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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition

Karen's Letter

It's hard to believe that a year has passed since we arrived in Chedworth. We have watched all the seasons come and go and begun to get a feel for the rhythm of life here. We are getting to know many of you and it has been great fun: cricket, pickle ball, garden parties, meals together, shanty singing, the Hill and Valley Singers, the bell ringers, the silver band, St Andrew's school, the five churches, the Whiskey Chasers, weddings and funerals, animal services, the pop-up pub, and events at the village hall including the new Art'n'Soul group on Thursdays mornings.

It has been a privilege to pray for many of you who have been ill and who are now well. It has been an honour to conduct some very moving funerals and to walk alongside a few for whom 'the valley of the shadow of death' has been long and very dark. I am reminded of the lyrics of an old song by Barry McGuire: "I walked a mile with pleasure, she chattered all the way, leaving me none-the-wiser for all she had to say. I walked a mile with sorrow, never a word said she, but all the things I learned from her, when sorrow walked with me."

During this Advent we wish to offer a Blue Christmas Service for those who need a space to express lament and heartache during the festive season and of course we have Remembrance Day and All Souls

Day. On the other hand, we are piloting the new Happyfull Service once a month in the run up to Christmas.

Into the New Year we look forward to confirmation classes, christenings, more weddings, the pub re-opening, birthday and anniversary celebrations, concerts in St Andrew's and hopefully art exhibitions too. I hope we have many more meals together, coffee's, tea's, beers and wine together, walks in sunshine or rain together, (but not hail). I hope I get to the pop-up café eventually and even try my hand at pickle ball!

Despite being cloaked in the cold, wet and grey, approximately a thousand feet above sea level, it is very good to be here and be part of the communal life we share in this special place.

Karen HunterKriminald



Church Briefing

Hill & Valley Benifice Church Services 2024

Everyone Welcome

3rd November

Holy Communion
All Souls Day service

10.30am - St James the Great, Coln St Denys
6.00pm - St James the Great, Coln St Denys

10th November

Remembrance Day Service and meal afterwards in the Village Hall.

10:45am - St Andrew's Chedworth

17th November

Holy Communion Service

10.30am - St Michael's Yanworth

24th November

BCP Holy Communion Service
Happyfull Service.

9.00am - St Andrew's Chedworth,
10.30am - St Andrew's Chedworth

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Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
1 Nov	17:30	Seed Exchange	Bar/POP C V Hall
1 Nov	19:30	FoStA - Talk by Lord Hoffmann	Chedworth Village Hall
2 Nov	19:30	Chedworth Silver Band Poppy Appeal Concert	Chedworth Village Hall
7 Nov	10:00	Art'nSoul	Pop-up Pub Chedworth Village Hall
8 Nov	19:30	Backrow Club - The Holdovers	Chedworth Village Hall
9 Nov		Remembrance Sunday Curry Lunch	Chedworth Village Hall
11 Nov	11:00	RBL - Laying a Wreath	Pancake Hill War Memorial
11 Nov	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
13 Nov	19:15	WI - AGM and Supper	Chedworth Village Hall
14 Nov	10:00	Art'nSoul	Pop-up Pub Chedworth Village Hall
16 Nov	9:00	Village Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
20 Nov	19:30	Gardening Club AGM	Social Room Chedworth Village Hall
21 Nov	10:00	Art'nSoul	Pop-up Pub Chedworth Village Hall
25 Nov	19:00	Village Hall AGM	Social Room Chedworth Village Hall
28 Nov	10:00	Art'nSoul	Pop-up Pub Chedworth Village Hall
1 Dec	15:00	Chedworth Ent Club -The Glass Slipper	Chedworth Village Hall
9 Dec	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
11 Dec	19:15	WI - Christmas Flowers	Chedworth Village Hall
15 Dec	11:30	School Christmas Party	Chedworth Village Hall
15 Dec	15:00	Chedworth Silver Band Christmas Concert	St Andrews Church Chedworth
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, Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Thursday	7	November
Thursday	21	November
Thursday	5	December
Thursday	19	December

Dates may change due to holidays

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Chedworth Parish Council

Road Maintenance Issues

Road maintenance issues were again raised at the October meeting. County and District Councillor Paul Hodgkinson was present, and he explained Gloucestershire County Council Highways have a new emergency number for fallen trees and similar events 08000 514514. Less urgent issues should be reported through the GCC Website and "Fix my Street".

A possible way to accelerate road repairs such as the washboard surfaces of Tuns Hill and Hensons Hill by the Parish Council part funding repairs with GCC was mentioned. How would you as Chedworth residents and Chedworth Council Tax payers feel about parish funds being spent on this? Councillors would be very interested to hear your views. Comments to clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk please.

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

Rendcomb Airfield

Mr Vic Norman came to the October meeting at the Parish Council's invitation, he explained the position regarding the recent proposed s.106 changes for Rendcomb Airfield which CDC rejected recently. Mr Norman explained commercial wing walking flights are not operating from Rendcomb Airfield but charity wing walks which are non-commercial and wing walking and air display practice flights are being flown from Rendcomb. These comply with the original s. 106 agreement which limited flights to:- Not more than 180 days in a calendar year; no more than 35 take offs per day; no more than 2 take offs before 8 am; No helicopters microlights or jet engines; Not to use the land for commercial purposes (but aircraft used elsewhere for commercial purposes may be kept on the land).

David Broad



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 15th December

Chedworth Village Hall

11:30-2:00

Hosted by St Andrew's PTA

All children welcome

Tickets on the door

£10 per child, £3 per adult

*Christmas activities

*Party games

*Disco with guest DJ

*Visit from Father Christmas

*Children's lunch

*Refreshments for adults



Thank you David

Thank you to David Edelsten from the Hill and Valley Magazine

A big thank you to David for delivering Hill and Valley to the distributors for 20 years. This important part of our community magazine involves collecting the magazines from the editor, counting them out into the bundles for the distributors and delivering them to the 30 or so volunteers around the five parishes- a task that takes several hours each month.

Peter Carter from Middle Chedworth has kindly agreed to take over from David with effect from November.



Animal Husbandry



If you walk from Fields Road along the Macmillan Way past Setts Farm and down towards Chittlegrove, you will see an experiment in animal husbandry. Several fields have been planted in doughnut fashion. In the middle, there is winter beet. The surrounding ring has been planted with barley, now harvested. What is going on?

winter in the usual way, naturally churning up the group to excavate the food. However instead of being trapped on the often cold and wet land, the cattle will be able to move away onto the outer ring which should be much better drained and provide an all together better experience for resting, digesting and socialising.

As I understand it, the idea is for the cattle to feed on the beet during the

Mark Aveline

What bishops do

We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking, "Does anyone know what the bishop does?"

There was silence. Finally, one little boy ventured: "He's the one you can move diagonally."

It felt slightly strange but nice to back inside the village hall after all our trips and adventures in August and September, and at least we were in the dry! Sheila Bowley, our president took us through our business - of birthday posies, thanks from Ann Deamer for her flowers for a very special birthday, thanks too from the treasurer of St. Andrew's Church for a donation from the Jumble Sale profits for flowers for the church. Arrangements were finalised for our Annual Meeting in November, our one and only meeting in the year that is strictly for members only. For a visit to the matinee performance of the pantomime (Treasure Island) at the Barn theatre in Cirencester on the 4th January, the setting up of not one but two classes at Far Peak for balance and strength, the monthly walk and the monthly pub lunch. We also collected our shoe boxes and gifts to go to Romania and were invited to think about what craft classes we might like to attend at the Lechlade Craft Barn.

Well, we do like to keep busy!

Then we settled down to listen to the most fascinating and erudite talk on 'How to read an English Country Church, part one' (of four!). The Revd Dr. Nicholas Henderson certainly put our brains through their paces! It was a fascinating tour through the pagan origins of spires, maypoles and yews in church yards (see Stow Church) or as he pointed out possibly churches in yew groves. Christianity arriving in the

first and second centuries, (see the famous Paternoster acrostic found in Cirencester) and the first 'English' saint St. Alban. Then being Christianity being 'lost' as the Angles and Saxons arrived bringing their own gods, perhaps most notably for English churches Woden, one of the possible origins of the Green Man, locally, see the font in Daglingworth, and also the four 'Anglo-Saxon' carvings.

Dr. Henderson admitted that he did not have a great opinion of the 'Anglo-Saxon' building skills but promised us more excitement to come in Part two which is entitled 'From the Normans to the Tudors' – we look forward! The talk was beautifully illustrated with slides greatly enhanced on the village hall screen and the sound system made easy listening, even for those of us who were hearing aids – thank you to Ian for setting it all up.

After all the brain work, we definitely needed our delicious tea and natter.

As mentioned above our next meeting on Wednesday November 13th is our Annual meeting and meal at 7.15pm it is only open to WI members but we are always happy to welcome new members!

December's meeting is a craft meeting of Christmas Flowers by our very own Jo Todd at 7.15pm on Wednesday 11th December at the village hall.

Emma Isaac

Remembrance Sunday Curry Lunch



There will be a curry lunch served at Chedworth Village Hall on Sunday 9 November after the Remembrance Church Service.

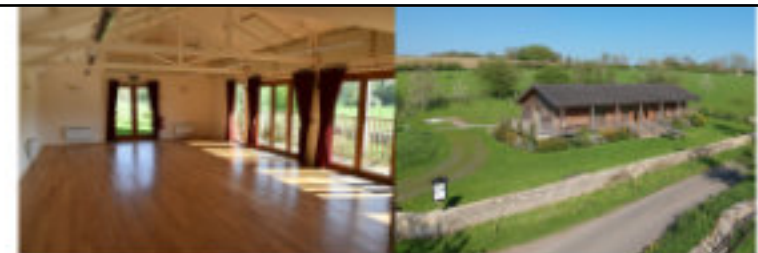
The lunch is being provided by Claire Booth for £5 per head, and the bar will be open.

This will be a good opportunity for those who attended the church service to gather, but it is also open to anyone who enjoys a good curry (veggy included) to come together, possibly to

reflect on the previous evening's concert.

Payment for the meal will be taken on the door, but to gauge numbers for catering, it is essential that bids for a meal are made to Simon Colbeck as soon as possible, and no later than 6th November either by phone or email.

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Chedworth Village Hall AGM

Chedworth Village Hall will hold its AGM in the social room at the Hall at 7pm on 25th November 2024.

Trustees and supporters

There are 4 appointed trustees:

Simon Colbeck
Neil Compton
Ben Sturgess
Charles Hutton-Potts

If anyone wishes to become a trustee please contact Charles who will explain what is involved and the election process which will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting.

The trustees are assisted by many supporters and volunteers who help with keeping the grounds in good order, helping with the bar, providing their skills to help refurbish and maintain the facilities. Again, please do contact Charles if you would like to assist the Hall in any way.

Whilst many have provided support, particular thanks are given to David Peake for leading the outside maintenance group, Ian Taylor and Jane Lanyon for all their work to refurbish the social room and Simon Colbeck for running the bar.

The trustees are grateful to the Parish Council which provides regular financial support to the Hall and this year covered the refurbishment costs of the social room. We have received numerous positive comments about the refurbishment.

Regular users

The trustees' main responsibility is to maintain the fabric of the Hall and to ensure that the Hall's finances are properly managed together with insuring the asset and complying with all regulatory requirements. The community then hires the Hall to put on regular and ad hoc events. The Hall is also hired out for weddings, wakes, birthday parties and to some non-village groups.

We are fortunate to have so many regular users covering fitness, film and National Theatre Live screenings, Guides, WI, pickleball and many others. Following the refurbishment of the social room we now host a pop up pub each Friday. The pop up café continues to be a well attended regular Monday morning event and at the monthly produce market.

Please contact a trustee if you would like to establish any new additions to the diary – for example, the Hall has a table tennis table from when there was a regular club.

Tiny Farm Shop and monthly Produce market

The trustees have worked with Seb and Pippa Clarke to launch the Tiny Farm Shop which is proving a popular addition to the community's assets. Together with the monthly produce market held every third Saturday of the month, these provide access to local produce from a variety of top quality producers. 5% of the Tiny Farm

Shop's revenue is donated to the Hall which is constituted as a charity.

Finances

As stated above, the Hall is a charity and is required to file its accounts with the Charity Commission. We are grateful to Ian Morgan who examines the accounts which are prepared by Ben as treasurer.

The full accounts will be discussed at the AGM but a summary follows:

Income £25,600 (2023 : £19,400);
expenditure £13,000 (2023 : £13,000);
net surplus £12,600 (2023 : £6,400).
Cash at bank £47,300 (2023 : £34,700).

Future projects

The Hall is in the midst of a project to install solar panels and associated battery packs. The trustees are being supported by John Scott on this project. The Hall's heating is produced using a wood chip boiler so the trustees believe that we are doing our bit to reduce carbon emissions. The Hall successfully applied for a partial grant for the solar panels from the Government's Rural England Prosperity Fund although the project will initially be funded from the Hall's own resources.

The trustees are mindful that the Hall is a relatively large building with associated big roof and tarmac car park that will require maintenance at some future date. The trustees are committed to building up significant reserves to cover such works and have an initial target to build our cash reserves to £75,000.

Transparency

The Charity Commission lists all registered charities in the UK and provides easily searchable information on every one of them. In addition, the Hall's constitution is on our website together with the bookings calendar.

<https://chedworthvillagehall.co.uk>

Thanks

My thanks to my fellow trustees and volunteer supporters and to everyone that has attended or put on an event at the Hall in the past year. I would like to thank Fiona Hutton-Potts for all that she does in supporting me as chair and ensuring each month's produce market runs smoothly.

AGM Agenda

Apologies
Minutes of previous AGM
Review of the financial results and adoption of accounts
Review of the year
Election of trustees and nominated positions
General discussion
Any other business

7pm, 25th November 2024 in the social room at Chedworth Village Hall.

ALL ARE WELCOME

*Charles Hutton-Potts
Chair, Chedworth Village Hall
October 2024*

Prostate Cancer Talk - Nov 7th 7pm

Chedworth Produce Market Update

Set up to provide an opportunity for local, artisan producers to sell their produce direct to the public, **Chedworth Produce Market** gives residents from Chedworth, surrounding villages, and further afield, access to a range of quality local produce, all under one roof. The market has become a regular fixture in the village calendar since it was launched in December 2022. **Run from Chedworth Village hall, every third Saturday of the month from 9am - 1pm**, it has gone from strength to strength attracting a growing number of regular producers and shoppers alike.

The vast majority of producers attend each month with staples such as bread, cheese, meat, yogurt, eggs and veg, with other producers also attending regularly, to offer a one stop shop experience. A full list of attendees is published each month, via our Instagram page **@chedworthproducemarket**

Another regular and popular part of the market is **The Chedworth Pop Up Café** based in the newly decorated Village Hall social room. The café offers a welcoming space to stop while you shop and enjoy a drink and perhaps a slice of home-made cake or a delicious sausage roll.

Each month the market also runs a charity raffle, with a chance to win a selection of goodies from our producers. To date have raised over £2,500 with donations going to a range of

Gloucestershire based charities including Gloucestershire Air Ambulance, Scrubditch Care Farm, The Churn Project, Cirencester Food Bank, Home Start Cotswolds, Winston's Wish, National Star College, Emmaus Gloucestershire, Cotswold Riding for the Disabled, Headspace, Paternoster School, National Star Centre, Cotswold Friends, The Pied Piper Appeal and Crossroads Care Gloucestershire, as well as the Chedworth Village Hall Charity that is responsible for the upkeep of the village hall as an important community asset.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook -
@chedworthproducemarket - to see what is on offer each month.

Come along and see us at one of our future markets - a warm welcome awaits you.

If you would like any further information please contact chedworthproducemarket@gmail.com

Remaining Dates for 2024 markets

November 16th 2024
December 21st 2024

Charles Hutton-Potts

Dear Paddy, The Vicar here thinks very highly of your father. He's given him a job so important that he has five hundred men under him. He's cutting grass in the churchyard.

People are like tea bags – you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are.

Charity Golf Day at Monmouth



Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who donated a prize for the raffle or sponsored a hole for this charity event. Yet again we were blessed with some lovely weather. This year we saw some new faces (I am told that they

thought it was a fantastic day.)

We played TEXAS SCRAMBLE for both rounds.

In the morning round it was won by 1st NATHAN HEAPS, CHRIS MILES, JEFF WHEELDON, TIM GLEAVE.

2nd JAMES HARTSHORN, ALISTAIR BOOTH, JAMIE COWELL, ANDY MILES.

3rd MARTIN HUGHES, IAN TAYLOR, JOHN SISSONS, ANDY KING.

Nearest the pin hole 6 was won by IRISH TOMMY.

Longest drive hole 17 was won by NATHAN HEAPS.

Afternoon round as follows:-

1st DANIEL HEAPS, IRISH TOMMY,

JAMES HARTSHORN, TOM HORRELL

2nd JOHN SISSONS, NATHAN HEAPS, JACH HUMPHREYS, SAM PRICE

3rd IAN TAYLOR, CHRIS MILES, JAMIE COWELL, DARREN HANDY.

Nearest the pin hole 2 – No on managed to hit the green. Longest drive was one once again by NATHAN HEAPS.

Well done to you all. I would like to say a special thanks to EMMA and her staff who looked after us all day. The food was excellent as always. So once again thank you to every one for your continued support to help raise monies for local charities. I look forward to seeing you all next year on SEPTEMBER 12th 2025. This year's charities between which I will split the proceeds are JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB and THE VILLAGE HALL.

Best wishes
Pete Heaps

I will give the total amount when I have all the money in in the next edition.

As for those signs found outside churches:

- * Church car park sign...This is for MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptised!!
- * Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm next Wednesday in the church lounge. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- * Thursday at 10am there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All those wishing to become little Mothers are welcome to meet our new minister in the vicarage....

Safeguarding in a Church

Safeguarding in a Church or as a community.

Many of us when we hear the word Safeguarding may sigh and think it's down to someone else to deal with, however, it must be a collective responsibility. **All** churches are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of every child, young person and adults.

Safeguarding means protecting a citizen's health, wellbeing and human rights; enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect. It is an integral part of providing high-quality health care.

Safeguarding means the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture in all churches. To achieve this, we need to do a lot of hard work, getting this right can be challenging but it has to be at the heart of everything we do. We will promote the welfare of children, young people and adults. We will work to prevent abuse from occurring. It is important that we don't think of it as a tick box and then forget about it.

As a Church we are committed to:

The creation of a safe environment and culture where all are welcome, and everyone feels able to speak out about safeguarding concerns. Pastoral care for victims and survivors of abuse, and other people who have been affected by safeguarding issues. The promotion of good safeguarding practice through effective training, guidance, policy and procedures. Over the coming weeks our notice boards in the benefice will be updated regarding Safeguarding in our churches, with contact numbers and who to speak to in confidence about any safeguarding issue or concerns. If anyone wants to know more about our procedures and policies, please ask.

Everyone who participates in the life of the Church has a role to play in promoting a Safer Church for all.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Helen Oldham

Tractors

A little girl was watching her daddy repair his tractor. She asked her mother, "What happens to old tractors when they finally stop working?"

Sighing, her mother answered: "Someone sells them to your father, dear."

Cabinet

My granddad always said, "When one door closes, another door opens." Lovely man. Terrible cabinet maker.

Your Village and Mine

I recently re-read an interesting short book of my Father's entitled "Your Village and Mine" by C. H. Gardiner, who lived in the Cotswolds. It was written in 1943 when the country was in the midst of the Second World War and is a reflection on the prominent institutions of the English village. In the introduction, the author helpfully comments "*Only by looking at the village of yesterday can we understand the village of to-day, and only by a dispassionate survey of the merits and defects of the contemporary village can we successfully plan the village of to-morrow*". Whilst the author was born in late Victorian times and was writing in 1943, his observations are still very relevant to-day. Since the book was written there have been considerable changes in the countryside, agriculture, the economy and society but as ever, villages have continued to evolve. The author considers village institutions:-

The Church

In most villages, the church is the point of continuity, in being the oldest and often the most prominent building. The church catered for both the spiritual life of the village and until the passing of the Local Government Act 1894, the provision of local government by way of the annual Vestry Meeting when the Church wardens and Overseers of the Poor accounted for the moneys raised from the rates during the year. The days of a full-time incumbent in a large rectory are long gone and most villages are now part of a benefice encompassing several parishes with a house for duty priest. Whilst church attendance has

declined over recent years, the church is still held in respect and there is considerable affection for both the church as a part of the community and its role in pastoral care and the building as part of village history. In many villages there were also Baptist and Methodist chapels, sadly most are now closed and have been sold off for alternative uses. The Hill and Valley Benefice is fortunate to have Karen Hunter Kriwald, a caring and enthusiastic incumbent ably assisted by the Local Ministry Team of Sheila Bowley, Teresa Irving and Helen Oldham.

The Manor

"In most villages the Manor, in its earlier form, has disappeared and with it has gone the country squire". In past times the owner of the Manor with its farm was one of the largest employers of labour and often a paternalistic figure in the village. With the changes over the last century, many Manors are now divorced from farmland but fortunately not the case in Chedworth. Properties with the name of the Manor or The Old Rectory are now very sought after.

The Village Inn

The author considered the village inn



as the third oldest village institution and "*a place where the labourer, the shepherd and the hedger can sit in quite comfort to consume a pint of cider or bitter with the bread and cheese at midday etc*" How times have changed! Not least that the word inn has been replaced by pub. Before increased car, telephone and television ownership the village pub was the social hub of the community. In living memory several pubs have closed in Chedworth and it is to be hoped that the future of the Seven Tuns future can be resolved to compliment The Inn at Fossebridge and the Stump. In the meantime, the pop-up pub has been a very popular and successful innovation.

The Women's Institute

The movement was founded in 1917, which the author describes as *one of the greatest boons that ever came to village life*. Life must have been very restrictive for village women, whereas the men had the pub, it was not until the WI was established with the object to instruct, to interest and to amuse, that women had an outlet for community relaxation. I well remember a lady from a remote Cotswold village telling me how the WI had been so life changing for the ladies of her community, especially during the inter-war years. It is sad that some WI branches have recently closed due to lack of members, including Northleach, some of whose members have now joined the Chedworth branch.

The Village Shop

In many villages, the village shop also served as the Post Office. As well as providing groceries, the village shop was an important meeting place. The

advent of super-markets and delivery services has inevitably eroded most village shops. In recent times Chedworth has lost the village store, the post office and the farm shop. However, on the positive front, the introduction of the Pop-Up Café and monthly Produce Market in Chedworth has provided important community facilities. It will be interesting to see whether there will be other innovations?

The Village Hall

The book rightly refers to a village hall as being indispensable to the community. In the long history of the English village, village halls are a relatively modern facility, most were built in the 20th century. The destruction by fire of the original village hall in Chedworth (a hut that had been the canteen at the WW1 airfield at Rendcomb)) provided the opportunity to build a much larger and modern hall which opened in 1976 and is integral to the life of the community.

The Village School

The author of the book comments that *one of the most important village institutions is the school*. It is a considerable advantage for primary age children to have a village school on their doorstep. St Andrew's Church of England School Chedworth opened in 1872 and has provided education for generations of village children. The original building has been extended, principally the addition of the assembly hall. Recently the school house has been adapted for pre-school. It is essential that the community supports the school.

Your Village and Mine

Local Government

The role of local government is often overlooked, especially the work of parish councils and the old Rural District Councils after the end of the Second World War who secured the provision of mains water, electricity and council houses. These facilities considerably improved village life. It is arguable that the amalgamation of the RDC's into large district councils removed some of the feeling of localism and involvement. Fortunately, we still have our parish council.

Sports Facilities

The provision of a playing field was very often dependant on the goodwill of a local farmer, as in the case of Manor Farm providing a cricket ground, the home of Chedworth Cricket Club for many years. The ground is presently used by Charlton Kings Cricket Club. It is to be hoped that Chedworth Cricket Club can be resurrected next year. Chedworth is fortunate in having a large playing field due to the foresight of the Parish Council implementing a land exchange with the Late Miss Salter of Pinkwell in 1982. Whilst sadly, the football club folded some years ago, we now have the very thriving Hill and Valley Tennis Club.

The Village and the land.

When the book was written in 1943, many people in the countryside were involved in agriculture and the related trades. Most villagers, even if not directly involved in agriculture had an understanding of farming and the

countryside. Inevitably with the mechanisation of agriculture, few are now involved in farming and whilst most villagers are understanding of the challenges facing farming and the countryside, there are growing pressures from lobby groups for change.

Housing

In 1943, many villagers occupied their cottages as part of their employment or rented from local landowners. The provision of village council houses by the old Rural District Councils was a major achievement after the Second World War. However, housing is now a major social issue due to many factors including the sale off of council houses, the major reduction in social house building, the sale of farm cottages as the labour force contracted, the supply and demand for housing being out of kilter etc. As in most attractive country areas, house prices and now rents in the Cotswolds are often beyond many young locals as more properties are bought as second homes and for Airbnb. Some concerted and constructive thought and action is required.

Postscript

The author in 1943 commented that *"The most serious danger that I see ahead is that our demands for improved public and social services may result in the urbanization of the country-side, which is the last thing that we desire or need."* An interesting observation!

Major changes in village life were inevitable in the light of modern inventions, technology, increased prosperity, working from home and car ownership. Villages have always evolved and will continue to do so. What is important is that we value and support our local community and facilities.

One subject not specifically mentioned in the book, is the vital role of

volunteers in village life. Volunteers are integral and essential to village organisations and the wider community. A recent letter in the national press queried the impact on the running of the country if all volunteers retired!

On re-reading the book, I noticed that my father had written on the fly leaf *The Cotswolds for Ever* - Agreed!

Robert Young



CHEDWORTH GARDENING CLUB AGM
THE GARDENING CLUB AGM WILL TAKE PLACE ON
20 NOVEMBER 2024
AT 7.30PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL ROOM/PUP
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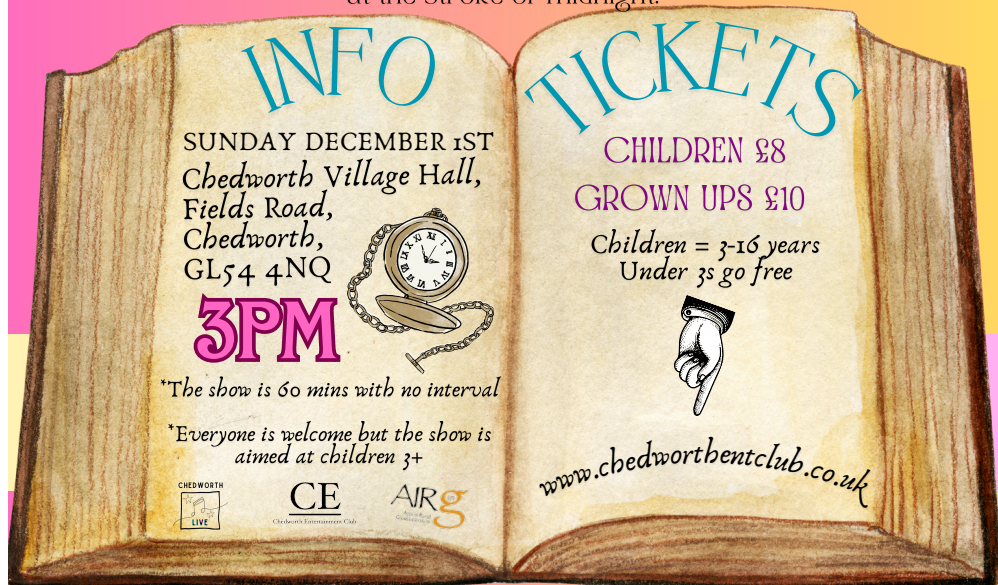
SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2024



Once upon a time in Chedworth, there was a wonderful, family-friendly show at the Village Hall...

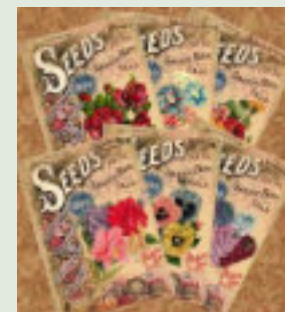
Award winning children's writer Emma Reeves reimagines a classic fairytale for a modern age, in which an outdoorsy, nature-loving Cinderella must help a lonely prince battle with social media and get to know her new screen-obsessed, shopaholic family.

With humour, ingenuity and a touch of magic, this show takes on the challenges of growing up today: the real vs the virtual, perception and authenticity, but with pumpkins, princes and a clock that changes everything at the stroke of midnight.



Seed Exchange 1 November

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CHEDWORTH VILLAGE HALL



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Cotswolds Parkinson's Cafe



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10.30 am - 12 noon. 1st Monday of each month.

Anyone affected by Parkinson's is welcome to join us, individuals, partners, carers, for a drink and the opportunity for a chat.

Your Gardening Tips for November



We are now heading towards the end of a very wet and not very warm year making successful gardening really hard work to say nothing of battling slugs and deer!

- Vulnerable plants in outdoor containers need to be wrapped in fleece, hessian or bubble wrap.
- Clear composted leaf mold from the bin, spread onto the garden and replace with newly fallen leaves shredded through a mower
- Cover brassicas against pigeon attack, but be ready to lift the netting if snow is forecast!
- If you are not clamp storing root vegetables for the winter, keep some in the ground as parsnips especially improve with frosting. Keep checking for slug or mice damage!
- If not already done, tie grease bands around trunks of fruit trees against winter moth damage.
- Prune roses to prevent wind-rock, and clear away fallen leaves to prevent black spot.
- Plant tulips, and this your last



- chance to plant winter bedding plants such as wallflowers, forget-me-nots, primulas and pansies.
- Keep weeds in check. Mulch with compost, and where space allows, cover the ground with a membrane to suppress weeds. Check for slug eggs.
- Lift and store pelargoniums, dahlias, cannas and tuberous bedding begonias.
- There is still time in early November, to sow broad beans, winter lettuce, garlic, onions and spinach for early cropping next year. Plant winter lettuce in your used grow bags in the greenhouse.
- Plant bare rooted raspberry canes, either summer or autumn fruiting varieties, from now until February
- Divide rhubarb plants once dormant, and cover with rotted horse manure for healthy growth next year.
- Prune apple and pear trees over the winter until February, but leave plum trees until the summer to avoid silver leaf fungus attack.
- Deciduous hedging can be planted bare rooted, throughout the winter, but best when the soil is not too hard. Guard against squirrels and deer gnawing the bark. When planting hedging or trees, do not dig them in too deep and allow plenty of space (preferably square) for the roots to extend out rather than curl into a ball as this will restrict development of the plant or tree.
- This a good time to plant roses, avoiding areas where roses have previously grown.

- Shrubs normally pruned hard in the spring, such as Buddleja, Cornus and Lavatera, can be cut back by half, to prevent wind rock and neaten their appearance.
- If lawns need to mowed, set the cutter 1.5 inches above the ground to avoid stressing the grass. After the final mow, clean and dry the mower and drain the fuel because it will go sour.. Service the mower!
- Clean out water butts, as they will soon fill up again, but be careful to drain any with taps if deep freezing weather is forecast, to avoid the tap joint cracking.
- Do not apply fertilizer in the garden as will not be taken up by plants
- Cover temporarily unused ground with a membrane or black polythene to prevent nutrients being washed away and rogue seeds

settling to germinate

- If you are thinking of creating a wildlife pond, however big or small, now is the time to do so giving it time to settle over winter before the breeding season for many wild life species.
- If you want some sweet pea seeds come to the seed exchange in the Pop Up Pub on 1 November
- If you want to hear what your Gardening Club



committee has been up to come to the AGM at the Village Hall on Wednesday 20 November at 7.30

*Simon Colbeck
Chairman,
Chedworth Gardening Club*

WREATH LAYING PANCAKE HILL MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2024



Simon Colbeck will be laying a wreath on behalf of Chedworth & District RBL, at the Pancake Hill War Memorial at 11.00 am on Monday 11 November. Everyone is welcome to attend this short dedication service.



Hill & Valley Lawn Tennis Club

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

CLUB NEWS

We struck lucky with the weather for the last of the club's annual tennis events of the season, the Allison Stock Day, named in memory of Allison who was a long serving stalwart of the club. It has a different format or theme each year, this year's was 'Red, White and Blue', people really entered into the spirit with their dressing up, we finished up with a BBQ, it was a fun day all round, see photos below.

The club half season winter membership is available, all are welcome, do get in touch or see the club website for more details.

The normal club and groups sessions will continue weather permitting all winter, our Mixed Winter League and Ladies over 60's League matches are under way. We greatly look forward to seeing everyone at the end of season Club Supper and Annual Meeting on the 22nd November, at the Old Smokery, Far Peaks event venue near Northleach.

Robert Baker, Chair hillandvalleytc@gmail.com



WHAT'S ON

CLUB SESSIONS

Monday Pop Up & Play Mixed Social 9.30-11.30am

Monday Men's Night 6-9pm

Thursday Ladies Evening 5-6.30pm

Friday Mixed Social Up Pop Up Pub 5-7pm

Saturday Mixed Social 4-6pm

WALKING TENNIS

Running every Friday afternoon 2.30-4pm

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AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR COACHING, November 6th-December 18th

Runs on Wednesdays in term time for ages 4-18yrs

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Juniors 4-13yrs on Tuesdays & Thursdays

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Teens 13-18yrs on Tuesdays, 4-6pm

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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

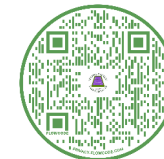
Friday, November 22nd, Annual Club Supper & AGM

All welcome

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Wine Column

Hello Neighbors,

As I write this in the second week of October, it is raining and grey, and perfect timing to slide into red wine season.

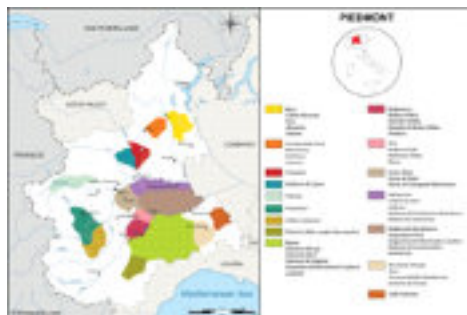
I thought I would chat about all things Piedmont as Phil and I are getting ready for an upcoming holiday. #italyorbust

It is the second largest wine growing region in Italy (behind Sicily) and Piedmont sits, as its name suggests (pied = foot, mont = mountain), at the foot of the Western Alps, bordering Switzerland and France. With rolling hills dotted with vineyards, charming Medieval towns, and proper food and wine, it's kind of like Tuscany but less touristy.

More importantly, it is known for Alba white truffles, Asti Spumante and the King of Italian wines, Barolo and Barbaresco. It is also the birthplace of Nutella and vermouth!

The main red grapes are:

1. Nebbiolo (this is the grape of Barolo and Barbaresco with dark raspberry flavors, leather, rose and anise and always high tannin and acidity – which is why age helps this wine relax and smooth out)
2. Barbera (A bit lighter in style with more fruit and less tannins AND 30% of what comes out of Piedmont)
3. Dolcetto (even lighter and easy to pop a cork and have on a picnic)



The main white grapes are: Arneis and Cortese (all of these are known to be fruity, light, mostly unoaked and delicious) If you have heard of Gavi, it is a place in Piedmont and the grape is Cortese.

The Top Territories:

1. Langhe – one of most famous areas for Barolo, Barbaresco (Nebbiolo grape)
2. Roero – Arneis, the famous white grape of Piedmont, and Nebbiolo are from this area.
3. Monferrato – Barbera and the rarer sweet wines: Moscato di Asti and Asti Spumante

The diversity of pricing goes from a “Tuesday night” wine to “lets serve this at NYE dinner ringing in the new year” type of wine so from affordable to pricey, but worth it.

Some outstanding wineries to look for:

The more expensive side of Barolo Producers: Gaja, Giacomo Conterno Monfortino, Giuseppe Rinaldi

Here are some of my favorite:

Red wine:

- Produttori del Barbaresco Rabaja, Barbaresco Riserva DOCG, Italy – £67
- Luciano Sandrone Barbera d'Alba Piedmont, Italy - £23
- Paolo Scavino Barolo DOCG, Piedmont, Italy –£43

White:

- Vietti Roero Arneis – £16
- For the sweet wine lovers - Toso 'Fiocco di Vite' Moscato d'Asti DOCG - £12

Vineyard Update and Tour the Vineyard:

By the time you get this, the leaves on the vines will be changing colors and dropping for the year. This is a rare time where we won't have a ton of work to do in the vineyard, but we will



Photo by Tim Hamilton

use this time to prep for next year, budget and plan out the schedule for next year. January is when pruning starts and the life cycle of the vine starts over.

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. We have had quite a visitors! 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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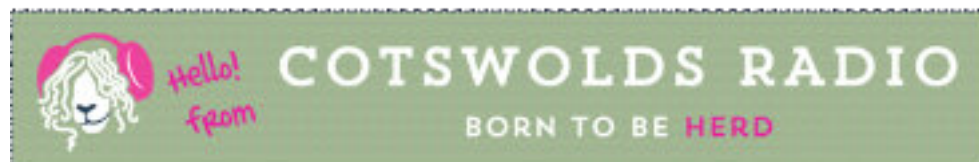
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special place in his heart – a celebration of life, success and the music that moves us all.

We love to hear from listeners, so get in touch! Message using our app or email contact@cotswoldsradio.com.

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Come and give it a try or you can just come and watch, it is open to non members and friends and family.

We have tea and cake afterwards!

We look forward to seeing you!

For more info scan the QR code or follow this link

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



Uncle Eustace

On why the C of E should never combine parishes

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I suppose it had to come, but combining parishes is now firmly on the agenda for our villages.

I had always wondered what the first Earl of Stowe was trying to prove, building a church here in 1347 to accommodate 800 people when the total population has never exceeded 250. In the short term – which in this village is measured in centuries - it seems to have been to house the tombs of his 13 successors. I now realise it was to make uniting with adjoining parishes in the 21st century more difficult. Clearly the first Earl had formidable foresight. None of our neighbouring churches seem too keen to share their reserves to help maintain our cathedral-sized building.

The threat of the closure of St Herve the Bard has, inevitably, caused outrage – not so much from its regular congregation of three, but from all those in the village who would never think of attending. People do so like to have a church not to go to.

The church of St Bregowine, built by a wealthy parishioner in the 19th century because she did not like the high church practices of the parish church of St Iwig, is refusing to re-unite, even though the two churches stand only 100 yards apart, in a village with a diameter of 300 yards. If only they could get over the trauma of seeing the incumbent putting water in the wine on Easter Day in 1894.

(Although it must be conceded that the Bregowinians were equally affronted that when the daughter church opened in 1895, they found that the Iwigers had provided no brass troughs at the end of the pews for umbrellas. That they have subsequently refused to install them has only compounded the offence.)

Meanwhile St Plegmund is in discussions with the Church of South India as a way of avoiding uniting with anyone. Should it happen, I will be interested to see what travelling expenses the new incumbent claims. It will be difficult to tell when the present incumbent resigns, as he has not been seen at a clerical meeting for the last 30 years. Some of my colleagues suspect he is mythical, that a bloodless coup took place in the 1980s and that the church is now entirely run by the Mothers' Union.

The church of St Maximus of Constantinople in our nearest town has rather grandly offered to take all of our churches under its wing, but as a parishioner has pointed out: how could we possibly consider joining with a parish that fought on the other side at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485.

In the meantime, we will serenely carry on, as we seem to have done for the past six centuries; parish mergers and reductions in numbers of clergy seem to be of less interest than debating the suggestion that we change the brand of coffee served after Services.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace





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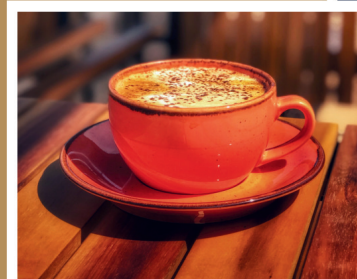
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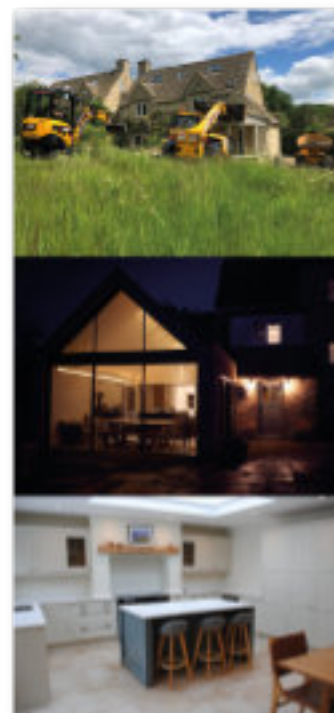
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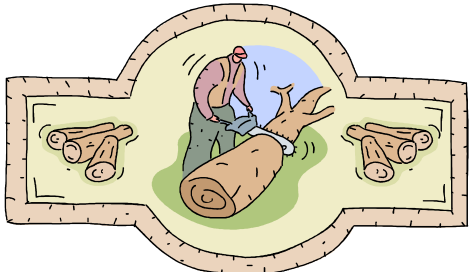
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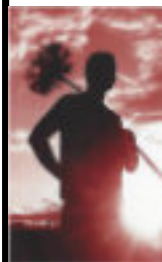
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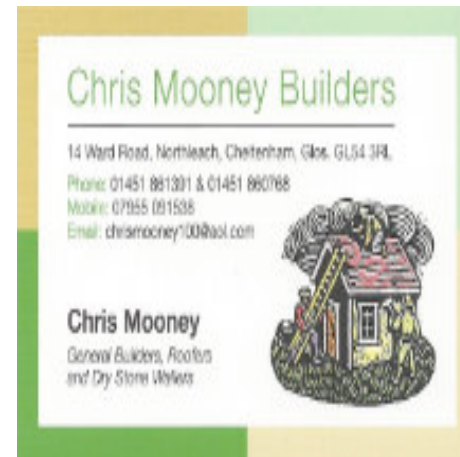
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