for example.

Best Wishes,

*Mrs Becky Harris*  
Interim Headteacher



What fun we have had with the apples and blackberries foraged in our **Forest School sessions**. The children took great delight in experimenting with sticks, potato mashers, spoons and saucepans to mash, squash and 'cook' their creations within our new mud kitchen.

We are delighted to be able to facilitate our very popular **transition sessions for our Rising 5's** children on Friday afternoon's – which mean that the children are also able to join in with a PE session, which they fully enjoy!

If your child is looking to join St. Andrew's Primary School next September, this is the perfect session to join as it allows for each child to become familiar with the school

teachers and setting and so when September arrives the children are far more relaxed over going to school. For further information, please do call or email: [chedworthpreschool@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:chedworthpreschool@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk).

With a change to our previous month's article, we will be holding our **'Stay & Play'** sessions on Friday morning's from 9:00 – 11:00am, £2.50 per family. All children under 5 years of age are welcome! Please do note that the children will remain your responsibility throughout this session. Could I also please take this opportunity to remind you to sign in at Reception before coming around to the Pre-School – if you would like further information for this session, please do email or telephone us!

*Sarah Smith*

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 us for a chat!



# Chedworth Parish Council

## Speed Watch Update

After several months of advertising for more members we are now in a position to re start the speed watch team and Alan McLellan is making arrangements to get our new recruits trained in the use of the speed monitoring equipment. Cllr. Mike Dentith and former Councillor Clive Poulton have joined Cllrs. Alan McLellan and David Broad which should give some flexibility to operations which require a team of three members to operate, one to check speed, one to take the registration numbers and one to record the data.

There was a suggestion from the public in September that one of the illuminated signs which have a green smiley face and speed flashed up when people are not speeding and a red version when people are speeding should be acquired. The Parish Council had looked into this and as the

cost is circa £2000 per unit and an application for funding was submitted to GCC in September 2022 and is pending. It seems County Council have had a change of responsible officer which has led to the delay but hopefully they will give a decision soon. If funding is not granted the parish will have to decide whether to cover the whole cost ourselves.

## Dark Skies by Cllr. Andreas Cola

While the shortening days might bring a tinge of melancholy, for us in Chedworth, it heralds the advantage of darker skies, letting the universe's wonders shine brighter above. Welcome back to our monthly Dark Skies guide, which promotes the parish council's Dark Skies and Tranquillity Policy.

This month, allow the Moon to direct your gaze to the three most spectacular planets of our solar system. Begin your celestial journey on 1st October when the mighty Jupiter will position itself southeast of the moon. By 11 October, Venus will gracefully rise just above the moon, slightly to its east. Culminating the month's display on 24 October, the majestic ringed Saturn will be found in conjunction, just a bit to the Moon's left.

Moreover, mark your calendars for the nights of 20-21 October 2023. The Orionid meteor shower, a spectacle sourced from the dust of Comet Halley, will peak, offering a chance to witness up to 20 meteors per hour. These meteors seem to emanate from a point near Orion's sword, particularly close to the star Betelgeuse — the

luminous red star that denotes Orion's left shoulder. Hope you enjoyed that warm-up, as we head into the even darker months. Stay tuned for more next month!

## Parking at the School.

Co-operation between school, parish and county councils, a combination of advertising, freshly painted Zig Zag markings and Parish Council no parking signs, resulted in a great reduction of parking problems around the school so far this term, so please keep up the good work everyone.

## Jubilee Noticeboard

The Jubilee Noticeboard at the top of Tuns Hill is looking very smart now following work to restore it. Many thanks are due to Cllr. Mike Dentith for revarnishing the woodwork which has made a tremendous difference.

## Flooding

County Council is hoping to remove the root ball which is partially blocking the culvert under Queen Street by the year end. The culvert which ran under the road as the road passed

under the railway bridge by Laburnham Cottage takes water away from the road and around the back of the roadside properties and its blockage is causing water to cascade down the road and enter the Hartshill stream at Adam's Pool causing damage to residential properties there.

## KCH 64

The Parish Council was pleased to accept the Cotswold Wardens offer to clear footpath KCH 64 from the school towards Upper Chedworth, so it should be available to use again as you read this. It forms a useful traffic free walking route for school children and actually predates both the railway which it parallels, and the school being shown on the 1803 Inclosure Award Map.

*David Broad*

## Councillors

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| Alan McLellan              | 01285 720642 |

To contact the Council, email the clerk, Elizabeth Broad ([chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](http://chedworthpc.org.uk)



## Don't mention it!

As part of his annual talk to our local Town Council, our minister told some funny stories. Since he planned to use the same anecdotes at the forthcoming Harvest Dinner at church, he asked the young reporter covering the event not to include them in his report.

Reading the newspaper on the following morning, he noticed that the well-meaning reporter had ended his story on the banquet with the observation "The minister told a number of stories that cannot be published."



## Hill & Valley Lawn Tennis Club

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

### CLUB NEWS

Although the days are shortening the tennis continues; thankfully our courts are in good condition for play even following rain and the LED floodlights extend the playing hours. Tennis a great means of combatting the autumn blues! Our Walking Tennis sessions are proving popular for those with any health conditions affecting their mobility and it is great for beginners too. Competitions continue over the autumn and winter with the Stroud Mixed Winter League and the Ladies Over 60's Winter League, social sessions and coaching run as normal. With poorer conditions as autumn unfolds, we remind players that they should take care to ensure the courts are safe for play if rain and fallen leaves are present and we ask you use the brushes or leaf blower to clear the courts. We greatly look forward seeing everyone at the end of season Club Social and Annual Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November, at the Old Smokery event venue near Northleach.

*Robert Baker, Chair* [hillandvalleylta@gmail.com](mailto:hillandvalleylta@gmail.com)



### WHAT'S ON

#### WALKING TENNIS

**Running every Friday afternoon 2.30-4pm**

It is relaxed and fun, you can go at your own pace. Come along to give it a go! Open to non members

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



#### AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR COACHING

Open to non members, rackets provided

**September 13<sup>th</sup> - October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**7 week block on Wednesdays for ages 4-18yrs**

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



#### HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

**October 31<sup>st</sup> & November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

5% discount for siblings & 15% discount for members.

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

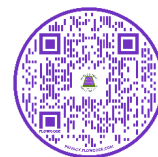
**Juniors 4-13yrs on Tuesday & Thursday**

**9.30am-12.30noon or 1pm-4pm or 9.30am-4pm**

Book either a half day £22 (9.30-12.30 or 1-4)

or a full day £39 (9.30-4 Bring a packed lunch)

**Teens 13-18yrs on Tuesday 4-6pm**



#### UNWANTED RACKETS

We are still collecting for the children's charity "Give It Your Max". If you have any tennis rackets that you no longer want, even if they are in need of repair or restringing, please get in touch to drop them off or we can collect. Contact Caroline 07733 322176.



#### FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**24<sup>th</sup> November Social Evening & AGM**

[Facebook.com/TennisChedworth](https://www.facebook.com/TennisChedworth)

[Instagram.com/hillandvalleytennisclub](https://www.instagram.com/hillandvalleytennisclub)

[Twitter.com/HillValleyTenn](https://twitter.com/HillValleyTenn)





This month we enjoyed our annual outing by visiting Sezincote. A truly remarkable and to most of us an unknown gem. Set above Moreton-in-Marsh with stunning views across the Cotswold hills, it looks more like a maharaja's palace than a Cotswold mansion.

Which was absolutely the intention when it was built by Samuel Cockerel. Its design was based on buildings built for Mughal emperor Akbar (reigned 1556–1605). The artist Thomas Daniell the most accurate painter of wonderful 18-early 19th Century Indian landscapes was also consulted. *(For more information, please see article in Dec 2019/Jan 2020 Hill and Valley by Robert Young).* The beautiful grounds were



influenced in their design by Repton and like the house restored by Lady Kleinwort in the 1940's, 50's and 60's, her family still live in the house.

Twenty-six of us (members, partners, and friends) enjoyed a lovely afternoon out with a guided tour of the house, not to be missed. And wonderful strolls round the grounds, across steppingstones and patting of bronze brahmin bulls on the bridge.

Followed by delicious cake and tea in the Orangery (the beautiful, curved building on the left of the picture) – such enjoyable decadence – with perfect September weather, to round it off.

Next month with the drawing in of the evenings we will be back in the village hall on Wednesday 11th October at 7.15pm joining Bob Rogers with 'One Foot in Paradise' his talk on the island of Mull, do come and join us if you can.

(If you cannot get to Sezincote further pictures are available on their website <https://www.sezincote.co.uk/> and this website <http://tdclassisist.blogspot.com/2014/07/sezincote-part-ii.html> has some more detailed information and pictures of the stunning interior – but nothing will beat visiting the real thing!!)

Emma Isaac

*(Photographs courtesy of Robert Young's article)*

## Backrow Club at the Village Hall

### Chicken and pig

A chicken and a pig were walking by a church where a gala charity event was taking place. Getting caught up in the spirit of the fun, the chicken suggested to the pig that they each contribute to the meal. "Let's offer them ham and eggs!"

"Not so fast," said the pig. "For you, that's a contribution. For me, it's a total commitment."

### Apples

Mother: "Martin, last night I put two apples in this cupboard and now there is only one. How do you explain that?"

Martin: "I expect it was so dark I couldn't see the other one."

# The RBL Poppy Appeal 2023

## Chedworth & District

The 2022 Poppy Appeal was a tremendous success raising more than **£47.7 million** across England, Wales and Northern Ireland, of which **£8,974.45p** was raised from the Poppy Appeal collections we organised in Chedworth and District. The money raised each year helps to fund the life changing work of the Royal British Legion. This includes providing crisis grants in times of need, providing specialist dementia care, and sport-based recovery programs for wounded, injured and sick Service and ex-Service personnel. None of this would have been possible without your support.

This year's Poppy Appeal collecting period will commence on **Saturday 21st October 2023 until Remembrance Sunday on the 12th November 2023**. During this period our wonderful team of volunteer Poppy Appeal Collectors will be making 'house to house' collections in Chedworth & District (which includes



Chedworth Laines, Pancake Hill, Stowell Park, Calmsden, Pinkwell, Fossebridge, Yanworth, Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers and Compton Abdale).

We will also have a number of 'static collection points' located at St Andrew's School (Chedworth), The Fossebridge Inn, The Seven Tuns (Chedworth), The Stump and Chedworth Roman Villa.

This year at the Remembrance Day lunch to be held at Chedworth Village Hall on Sunday 14th November at 12pm a number of our Poppy Appeal Collectors will receive Royal British Legion Awards for Service to the Poppy Appeal and we shall convey our personal congratulations and heartfelt thanks to them –

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**Bar to Long Service Medal (51 years service)-**

- Nellie Burrow – Coln Rogers

**30 Year Long Service Medal -**

- Sue Callard – Chedworth Laines

**15 Year Badge –**

- Fiona Beckett

**10 Year Certificates of Appreciation**

- Annette Seymour
- Sue Robertson

Considering our now often cashless society and bearing in mind that we only have access 2 contactless card machines for our collecting areas, may we please suggest that you consider putting some cash aside (note or coins) in advance of the collection period.

Finally, on behalf of the Royal British Legion & our local RBL Branch may we thank all the residents who kindly continue to support our annual Poppy Appeal. Please give generously again this year and sign the gift aid forms as we can claim back 25p from HMRC for every £1 donated. Every little helps!

**David & Felicity Peake**  
**Honorary Poppy Appeal Organisers**  
 - Chedworth & District



## FoStA Christmas Cards

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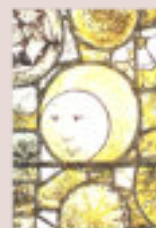
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## Cotswold Landscapes - Notgrove

Notgrove is a small estate village situated four miles west of Bouton-on-the-Water and four miles north of Northleach, south of the A436 Gloucester Road, which follows the route of an ancient trackway. The village stands in the middle of the parish of 1,724 acres at the head of a small valley at 760 feet above sea level in rolling Cotswold countryside. The 2011 census recorded 184 inhabitants. Rudder, writing in the second half of the eighteenth century described the parish as *"It enjoys a fine air, and the soil, though light and stoney, produces pretty good crops of corn from the improved methods of husbandry, and feeding large flocks of sheep."*

The village was recorded as Nategrave in the Domesday Book of 1086, the name derived from the Old Anglo-Saxon meaning "wet grove or copse". In 743 the Notgrove Estate was granted to the Bishop of Worcester. During the c12 and c13 the Manor was held by the Earl of Gloucester. Over the following centuries the estate passed through several family ownerships and in 1871 was purchased by Christ Church and Corpus Christi Colleges Oxford who sold the majority of the estate in 1908 to Cyril Cunard, whose grandfather had founded the trans-Atlantic shipping line. He sold in 1918 to Sir Alan Garrett Anderson, who was a ship owner and a director of the P&O company. The estate was acquired in 1968 by C H Kleinwort, who owned other estates in the Cotswolds, for his daughter Elizabeth and her husband David Ackland. The estate is now managed by Harry and Diana Ackland, who are very focused on nature



conservation and have entered the estate in a number of conservation schemes to encourage flora and fauna.

The village is attractively laid out with cottages and houses, mostly former farmhouses scattered around sloping grass areas. The majority of the dwellings are of c17 and c18 with some c20 cottages. They are stone built, mostly with stone slate roofs and are good examples of Cotswold architecture and craftsmanship. Most of the cottages were well restored since the Second World War. Notgrove Manor is situated at the southern end of the village was built in the c17 but adapted and extended in the c17 and c18. A wing was built in 1908. The



house has suffered from a fire and been rebuilt to a great extent, all in Cotswold style. Near the centre of the village is a large spring fed stone drinking trough and waggon entrance.

The church is situated adjacent to the Manor. It was originally dedicated to St Mary but was changed in the c18 to St Bartholomew. In common with several other Cotswold churches, it occupies a site which held some kind of religious significance many centuries earlier and was built on the supposed site of a Roman burial ground and probably of a Saxon church. The church is basically Norman with many alterations and was extensively "restored" in 1873. The decorated tower has an octagonal spire.

Despite the severe restoration, there are some interesting features, especially the Norman font, the six fine pre-reformation oak benches, the colourful tapestry above the altar showing scenes of Notgrove designed and embroidered by the Anderson Family, a beautiful fragment of medieval glass of the Madonna and Child in the vestry window and the four modern stained glass windows in the north aisle depicting the farming year. In the porch is an ancient stone coffin which



local folklore records was removed from the churchyard in the c17 to the open downs and used as a cattle drinking trough. The next day and night the cattle became very distressed

and made such a noise that the villagers returned the stone to its former place and "all was quite again"! The former rectory is now called the Glebe House.

The redundant Banbury and Cheltenham Direct Railway, opened in 1881 and closed in 1962 runs through the north of the parish. The former Notgrove Station situated adjacent to the A436 is now a private house and touring caravan site. I well remember that there was a chocolate vending machine on the platform that took six pences and the thrill of accompanying my grandparents from their farm at Naunton to collect cardboard boxes of new born chicks in wood shavings from the train.

Over the centuries, agriculture has been the main economic activity in the parish, mostly arable and sheep and some cattle. In the agricultural depression between the two world wars, about a third of the farmland was in permanent pasture. The then farm manager for Sir Alan Anderson was P.W Corry, who farmed the estate as a single farm and introduced a large scale poultry enterprise utilising moveable wooden arcs. He was a pioneer of farm budgeting and detailed accounts. Most of the traditional farm buildings are centred on the village with some outlying field barns. In 1956, there were 23 agricultural workers in the parish, now only a handful. In past centuries other occupations included traditional crafts such as carpenters, stone masons, roofers, weavers and blacksmiths. Other villagers worked at the Manor and on the railway when it was operating, the station yard included a coal merchant and a corn merchant.

The Notgrove Estate has diversified

## Cotswold Landscapes - Notgrove

into holiday lets, Mega Pods glamping accommodation, business and leisure activities. The estate has been very successful in encouraging local business's to start up including a laundry, beauty treatment, electric quad bike adventures and forest school. The former village social club has been redeveloped as The Nuttery, a café/bar and village hub which is the venue for social, health, music and social events.



The village did not have a public house after the mid c18!

There are several footpaths in the area with access to neighbouring villages. To the south of the A436 near the station access is Notgrove Chambered Long Barrow. It consists of a large mound with a passage through the centre and several small chambers opening off it. It is in the care of English Heritage. The burial chamber was excavated in 1934-5 when several human skeletons and Neolithic pottery were found.

*Robert Young*



### CHEDWORTH GARDENING CLUB AGM

**THE GARDENING CLUB AGM WILL TAKE PLACE ON**

**22 NOVEMBER 2023**

**AT 7.30PM**

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### What would Jesus do?

While waiting in line to check out at a Christian bookstore, a man in front of me asked the clerk about a display of hats with the letters WWJD on them. The clerk explained that WWJD stands for 'What would Jesus do?', and that the idea is to get people to consider this question when making decisions.

The man pondered a moment, then replied, "I don't think He'd pay £17.99 for that hat."

## Rose Cottage - BBC West Local News



*Rose Cottage as it was originally located in Chedworth, in the centre of the photo*

For those who did not see the feature on Rose Cottage (the cottage purchased by Henry Ford in 1930, dismantled and rebuilt at the Ford museum in Chicago) on the BBC West Local News on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September you can now access this by following the link below:-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-somerset-66683416>

and written BBC article

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-gloucestershire-66546779>

There was local current input to the feature as Mike Tovey referred the BBC journalist, Jonathan Holmes to the Henry Ford Museum website which provided much of the archive content for his feature. My brother Richard gave Jonathan the contact details for Mrs Maureen Ratcliffe of Bourton-on-the-Water, whose father-in-law was Mr William Ratcliffe, the carpenter who worked on the building contract in 1930. The stone mason on the project,

Tom Troughton lived at Stow-on-the-Wold and I can remember him when I was a child recounting his involvement with Rose Cottage and going to the USA. Although it was not mentioned in the feature, there was another local connection as in the late 1920's, Henry Ford purchased 100,000 Cotswold stone slates from Huntsmans Quarry at Naunton, which were taken by lorry to Notgrove Railway Station and from there to Southampton and shipped to the Ford Museum in the USA.

In Howard Westlake's book "The Chedworth Story" it states that "*Local feeling in Chedworth was reported at the time as mixed but generally unfavourable. Many people in the village apparently were fairly unmoved except for the worry about the acute housing shortage at the time. Some felt that we should not export our national treasures and one resident was reported as being very upset that the fine orchard, one of the best around, had been uplifted and removed.*"

*Robert Young*





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# Your Gardening Tips for October



We have basked in something of an 'India Summer', but it has been a funny old year for harvests of fruit and vegetables. Some people have reported very poor crops of apples and beans whilst others are looking for ways to use or disperse them! Most growers have, however, been devising innovative ways to use their piles of courgettes and tomatoes. This has probably been the best year for blackberries for a long time with effortless picking.

- It is time for tidying the borders, leaving seed heads for the birds. Trim back lavender if not already done.
- Add compost or rotted manure to the garden to reinvigorate the soil over the winter. This is the time of year when soil organisms are hungry for organic matter. Dig out composted leaf mold and spread on the garden to make way for this year's leaves. Clear up fallen leaves regularly and shred through the mower with the last grass mowings to make good compost. A layer or two of horse manure will make it better! If you are turning your compost heap to speed up the process be careful not to harm any

residents such as toads or slow worms. Bring the edges of the heap into the middle once it has rotted down as this will continue to be the hottest and most active area.

- If following a no dig policy, hoe out weeds before applying a thick layer of compost and or mulch. Leave organic matter such as bean and lettuce roots in the soil to overwinter. Anyone interested in no dig gardening can follow advice from Charles Dowding at Homeacres, Somerset. Put used coffee grounds onto the garden especially if close to plants that prefer slightly acid soil.
- If not done, there is still time early in the month, to rake out the dead grass from lawns and treat with autumn feed to strengthen the roots. Keep the grass no lower than 1 inch high over the winter.
- Put green tomatoes in a drawer with a banana to ripen.
- Divide herbaceous perennials and rhubarb crowns.
- Plant out winter lettuce, autumn onion sets, garlic and spring cabbage. When harvesting lettuce cut at the base of the plant make small quarter cuts in the root and leave to produce another small crop of 'lettucettes'. Remove yellow leaves from over wintering brassicas, and if not already done, cover your brassicas with bird proof netting. Stake tall brassicas, against wind damage.
- Plant wallflowers, forget-me-not, primulas, violas and other spring bedding plants in prepared ground or pots.

- Shrubs that are pruned hard in the spring, such as Buddleja, Cornus and Lavatera, can be cut back by half to prevent wind rock
- This is a good time to apply weed killer to perennial weeds, if it is not possible to cover with a membrane or thick cardboard.
- Thin out one quarter to one third of the oldest branches of mature forsythia. Lilac, spirea and potentilla for better bloom and shape next year. Cut these branches to the ground. If not already done, prune fruit trees, to increase ventilation. Inspect for signs of disease. Mulch with organic matter and fertilize. Fertilize again in the spring.
- Prune climbing roses
- Take cuttings of tender perennials, such as pelargonium.
- Do not feed plants at this time of

year as it will encourage soft sappy growth which is vulnerable to frost and wet damage. It is however a good time to fertilize trees.

- Bring tender plants such as cannas in doors or into the greenhouse.
- Attracting hedgehogs will help keep your slug population down, so now is the time to start thinking about providing places for them to hibernate. If you do not have space for a log pile there are numerous designs on the web for making a shelter and if you want to feed them make sure that other animals cannot reach the food by providing a small tube to the feeding box
- Please note as advertised elsewhere that the **compost day has been moved to 4 November**

*Simon Colbeck  
Chairman, Chedworth Gardening Club*

## Salt

The Sunday School teacher was describing how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom, she turned into a pillar of salt. Young James nodded with understanding. "My mum looked back once while she was driving," he observed, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

## Hereafter

A vicar was talking to one of his parishioners. He said: "When you get to my age, you spend a lot more time thinking about the hereafter."

The parishioner was impressed and asked him to for more details. The vicar replied: "Well, I often find myself going into a room and thinking: whatever did I come in here after?"

## Past & present

As half-term ended, the English teacher returned to teaching with a sigh. He felt nostalgic. He found the past perfect and the present tense.

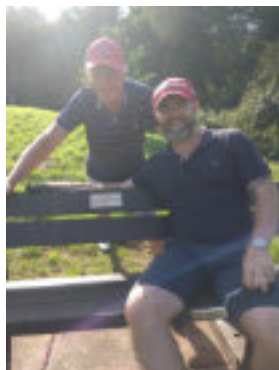
# Golf Day at Monmouth

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who had sponsored or donated prizes for this charity day, yet again we were very blessed with the weather, in fact it was probably the hottest day we have had since we started all them years ago.

We played Texas scramble in both the morning and afternoon rounds.

In the morning the winners were, with a very impressive score of 12 under par,  
(Dan Heaps, Charlie Harraway, Tom Horrell, Jack Humphreys)  
2nd was (Mark Wall, Chris Miles, Darren Handy, Robbo)  
3rd was (Jeff Wheeldon, Andy King, Daniel Rutherford, Nick Handy)  
nearest the pin was (Tom Horrell) and longest drive was (Nathan Heaps).

The afternoon round winners were (Dan Heaps, John Sissions, Jeff Wheeldon, Ian Taylor)  
2nd place after a putt off was (Pete Heaps, Nathan Heaps, Charlie Harraway, Robbo)  
3rd was (Lee Hatherell, Andy Miles, Tim House, Tom Horrell)  
nearest the pin was (Darren Handy) and longest drive was (Jack Humphreys).



As you can see from the photos our bench we donated last year has been erected on the 9th tee and was greatly appreciated by the clubs captain.

A big thank you must go to Emma and all of her staff for the fantastic food and continuous help throughout the day, it really does make our day special.

This year it was decided that the monies raised would go to the Pete Gregory Legacy, total monies raised will be announced in the next edition of the Hill & Valley as I still have to collect sponsorship money.

Once again thank you to everyone who has taken part in this fantastic day out.

Next years date is Friday 13th September.

Best wishes to all,

*Pete Heaps*



## Girlguiding 2nd Chedworth Guides

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# Wine Column

## Hello Friends,

October is coming in fast and pretty soon we will be seeing pumpkins. As I write this, I am on a plane coming from my other home in Napa Valley. We started harvest in our Chardonnay vineyard there on September 12 and to give you a comparison, it sounds like England won't start picking until late October or the beginning of November!

Maybe a good time to talk all things Northern Italy. The seasons are starting to change and Autumn is here. I love Italian wines, both red and white. I believe that Italian wine can give you some of the best values in the wine world. Under \$30 you can find excellent quality and wines that you can drink alone or enjoy with food.

Italy is not easy to understand with over 3000 different types of grapes to choose from. I will focus on Piedmonte region for this article, which happens to be one of most well known. Northern Italy is known for Risotto, stewed meats, pesto, heavier dishes and creamy pasta. It just so happens to be a perfect match for the wines, which have a lot of acidity to hold up to these rich foods.

Piedmonte:

- Barolo & Barbaresco: These places (not grapes) are home to the Nebbiolo grape. It is referenced as the King

of Grapes and has major aging potential. It is very dry (so a lot of tannins) and has hints of violets and dark fruit. And a lot of acidity, which is why people normally wait to drink it for years.

Try and buy these wines with the words Riserva on the label, which means that it is aged at least 5 years!

Barbaresco has limestone soil so the Nebbiolo grown there is less acidic. Barolo is mostly sandstone soil.

- Barbera & Dolcetto: The Nebbiolo opposites, so light, bright and red fruit flavors. Great with pizza and roast chicken. You can find some that have weight to them but normally easier to drink than young Nebbiolo.
- Moscato di Asti: sweet wine with fruitiness but also honey and flowers. Can be still or sparkling wine.



- Cortese: Light and fruity white wine with acidity and freshness.

You can find on the bottle DOC and DOCG. All wines are regulated by the government and are these regions are classified in certain ways. Normally the DOCG are a better stamp of quality in a wine.

Some favorites:

Terra del Barolo - £22.99 from Waitrose

Voerzio Martini 'La Serra' Barolo DOCG 2017 - £32.99 from Majestic

Gaja Barberesco - £280.99 from Berry Bros

Nino Negri 5 Stelle Sfursat 2017 -- £85.99 Vivino \*I love this wine

Terranuova Gavi di Gavi – on offer this month at Waitrose for £11.99 \* white wine

So make some focaccia or buy some from the Cirencester farmers market and open up a bottle of Piedmonte Wine.

Our Vineyard Update: Our frost protection project is almost done. The weeds are never done. 🍷

With July and August being so gray and wet, we had a tough year with powdery and downy mildew but luckily we didn't intend on having grapes this year. We hope to have a small crop next year on our top vineyard.

Reach out if you want to tell me about your favorite wines. Or enjoy a glass together in the vineyard or in front of the fire.

*Amber*  
[cotswoldswineadventure@gmail.com](mailto:cotswoldswineadventure@gmail.com)

## From medical records....

- ~ On the second day, the knee was better and on the third day it had completely disappeared.
- ~ The patient has been depressed ever since she began seeing me in 2022.
- ~ Alive, but without permission.
- ~ She slipped on wet leaves in late September, and her legs went in separate directions.
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Mental health problems have been becoming much more prevalent over recent years. Social Media in particular provides a devastating contribution to this trend, and it's possible we are in the midst of the biggest mental health crisis yet faced by humanity.

On top of the existing pressures of schooling and adolescence, no section of our society is more vulnerable to the effects of the constant social media spotlight, and more open to potential exploitation, than our young people. Feelings of vulnerability, isolation and loneliness have increased tremendously, and mental health illness has surged. The bottom line is that there are overwhelming mental health challenges facing us not only TODAY but for the years ahead. This is why Headspace was established.

### So what is Headspace?

Headspace is a local charity which provides free mental health support to young people aged between 11 and 19 years, living in our local community. Based in Bourton on the Water, we provide counselling sessions where young people can talk freely to discuss their worries or concerns in a confidential and safe space. We also run wellbeing activities to improve confidence and resilience in young people, such as gardening at the Headspace allotment, craft, art and cooking groups, and our Mind Mechanic sessions which provide opportunities to mend restore or recycle mechanical items. In September we will be starting Breath Work exercises. Learning to breathe properly and tailoring exercises to help with calm and focus can be incredibly helpful in this stressful world.

Headspace is a registered charity which adheres to all necessary safeguarding requirements.

Our mission is to expand and offer these services more widely, to ensure that ALL young people in the North Cotswolds get the support they need to strengthen their mental and emotional wellbeing.

Headspace has ambitious plans for the next three years, and we are building a team of amazing volunteers from within the local community with a diverse set of skills. Volunteering can be immensely rewarding in any organisation, but if you feel motivated by our work and want to get involved as a Headspace volunteer, please do get in touch.

It will be a life enriching experience.

Contact [Kath@myheadspace.org.uk](mailto:Kath@myheadspace.org.uk) or visit  
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# Cotswold Friends

## Local Charity CEO embarks on Cotswold 'Tour de Friends' Cycle Challenge



Jo Hammond, CEO at local charity Cotswold Friends, is embarking on an epic 450km Cycle Challenge, visiting over 100 Cotswold towns and villages along the way, and aiming to raise awareness and funds for the charity. Cotswold 'Tour de Friends' started from Moreton-in-Marsh, where the charity is based, on Friday 1st September. The challenge encompasses 14 cycle rides culminating with an 80km South to North Finale from Ashton Keynes to Mickleton, on Friday 20th October.

Jo says, "The aim of my challenge is to raise awareness of the challenges older and vulnerable people face every day, living in our highly rural communities. Cotswold Friends helps local people in



over 120 towns and villages across the Cotswolds. I'll be meeting clients, volunteers, funders and partners along the way and visiting our Community Activity venues – hopefully raising funds towards the ongoing delivery of our community services. I'm a bit daunted by the hilly Cotswold terrain - there is over 6000m of climbing in total. You might see me walking from time to time up the really steep bits!"

At the time of going to Press, the first three rides have been completed – 11 to go! The starting times and locations for the five final rides are listed below and full details of all routes can be found by heading to [www.cotswoldfriends.org](http://www.cotswoldfriends.org). Take a look and see when Jo might be cycling through your village!

- Guiting Power Loop – Tuesday 3rd October 9.30am
- Moreton North Loop – Wednesday 4th October 10am
- Andoversford Loop – Tuesday 10th October 1pm
- South Cirencester Loop – Friday 13th October 9.30am
- South to North Finale - Friday 20th October 8am

You can also follow Jo's progress on **Instagram @cotswold\_friends**

Cotswold Friends works to alleviate

loneliness and isolation, improve health and wellbeing and support independent living. Helping over 2,300 people and with an incredible team of over 300 volunteers, charity services include Community Transport, Community Activities, Befriending and Carer Support, helping to keep people connected to their community.

Can you help Jo and Cotswold Friends reach their fundraising target of £5,000? If you might be able to

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## Uncle Eustace

### On the perils of Harvest

The Rectory  
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My dear Nephew Darren

In the unlikely event of ever being put in charge of designing the course for those being trained for ordination, I would make a few significant changes. Modules on doctrine, Church history and Greek would all be dropped as unnecessary. In their place, I would add courses on how to run a tight jumble sale, ways to keep your church council in order – and especially close to my heart at present, how to negotiate Harvest.

The first skirmish starts in early Summer when it becomes clear that the flower arrangers' plans mean that the choir would disappear behind a huge array of chrysanthemums. The choir then retaliate by announcing that their Harvest anthem must take place just when the Sunday School intended to re-enact the parable of the Good Samaritan. They, in turn, raise the stakes by insisting that a stage will be needed for their performance, thus ensuring that I will be separated from the congregation by an impenetrable barricade.

In September, therefore, there is the traditional meeting to iron out all these little difficulties. This inevitably results with the annual act of the verger handing in his resignation, of the bell ringers threatening a mass walk-out, and those who organise coffee afterwards demanding that my sermon lasts no more than three minutes, so there will be plenty of time for



socialising after the Service.

I greet all suggestions with a spontaneous burst of indifference, smile, agree with it all – and do nothing (this, incidentally, is a good policy for all decision-making). Inevitably, everything goes ahead exactly as it has always done for the last century.

Come the day, there will be the usual arrangement of eggs round the font, with the strategically placed card saying 'Given anonymously by Elsie Jones' and the pyramid of apples temptingly near the choirboys, so designed that when someone tries to pinch one during the sermon, the whole pile disintegrates as they roll all over the chancel.

On the following Friday, all will leave after the Harvest Supper saying that the entertainment was worse than the previous year and that the absence of red cabbage had quite ruined the hot pot. Everyone therefore has had an enjoyable evening.

My Harvest training course would be compulsory and a pass mark of 90% would be needed before ordination could be considered.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

# A Bear called Paddington

It was 65 years ago, on 14th October 1958, that Michael Bond's children's book, A Bear Called Paddington, was published. It marked the debut of the lovable Paddington Bear, who is now a household name after appearing in two irresistible films.

Paddington starred in more than 20 books written by Bond, who died aged 91 in 2017. The original story was inspired by the author witnessing Jewish and British evacuee children passing through Reading station. Bond wanted the bear to have come from "darkest Africa", but this was changed to Peru when his agent pointed out that there were no bears in Africa.

Many people have found Christian characteristics in the bespectacled, kind, red-hatted, innocent Paddington, who always tries to do the right thing but often gets into trouble as a result. He is invariably polite, but has a "hard stare" for those who behave badly. The two hugely successful films, with Ben Whishaw voicing Paddington and household names in other roles, established the bear in the national psyche – a natural successor to Winnie the Pooh.

A stuffed toy Paddington Bear was chosen by British tunnellers as the first



item to be passed to their French counterparts when the two sides of the Channel Tunnel came together in 1994. The books have been translated into 30 languages and have sold more than 30 million copies.

Paddington has also reached the very top of society. Comedian and later President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky dubbed him in the Ukrainian version of the films, and to cap everything, Paddington joined the late Queen in one of her last public appearances – a brilliant comedy segment in the Platinum Party at the Palace on 4th June 2022, in which the Queen 'revealed' that she always carried a marmalade sandwich – Paddington's favourite food – in her handbag.

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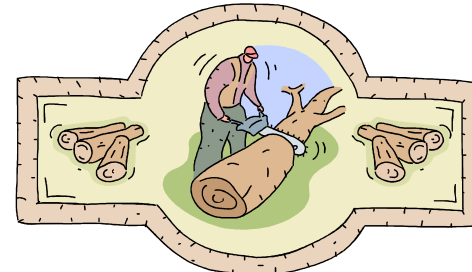
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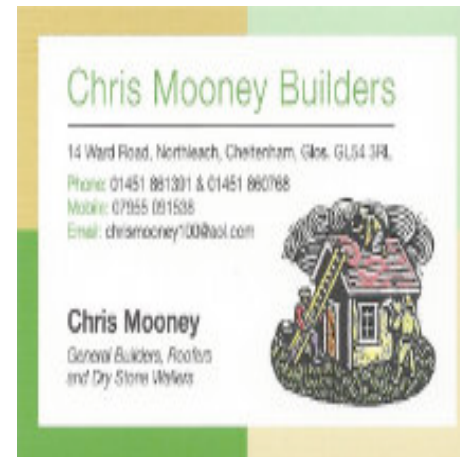
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