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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition

Karen's Letter

I met a woman in Edmonton, Canada while I was part of a team that was presenting the Alpha Course Internationally. I noticed her waiting for healing prayer, clutching her handbag to her chest with her head down as if she might bolt from the building at any moment.

When I asked her what she wanted us to pray about, she replied in an angry voice, "I'm not telling you. Just pray for me!" she demanded. Helplessly I asked God to tell me anything that might give me some useful insight to offer her. As I waited, into my mind came the thought, "Tell her that I am so thankful to her for all she has done for me." With nothing else to go on, I offered her this thought. As I spoke, more detail came to my mind about the things she might have done for God. As this flow of knowledge continued, the floodgates opened and the woman wept, dropping her handbag to the floor. Eventually my inspiration dried up, so I gave her a fresh tissue and a hug.

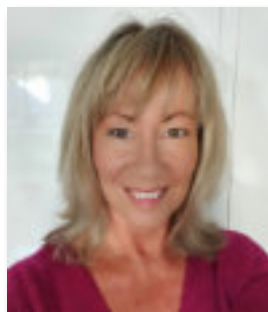
Later, at the end of the conference this woman came to the microphone, and said, "I came here, having decided that it would be the last Christian event I would ever attend. I'd had enough of Church leaders and Christian organisations that arrogantly used my willingness to service without any acknowledgement or thanks. I had thought that if one more leader told me I needed to do this or that to feel close to God, I would never darken the doors of a church again. But the person who prayed for me thanked me on God's behalf for all I had done for

him over the years. She knew things she could not have naturally known. I am so glad I came here today and heard these words." I was in tears, as I could so easily have missed what she needed to hear.

I told this story to the children at St Andrews School this morning as their value this term is "Service". We are not called to serve God slavishly. We are called to be friends and co-workers with God. We are invited to join in the creative dance of all things. In our assembly the children, teachers and I danced like loons to the song, Shackles: <https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=youtube+Mary+Mary+Shackles+and+lyrics&mid=10B7DE81F0C27B813CB110B7DE81F0C27B813CB1&FORM=VIRE>

We accepted God's thankfulness towards us and we gave thanks for those who serve us. Dear reader, please hear God's heartfelt thanks towards you today for all you do in our community. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Karen Hunter Kriwald



Church Briefing

Hill & Valley Benifice Church Services May 2024

Everyone Welcome

Sunday 5th May

Holy Communion
BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Coln St Denys
9.00am Chedworth

Sunday 12th May

Mattins

10.30am Coln Rogers

Sunday 19th May

Holy Communion

10.30am Yanworth

Monday 26th May

Holy Communion

10.30am Chedworth

D DAY SHORT SERVICE PANCAKE HILL

11.00 AM
6 JUNE 2024



The Rev Karen Hunter Kriwald will lead a short remembrance service with Simon Colbeck on behalf of Chedworth & District RBL, at the Pancake Hill War Memorial at 11.00 am on Thursday 6 June 2024. Everyone is welcome to attend this short dedication.

Children's exam papers

The following real-life answers to various exam papers explain why teachers need long holidays...

What is a nitrate?

Cheaper than a day rate.

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?

He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

State three drawbacks of hedgerow removal.

All the cows will escape. The cars drive into the fields. There is nowhere to hide.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
3 May	18:30	RBL - 2 nd Glosters - D day and Beyond	Chedworth Village hall
10 May	19:30	Backrow Club - See How The Run	Chedworth Village Hall
13 May	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
14 May	14:00	Garden Club visit to Througham Court	
18 May	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
18 May	19:00	National Theatre Live - Nye	Chedworth Village Hall
25 May	19:30	Hill and Valley Singers Musical Evening	Cirencester Baptist Church
8 June		Coln Valley Open Mixed Doubles Tournament	Chedworth
10 June	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
15 June	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
26 June	10:30	Garden Club visit to Oxleaze Farm	
2 July	14:40	Garden Club visit to Rodmarton Manor and Gardens	
8 July	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
20 July	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
6 Aug	10:30	Garden Club visit to Daglingworth House	
12 Aug	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
17 Aug	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
9 Sept	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
13 Sept		Golf Day	
14 Oct	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
21 Sept	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
19 Oct	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	14	May
Tuesday	28	May
Tuesday	11	June
Tuesday	25	June

Dates may change due to holidays

Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Friday	10	May
Friday	24	May
Friday	7	June
Friday	21	June

Dates may change due to holidays

Turn your event into an occasion
at

Chedworth Village Hall

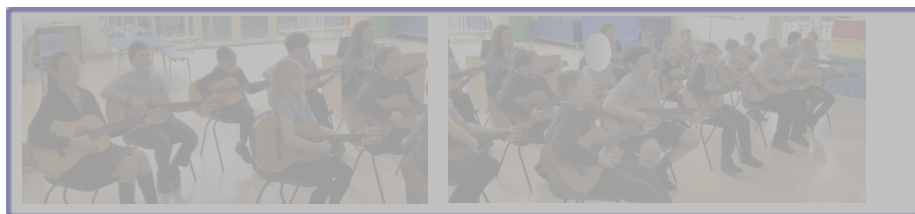
Visit our website for full details including making
booking enquiries

chedworthvillagehall.co.uk



Guitar Key Stage 2

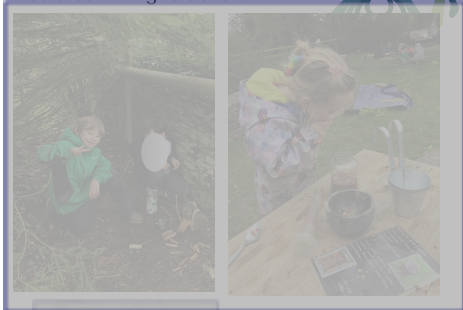
Last term our KS2 pupils had 10 weeks worth of guitar tuition. At the end of term they showcased what they had learnt. We were so proud of them all- what a skill it is to play a musical instrument!



Forest School

The pupils in EYFS and KS1 have been enjoying making use of our ever-developing Forest School area. This term, many of their sessions will focus on areas of the Science and Geographical areas of the curriculum.

Our Forest School leader, Mrs Padgett would love to re-home a hosepipe if anyone has an old one they would be willing to donate.



Nature Quiz

In April, we hosted North Cerney for our annual Nature Quiz. The Nature Quiz is a Gloucestershire wide inter-school competition. We were immensely impressed with our Year 5 & 6 pupils who showed astounding knowledge.

I Sing Pop

Over the summer term, we are looking forward to welcoming back the team at 'I Sing Pop' to work with all of our pupils on a new range of songs that we can sing during worship. The day is always engaging and fun for pupils and staff. The day will culminate with a short performance for parents and carers.



Part-time Minute Taking Role

The governors of St Andrew's C of E are seeking a minute taker. This role will just include taking minutes of meetings and is not a full clerking role. If you would like more information, or would like to apply, please email admin@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk

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Girls from 10 - 14 years old

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

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

Thursdays in term time

Chedworth Village Hall

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

Family Picnic with the "Poole Me Hearties" Sea Shanties group providing live music.

"Poole Me Hearties play traditional sea shanties and other seafaring songs in a unique style with a range of acoustic instruments including accordion, fiddle, flute and mandolin. Combined with an array of harmonies, Poole Me Hearties sound like no other shanty band."

Chedworth Playing Field

at

**6pm on Saturday 29th June -
Village Hall if wet!**

Donations in aid of FoStA
(Friends of St Andrews Church)



Chedworth Parish Council

Parish Council back up to strength

The Parish Council is back up to strength again with the co-option of Bella Amory at the April meeting.

Village Hall Rear Stage Curtains Funding

Funding of £1,200 for curtains for the rear of the stage at the Village Hall was agreed at the last meeting.

Litter Pick

The Parish Council wishes to thank everyone who took part in the recent litter pick. This has become an annual event and special thanks to Alan McLellan who organised the loan of the equipment and the collection of the filled bags.

Seven Tuns

The application for an "Asset of Community Value" (ACV) designation

for the Seven Tuns has been unsuccessful. The Chairman, David Broad, applied for it in February 2023 and re applied at CDC's request in August 2023. CDC finally decided not to apply the designation in March 2024. Previously in 2013 he had made a successful application for the ACV, but the designation lapsed after 5 years with the Tuns trading successfully under Liz Henty.

CDC have now suggested we apply again as the recent applications lacked photographic evidence that events were being held there. If anyone has photographs of events, meetings, AGMs, parties, wakes etc. which they could copy to us could they please contact us at clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk for details of how to upload them to the website which Iain Robertson is creating for STAG, the Seven Tuns Action Group



Drainage in Queen Street

There is no news yet about the proposed improved drainage for Queen Street, but the survey was due to be completed week ending 29th April.

The Parish Council, ably assisted by County and District Councillor Paul Hodgkinson, has been lobbying Highways at GCC for action to prevent the all too frequent cascade of stream water down from the Seven Tuns

waterfall to the former railway bridge or even Adams Pool. It is hoped removal of the unsightly accumulated Tufa deposit at the Seven Tuns Waterfall can be done at the same time.

Gate on Footpath

The Council was disappointed to hear that the gate recently erected on the footpath leading to the community orchard, has been vandalised. It has been forced back on its hinges and its catch mangled, this could not be accidental. The gate beside the pre-existing stile was added last year to provide easier access to the

orchard from Fields Road for the less agile among us. The gate has now been strengthened and a replacement passive magnetic catch solution has been designed by the Chairman which should make the gate less damage prone.

David Broad



Dennis spent a long time in church looking for his forebears



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

Councillors

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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

Holy Week



Palm Sunday Procession



Good Friday Walk - Hot cross bun stop!



Good Friday Walk



Easter Day

Photos by Helen Oldham, David Broad, George Broad, Teresa Irving

The President welcomed everyone (30 members) and the speaker, Dorothy Cook to the Meeting on Wednesday night, April 10th.

The report of the recent Jumble sale was given and everyone was pleased with the 'turn out' and the money raised. The unsold clothes will be given to a charity and their final destination is Ukraine.

During the next few months it was decided to make up Shoe Boxes with needy items for a charity, these will be collected in November.

The Garden visit on June 12th will be in a beautiful Garden in Queen Street, Chedworth.

The next meeting is on Resolutions and will be organized by the Committee. Scrap Books will also be discussed.

The Talk was titled 'Tales of a Midwife'.

We had heard that this talk was very good and amusing at times.

Dorothy Cook led us through her long career as a midwife, from qualifying in Glasgow to a time in Oman with colleagues and finally in Swindon for

her retirement this year.

Dorothy began with a certain sorrow that no baby had been named after her, this comment drew other comments from midwives in the audience, she reckoned that Dorothy was an old fashion name.

The stories were many, causing lots of laughter and a few heartaches.

The T.V. Drama 'Call the Midwife' over the years had acted as a recruitment encouragement but a few candidates were unsuitable, ie can't do the sight of blood.

Labour wards look very differently now due to lagoon rooms and music in the delivery suite.

The questions after the talk kept Dorothy to her subject and in her retirement I am sure she will entertain many WI Meetings.

The next Meeting is on Wednesday May 8th at 7pm Chedworth Village Hall.

New members always welcome.

Carol Bailey

Walking out

"I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend," said an embarrassed woman after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon."

"I did find it rather disconcerting," the preacher admitted.

"It's not a reflection on you, sir," insisted the churchgoer. "Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."

Rendcomb Surgery Patient's Support Group



*80th Anniversary D-Day
Commemorative*

**Coffee Morning
& Open Garden**

DAGLINGWORTH HOUSE

GL7 7AG

by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. David Howard

Warm welcome, meet friends, home-made cakes & fabulous garden

Thursday, 6th June, 2024

10:30am – 12:30pm

**Entrance: £10 per person to include tea/coffee & cake.
Tickets from the Surgery and on the door**

**Donation of cake for this event would be much appreciated.
These can be left at the Surgery Reception. Thank you.**

All proceeds to benefit Rendcomb Surgery patients

Chedworth Gardening Club

Chedworth Gardening Club visit to Througham Court - Tuesday, 14 May

The clock is ticking to buy your tickets for Chedworth Gardening Club's visit to Througham Court, Stroud on 14 May. The visit costs £30 per person including refreshments.

Througham Court is Christine Facer's own garden hidden away in a beautiful, remote and unspoilt Cotswolds Hills valley. It is used as a personal 'laboratory' to experiment with new ideas, materials and planting combinations. The garden has been described by The Times as "One of England's most remarkable gardens" and chosen by Tim Richardson as an extraordinary garden for the 21st century.

This garden visit is exclusively for Chedworth Gardening Club members, so if you are not yet a member come and join us and you can participate in this and more exclusive visits. Membership also



gives you 10% discount on plants, seeds and bulbs at Burford Garden Centre, trade price on compost and soil conditioners at Shurdington Nurseries and access to other exciting events we have planned this year.

For membership details email chedworthgardeningclub@gmail.com. The cost to join for an individual is only £15 and £25 for joint membership.

*Ang MacNaught
Garden Visits Organiser*

Church Springclean

A hardy band of volunteers braved the intermittent hail and rain showers to spring clean the interior of the

church and parts of the churchyard. A social and enjoyable morning preparing the church for Easter.



A welcome tea break!

Robert Young

CE
Chedworth
Entertainment
Club

PRESENTS...

'Michael Sheen is remarkable'

New Statesman

'Vividly directed by Rufus Norris'

Times

'A valiant and valuable affirmation of the NHS'

Telegraph

'A mighty, moving piece of theatre'

Financial Times

'A taut and fluid triumph'

iNews

'Michael Sheen is a blazing presence'

Broadway World

National Theatre Live

One man's dream of the NHS

Nye

a new play by Tim Price

a production from
National Theatre

★★★★★

iNews

★★★★★

Daily Express

★★★★★

Financial Times

★★★★★

Broadway World

★★★★★

Telegraph

★★★★★

Mail on Sunday

MAY 18

7.00PM • TICKETS £12.50

VENUE: CHEDWORTH VILLAGE HALL

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CHEDWORTHENTCLUB.CO.UK

National Theatre Live Nye

A new play by Tim Price directed by Rufus Norris Michael Sheen plays Nye Bevan in a surreal and spectacular journey through the life and legacy of the man who transformed Britain's welfare state and created the NHS.

Confronted with death, Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan's deepest memories lead him on a mind-bending journey back through his life; from childhood to mining underground, Parliament and fights with Churchill.

Written by Tim Price and directed by Rufus Norris (Small Island).

Your Gardening Tips for May

'April Showers Do Bring May Flowers' A saying drawn from a



poem
written by
Thomas Tusser in 1157, when
March was normally a dry month. Sadly
this saying is less relevant today after
the substantial rainfall of the last few
months, but let's hope that we can have
a brighter May to get our seedlings
established and a joyous display of
flowers.

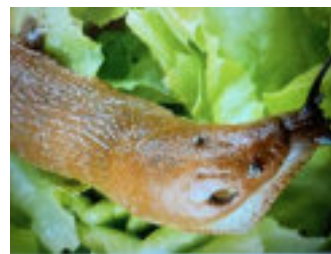
- **Peas and Beans** Although it is best to have already sown broad and Mange Tout peas by now there is still time to get a crop if planted soon. The same goes for French Beans.
- Put summer bedding plants into the ground at the end of the month.
- Pick off dead leaves from plants to control the spread of disease.
- Keep weeding! Hoe out most annual and newly germinated weeds on a sunny day so that any left on the ground dry out and die, but perennial weeds such as ground elder, bindweed and dandelions, if not dug out should be left to develop leaf growth and then zapped with a good weed

killer such as glyphosate, if you can get it!

- **Slug Corner.** Not all slugs and snails are guilty of attacking your vegetables. If you see any of the ones shown below leave them to feed on grasses or fungi or even worms!



- On the other hand some such as the Green-Soled Slug can cause considerable damage if left uncontrolled
- You can use beer traps, Iron Phosphate or conduct night patrols with tweezers or a knife but one way to kill them without harming other animals is to produce your own nematodes!
- Find a slug with a swollen mantle like the one in the photo. The mantle indicates that the slug has been infected with nematodes. Put about two inches of water in a



small bucket with secure lid, and place a raft of cabbage or lettuce leaves on the water. Place your infected slug and as many damaging slugs as you can find on the leaves. The slugs will all become infected and the nematodes will multiply. Once the leaves have been eaten the slugs will fall into the water and die leaving the nematodes in the water ready to be sieved into watering can and poured onto your garden. I would be interested to know if anyone has tried this.

- Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges. The nesting period is officially from February to August.
- Make bee and insect hotel/houses to help the pollinators.
- Lift and divide any overcrowding clumps of daffodils, once they have died back. Apply liquid fertilizer to encourage next year's growth.
- Watch out for viburnum and lily beetle grubs as well as aphids and other pests.
- Sow winter bedding plants, and spring bedding plants such as wallflowers and pansies between now and July.
- Tie in the leading shoots of greenhouse crops such as

tomatoes, peppers and aubergines as they grow, to avoid stems breaking or growing in undesired directions. Pinch out the side shoots of tomatoes, to strengthen the crop. Side shoots can be used to grow more tomato plants.

- Harden off plants raised from seed gradually exposing them to cooler conditions, but protect from frost. This especially applies to courgettes and squashes. Lettuces are hardier and can be planted out sequentially to keep a steady supply going.
- Thin out direct sowings of vegetables, in stages to obtain good sized crops. Sow seeds such as lettuce and rocket in small numbers sequentially so avoid a glut. Plan to keep space available for this.
- Tie in rambling roses as near to horizontal as possible to encourage side shoots to grow along the stems.
- Prune out dead or overcrowded stems of clematis montana once it has finished flowering.
- Take softwood cuttings of deciduous shrubs
- Keep feeding your compost heap with plant material lawn clippings and horse manure if you can get it, as it will provide your garden with the nourishment it needs to thrive.
- Look out for information on village opening garden program, aimed to bring gardeners together in local gardens to meet and exchange ideas.

Simon Colbeck
Chairman
Chedworth Gardening Club

Backrow Club at the Village Hall



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If you would like to hire the hall please see our website for
availability and prices.
www.coln-valley-village-hall.co.uk

The Severn Tuns

After the closure of the Seven Tuns at the end of November last year, those of us who sat on the Seven Tuns Action Group ten years ago, when the pub was last closed, decided to start it up again.

This is now the third closure in ten years, and while there is a glimmer of hope, we still need to work to ensure that the Tuns remains open for the future. At the moment, we need to support the prospective landlord in his work to get a new lease. But ultimately, that may mean a community purchase of the pub.

Cotswold District Council has, unbelievably, turned down the application by the Parish Council to list the Tuns as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). Once it is listed as an ACV, if the owners want to sell it, we have six months in which to raise funds to acquire it. It has been listed before, but that listing has expired. What has changed to render it now not an ACV is a mystery. We are undeterred and will assist the Parish Council in making a new application.

Right now, that's where we need your help. We need to show that the pub has "furthered the social well being or social interests of the local community". We need your recollections of times when you have marked important events such as birthdays, christenings, engagements, weddings, funeral wakes, or just being with friends and family. And not just the special events. Friday evenings when you

got together with mates. Lunches with girlfriends. The WI, the tennis club. They are all important. Please send us your memories, by email or on paper. Mark your photos so we know where to send them back.

I'm told that many local groups would hold their meetings there. Whether that's a committee meeting or an AGM, we need to submit this evidence to back up our case. If you have minutes of your meeting held at the Tuns, let us know. If you have photos of events, send them to us. You can either scan them and email them or lend them to us and we will scan and return them. Email addresses are below.

Please help us save the Tuns for the village. Thank you very much indeed.

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Iain Robertson
Secretary, STAG
Cowslip Corner
GL54 4BT
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Just the man

Small boy: "Please, sir, my dad says you are a Doctor of Music."

Famous pianist: "That is quite right."

Small boy: "Then I wonder if you'd be so good as to mend my trumpet?"

Hill & Valley Singers Concert

Come and join us on 25th May for a concert full of a variety of music from Bach to Bacharach including sacred, folk, musicals & pop – something for everyone!

After last year's successful concert held in Cirencester Baptist Church, we are hiring it again so we need your support once more as the auditorium can hold several hundred people! Our chosen charity this year is Longfield

Community Hospice, Minchinhampton, and the more tickets we sell, the greater are the profits for the Hospice.

Tickets are £12 (children free) and are available from Neil Irving 01285 720403 or any member of the Singers, and on the door. Drinks & canapés included.

Sue Nashe

The Hill & Valley Singers and Guests

present a Musical Evening on

Saturday
25th May 7.30pm
From Bach
to Bacharach

Cirencester Baptist Church
In support of
Longfield Community Hospice

**Tickets £12 (children free) available from
Neil Irving 01285 720403, any of the Singers & on the door.
Drinks & Canapés included**





Hill & Valley Lawn Tennis Club

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

CLUB NEWS

In between April showers tennis sessions have got into the swing of spring. There's a variety of coaching sessions provided for all levels of players and saturday afternoon Mixed Doubles Social Tennis has proved popular. The countdown has begun for the start of Glos League matches; our home matches are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The main event of the year is the Coln Valley Mixed Doubles open summer tournament, which is to be held on Saturday 8th June, 2024. Please contact any of our committee for more information on this or any other aspects of the club. We wish our members that are playing the best of luck!

Robert Baker, Chair

hillandvalleytc@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON

Coln Valley Tournament Saturday, June 8th

Our annual Open Mixed Doubles Tournament is a fundraiser for the club and also the churches in the benefice. It is a fun day of social, competitive tennis played on wonderful, local private courts kindly loaned to us for the day. The semis and finals are played on the club courts, we invite you to come and watch with a glass of Pimms and cheer on the players. We are very grateful to our main sponsor [Tanner's Solicitors](#) and [Pooky Lighting](#) for sponsoring the balls. We need volunteers to help with the running of the day, please get in touch if you would like to be involved. There is a raffle with some excellent prizes! Ask Sal clothing will be selling tennis clothing and trainers. Spaces are filling up so please enter asap if you would like to play.

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



AFTER SCHOOL COACHING

Continues until July 19th

7 week block on Wednesdays for ages 4-18yrs



SATURDAY JULY 22ND ADULT COACHING WITH TOM WYMAN

Group coaching of max 8 players for all levels, for full details click on the link or for more info get in touch.

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Coaching/MONTHLYCLINICS

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

July 25th - August 31st Aug

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



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

JUNIORS 4-13yrs on Tuesdays & Thursdays

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 Tuesdays 4-6pm

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 1st American Doubles Tournament

Sept 23rd Allison Stock Day

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



Facebook.com/TennisChedworth

Instagram.com/hillandvalleytennisclub

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Uncle Eustace

On the perils of building a kitchen in church

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

It never fails to amaze me how, in church life, an issue can suddenly become an Issue. In the last month, we have acquired an Issue: a proposal to convert a space at the back of church into a kitchen. Inevitably, battle lines have been drawn and trenches dug. Attendance at church council meetings has soared and unofficial sub-committees meet in the car park after Services. It's obvious that feelings are running high, because people have become remarkably polite to one another.

Some who are wildly in favour see it as an opportunity of being able to leave the pews ten minutes early, in order to get ready for the rush for weak coffee and damp biscuits. I can already hear in my mind the final hymn being drowned by kettles being filled, biscuit tins opened, cups thunderingly placed on saucers, while the volunteers discuss the dress sense of others in the congregation in deafening whispers.

I was a little surprised to hear that Colonel Wainwright was all in favour – until I realised that it would give him a place to totter into to read his newspaper once he got bored with my sermon, which usually seems to happen in the first minute. Naturally, smaller turf wars have broken out alongside the major battle. There is conflict about whether we should get new crockery, what colour carpeting tiles would look right – and most importantly



of all, who will take charge of the coffee rota.

Others are totally against the project: the treasurer dreads the thought of signing yet more cheques, the churchwardens worry about removing pews which have quietly hidden the dry rot, and the theologically angst-ridden agonise about the fact that St Paul never mentioned coffee after Sabbath worship.

Naturally, I encourage all sides, especially if it will bring any possibility of progress to a halt. I proposed bringing in flasks of coffee, thus stopping anyone being able to escape before the end of the Service; I suggested drinks being brought to people in the pews, thus ruining the Colonel's hopes of finding a safe haven; I organised a group to study High Priestly attitudes to refreshments in the Temple in Jerusalem in Leviticus.

I am sure that by the time all these groups have come up with their conclusions, we will have safely moved on to fight the next Issue.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



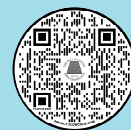
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Cotswolds Radio Culture Club is a live show that airs fortnightly on Saturdays at 10am with a repeat the following week. Kathy Ellison and Sian James

explore all things cultural – literature, theatre, TV, movies and music as well as local arts events. We're lucky to have so much going on locally and we often have the chance to interview performers and guests who are active in the arts locally.

In February, we interviewed Lorna Brookes of local publisher Crumps Barn Studio. Lorna invited us to record a fascinating talk by one of their authors, Michael Bartlett. Michael had a long

served as Director of BBC Children's Television, as well as writing four books published by Crumps Barn Studio, so there was plenty to talk about. Michael was also able to read extracts from his new thriller Hunting the Hornets, and his debut novel Dreams of Eleven. We aired his talk in our show on 13th April. We're planning more collaborations with Crumps Barn Studio in the future, so keep an eye on Cotswolds Radio social media to find out what's coming up.

If you missed these broadcasts, you don't need to miss out – you can listen again on the Cotswolds Radio App on your smartphone, online or on Mixcloud.

Cotswolds Radio is a community radio station run entirely by volunteers of all ages – from under 8 to over 80. We broadcast over 30 shows from our studio at The Old Prison in Northleach covering a host of topics – all kinds of music, gardening, beauty, chat, local news and history, culture and the arts, sports and of course our popular daily Breakfast Show.



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Dr Timothy Brain OBE, QGM

After a career in policing, in which he served in several forces and was Chief Constable of Gloucestershire from 2001-10, Dr Timothy Brain has since been a prominent lecturer, broadcaster and author.

He graduated with first class honours in history from Aberystwyth University in 1975 and later gained a doctorate also in history. He is the author of many articles and of three major works on policing, A History of Policing in England and Wales from 1974 (2010) A Future for Policing (2013), and A History of Police Reform: 300 years of reforming the police (2023), as well as a contributory author to other major

works on contemporary policing and police history. He has published many articles on policing, police history and related subjects. He has edited his late uncle's war memoirs, The Gloucestershire Regiment in Europe 1944-45.

He is a regular broadcaster and popular lecturer on subjects ranging from policing, history, military history, and music.

Dr Brain is chairman of Stroud Choral Society, the Friends of the Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum and Eversfield Preparatory School, Solihull, and a trustee of Nature in Art at Twigworth.

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.

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Please note - NT (National Theatre) Live screenings will continue. Keep an eye open for details at chedworthentclub.co.uk



Cotswold Landscapes- Cassey Compton House

Cassey Compton House is situated approximately two miles north of Chedworth and one mile south of Compton Abdale on the Whiteway at the cross roads with the Yanworth to Withington road in the Parish of Withington. It occupies a superb secluded and peaceful location, near the confluence of the River Coln and Compton Brook, overlooking meadows and woodland. Robert Henriques (from Winson) in his book, *The Cotswolds* (1950) aptly describes its location when taking the road from the Roman Villa towards Withington “*when the road which follows the river comes out of the woods into a forgotten park. There is a farmyard, a gate, a ghost. The ghost keeps empty the noble house beneath whose windows the river flows through a walled garden. The ghost throws the fireplace about The place has been put to sleep. It is breathless and wonderful. It is called Cassey Compton. It belongs to its ghost*” It is interesting that he mentions a ghost as over the years I have heard references to the house being haunted. That said, Ian Smith who was farm manager at the Stowell Park Estate for many years, lived in the house from 1970 until 1982 and found nothing untoward during his tenure.

In the Domesday Book, the settlement was called Contone. The land was held by the see of Worcester and subsequently called Little Compton and from the late C16 Cassey Compton, after the Cassey family who then owned it for many years. The Cassey's were a prominent Gloucestershire family with an estate at Wightfield in Deerhurst parish. John Cassey of



Wightfield was Chief Baron of the Exchequer under Richard II and accumulated considerable wealth from his office. The last of the Cassey Family died out towards the end of the c16.

The Cassey Compton Estate was bought by Sir Richard Grubham of Wishford in Wiltshire. At his death in 1629, it passed to his nephew John Howe who was MP for Gloucestershire during the Commonwealth and was created a baronet in 1660 at the Restoration of the monarchy. He died in 1670 and was succeeded at Cassey Compton by his second son Sir John Grubham Howe. His wife Annabella Scope, was one of James Sadford le Scope's sisters. The Scope's owned extensive estates in the north of England including the Bolton Castle Estate and Annabella inherited the Langar Estate in Nottinghamshire of 10,000 acres.

John and his wife Annabella were ardent Royalists for whom the period of the English Civil War and Commonwealth must have been very unsettling. Bolton Castle was besieged during the Civil War by the Parliamentary Army and was “slighted” so that it was no longer habitable. After an abortive Royalist uprising in Cheshire, John Howe was suspected by the Parliamentarians of being a Royalist

plotter to put the son of the executed Charles I on the throne as Charles II. The Langar Estate was sequestered but returned to the family at the Restoration. Annabella gave birth to 13 children, most of them born at Cassey Compton, at least three of the children died very young. She must have been very robust as she lived to be 74 years old. She was buried at Stowell Church in 1703.

John Howe died in 1682 and by 1684, Cassey Compton was owned by his widow, Annabella. The estate had before 1701 passed to Richard Howe, a nephew of Annabella's husband. Sir Richard Howe died in 1730 and left the estate to his wife Mary with a reversion to a kinsman John Howe later the 1st Lord Chedworth. From 1735, the Cassey Compton Estate descended with the Stowell Park Estate. Following the death of the 4th and last Lord Chedworth, the Stowell Park Estate was sold in 1812 to Sir William Scott and passed to his nephew, the Earl of Eldon in 1842. When the 3rd Lord Eldon sold the Stowell Park Estate in 1923 to Samuel Vestey, Cassey Compton House and 909 acres were sold as a separate lot and purchased by the agriculturist Professor (Sir) William Somerville, who in 1927 sold it to Samuel Vestey, thus re-uniting it with the Stowell Park Estate

The Cassey's had a mansion at Cassey Compton in 1601. It is thought that it was Sir R. G. Howe II who rebuilt the old manor house, of which little is known. Atkyns in his “*Ancient and Present State of Gloucestershire*” 1712 described the house “as new built with delightful gardens”. In the 1690's Sir Richard Howe was MP for Cirencester and prominent in the county. It was

understandable that he wished to build a new and impressive country house to reflect his standing in the area. It is thought that parts of the old manor house were incorporated in the main block during the rebuilding and a small section of the early 17th century work survives today. Nicholas Kingsley in the *The Country Houses of Gloucestershire* writes “*As thus rebuilt, Cassey Compton had a deep main block around a small courtyard with long projecting wings on the entrance front enclosing a paved outer court. This entrance front was one of the house's grand facades; the other was the nine-bay pedimented south front overlooking the garden. The north wing and part of the central block survive today; the great south range has disappeared completely, and had already gone in 1812*”. David Verey in his book Gloucestershire: The Cotswolds comments “*One wing of the original house has been demolished, so that it now presents an unbalanced appearance*” The house is built of Ashlar under a stone slate roof



and is Grade II Listed. Features of the house include the hipped roofs and the fine mullioned and transomed windows, especially those in the long stable block on the west of the house.

The interior of the house was much altered in the 19th and 20th centuries and the main staircase was removed to Stowell Park. A low stable or lodgings block running south had its mullioned and transomed windows half blocked and internal partitions removed,

Cotswold Landscapes- Cassey Compton House

possibly in the 19th century to convert it for agricultural use. It would be interesting to know whether the stone for the new house was quarried locally or imported, possibly from the Windrush Valley and whether the materials from the demolished section of the house, especially the dressed stone were used elsewhere on the estate or sold?

During the Lord Chedworth's ownership, Stowell Park became the family seat and it is likely that in order to reduce maintenance costs that a large part of Cassey Compton was eventually demolished. From that time, it formed part of a large tenanted farm on the Stowell Park Estate, which included land in Compton Abdale. To the north of the house, two farm barns



were built on the site of the former bowling green and a pair of farm cottages. The large stone barn has fine arrow slit windows. The barn nearest the road is interesting and comprises a small stone building with a large wooden frame building, timber clad supported on saddle stones that was used as a threshing barn, the whole building has a stone slate roof.

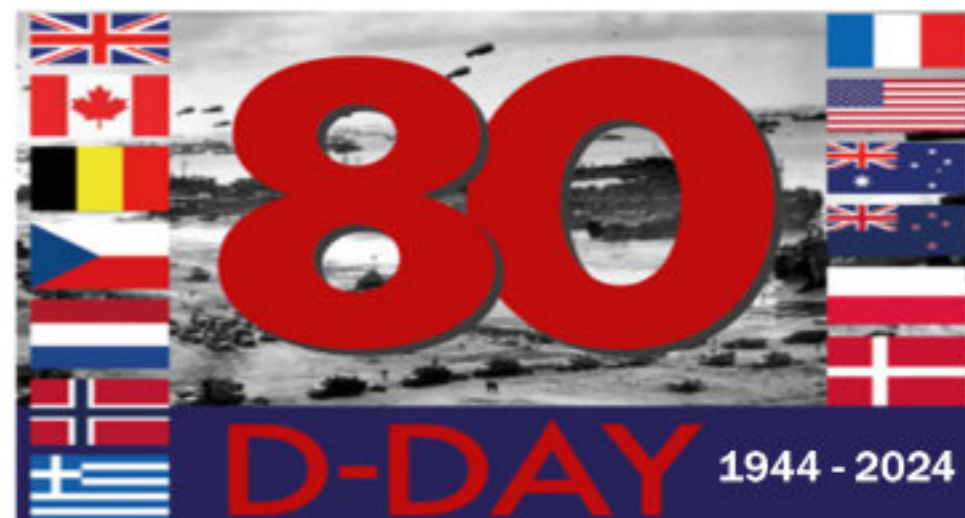


At one time, part of Casey Compton House was used as an art gallery, it is now let on a residential tenancy. During the very heavy rain on 20th July 2007 the house was badly flooded when a road drain became blocked and the Coln burst its banks and caused extensive damage to the fabric of the house, which has now been restored.

The gardens were laid out in the elaborate formal 17th -century style as depicted by Jonathan Kip, a topographical engraver who with Leanord Knyff produced *Britannia Illustrata* with illustrations of the estates of late 17th century and early 18th century England. The extensive gardens must have been very impressive and labour intensive to maintain. When the house was reduced in size, the gardens were likewise simplified with the removal of the parterres, formal areas and bowling green. The gardens now comprise simple grass areas with the original hard structures that have been subject to some minor alterations. The road bridge, canals, some stone walls and ha-ha still remain with the banks and yew trees on two sides flanking the house.

A large deer park belonging to the owners in the early 18th century occupied the hillside in Compton Abdale to the east of the house. Looking out from Cassey Compton House to the east, a lost medieval village is visible as humps and hollows beneath closely grazed riverside pasture above the level of flooding on the northern bank of the Coln.

Robert Young



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The Arts Society Cotswolds

Lecture on Wednesday 8th May

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About our speaker:

Dr Natalia Murray graduated from the Academy of Arts in St. Petersburg before taking the PhD course at the

Hermitage. Over the past eight years she has been lecturing on nineteenth- and twentieth-century Russian Art at The Courtauld and at the University of Sussex. She curated Revolution. Russian Art. 1917-1932 at the RA. Natalia is also a trustee of the Russian Avant-Garde Research Project. She has featured in films dedicated to the Hermitage Museum and the Russian revolution and in programmes for BBC Radio 4 and the BBC World Service.

This hybrid lecture will be held at the Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford, OX18 4RZ at 11am and via Zoom. Please be seated by 10.50 for notices of upcoming events. Numbers are no longer restricted but booking is recommended to reserve a place via our website (see below) Non-members are welcome (space permitting) at a charge of £10.

Further information will be circulated via the newsletter and bookings can be made via the website (see below) or please call Lisa Etheridge on 01285 711805 for a booking form.

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Wine Column

Hello Neighbors

Was it just me or did winter seem to never end this year? Or was it that just the rain never seemed to end?! Now that we are fully immersed in Spring, I happen to be writing this after the first sunny weekend in April. It seems my mood has brightened with the sun, and it felt lovely to have sun on my face again. Oh England you are back in my good graces.

I feel like our social calendar has become quite active with the sun coming out and everyone getting out of hibernation mode. This weekend we had drinks with friends, pop ins that needed champagne, a dinner party at our house and a dinner party at someone else's! The unexpected pop in (which I LOVE) had me in the fridge searching for a cold bottle of bubbles...OH NO! No bubbles in the fridge! Have I broken my own rule of always having a cold bottle of white, rose and bubbles in the fridge? Shame on me. This led me to write this for the upcoming late Spring & Summer season.

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1 bottle of port: £15-50: Fonseca or Grahams

1 bottle of Your Favorite Wine: I believe this is the best wine to share as you can tell the story behind the reason you love it.

And for the Non-Drinkers coming over, pick two of these items to have available.

- Pelligrino sparkling water
- Ginger Beer
- Sparkling wine: Opia (this one actually tastes good)
- Elderflower Sparkling
- NA Beer
- Faux Gin (Tanqueray) and tonic

So here's to you and not replaying my mishap of not having a cold bottle of wine when needed.

This magic case will never let you down and hopefully you have more celebratory days than you thought so you can add in more bottles of luxury wine. 12

Vineyard Update:

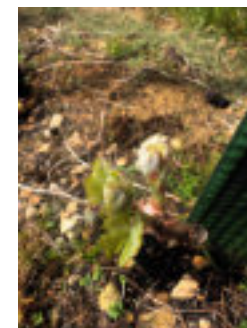
As of 15/4, we are fully in budbreak on the vineyard. For the next month, we are keeping our fingers crossed that the frost

is over for the season. May 17 has been the latest that the frost has come to this area so vintners use it as a landmark date to get to. We've had a couple of neighbors and friends ask for a "tour" of the vineyard and it has been fun for us to do this. Are you interested in learning more about the details of what is happening in the vineyard and our plans? Email us and we can have you come over and we will walk you through.

Until next month, cheers!

Amber
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Hearing

A man went into a church and asked the vicar to pray for his hearing. Touched by his faith, the vicar agreed. "Kneel here," he began in a loud voice. The man knelt, and the vicar placed a hand on each ear and bellowed a prayer. "I hope that will help," he finally shouted.

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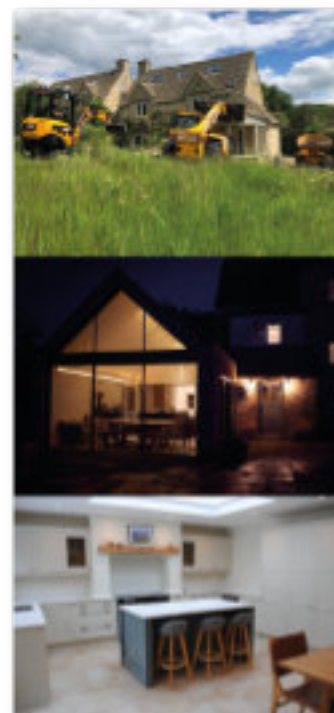
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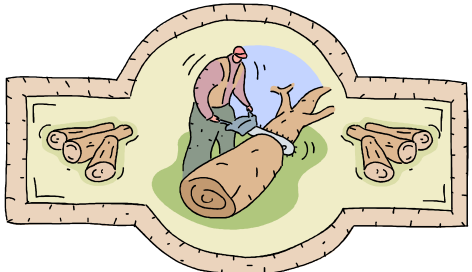
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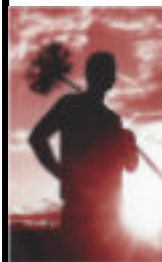
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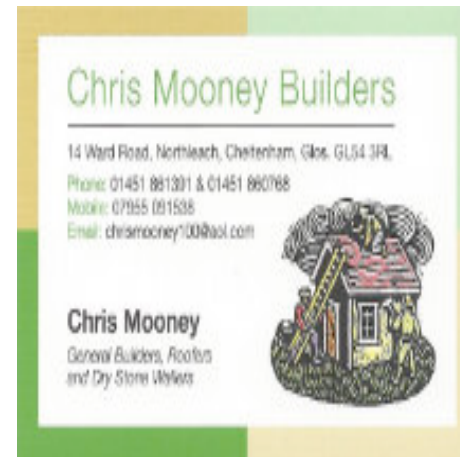
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