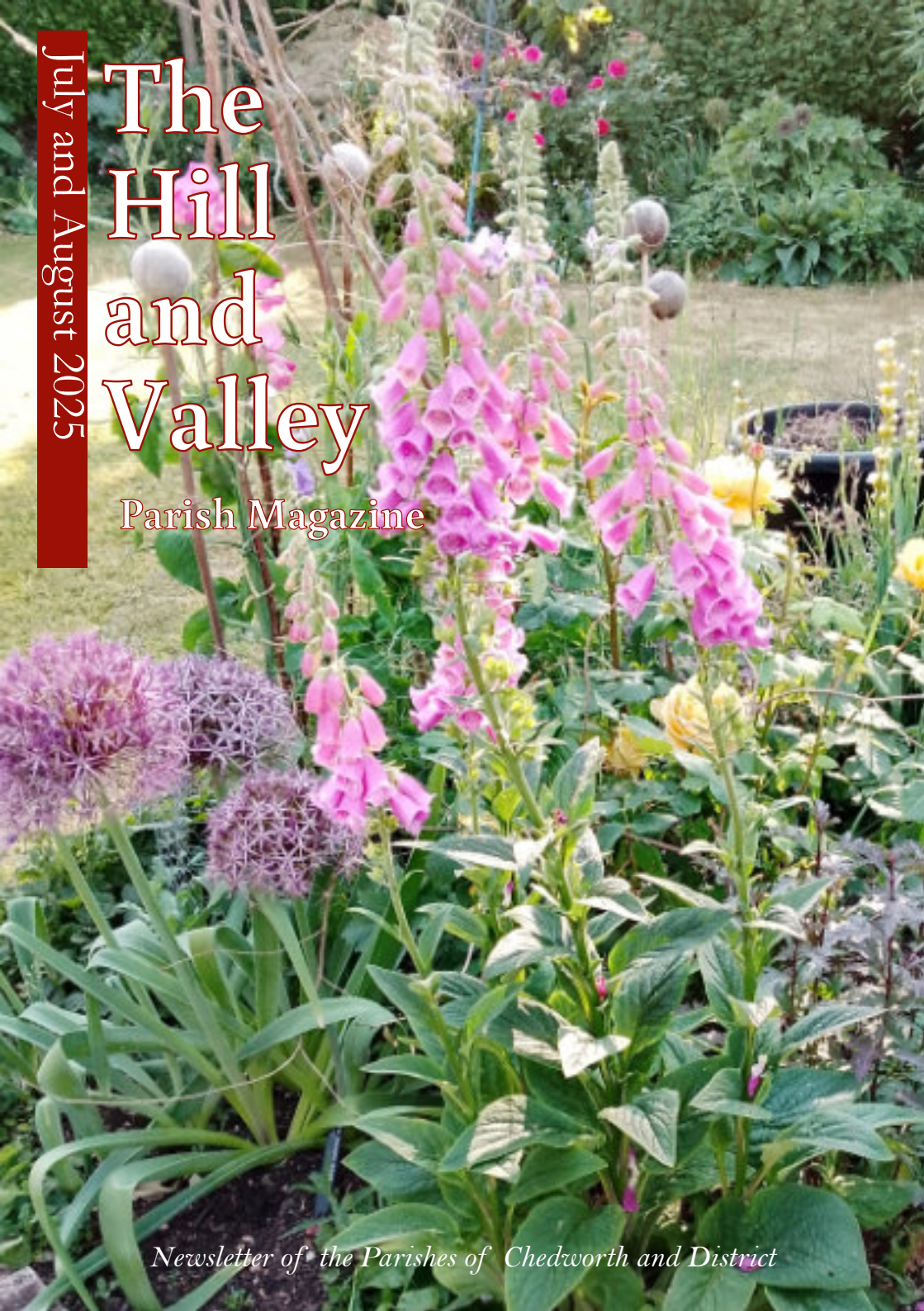




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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition



Karen's Letter



I've been thinking a lot about unity recently. It's an altruistic ideal, but the more I have thought about it, the more I have realised what a difficult thing it is. Prioritizing the needs of others over my own isn't something that comes naturally. It requires a dedication to help and improve others' lives; to push through from my point of view to yours and to choose not to defend and attack, but to try to be open and understand and to empathise.

When someone does us wrong, how do we pursue peace as well as address the wrong that's been done? If they don't acknowledge the hurt they've caused and aren't sorry for what they've done, and we've reached an impasse, what do we do then? Perhaps that is the time for a mediator to step in and assist?

We've just celebrated Pentecost when

the Holy Spirit descended on the small group of disciples and 3000 were added to their number in one day. People from across the known world had gathered in the city and the first gift the Holy Spirit gave was the ability to speak in different languages, so that everyone in that place heard the disciples telling of the wonders of God in their own languages. This mediator may be what the world needs right now – who can bypass barriers, enable us to communicate with one another and work in the deep subconscious to bring unity in diversity, peace out of chaos and love out of ambivalence. At a micro level, if you don't understand someone, nor they you, perhaps you might experiment with a simple thought/prayer, "Holy Spirit, please come and help us. Work in my mind and emotions – work in theirs," and see what happens.

Karen Hunter Krimwald



...Joshua says he's very sorry - but it's something to do with the recent weapons procurement review...

Church Briefing

Hill & Valley Benifice Church Services

Everyone Welcome

6th July Holy Communion	10.30am - St James the Great, Coln St Denys
13th July BCP Holy Communion	9.00am - St Andrew's, Chedworth 10.30am - St Andrew's, Coln Rogers
20th July Holy Communion	10.30am - St Andrew's, Chedworth
27th July Happyfull Service	10.30am - St Andrew's, Chedworth
3rd August BCP Holy Communion	9.00 - St Andrew's, Chedworth 10.30am - St James the Great, Coln St Denys
10th August Holy Communion	10.30am - St Andrew's, Coln Rogers
17th August Holy Communion	10.30am - St Andrew's, Chedworth
24th August Happyfull Service	10.30am - St Andrew's, Chedworth
31st August Matins	10.30 - St Michael's, Yanworth
Weddings – "Love comes from God and everyone that loves is born of God and knows God."	
26/07/25 – 1.00pm - St Andrew's, Chedworth – Laura Tuckwell and James Halliwell.	

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
1 July	14:30	Garden Club visit to Langford Downs Farm	
4 July	19:30	Swing from Paris	Chedworth Village Hall
9 July	19:15	WI - Emma Lowther "Chair Yoga"	Chedworth Village Hall
11 July	19:30	BackRow Club - The Worlds Fastest Indian	Chedworth Village Hall
15 July	14:30	Garden Club visit to Brockworth Court	
18 July	13:30	St Andrew's School Summer Fete	Chedworth School
19 July	9:00-13:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
21 July	17:30	Fish & Chip Van	Chedworth Village Hall
8 August	19:30	Back Row Club - The Best of Men	Chedworth Village Hall
13 August		Wi - Members Choice	
16 August	9:00-13:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
18 August	17:30	Fish & Chip Van	Chedworth Village Hall
3 Sept	18:00	Garden Club visit to Fossebridge Vineyard	
4 Sept	19:00	NTL - Inter Alia	Chedworth Village Hall
10 Sept		WI - Outing	
12 Sept		Golf Day	
15 Sept	17:30	Fish & Chip Van	Chedworth Village Hall
20 Sept	9:00-13:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
25 Sept	18:00	RBL Talk - Reflection on the Battle of Britain	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	3	July
Thursday	17	July
Thursday	31	July
Thursday	14	August
Thursday	28	August

Dates may change due to holidays

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We have had a busy start to our Summer 2 term. Our Year 6 pupils have been to Gloucester Cathedral for their leavers service and then on to play laser tag and have lunch (a huge thank you to our PTA for treating our pupils to this). Key Stage 2 visited the Mad Museum in Stratford upon Avon on the first day of term and had a great day exploring and then playing in the water activity spaces in the town.

We had another successful 'Well-being Wednesday', where parents are invited to join their child for a short well-being activity.

Following on from our hugely successful Mother's Day afternoon tea earlier this year, we are looking forward to hosting all of the important men in our lives for our 'Biscuits, brews and balls' event.

All the pupils are continuing to enjoy their weekly tennis and cricket coaching. We are so lucky to have the amazing facilities of the Hill & Valley tennis club.

learn trust respect forgive

At the end of the Summer 1 term, Sycamore class went on their yearly residential. They had the most amazing time camping, paddle boarding, raft building and getting messy with their friends. They came back full of beans and full of memories to last a lifetime.



We are really looking forward to the Key Stage 2 performance of 'The Jungle Book' with kind thanks to the Village Hall committee and Chedworth Entertainment for supporting us to use the fantastic Village Hall as our venue. All members of the community are invited to come and watch on **Tuesday 15th July at 4.30pm.** Refreshments will be available from our amazing PTA.



Summer Fete

Please do join us on **Friday 18th July from 13.00** on the school field there will be lots of fun activities for the children and we will be joined by Chedworth Silver Band and Flora Fiora to perform during the afternoon. The children will also have access to a range of inflatable courses and castles!



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Chedworth Parish Council

Resurfacing on Henson's Hill

Following many months of reporting the poor state of the road surface along Henson's Hill Gloucestershire County Council Highways finally came on the 12th of June and completely resurfaced the worst stretch approaching the Yanworth road making it safe for cycling and less bone jarring for motor traffic. GCC have also renewed signs at the Chedworth Turning off the A429 and bollards at the Hemplands corner.

Visibility Splays

In early June the visibility splays on village verges were cut by Brian Brassington as arranged by Cllr Ian Morgan. The Parish Council manages verge cutting in the village but not on the main road. Unfortunately, Gloucestershire County Council has not cut the visibility splay at the A429 junction at the time of writing and responded to a complaint as "no fault

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found" A strongly worded email has been sent urging them to take prompt action.

Horses Ash Lane

The well used track along the northern crest of the valley Horses (or Horsley's) Ash Lane has been repaired courtesy of the Cotswold Wardens who cut back overhanging branches and spread many tons of stone supplied by GCC on the very badly eroded section adjacent to Calves Hill which turned to deep mud and virtually impassable in wet weather.

Many thanks to the ladies and gentlemen of the Cotswold Wardens for this invaluable help.

Village Hall Outside Lights

The £6,800 bill for the new Village Hall outside lights was paid at the last Parish Council meeting. Around half of this came from the CIL Community Infrastructure Levy paid by developers who have successfully obtained planning consent to build in the village.

The new lights are a great improvement over the previous system installed over 20 years ago.

Cotswold Historic Rally – Sunday 6th July

The Parish Council has been informed that the Cotswold Historic Rally will be coming to Chedworth on Sunday 6th July. Around 70 classic cars will be coming up Fields Road to the Airfield then down the Whiteway between 9:20am and 11:20am in the morning. The properties on the route have been sent a letter by the organisers giving details of the event.

David Broad

Donald Niven 20th July 1940 - 16th May 2025

Donald first moved to Chedworth Laines in 1968. He was a Chartered Surveyor at what was once called Hobbs & Chambers in Cirencester. He met and married my mum, Sarah, a year later and together they moved into Melrose Cottage, just off Cheap Street in Chedworth. They lived there for a number of years, but after my two eldest brothers, Hamish and Adam, were born they decided to look for something larger. Thankfully at that same time the people nextdoor wished to downsize. So the Niven's moved nextdoor!

The new house was originally called The Laurels, but they renamed it Laurieston in honour of Dad's Scottish heritage. In the following years both Ben and I, Hanna, were born and it was in this home we spent two most idyllic decades together. The smell of freshly baked bread wafted continuously in the air and the front door was always open (it really was, though occasionally we used a wedge of wood in the hinges to "lock" it!).

With a heavy heart (in particular mine) we left Chedworth in 1994 in pursuit of new adventures, relocating to Cirencester where for a number of years Mum and Dad were very involved with the Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing.

In the last days of 1999, new adventures called once again and Mum and Dad moved north to Dentdale, Yorkshire. Unfortunately after a year of running two beautiful holiday cottages Mum was diagnosed with cancer and died six months later. Dad never got over the loss of his soul mate, and though he eventually moved south and remarried an old school friend, it didn't



fill the hole in his heart. They eventually separated and in 2016 he moved to Norfolk to be near his son Ben. For a few years light shone within him once again and he cherished being near his two grandsons, until unfortunately cancer found him also. He fought hard, and for many years.

In the weeks before he died he spoke of a woman surrounded by light sitting nearby, frustrated that she wouldn't come to him. We took it in turns to tell him that perhaps this was Mum, and she'd come to take him "home" to her. In his last days he took great comfort in this and we did also, knowing that finally they were together again.

On the 13th June 2025 we held a thanksgiving service for him in Gressenhall, Norfolk. Just over 100 people walked into a church full of sunshine and with birdsong playing. I wrote and read a poem for him and my brothers each honoured him in their own way.

Chedworth will always be a special part of our lives. Mum already rests in the churchyard there and Dad will join her there soon.

Written by Hanna Loof (Donald's daughter)

Our meeting this month was held as a garden party at our secretary's house in Perrot's Brook on the warmest day so far this summer. Considering that Penny had been very poorly just a few weeks ago she put on an amazing show. As you can see the sun shone, everyone looked happy, relaxed and enjoyed themselves. All Penny's efforts both for the day, and for the hard work she puts in all year were much appreciated by all the members, she was presented with a bouquet of lilies and a box of chocolates as a grateful thank you. Sadly I could not attend the garden party – really missed out on those gorgeous food goodies!

The two major items to report from the agenda are that the next monthly lunch will be at the Wheatsheaf in Northleach and that guests (adults only I am afraid) are very welcome to join us on our September outing by coach from the Village Hall to Hampton Court Gardens in Herefordshire. The cost to include entrance and coach fare is £25 to non-WI members. The coach will leave at 10.00am and will return at 3.30pm. The gardens are magnificent and the café is situated in the Orangery which is the first glass and cast iron construction designed by Joesph Paxton before he went on to design the great Crystal Palace to house The Great Exhibition of 1851. See <https://hamptongardens.co.uk/> for more information. Do contact me if you would like to come you will be most welcome – Emma Isaac on 01285720276 or ditzzyk9@pm.me.

One other outdoor activity that was happening this week, was Helen and

Clare kindly cleaning up 'Brenda's bench' outside the village hall as part of the Parish Council's bench campaign. This bench was put up in memory of Brenda Rosenthal who was, as those who knew her a small human dynamo involved in nearly every village activity, including raising funds to build the 'new' village hall. The bench looks amazing – thank you to Helen and Clare for your hard work.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th July back at the village hall at 7.15pm. We will be sitting down, but keeping flexible for a Chair Yoga class given by Emma Lowther – all visitors welcome!

Emma Isaac



Happy pictures from the Garden Party and an alternative WI occupation left!

Photos courtesy of Mick Marsh and Mo Floyd.

(Not another of Sheila's poems – yes! we apologise)

Art for Art's Sake

"We're all going to draw" said Karen one day
 "We'll need a life model straight away"
 "What? Nude?" said we, with some dismay
 But Sue was ready, that same day.
 To paint a hunky male would be
 Something that filled her with great glee.
 We asked around, but none were free
 Not Rom or Mike or Fred (Who's he?)
 We met right after the Easter break
 And drawing boards we all did take,
 But the model who would undertake
 Was only Karen! For heaven's sake!

She draped herself on a garden chair
 Fully clothed - but still - with interesting hair.
 We all took our pencils and with due care
 Endeavoured to create with great flair....
 The abandoned pose of this fair creature.
 We struggled to capture every feature,
 And some only managed to reach her....
 Nose – we needed another teacher!
 No time to rest, we attempted again
 This time Karen standing with little Edwyn
 Who'd got bored of crawling and then
 Kept wriggling, as Karen held him in vain.

She had told us to draw some circular shapes
 In various sizes to give sense to drapes,
 But some of us couldn't escape our balloons
 Which (strangely) finished with eyebrows festooned
 Week two found us drawing again – it was Heather
 Who posed very well with some vases....however,
 The face and the hands were taking forever,
 But Karen accomplished it all, she's so clever.
 Ray came to instruct us, as we would progress
 To the using of paints, and acrylics no less.



Selecting our colours was hard, I confess
 And mixing on plates – well, we just made a mess.

Our new model Sheila, in myriad hue, wore a sari
 With purples, pinks and gold shining through.
 The folds were quite tricky and slippery too
 But as artists, we were a diligent crew.
 The results were surprising, I think you'll agree.
 We painted all the folds quite admirably
 And some were (quite) gifted at faces. You see,
 We were all trying hard, but the hands were tricky.
 We encouraged each other in positive ways
 And Karen as always our spirits did raise,
 She praised all our efforts at every new phase.
 Her fortitude would never cease to amaze.



A white dove of peace and some flowers in a trug
 With Karen looking distant (but not at all smug)
 Our brushes were frequently rinsed in a mug
 But for some, it was hard and we needed a hug.
 We'll carry on drawing and painting I think
 Though some of us were rather pushed to the brink,
 As we dithered between the blue and the pink
 And finally washed up the pots in the sink.



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Butterfly Orchid



At the end of May, we had a pleasant surprise when we found a Butterfly Orchid growing in a strip of rough grass below our small spinney. We think that it is a

Lesser Butterfly Orchid (*Plantanthera bifolia*) which is very similar to the Greater Butterfly Orchid. It is a perennial that flowers in late May/July and grows in hay meadows, alkaline grassland and ancient deciduous woodland. The flowers are a subtle range of white, lime green and dark green which are loosely arranged around the main stem. The flowers are sweet smelling, especially at dusk to attract moths. Elephant hawk moths

are one of its main pollinators. It grows to about 18 inches high.

Old folklore compares Lesser Butterfly Orchid to angels, due to their colour, shape, sweet smell and the way it shines through during the summer months. It has been used in traditional medicinal practice for soothing upset stomachs.

The orchid is now listed as Vulnerable, having lost 75% of its sites in England. We have only seen one other Butterfly Orchid in the area, in the road verge to Casey Compton. There are doubtless others but we have not been observant enough or walked in the right areas!

Robert Young

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE!

I have lived in Chedworth for 40 years. I currently rent a cottage in the village where I have lived for 15 years. The owners have decided to sell. I am looking for a home to rent in Chedworth. It would be a long let and I would need either one or two bedrooms with a garden, just for myself and my cat.

I have until the New Year to find somewhere, so please, if you have a house you are thinking of letting, or if you are fed up with running your Airbnb, please contact me.

Landline: 01285 720408 Mobile: 07790309717

Email: suesharman50@hotmail.com

Many thanks, Sue

No worries

A 102-year-old lady was asked if she had any worries about the future. She replied: "Not since I got my eldest son into an old people's home."

Vatican

Once asked how many people worked in the Vatican, Pope John XXIII replied: "Oh, about half."

Backrow Club at the Village Hall

Rendcombe Surgery June Newsletter

Kind Donation

We would like to thank **The Churn Valley Entertainers** who kindly donated a substantial sum to the surgery recently, which has been passed on to the Rendcomb Surgery Support Group.

The Churn Valley Entertainers have been around for over 30 years and hopefully can keep it going for another 30 years. They are always looking for new actors, male or female, over the age of 16.

Also, backstage help is needed if anyone isn't confident on stage but would like to be involved.

Rehearsals are normally held in North Cerney Village Hall.

Please phone Sally 07730394249 if you are interested.

They are a friendly bunch and have a great laugh!!

Coffee Morning

On a lovely sunny morning and in the beautiful garden of Daglingworth House, Rendcomb Surgery Support Group's Coffee Morning was a resounding success.

We were delighted to welcome Mindsong, who support people living with dementia, their families and carers, and we learned that Gloucestershire is the only county who offer such a wide range of musical support. We also enjoyed singing along, with actions, discovering the fun of those songs we thought we'd forgotten. Thank you Mindsong for the amazing work you do.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who supported and particularly to Etta and David Howard for their very generous and gracious hospitality.

£265 was raised which will be used to provide additional facilities for patients of Rendcomb Surgery. If you would like to join RSSG, please speak with the Practice Manager or email reception on glicb.therendcombsurgery@nhs.net

Rendcomb Surgery Support Group

Rendcomb Surgery has been very lucky to have a small group of patients who run our Support Group.

The Support Group are always looking to recruit new members to bolster their numbers either physically, helping out at fundraising events, or virtually, through an email forum giving views on how the practice is doing and how we might improve our services.

The main group meet a few times a year and organise fundraising events in order for the practice to purchase items which are not funded by the NHS, such as new consulting couches, the Spirometer machine for helping the nurses care for our patients with respiratory diseases, the INR machine to help monitor our patients on anticoagulation therapy and the automatic doors which make us more accessible to those less able.

They also hold the account into which any donations from patients are banked and have the role of approving any requests we make to spend the funds, making sure they are for the benefit of our patients.

But, importantly, the Surgery staff also turn to the group for advice if any major changes are planned in the services we offer to the patients – it's your chance to have your say.

If you would like to join this small band and help shape the future of Rendcomb Surgery, please email glicb.therendcombsurgery@nhs.net with your contact details.

Healthy Lifestyles

Healthy Lifestyles Gloucestershire are there to help with the following:

- Healthy Weight Management
 - o helping you achieve a healthy weight right now AND enjoy a new healthy diet for the future.
- Stopping Smoking
 - o Stopping smoking is one of the best things you can do and there's no better time than now

to stop!

- Being more Active
 - o By starting small and building up as you go, you'll achieve those lasting results.
- Cutting down Alcohol
 - o Whether you're looking to just cut down on your drinking, or to stop drinking completely & become alcohol-free, it means you're making a big change to your lifestyle

If you would like FREE help with any of these, please contact the Healthy Lifestyles Team on

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or visit www.HLSGLOS.org for more information.



At last-It's Summer!

And come rain or shine, the Pop-up cafe will be open every Monday morning at the Village Hall, 10am-1pm, all through July & August.

Tea and coffee and company, and lots of lovely cakes!

🌿 ..& don't forget the plant stall- bring your surplus, buy your something - to -fill -that -gap 🌿

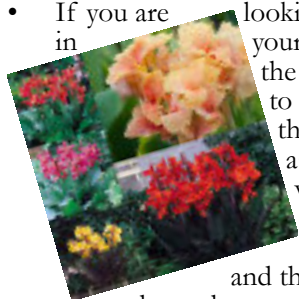
Also on Friday July 18th, the cafe will be popping up at St Andrews School fete, providing all our usual fare, and joining in the fun.

Come and see us!!

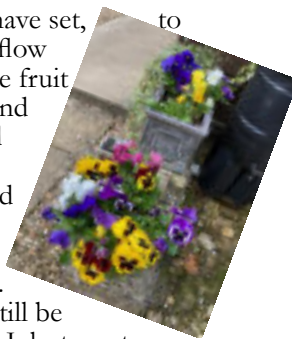
Your Gardening Tips for July & Aug

After a very long period of cool dry weather we look like having some warmer but more unsettled days ahead of us, although there is talk of a long dry summer!

- If you are looking for colour in your garden all the way through to late autumn, there is an astonishing variety of cannas to choose from and the dwarf ones shown here on the left are ideal for tubs. Equally, pansies if kept moist, will provide lots of colour and last the whole year through to Christmas and maybe beyond!
- Warmer wet weather will bring ants to the surface of lawns, together with piles of soil. Brush away the raised loose soil and nematodes can be used to disperse the ants. Ant powder works well if the ants and the eggs are near the surface, or you can leave them for the Green Woodpeckers. If your lawn looks tired, give it a quick acting summer feed. If the forecast is for dry hot weather keep your grass 1.5 inches long. Use Chafer grub nematodes in August if your lawn shows signs of damage.
- When watering plants and shrubs at this time of year, it is best to thoroughly drench them every two or three days rather than lightly watering daily.
- Remove leaves from tomato plants



once fruits have set, to improve air flow and allow the fruit to develop and be protected from blight. Apply diluted tomato fertilizer once a week. There may still be time in early July, to pot on pinched sucker shoots to make additional tomato plants for a late crop. In August pinch out topmost growth above four trusses outdoors and six trusses under glass.



- Stop harvesting rhubarb in late July to give it time to build up reserves for next year. A good dollop of manure will ensure a good harvest next year.
- Picking runner and french beans regularly will encourage flowering and therefore more cropping.
- Liquid feed containerized plants and keep moist in dry periods. Long term container plants can be vulnerable to vine weevil so should be checked regularly. Treat with nematodes or liquid pesticide drenches if necessary
- In July, thin overcrowded apples, pears and plums leaving two fruits per clump. Water fruit trees and bushes (drenching) in dry weather. Treat bitter pit in apples with calcium nitrate spray.
- Keep removing aphids from rose buds by hand or wash off with a mild soap mix. Pinch out and eat the tops of broad beans to avoid

black aphids collecting there.

- Take cuttings of shrubs such as Choisya, Hydrangea, Flowering Currant, Weigelia and Philadelphus in July, semi ripe ie before the stems harden.
- Black Spot on roses is common in August, but not treatable at this time of year. Sweep up dead leaves and burn them.
- Treat apple scab. In late August, prune plum, apricot, peach and cherry trees to reduce the risk of silver leaf disease.
- Deadhead flowering plants regularly, especially in high summer. Cut back hardy geraniums alchemilla and delphiniums after the first flush to encourage new growth.
- Prune wisteria in August and plant out daffodils.
- August is the latest month for cutting conifers to avoid the risk of die-back
- Lift and pot up or plant rooted strawberry runners. Take cuttings of patio and container plants ready for next year.
- Lift onions and shallots once the foliage has yellowed and toppled, and leave to dry in the sun or a dry place, for two weeks before storing in a dry cool place. Lift ripening pumpkins and squashes off the ground to prevent rotting.
- Protect carrots from carrot root fly with a fine mesh if not planted between guard plants such as onions.
- Clear algae and debris from ponds and keep them topped up with

water.

- Hebes and lavenders can be given a light prune after flowering in August. If, however, you want to capture the full flavor of lavender essential oils for scent or culinary use, cut it when the flashes of the petals are just showing. When bagged lavender flowers will act as a good clothes moth deterrent.
- Take cuttings of penstemons and salvias in August.
- Cut out one in three stems and shorten new shoots of rambling roses once they have finished flowering but leave roses that have attractive hips.
- Continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries, and water well in dry periods.
- Keep sowing salad seeds such as parsley, lettuce, leaf chicory, radishes and rocket for a healthy Mediterranean diet.
- Wasps are often vilified but are useful controllers of pests such as caterpillars and aphids which they feed to their grubs, but it is later in the summer, when the demand for protein drops that they seek sugary substances such as fruit.



There are 25,000 different species of bee in the world and 250 reported types in the UK. Have a good look at the bees on your flowers and try and identify the different types.

Your Gardening Tips for July & Aug

- Check for discoloration caused by leaf and bud eelworm on herbaceous plants such as Chrysanthemum, Anemone and Penstemon.
- Consider growing green manure in areas that have been cleared of vegetables.
- If you have a perennial wild flower area that is choking with grasses sow yellow rattle after the main summer cut and keep grass mowed until March
- Use as much grey water (bath, vegetable washing etc) as possible if we have a long dry summer, but not on vegetables that will not be cooked.
- Put out ware for the birds if we have a long dry spell.
- Take time to enjoy the fruits of your labours!

Simon Colbeck
Chairman Chedworth Gardening Club

Chedworth Silver Band

Chedworth Silver Band will be playing on the Band Stand in the Abbey Grounds in Cirencester on Sunday 20th July from 2.30pm till 4.30pm.

As there is no Chedworth Show this year and the School Fete is now on a Friday afternoon after school event, this bandstand performance has become one of a very few events to

attract current and former Chedworth residents, so we hope to see you there.

The band is keen to recruit new members, contact chedworthsilverband@mail.com or 01285 720313.

Elizabeth Broad



Chedworth Open Gardens 2025

I would like to thank all of you who came to the Opens Gardens on 7th June. Especially to those who volunteered to help in the car park and the gardens and of course to our garden owners for opening. The gardens were all looking stunning.

The weather wasn't particularly kind to us, with showers throughout the day, but despite that we had a steady stream of 150 to our paired back 4 gardens all logistically easy to reach in Lower Chedworth.

Claire Booth provided her delicious all day tea's and lunches at the Village Hall and Karen Scott sold her beautiful Pancake Hill Flowers and plants. We only had expenses of the village hall and parking field. The Gardening Club has decided to pay for the village hall, in order that a donation of £1,500 has been made to the NGS nursing charities.

This was in comparison to our last opening on 24/6/23 when it was a very

warm and sunny day and we had almost 500 visitors, who enjoyed visiting the 8 gardens spread throughout the village and the show marquee. £5k taken but expenses of the hire of two coaches and village hall meant that £3,650 went to the charity.

After arranging the NGS Open gardens over a period of 20 years now. I have decided this is my last for organising the event. However I will be handing over the reigns to someone who is very capable of taking the event forward.

Thank you to everyone involved for your support and tireless effort behind the scenes.

We normally hold the Open Gardens every other year, so hope to include some new gardens in 2027.

Sue Bradbury. Chedworth Open Gardens
Organiser
bradburydesigns@aol.com 07831 464956



RBL - Reflections on the Battle of Britain

Air Marshal G.A. Robertson CBE BA FRAeS FRSA

Air Marshal 'Black' Robertson was born in Woodford, Essex, and educated nearby at Bancroft's School. Three years at the RAF College Cranwell were followed by postings to Bahrain, the USA, Germany and the Falklands on Hunters and then Phantoms; he eventually flew all the RAF's front line fast jets and also qualified as a helicopter pilot. His senior appointments included Station Commander at [RAF Wattisham](#), where he also served as an ADC to HM The Queen, and several in the [Ministry of](#)

[Defence](#): Director of Air Staff Briefing and Co-ordination, Director of Defence Programmes and Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Programmes). He escaped from Whitehall in the early 1990s, becoming Deputy Commander of [RAF Germany](#) and subsequently Air Officer Commanding [No. 2 Group](#). His last appointment was as Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander-in-Chief at [Strike Command](#). He retired in 1998 to join BAE Systems before running his own consultancy business. He now spends his time writing and lecturing; appropriately, the latest of his five books is the story of a Battle of Britain Spitfire ace.



Church Notices that didn't quite 'make it'...

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.

Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult, so it will be appreciated if parishioners cut the grass around their own graves.



The Chedworth & District Branch of the Royal British Legion

invites you to

Reflections on the Battle of Britain a talk by

Air Marshal 'Black' Robertson CBE BA FRAeS FRSA

Thursday 25 September

**at Chedworth Village Hall, GL54 4NE
6.00 o'clock**

R.S.V.P

Simon Colbeck (on the attached form) **Drinks & Nibbles**
07444701884 / simoncolbeck@msn.com **followed by the talk at 7.00 p.m**

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Reflections on the Battle of Britain
a talk by
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I wish to attend and require.....tickets at a minimum donation of £15.00 per person and enclose a cheque/cash for £.....(Payable to: RBL Chedworth & District Branch) or I have paid £.....on line Bank : Sort Code 30-92-06 Account: 00038677

Ref: 'Black Robertson - Payee name'

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Signature.....Date.....

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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



The Seven Tuns

"Last month, we offered to buy the Seven Tuns from the owners. They have turned down our offer, and have given notice to CDC that they intend to sell it.

Because it is registered as an Asset of Community Value, the Village now has a Right to Bid. So, if the owners find a buyer we will have six months to come up with the money to save it for the village. We have registered our interest with CDC.

Six months is not very long when you're raising a substantial sum of money. We will be fundraising through a Share Offer and we will also be looking for philanthropic donations. In addition, there is a possibility that the Parish Council may be able to contribute via a Public Works Loan, but this is a complicated process.

It's the last pub in the village. There is no shop, no café and no Post Office. We could provide all of those things, along with a warm and friendly place to spend some time. The pub has closed three times in the last ten years. Difficult trading conditions post Covid, such as the cost of living crisis, the huge hike in utility bills, the hike in Employers' National Insurance Contributions are making Community Ownership the best, most realistic way for village pubs to survive.

Vote carried

The vicar was ill in hospital and so the churchwarden went to visit. Trying to cheer him up, the churchwarden said: "We missed you at PCC last night. We even put forward a resolution to wish you a speedy recovery. It was passed by 14 votes to 12."



The Pub really is the Hub. We have to get it into community ownership.

Please keep an eye on NextDoor and the Chedworth Hub, and our website

www.seventunsactiongroup.co.uk

where you will shortly be able to get details of the Share Offer and fundraising."

Patricia Langley, Chair

*The Seven Tuns Chedworth Community
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Wine Column

Hello Neighbour's,

Staring outside at our rolling Cotswold hills, Greek wine might not be the first thing to spring to mind—but it should be! Offering exceptional value, unique flavours, and thousands of years of tradition, Greek wines are quietly gaining ground in local shops, restaurants and cellars.

Whether you're hosting a garden supper or just looking to branch out from the usual Sauvignon Blanc, here's your guide to the best Greek wines you can enjoy right here in and around Fossebridge.

These grapes aren't the easiest to say, but they are worth the tongue twister for drinking on the patio or with dinner.

Fresh & Affordable (Under £15)

Lyrarakis Assyrtiko (Crete) – £10
Dry, citrusy and mineral—a perfect summer white. (*Majestic Wine Cirencester*)

Domaine Skouras Moschofilero – £9.99
Floral, fresh and delicately spicy. Lovely with grilled halloumi or salads. (*Majestic or online*)

Thymiopoulos Atma Xinomavro – £12.99
Silky red with bright cherry and savoury spice. (*Waitrose*)

Santowines Assyrtiko (Santorini PDO) – £25–30
Crisp, saline, and layered. A premium white for special occasions. (*Majestic or online*)

Thymiopoulos Jeunes Vignes – £13.50

Youthful Xinomavro with structure and finesse. (*The Wine Society*)

Pairing Tips

Grape Food Match

Assyrtiko (white wine) Seafood, grilled vegetables, lemon chicken

Moschofilero (white wine) Feta, shellfish, salads

Xinomavro (red wine) Lamb, slow-cooked beef, mushrooms

Agiorgitiko (red wine) Tomato pasta, chargrilled meats

Vineyard Update and Tour the Vineyard:

May and June were a blur in the vineyard. The weather has been fantastic and we are ahead of schedule from prior years. We tackled bud rubbing, tying and tucking over the last month. And weeding NEVER ends. If anyone is bored and feels like coming to help weed, we will never say no!

We've had a couple of neighbours and friends ask for a "tour" of the vineyard and it has been fun for us to do this. We have had quite a few 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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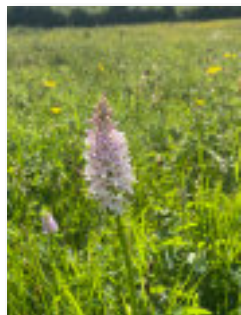
Chedworth Gardening Club Garden Visits

What an amazing start to our garden visits for 2025.

Hugh and Rosie welcomed us to their Coronation Meadow at Hyde Mill, one of two in Gloucestershire (the other being at Highgrove).

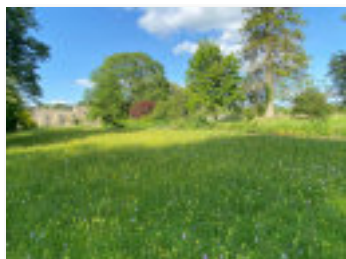


This is a true example of re-wilding, which started with spotting a single



wild orchid on what was then a very manicured lawn when they originally bought the house, which has now been left to nature to reclaim itself.

We were expertly given a tour of what is now three meadows. All started with seeds from the original and now produce seven varieties of wild orchid. They are also home to many uncommon species of insect. A very different experience to our usual garden visits, but definitely one to repeat in the future. A super afternoon



finished on the patio with wine and nibbles.

Huge thanks to Hugh and Rosie for their warm welcome, hospitality and beautiful garden and meadows.

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We have 3 more delightful garden visits this summer; all within 40 minutes of Chedworth and at a cost of no more than £15 including refreshments.

Langford Downs Farm, Lechlade - £15



Our visit on Tuesday, 1 July at 2.30pm is to Langford Downs Farm, Lechlade. A Cotswold house with a good sized garden created in 2009 with extensive tree planting and mixed tree, shrub and herbaceous borders.

Traditional hedges comprising arches and windows and crab apple espalier. It has an extensive cut flower and vegetable garden, an interesting courtyard with raised nursery beds and a Cotswold pond with a natural spring, bug hotels, magic garden and lots of quirky things to see and find!

Brockworth Court - £12

Brockworth Court, near Cheltenham is the venue for our next visit on



Tuesday, 15 July at 2.30pm. It has an intense yet informal tapestry style garden that beautifully complements the period manor house which it surrounds. It boasts a natural fish pond with Monet bridge leading to a small island with a thatched Fiji house. There is also a kitchen garden (for any vegetable growers reading this) once cultivated by monks.

Fossebridge Vineyard - £15

Within walking distance from the Fossebridge Inn on **Wednesday, 3 September at 6.00pm.** Take a tour

around the vineyard with an explanation from the owners of what they are doing, what the vineyard is doing and the life cycle. Gardens, a lavender field and bees.

If you would like to join us on these visits and aren't a member of Chedworth Gardening Club please get in touch chedworthgardeningclub@gmail.com. Annual membership is only £15 for individuals or £25 for joint membership.

When you join the Gardening Club you can visit these lovely gardens and have an opportunity to meet fellow gardeners in an informal setting to chat about all things gardening. You can also take advantage of various discounts: 10% off plants, bulbs and seeds at Burford Garden Centre, discounted compost sales at Shurdington Nurseries and 50% off the cost of entry for up to 2 people to any RHS garden (Bridgwater, Harlow Carr, Hyde Hall, Rosemoor and Wisley) except during RHS Flower Shows and RHS Glow events

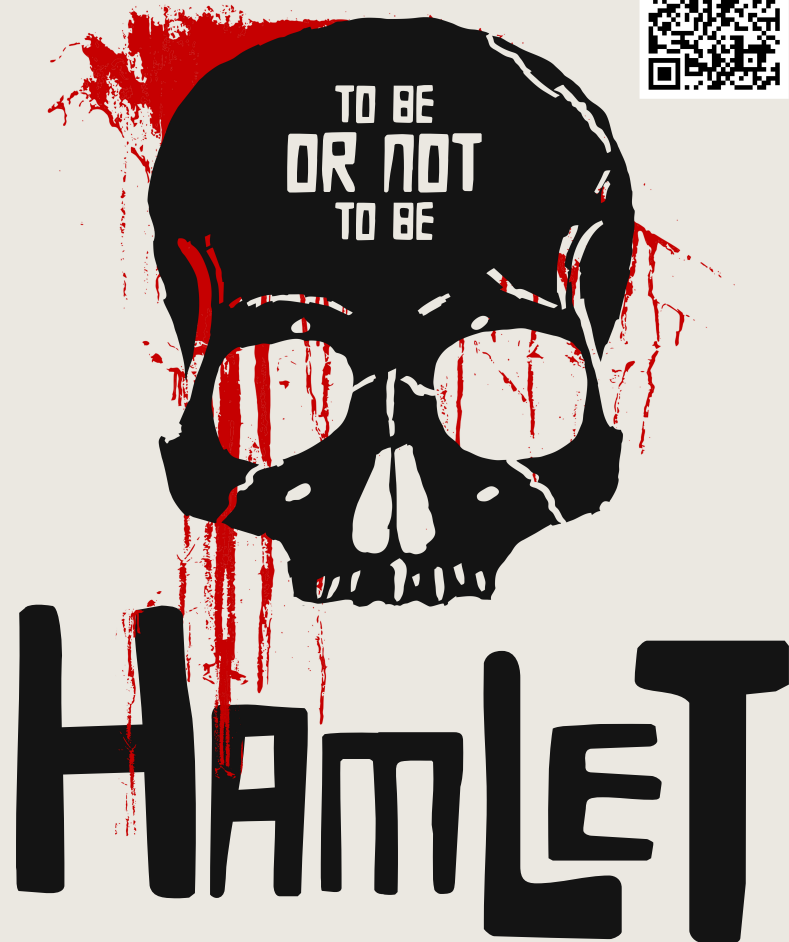
Please contact Chedworth Gardening Club chedworthgardeningclub@gmail.com if you have any queries about these visits or membership.

*Ang MacNaught
Gardens Visits Organiser*

Life choice

A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his mother for the reason of his distress, he gulped: "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but I want to be an engine driver."

Shakespeare at Chedworth Manor 12th-16th August 2025



www.bonzoproductions.com

Hamlet or The Angry Stepson

Anyone who has seen or experienced the violent emotions of a young man whose father dies and is then pushed aside by his mother in favour of a new husband cannot fail to empathise with this most famous of Shakespeare's tragedies.

Award winning Bonzo Productions will be presenting this iconic play in the open in the spectacular grounds of Chedworth Manor .

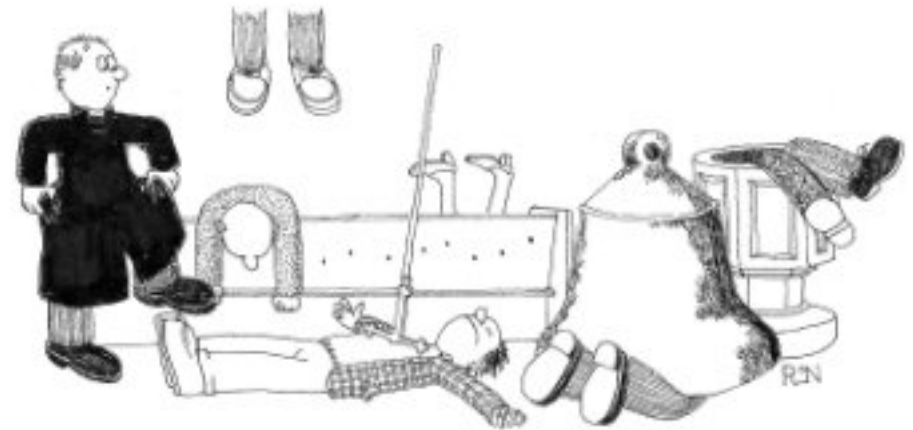
With 100% covered seating and pagodas for groups of up to 12 who want to upgrade their picnic to a stageside feast this is a unique opportunity to experience a professional production at relatively low ticket prices of £25 .

Following his acclaimed performances



as Romeo in Romeo and Juliet and Rolf in the award winning Sound of Music George Roffe will be in the title role .

George Bancroft will bring his professional experience to direct his second show for Bonzo Productions having debuted with the much-praised Educating Rita last year .



It was a normal Sunday Morning in Midsomer Parish Church



Hill & Valley Lawn Tennis Club

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

CLUB NEWS

The tennis season reaches something of a crescendo with Wimbledon in July and our own competition season in full swing. I am happy to report that our Coln Valley Tournament held on June 21st was blessed with dry weather (just), a fabulous turnout of 96 players and – after a gap of eleven years – the Speke Trophy was won by a H&V club player Leila Lodwick and her brother Alastair Bradley. This is a great achievement considering the high level of tennis players the tournament attracts in recent years so a massive well done! May I say a huge thanks to our court owners, and our amazing, hard working cheery gang of volunteers who helped with the organisation and making, baking, washing up, clearing up and cheering on the winners!

Robert Baker, Chair hillandvalleytc@gmail.com



WHAT'S ON

American Doubles Fun Tournament Saturday July 12th

A fun social mixed doubles club tournament OPEN TO ALL adult members, playing American doubles with a light lunch and tea. Competing for the John Robson Rose Bowl in memory of John who gave so much to the club in many ways. Enter as an individual as your partner will be selected on the day. Numbers are limited so please book asap. ENTRIES CLOSE Noon Thursday, 10th July or before if full.

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WHAT'S ON

WALKING TENNIS

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or 1pm-4pm or 9.30am-4pm

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Teens 13-18yrs on Tuesday 4-6pm



FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, July 12th

American Mixed Doubles Tournament

Saturday, Sept 6th,

Allison Stock Day

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The Arts Society Cotswolds

**Lecture on Wednesday 10th
September 2025**

**Lecture: Rembrandt: Family, Faces
and Friends**



Rembrandt (1606-1669) was the renowned Master of the Amsterdam School. It was at the cosmopolitan centre of a network of amazing international trading connections. Through looking at the circles of patronage of his art, we see the complex, fluid society of this commercial and cultural centre in its Golden Age. We see why his famous Night Watch was and is so much more than just a group portrait, as magnificent as it is: why has it become an icon of The Netherlands? Medics, lawyers, the powerful new bourgeoisie, burghers and men of religion were all Rembrandt's subjects, as were his family.

About the speaker:

Hilary Williams is formerly a curator and Print Room Superintendent at the British Museum, now Art History Education Officer in the Department of Learning & National Partnerships at

the Museum. Lectures for BM and Wallace Collection. Founding Artistic Director of The Arts Society of North Kent Evening. Specialist in 17th century art and has published on Rembrandt. Hilary has vast experience of giving gallery talks, of lecturing and of leading art history tours in UK, Europe, New York and Boston. For the Royal Collection Trust, she has guided Special Interest Private Tours of the State Apartments at Buckingham Palace.

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 (www.theartssocietycotswolds.org.uk). 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 (www.theartssocietycotswolds.org.uk) or please contact Lisa Etheridge on 07918 180895 for a booking form.

To learn more about The Arts Society Cotswolds and to see what lectures, Special Interest Days and other activities are planned for the future, please log into the website www.theartssocietycotswolds.org.uk

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- Coordination of water testing and monitoring volunteer network.
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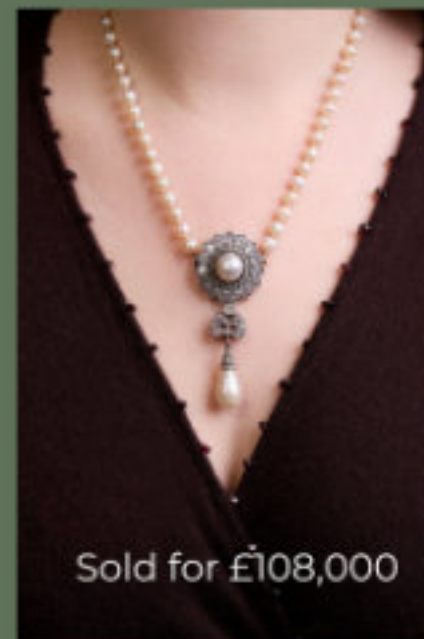
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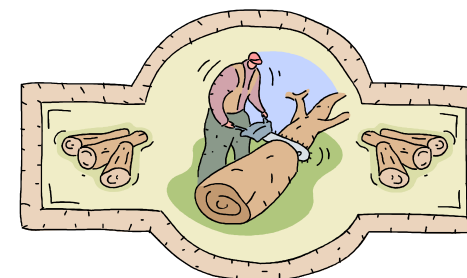
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