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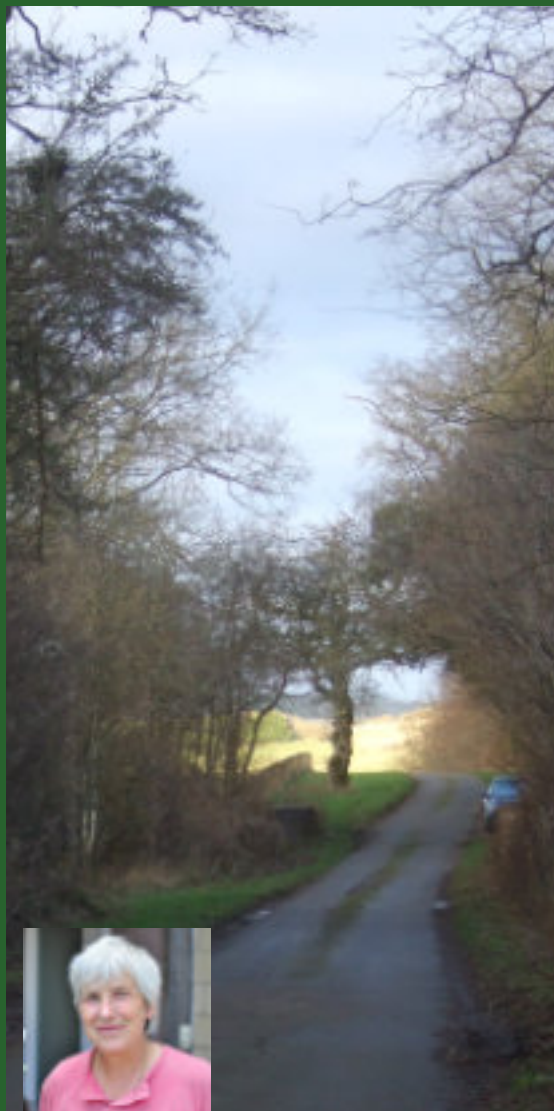
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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition

Karen's Letter

I had begun to suspect that perhaps I was one of a small percentage of people with an immunity to Covid. I had worked in Bristol University caring for students' mental health through two lockdowns. In the early days BU was known as a super-spreader centre yet I never became ill. But this week, in the green pastures of the Hill and Valley Benefice, I tested positive for the first time and have been isolating.

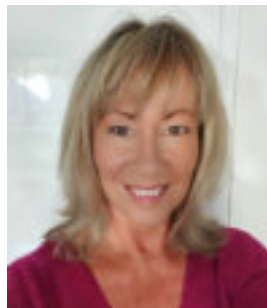
It's made me think afresh about the effects of isolation. After all, I came here to join in with the community life of a lively Benefice, not to sit about coughing and spluttering in a vicarage, as nice as it is.

An often-quoted verse (usually at weddings) from Genesis 2:18 tells us that the Creator said, "It is not good for human beings to be alone." Recent neuroscience research echoes the sentiments of this ancient and profound statement. Human brains are not meant to exist in isolation. Our brains function best when they are healthily inter-connected with other brains. We now know lengthy isolation, loneliness and disconnection can increase the risk of early mortality by 26% – it's that bad for us! And you may be surprised to hear that it is among the 18–24-year-olds age group that this has been felt most acutely in recent studies.

The Covid years stole away that developmental time when young brains would have been learning socialisation skills to connect with one another. In my most recent experience at another university, one of the top requests from students was that they wanted help with how they could find and make friends.

And what has all this got to do with you, I hear you ask, dear reader? Well ... we have the incredible privilege of living in our five lovely villages. Each is made up of people who have chosen to live near each other, for whatever reasons, who share similar values and love for these places, and who may have a tribal, maybe even spiritual sense of community. In these bleak winter months, let's look out for one another, especially the young. I'm looking forward to moments of connection with you and finding ways to become friends with you.

Karen Hunter Krimald



Church Briefing

Hill & Valley Benifice Church Services February 2024

Everyone Welcome

Sunday 4th February	10.30am - Holy Communion - Coln St Denys
Sunday 11th February	9.00am - BCP HC - Chedworth 10.30am - Holy Communion - Coln Rogers
Sunday 18th February - 1st Sunday in Lent	10.30am - Holy Communion - Chedworth
Thursday 22nd February	12.30 - Lent Course/ Soup & roll lunch (BYO bowl and spoon) - Chedworth Church
Sunday 25th February - 2nd Sunday in Lent	10.30am - Holy Communion - Chedworth
Thursday 29th February	12.30pm - Lent Course/ Soup & roll lunch (BYO bowl and spoon) - Chedworth Church
Friday 1st March	7.00pm World Day of Prayer - Chedworth
Sunday 3rd March - 3rd Sunday in Lent	10.30am - Holy Communion - Coln St Denys



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
9-Feb	19:30	Back Row Club	Chedworth Village Hall
10-Feb	15:00	Children's Magic Show	Chedworth Village Hall
14-Feb	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
17-Feb	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
22-Feb	12:30	Lent Course / Soup & Roll Lunch	Chedworth Church
24-Feb	19:00	National Theatre Live - Vanya	Chedworth Village Hall
29-Feb	12:30	Lent Course / Soup & Roll Lunch	Chedworth Church
1-March	19:00	World Day of Prayer	Chedworth Church
2-March	10:00	Open Tennis Morning	Chedworth Tennis Courts
13-March	19:15	WI Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
16-March	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
23-March	10:00	Church Spring Clean	Chedworth Church
20-April	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
18-May	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
15-June	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
20-July	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
17-Aug	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
13-Sept		Golf Day	
21-Sept	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
19-Oct	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
16-Nov	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
21-Dec	9:00	Village 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	6	Feb
Tuesday	20	Feb
Tuesday	5	Mar
Tuesday	19	Mar

Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Friday	2	Feb
Friday	16	Feb
Friday	1	Mar
Friday	15	Mar
Friday	29	Mar

Turn your event into an occasion
at

Chedworth Village Hall

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booking enquiries

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St Andrew's C of E School & Pre-school



You may be aware that our classes are named after steam engines that once travelled through Chedworth on the old railway line. Our class names are **Thunderbolt**, **Goldfinch**, **Churchill** and **Godolphin**. These names are a vital link between the history of the village and the history of the school.

We have found it difficult to trace the history of these engines and would love to find out more, as well as source some images of them to help the children draw the connection between these names and the history outside of our window. We would love to hear from anyone who might be able to help us with this.

Thunderbolt & EYFS

Our EYFS pupils in pre-school and Thunderbolt have been spending more time working collaboratively. This is a brilliant experience for all children to develop their social experiences and work together in some areas of the EYFS curriculum. To start the term, they made and shared items for a tea party, inspired by 'The Tiger who came to tea'. The staff have a community plea for any **good quality dressing up clothes** and also any **hand knitted clothes for dolls**.

Churchill

This term Churchill will be learning about natural disasters and their impact on the world. Pupils will be learning about living things and their habitats and how habitats can be impacted by humans.

Godolphin

Our Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 pupils are all learning guitar together this term - we can't wait to see their progress and hear their final performance. This term they will be focusing on locating in Geography and learning about biomes and their features.



Goldfinch

Our Year 1 & 2 pupils will be studying Chedworth and our local Geography over the Spring term. If you happen to see them around the village, please give them a wave and say hello.

The children are enjoying their weekly forest school sessions and have been learning about habitats and seasons.

Our value this term is **generosity**. We are incredibly proud of one of our pupils, who showed astounding generosity by donating all of her saved pocket money to a local animal rescue charity. **£100** was kindly donated and we are so touched by this child's thoughtfulness.

Last term, Mrs Padgett organised a competition for pupils to design and create a Christmas decoration from recycled products in a bid to make Christmas more sustainable and less wasteful. We had an amazing array of decorations from repurposed gun cartridges, felted baubles and recycled Christmas mobiles. The children are truly very innovative and creative.



Foundation Governor Role

We have vacancies for a Foundation Governor. As a Foundation Governor you will be a representative of the Church of England on the school's Governing Body. You will have a special role in, and responsibility for ensuring that:

- The Christian Character of the school is secured, preserved and developed; and
- The school is run in accordance with any trust deed relating to the school.

In order to carry out your special role effectively, you will need to:

- > Understand and articulate the role of the Church in school, and the importance of the school's distinctively Christian character.
- > Encourage and focus debate in key areas, including the school's Christian vision, collective worship and religious education (RE).
- > Play an active role in key decisions e.g. the recruitment of headteachers and other key members of staff and headteacher appraisals.
- > Support the school to ensure that there are effective and ongoing processes in place for Church school specific monitoring and evaluation

If this sounds of interest, please do email the school office: admin@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk



Chedworth Parish Council

Nature Reserve

Many thanks to the volunteers who formed a working party to maintain the former railway line nature reserve in Chedworth Woods under the auspices of the Glos Wildlife Trust on 4th January. This was organised by GWT as part of the Parish Council's attempts to keep this facility available for the public to enjoy following insurance and liability issues with an underline bridge which have derailed the acquisition process. The working party was very successful but only four of the Volunteers were from Chedworth. It would be great if a few more Chedworth residents could help with the next working party. If you can help with future works, dates yet to be decided, please contact Emma at emmalouisebarron@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07715857606 or alternatively email clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk

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Andrea Cola	07974 388687
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To contact the Council, email the clerk, Elizabeth Broad (chedworthpc@hotmail.co.uk), or call her on 720313, or get in touch with any of the councillors directly.

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

Tuns Hill/Queen Street

The Parish Council is still trying to get something done about the water cascading down Tuns Hill and Queen Street. Dan Tiffany and Susanne Humm from GCC have been on site and they suggest anyone suffering flooding should use the on-line flood reporting tool on the Glos County Council website, you can use this to report both current and historic flooding. They promise to get back to us regarding the ice which forms on the affected roads as a result of the flooding.

The Parish Council is looking for someone to do a survey of watercourses for us particularly those in the upper reaches of the valley so we can help Council officers understand what causes the flooding and hopefully get something done to alleviate the problem. We would appreciate any suggestions of who to approach. This will probably have to be a paid professional, or possibly a student who could use this as coursework while being paid, but any suggestions would be gratefully received email clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk

Potholes

Residents reported potholes in a very large number of Chedworth's roads at the recent Parish Council meeting. To help us it would be very useful if residents could report potholes on the Glos County Council website under "Fix my street" as blanket complaints about tens or hundreds of potholes seem to gain little priority.

Strimmer Required

After many years as our go to contractor for strimming, due to retirement Bibury Landscaping have told us they can no longer strim the Lower End Graveyard and Tuns Hill Triangle for us. As a result, we need to find someone else, if you are interested in this work or have any suggestions as to whom to approach, please contact clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk 01285 720313

Christmas Lights

We hope you enjoyed the stylish Christmas lights which adorned the Millennium Tree. The Parish Council purchased new lights and Tony Kingsley and Mike Dentith repaired some of those previously used and erected them using a large pole saving the considerable expense of hiring a Cherry Picker so many thanks to Tony and Mike for doing this.

Dark Skies

As February's frosty nights envelop Chedworth, the night sky unveils a dazzling winter display. In this February 2024 edition of the Dark Skies Guide, in line with the Parish Council's commitment to dark skies and tranquillity, we invite you to another celestial journey. This month, the Moon acts

as a guide to our planetary neighbours. Mars appears near, to the north of the Moon on the 8th, followed by Saturn (again to the north) on the 10th, and Jupiter, to its south on the 15th. Meanwhile, Venus dazzles as the brightest planet in the evening sky throughout February. Shortly after sunset, look towards the western horizon to catch this radiant planet. Also take note on the 22nd when it aligns closely with the red planet, Mars. The star of February's sky show is the Leo Triplet, a group of galaxies visible near the constellation Leo. To find Leo, look to the eastern horizon around 2100 for the 'backward question mark' or 'sickle' pattern of stars which forms the lion's head. This asterism is led by the bright star Regulus. Extending from Regulus, you'll find a triangle of stars that represent the lion's hindquarters and tail. The Leo Triplet galaxies, M65, M66, and NGC 3628, lie near this constellation and are best viewed with a telescope or binoculars.

David Broad



World Day of Prayer Service

written this year by the women of Palestine.

‘I beg you ... bear with one another in love’.

In view of the terrible situation in Palestine this theme could not be more apt. Please come and join with us to pray for the women who wrote this service before the recent terrible events, and for peace for all.



Friday 1st March 2024 at 7.00pm

St. Andrew's Church, Chedworth

WALKING TENNIS FOR ALL

Would you like to improve your fitness and well being?

Do you have a health condition or injury that impacts on your mobility?

Come and give Walking Tennis a try!

This fun, gentler game of tennis is suitable for all ages and abilities including beginners. Rackets provided.



FRIDAYS, 2.30-4PM

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ALL WELCOME



www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/WalkingTennis

What a difference a month makes! Wet and mild in December and cold and frosty in January! Fortunately, the welcome from our new President was very warm on both nights.

In December, thanks to our committee spending some of funds raised through the year, plus the wonderful Beth Cox and her helper Laura stepping into the breach created by a very poorly speaker, we spent a very relaxed evening making Christmas table arrangements.

Some of us were rather more adept at following Beth's example than others but much fun and chat was had by all. This was assisted by a glass of cheer from the committee and delicious



supper.

In January we were treated to a talk on Christina Rossetti by Lenny Hoffman. Apparently, it might have been on the law on tax avoidance, as he is a retired law lord, but he thought a talk on a remarkable woman more appropriate. He treated us to some of Christina's poetry (other than her classic carol 'In the bleak midwinter'), details of her life

and her obsession with Anglo-Catholicism. Like her brother, Dante Gabriel Rossetti the painter, she was quite remarkably talented. The talk ended with her poem 'Goblin Market' - not quite the innocent fairy tale it might at first appear with underlying themes of prostitution and drug addiction.

A delicious supper followed with lots of catching up after Christmas and New Year.

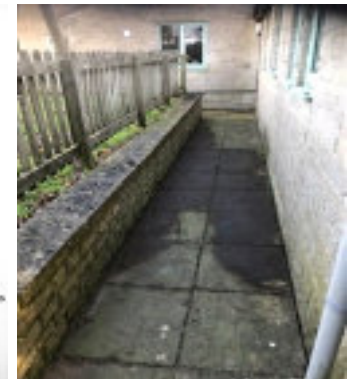
In February we have a talk from another local celebrity, Simon Colbeck, on 'Joseph Severn (the English artist of the 18th and 19th century) and Illustrious Friends'.

It will be in Chedworth Village Hall at 7.15pm on Wednesday 14th February - all are welcome.

Emma Isaac



Chedworth Village Hall Needs You!



I am a Volunteer Supporter of Chedworth Village Hall and for the past 3 years I have been assisting the VH Committee to oversee and co-ordinate the activities of other VH Supporters who belong to our 'Outside Maintenance Group'. Members of the group help to keep the land and grounds around the Village Hall in a tidy condition and undertake any outside maintenance as and when may be required.

Until recently we had 7 members of the outside maintenance group, however, 3 members have now left the group due moving from the area, or for personal reasons. The group now comprises of myself and fellow residents Amy Fry, Tony Kinglsey, and Bee Brockman.

In addition, we also receive help and assistance from members of the VH trustees (Charles Hutton-Potts, Neil Compton, Simon Colbeck) and fellow village residents David Musgrave and Pete Heaps who kindly assist to clear leaves with their heavy-duty leaf blowers during the Autumnal months when lots of leaves fall from the trees.

We are now seeking new members to join our outside maintenance group, or to volunteer to assist the group with tidying up duties etc.

We are currently removing leaves from the grounds and putting them on the compost heap located at the side of the village green behind the hedge and trees adjacent to Fields Road.

If you wish to join our outside maintenance group, or to assist the group in anyway, please email me with your name and contact details and I shall make contact to explain how you may be able to assist the group and the Village Hall committee.

Many thanks

David J. Peake
David.john.peake1@gmail.com



Who: Girls from 10 - 14 years old

What: Games, adventures, camping, climbing, campfires, cooking, badges, trips, crafts, first aid and lots of other activities

When: Thursdays in term time

Where: Chedworth Village Hall

Why: Make new friends, learn new skills, grow in confidence and most of all have **fun!**



Please get in touch to find out more or arrange a visit:

Email Alice at aj.george@btinternet.com

or visit www.girlguiding.org.uk



Chedworth & District Poppy Appeal Collection 2023 – update report



On behalf of the Royal British Legion and our local Royal British Legion Branch may I thank everyone who kindly supported our local Poppy Appeal during October and November of this year. Due to the combined generosity of local residents and visitors to the area (including the local Branch of the Royal British Legion, Coln Rogers with Coln St Dennis PCC, the Remembrance Service congregations at St Andrew's Church, Chedworth and St Oswald's Church, Compton Abdale, Rendcomb College staff, students and parents) our local annual Poppy Appeal for Chedworth and District (includes Calmsden, Pinkwell, Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers, Calcott, Compton Abdale, Fossebridge, Stowell Park, Yanworth and our 6 'static points' (St Andrew's School, Chedworth, The Fossebridge Inn, The 7 Tuns, The Stump, Stowell Park, and Chedworth Roman Villa) a magnificent **£7,170.50p** has been raised via cash, the use of one allocated credit card machine, and cheques !

99 people completed gift aid forms for a total of £1,365.50p in donations and that means that the Royal British Legion will be able to claim an additional 25pence for each pound donated via gift aid.

This year for the first-time donations to our Poppy appeal could also be made via QR codes and we await an update from the Royal British Legion regarding the amount raised via this technology. Gift aid can also be claimed on donations made via QR codes. The QR codes were used successfully in a number of our collecting areas, and we shall update everyone in due course with our final grand total figure.

During the past 29 years the Chedworth & District Poppy Appeal has raised a grand total of **£122,532.03p (on average = £4,225.24p per year collected / donated)**. This is an incredible achievement. It is also a testament to all the hard work of our gallant band of Poppy Appeal collectors, past and present and the continued generosity of local residents and organisations.

Once again, our heartfelt thanks go to our wonderful and hardworking team of 18 'house to house' Poppy Appeal collectors, the staff at our 6 'static points' and our dedicated team of independent money counters (Sue Robertson, Gill Tovey and Myra Burridge).

Thank you once again to everybody for your support and generosity. It is very much appreciated.

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

RBL Awards November 2023



Chedworth & District Poppy Appeal Collectors - Royal British Legion Awards November 2023:

At the Remembrance Day lunch held at Chedworth Village Hall on Sunday 12th November 2023, Lt Col Andrew Tabor, Chair of Chedworth & District Royal British Legion Branch, presented the following local Poppy Appeal Collectors with their Royal British Legion 'Awards for Service to the Poppy Appeal' –

- 51 Year Special Award – Nellie Burrow of Coln Rogers.
- 30 Year Long Service Medal - Sue Callard of Chedworth Laines.
- 15 Year Badge – Fiona Beckett of Pinkwell, Chedworth.
- 10 Year Certificates – Annette Seymour (collects in The Hemplands) and Sue Robertson (Upper Chedworth).



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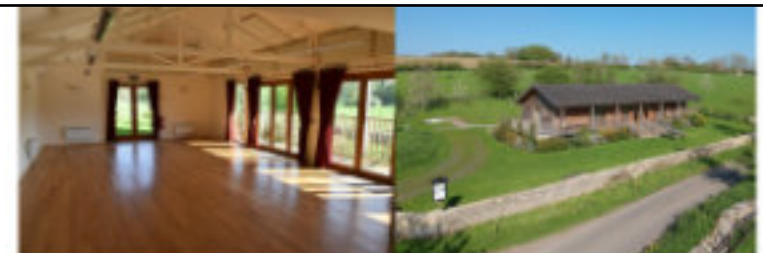
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Backrow Club at the Village Hall



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Flora Fiora Gig

Flora Fiora Gig at Chedworth Village Hall 25th November 2023

Flora Fiora with Ryan Hallendorff on bass guitar and Charlie Grey on drums gave a vibrant and entertaining gig to a sell-out audience at Chedworth Village Hall. It was very pleasing to see three young performers with such energy and verve. Flora sang several of her own compositions, as well as covers. Her mentor/producer Jonathan JJ Jowett, operated the excellent sound system. The gig reflected much hard work and practice by the talented young performers.

The Friends of Saint Andrew's Church Chedworth are very grateful to Flora for giving the gig to raise money for church funds.

At 3pm on Saturday 10th February 2024 FoStA have arranged a Childrens Magician and Tea Party at Chedworth Village Hall. Admission free, donations are invited for FoStA. See page opposite.

Robert Young



Off to the vet

In his younger days our golden retriever Catcher often ran away when he had the chance. The vet's surgery was about a mile down the road, and Catcher would usually go there. The nursing staff knew him and would call me to come pick him up. One day I called the vet to make an appointment for Catcher's yearly vaccine. "Will you bring him," asked the receptionist, "or will he come down on his own?"

Muddy woof

What do you get if you cross a jeep with a dog? A Land Rover.

CHILDRENS MAGIC SHOW

Chedworth Village Hall



**Saturday
10th February
3pm to 5pm**

No tickets required
Donations
requested!

In aid of
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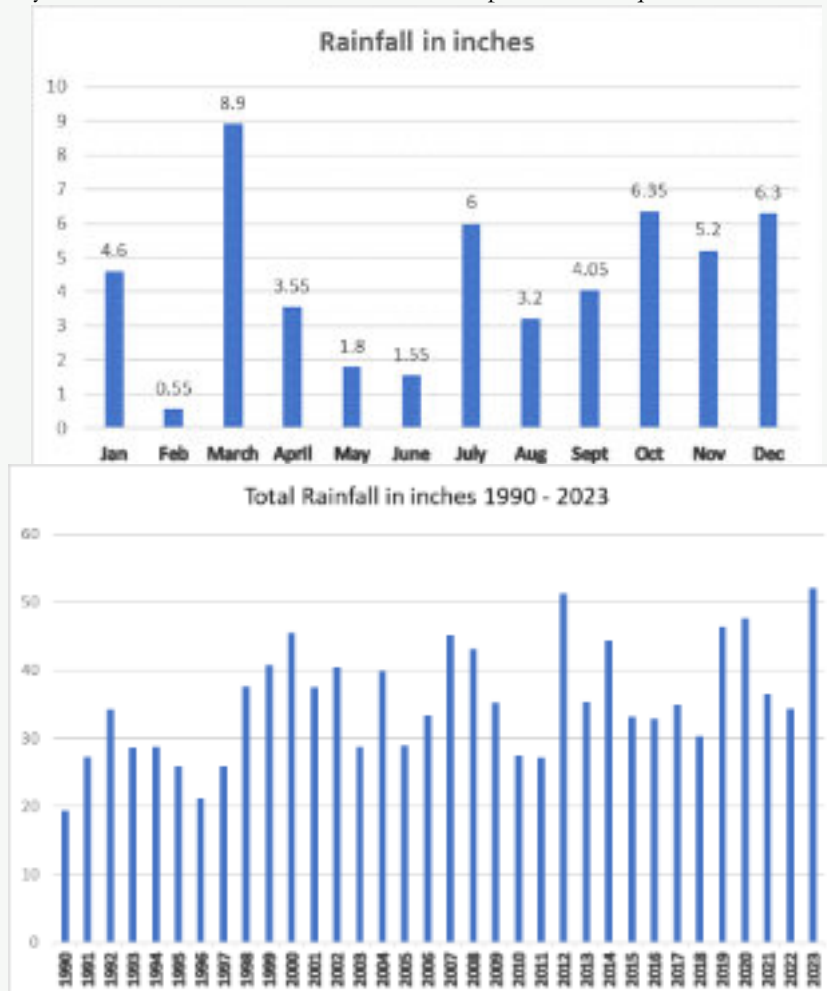
Chedworth Rainfall 2023

We recorded 52.05 inches of rain in 2023, the wettest year since we started keeping records in 1990. The previous highest was 51.20 inches in 2012. The lowest rainfall was 19.30 inches in 1990.

The chart shows the monthly rainfall. Unusually March, which is normally a dry month recorded the highest monthly total of 8.90 inches. After a

dry and hot early summer, we prepared the long hoses in early July for watering a new hedge, it then started raining!

It was a very wet autumn with 21.90 inches, making for very wet ground conditions and difficulties for farming, forestry and construction. On the positive front, last year's rain will have improved the aquifer reserves!



Professor Len Shaffrey, research scientist at the National Centre for Atmospheric Science and University of Reading stated:-

"We expect climate change to make UK summers drier and hotter, and winters wetter and warmer. The nature of drought may change in the UK, with droughts tending to become shorter and more frequent in response

to changing rainfall patterns. The amount of water we have available is also affected by hot weather and evaporation. As the climate warms, we expect evaporation to increase, leading to a greater risk of summer droughts."

We shall see!

Robert Young

North Cerney Scamper!



North Cerney Memorial Village Hall presents the North Cerney Scamper, a 5k / 10k run (or walk!) to raise money for the Village Hall and Primary School. The event will take place on the morning of Saturday 18th May 2024 at 10am, and is open to anyone aged 15+. This is a great opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside, whatever your scampering ability, followed by home-made refreshments in the village hall.

The course consists of a 5k loop via North Cerney and Rendcomb villages, predominantly on local trails and farm tracks including the famous Monarch's Way. All times will be recorded professionally by LuSH Race Timing, with a finishers' memento for everyone and prizes for winners across various age categories.

This is a real grass roots community event, and we would be grateful for your support.

Good luck!

Tickets available via racentaion: <https://race-nation.co.uk/register/north-cerney-village-hall/north-cerney-scamper>

Village Hall website: <https://www.northcerneyvillagehall.com/fun-run>

Your Gardening Tips for February



2022 was described as the warmest year since records began. Not any longer! It is now 2023!

Despite the recent cold weather it seems that we now need to be ready for anything- hot /cold and wet! Not easy conditions for gardeners.

- Chit potato tubers. You have missed the great potato sale day at Dundry Nurseries but there will still plenty to chose from.
- Seeds that can be sown outside include broad bean, garlic, spring onions, first early peas and radishes. Other vegetable seeds such as brassicas, beans, tomatoes and peppers will need to be started off indoors or in a greenhouse. Onion sets and shallots planted outside will probably develop better from early March.
- If you have had problems with carrot fly damage try sowing Flyaway F1 (Early) and/or Resistaflly F1 (Main), both of which are widely available. If you are still worried, fine net the bed to

protect the carrots.

- Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green', if they have not already gone over! If you want to divide them later put a label into the spot for each bulb!
- Heavy soils can be improved significantly by working in coarse gravel or sharp sand as well as organic matter.
- Use leftover tea and coffee grounds to acidify the soil of acid-loving plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and even blueberries. A light sprinkling of about one-quarter of an inch applied once a month will keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side
- Dahlia tubers stored over winter can be potted out in a frost free space, and lily bulbs can be planted in pots.
- Prune wisteria by cutting back the side shoots to two or three buds. Avoid cutting off flower buds.
- If you did not start your sweet peas off in the Autumn, they can be sown between now and March. Protect from mice!
- Protect your, delphinium, hosta and lily shoots from slugs and snails before they appear above ground.
- Continue to prune roses as

required and cut late summer and autumn flowering clematis down to the lowest pair of strong buds. Mulch and feed.

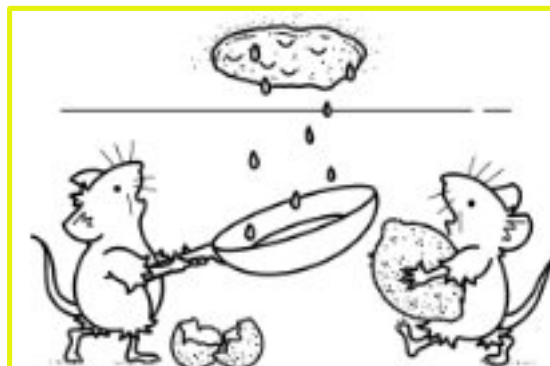
- Continue to dead head winter pansies as they will carry on flowering into spring and early summer.
- Cut off old leaves of hellebores that produce flowers from ground level.
- Late February to the end of March is a good time to prune Buddleja, Fuschia, Hydrangea and similar late flowering shrubs, but be careful not do so if threatened by frost damage. Pruning later than mid- April risks inadvertently cutting off emerging flower buds
- Check box and holly trees for box blight and holly leaf blight. Best to remove the affected plants and burn them if possible.
- Plant roses, avoiding areas where roses have been immediately before.

- If you are hanging on to your brussels sprouts keep clearing out dead and dying leaves.
- Protect fruit blossom from frost where possible.
- Worm casts can be troublesome at this time of year, so keep brushing them away, but remember that if they are there they are doing a lot of good!
- Feed the small birds. They will be good to you in the spring and summer



- Look out for the advert for the Spring Compost Sale

*Simon Colbeck
Chairman
Chedworth Gardening Club*



Get your eggs, butter, sugar and lemon juice at the ready, for Pancake Day is here. In 2024, Pancake Day (or Shrove Tuesday) will fall on Tuesday 13 February, around a week earlier than last year.

The Winter of 1963 in the Cotswolds

The winter of 1962-1963, was known as the Big Freeze of 1963 and was the coldest winter for more than 200 years, with temperatures so cold that the sea froze in places. In the Cotswolds, it started to snow on Boxing Day 1962 and turned very cold with temperatures lower than 20 centigrade. A blizzard across Wales and South West England caused snowdrifts up-to 20 feet deep. Roads and railways were blocked, telephone and electric lines brought down and some remote villages were cut off for many days. The snow and cold weather continued through January and February, which was stormy with winds reaching Force 8 on the Beaufort Scale. It was not until the morning of 6th March that frost was not recorded in Britain. Temperatures rose in March and the snow started to thaw, causing flooding in some areas and problems with burst water pipes. Snow remained under some exposed walls and hedges until early May.



The winter had a major impact on everyday life, especially for those involved in agriculture, building, transport, the emergency services and communications. Farmers had difficulty in feeding and watering livestock, particularly those in outlying fields. There were problems with the

collection of milk churns and the delivery of feedstuffs, fuel and supplies. Local doctors and district nurses faced difficult travelling conditions, especially to outlying settlements and isolated dwellings.



Road and rail travel was badly affected. The main roads in the Cotswolds, including the Fosseway and A40 were blocked for several days. The High Street in Northleach was impassable until the local builders, Mustoes and Cooks used their diggers and dumper trucks to dig out and load large blocks of snow which were then taken to the meadows and broken into manageable lumps by six workmen and put into the River Leach. Westwoods Grammar School Northleach became an emergency refuge for stranded lorry drivers.

It was very difficult to clear roads because of fresh snow falls and the high winds blowing snow off the fields. Nigel Finch and John Jewell from Chedworth spent many hours on their tractors snow ploughing local roads. In those days tractors did not have cabs or heaters and both Nigel and John recalled just how cold it was. They rigged up frames on the tractors with sheets to try to mitigate the freezing

cold wind.

Some schools were closed for several days due to blocked roads and frozen water pipes. During the time that schools, such as Westwoods at Northleach were closed, pupils stayed at home. There was no Zoom facility for home learning in those days! Once the schools re-opened the sports fields could not be used for many weeks and so there were long walks along the roads that had been cleared to use up excess energy!

It was a very hard time for wildlife, especially birds who found it difficult to find food or water and to cope with the severe cold. It took many years for the kingfisher population to recover in the Cotswolds. There were lots of bird and mammal deaths which helped foxes. In the 1960's, some of the Evesham growers rented land in the Cotswolds for growing sprouts. Where the snow blew off the sprouts, great flocks of pigeons would descend, they were so hungry that they were oblivious of the pigeon shooters.



The winter was particularly difficult for the elderly and those living on their own. Most dwellings in those days relied on wood and coal fires, supplies often ran low due to blocked roads. Few dwellings had central heating and keeping warm was not straight forward. Fallen electricity lines caused power blackouts, at other times the electric

supply was at a low ebb. It was a time of communities rallying around. In several villages such as Guiting Power and Salperton, the villagers dug through the snow drifts on the local roads to reach the nearest cleared main road to collect groceries and supplies. Some water supplies were disrupted. In places the frost penetrated to a depth of 2 feet 6 inches. Nellie Burrow from Coln Rogers remembers having to collect water from a pump for several weeks when the cottage mains water pipe froze.

At Naunton, the roads were very difficult due to the snow. My grandfather had a four-wheel drive ex-army vehicle on the farm and drove to Bourton-on-the-Water to collect prescriptions and groceries for the village. He called at Oakey's, the butchers in Bourton, who asked him on the way home to deliver a bag of meat to a large country house near Upper Slaughter. He could only get to within half a mile of the house due to deep snow on a steep hill and so he walked, by which time it had started to snow and the wind got up. He was wearing an army greatcoat and tied his scarf over his head to keep his cap on and put the bag over his shoulder. As he got near the house in driving snow, he was accosted by the owner with a shotgun who accused him of being a poacher and told to get off the property! When the owner, who could blow hot and cold recognised my grandfather, he did apologise and say thank you.

Sport was very badly disrupted as grass pitches were covered in snow and frozen for months. There was no football, rugby, hockey or National Hunt racing for weeks on end. It was

The winter of 1963 in the Cotswolds

difficult to access gallops and to keep horses fit.

As ever, some local businesses suffered badly due to the weather, whilst others thrived. Outside building work was severely curtailed due to the snow and low temperatures. Some builders laid off staff and many projects were badly delayed. Peter Juggins from Chedworth says that he was fortunate to be involved in a scheme for improving the interior of a large house at Rendcomb School, nonetheless this involved him walking several miles to and from work each day through the snow. Bus companies, such as Harveys of Chedworth and Pulhams of Bourton, lost work when they could not access roads.



beautiful and on calm days there were endless interesting snow drifts, icicles and myriad animal and bird prints to inspect. The older generation who had gone through the Second World War and the harsh winter of 1947, mostly took the weather in their stride, rolled up their sleeves, helped their neighbours and managed as best they could.

Thanks to David Hanks and Peter Rogers for the photographs-

Robert Young

Do what we can to help...

Several women in the church prayer group were visiting an elderly friend who was ill. After a while, they rose to leave and told her: "We'll do what we can to help. We promise to keep you in our prayers."

"Thank you," she said. "But really, I can do my own praying. The thing I can't do is the dishes in the sink in the kitchen...."

Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands. ..

When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women," she charged.

"You're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve. "What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded.

"Counting your ribs," said Eve.

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Chedworth Silver Band

Chedworth Silver Band wishes to thank everyone who supported us over the Christmas period, with the St Andrew's Church Concert and our Carolling on Boxing Day.

The Concert was made sweeter by sponsorship from the Unite the Union branch for Safran Landing Systems (Gloucester) which meant all proceeds could go to St Andrew's Church.

Boxing Day was a little sad with the Seven Tuns closed again, but many thanks to the residents who provided

refreshments and who turned out to keep the tradition of singing "The Gloucestershire Wassail" at the Tuns on Boxing Day, alive.

We also played "In the Bleak Midwinter" at the Maggie Scrivens Memorial seat, remembering Maggie who was a great supporter of the band.

We have been fortunate in attracting more Cornet players this year, so things are looking quite positive for 2024.

David Broad (Bandmaster)



Photos by
Simon Colbeck



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CLUB NEWS

We are looking forward to some spring-like weather to re-commence 'normal' tennis sessions as soon as possible; just the way to shake off the winter blues! You may have noticed the Ash trees adjacent to the courts have been felled; this area is maintained by the tennis club where we are tenants of Chedworth Parish Council, who have instructed and financed the felling as a safety measure because of Ash die-back disease. Our new season membership opens on 1st March and we extend our invitation to all to join the club, and especially welcome the many new players who have joined over the last 12 months. The programme of events and regular sessions is taking shape as you'll see below; we very much hope to see you at the courts – please bring the spring sunshine with you!

Robert Baker, Chair hillandvalleylta@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON

Saturday, March 2nd 10-12noon

Open Morning with Tennis, Coffee & Croissants

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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Open Morning for all with tennis, coffee & croissants

Saturday, June 8th

Coln Valley Open Mixed Doubles Tournament

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Wine Column

Hi Neighbors,

Have you survived dry January? Or did you fall off the wagon halfway through the month? I drank a lot of Tanqueray 0% and tonic (disturbingly tastes just the same as the one with alcohol in it) and I also found a sparkling wine sans alcohol that I like (Opia from France and only 7 a bottle)

And just like that we are at the end of another year! What a year 2023 has been with reminders that we can get a cold and it isn't always Covid, Summer can sometimes only happen in June, we can still get frost in late May. Life seems so much busier now that we can now go anywhere without regulations and testing and working from home seems to be in the rearview mirror.

Kicking off February, it is the perfect time to get back into all things wine. Valentine's Day is around the corner and time to find the perfect wine for you and your sweetie for this Hallmark holiday. Maybe you are going out to dinner, or making an Aphrodisiac menu at home or maybe you are watching Netflix with a Stump pizza – all of these have a proper wine pairing!

- Buy **Pink!** So many to choose from with still or sparkling Rose. Locally you can buy Poulton Estate (in Poulton) or Larkhill Vineyard (in Tetbury), which we had both over the holidays and loved them.
- Amarone, the wine of love from Verona in Italy. The secret to Amarone is that it is a dry wine which has sweet port-like flavours



on the palate. How does this happen? They dry the ripe grapes on straw mats in little huts outside in the heat (all water evaporates and only juice is leftover). The result is a very concentrated, ripe and full-bodied wine with raisin and plum flavors. In-between red wine and a port. They are normally quite expensive. Don't want to spend that much? Try a Ripasso Amarone. They take the corvina ripe grapes and pass them over the leftover skins of the dried Amarone grapes, so it picks up the intense and rich leftovers. Ripasso means just that, to re-pass. They nickname this Baby Amarone and it is half the price!

- Dolcetto from Italy: Dolce means sweet, but this wine isn't sweet! It is a red wine from Northern Italy that has little tannins (what dries out your mouth) so is great for everyone to drink and pairs with many foods.
- Sparkling Wine: the number #1

rated wine for celebrations and Valentines Day (and its aphrodisiac qualities) specifically pink ones.

Aphrodisiac Food & Wine Pairings:

- Oysters and Champagne
- Lobster and Chardonnay (Burgundy or Napa Valley)
- Barolo and Truffles
- Pizza and Ripasso Amarone
- Chocolate Desserts and Port

Our Vineyard Update: We are almost finished with winter pruning. If you have interest in back pain, this is the job for you! First, you lift the rabbit guard, then you cut back the cane to how

many buds that you want for the year, then you have to paint on fungicide on the cuts to seal them so that the spores from last years mildew/mold issues can't get into the open cuts, then put the rabbit guard back on and then all canes must be collected and burned. I have officially caught up on podcasts and I have to say, I don't mind this kind of work. It really enables me to think and destress. The only thing I can hear is birds singing, rooks yelling and Midas comes over for an occasional lick on the cheek.

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 at
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Uncle Eustace

On why rural church-goers like to freeze in church

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My dear Nephew Darren

Winter certainly exposes the difference between those of you who live in cities and us rural folk. While you bask in your centrally heated flat, and complain about the half an inch of slush outside, we country folk wear overcoats in our houses, open all doors and windows to let the heat in and battle through snow drifts, measured in feet, to get the morning paper.

Colonel Wainwright has acquired a new toy: a snow blower, of sufficient power that I believe it could clear the Antarctic. He kindly volunteered to clear the paths around the church. Working outwards from the church door, the path to the church soon became snow-free. Unfortunately, he only realised when his job was complete that the blown snow then formed a ten-foot drift under the lych gate.

Miss Margison, ever helpful in the worst sense of the word, decided to unfreeze the pipes in the church hall. A blow torch was not the ideal solution, although the resulting burst did make some rather attractive ice sculptures round the kitchen equipment. The village badminton team that uses the hall has now temporarily changed sport to ice hockey.

Inevitably, congregations have soared. There is nothing like adversity for making people want to prove they have



the moral fibre to overcome it. Much satisfaction seems to be obtained on discovering who has not dared venture out, which is taken as judgement on their strength of character. The Prentices upstaged most people by arriving on a sleigh. Mr Prentice was warmly wrapped in a travelling rug, while his wife pulled it. As they both explained, they couldn't possibly let the pony work in such conditions.

What I momentarily thought was applause during my sermon was merely people keeping their hands warm and the hymns were drowned out by the stamping of feet. Our organist complained that the cold made his fingers so numb that he couldn't play properly – although I didn't notice that things were much different from normal.

No, my dear nephew, a few flakes of wet snow may close your car park for health and safety reasons, but we shall continue to triumph heroically over adversity. We return home after Mattins, knowing we have proved our Christian commitment in being utterly uncomfortable.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



Two evenings before the winter solstice by Mark Aveline

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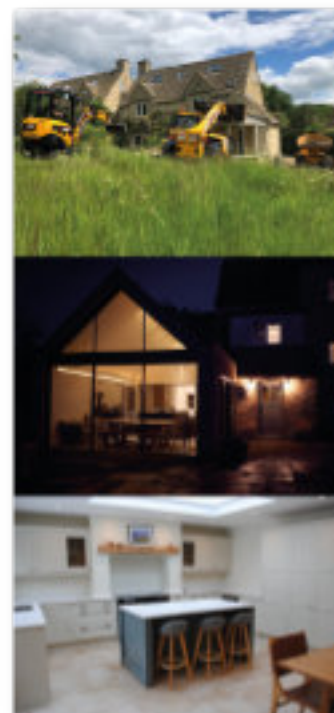
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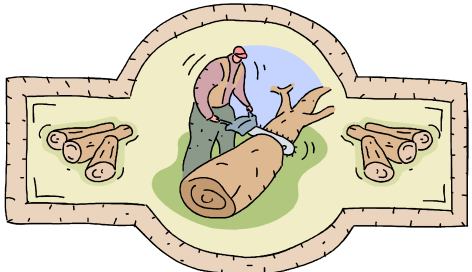
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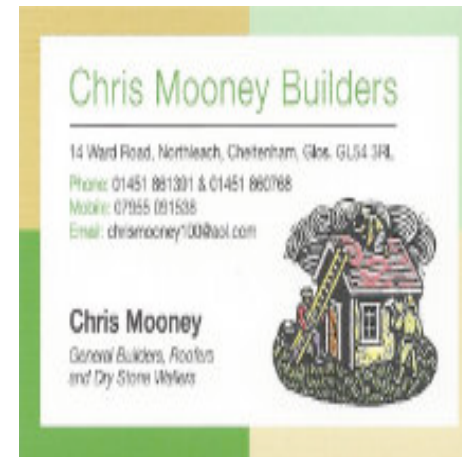
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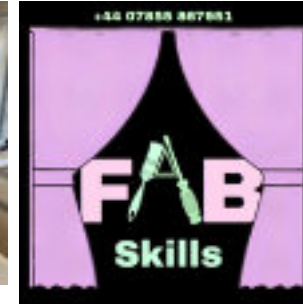
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