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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition

Karen's Letter



It was wonderful and anxiety making all at the same time to welcome my second Grandson into the world in September. It only seemed like yesterday we were welcoming my daughter into the world in the same manor – via caesarean. Here she was 34 years later holding her own child in her arms. Although now separated, she was strengthening the connection between them as she gazed into his eyes and talked softly to him.

I heard in a psychology course the other day that connection with mother and father is the foundational thing human's need to thrive. Other connections can be made with significant caregivers and later in life in

a loving relationship, but if that primary connection is broken or damaged in some way, the child will suffer as they try to get what they didn't get in that formative period of their life.

It made me think how we need others to do life well. As I looked through the perspex NICU cot that held my precious grandson, I prayed for his healing and for the life ahead of him, that it would be full of good connections with Mum, Dad, grandparents, extended family and with God. I wonder who you're connected to? I wonder who has enabled you to get this far in your life? Maybe take a moment to drop them a line, or if they are no longer living, to give thanks for them.

Karen Hunter Krinvald

We are having two Harvest Festival Services, on the 19th October at 10.30am in St Andrew's Chedworth and on the 26th October at 6pm in St Andrew's Coln Rogers. There will be a collection for Cirencester Food Bank at both services which will be very gratefully received.

The Food Bank is especially in need of the following.

Tinned Potatoes, peas and cold meat. Long Life juice, tea, coffee & hot chocolate.



Cleaning products, toilet rolls.



Baby wipes and baby food.



All toiletries.

PLEASE NOTE - they do not need any of the following at the moment. Baked beans, pasta, tinned custard, tinned fish, tinned pulses or dog food.

Church Briefing

Hill & Valley Benifice Church Services

Everyone Welcome

5th October

BCP 9:00am – St Andrews, Chedworth.
Holy Communion 10.30am – St James the Great, Coln St Denys.
Evensong with 4.00pm – St Andrew's, Chedworth.
Gloucester Cathedral Choir

12th October

Holy Communion 10.30am – St Andrew's, Coln Rogers.

19th October

Harvest Service 10.30am – St Andrew's Chedworth.
All food donations go to Cirencester food bank.

26th October

Happyfull Service 10.30am – St Andrew's, Chedworth.
Harvest Evensong 6.00pm – St Andrew's, Coln Rogers.
All food donations go to Cirencester food bank.

Christenings "Let the little children come unto me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

25/10/25 – 2.00pmpm – Maisie Rae Wembridge

Funerals "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. In my Fathers' house are many mansions – if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you."

06/08/25 – Audrey Jeffery – St Andrew's Chedworth

13/08/25 – Rosemary Francome-Robinson – St Andrews, Coln Rogers

02/09/25 – Juliet Henderson – St Michaels, Yanworth

Art'n'Soul:

10.00-12.30 - Village Hall Pop Up Pub Rm:
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd October (not the 30th - Half Term).

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
2 Oct	10.00-12.30	Art'n'Soul	Chedworth Village Hall Pop up Pub Room
8 Oct	19:15	WI - Janice Fisher "C. R. Ashbee and the Arts and Craft Movement" (Open Meeting)	Chedworth Village Hall
9 Oct	10:00-12:30	Art'n'Soul	Chedworth Village Hall Pop up Pub Room
10 Oct	19:00	Backrow Club - Jurer #2	Chedworth Village Hall
13 Oct	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
16 Oct	10:00-12:30	Art'n'Soul	Chedworth Village Hall Pop up Pub Room
18 Oct	9:00-13:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
20 Oct	17:30	Fish & Chip Van	Chedworth Village Hall
23 Oct	10:00-12:30	Art'n'Soul	Chedworth Village Hall Pop up Pub Room
29 Oct	19:30	Chedworth Gardening Club AGM	Chedworth Village Hall Pop up Pub Room
1 Nov	19:30	Chedworth Silver Band Concert in aid of RBL Poppy Appeal	Chedworth Village Hall
6 Nov	19:30	FoStA - Talk by Guy Rooker "Leonardo Di Vinci and his dipiction of hands"	Chedworth Village Hall
9 Nov	12.30	Remembrance Sunday Curry Lunch	Chedworth Village Hall
12 Nov	19:15	WI AGM and Supper	Chedworth Village Hall
15 Nov	9:00-13:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
6 Dec		Chedworth Entertainment Club - Moscow Drug Club	Chedworth Village Hall
10 Dec	19:15	Rev Dr Nicholas Henderson "How to read an English Country Church Part II	Chedworth Village hall
20 Dec	9:00-13:00	Chedworth 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	9	October
Thursday	23	October
Thursday	6	November
Thursday	20	November

Dates may change due to holidays

Turn your event into an occasion
at

Chedworth Village Hall

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booking enquiries

chedworthvillagehall.co.uk



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



We have been welcoming our new pupils this term. We have had a number of new children and new families join us across pre-school, reception and our other school years. It is always a joy to share with new families our fantastic site and nurturing staff.

As a multi-academy trust, we had training this year on belonging and the importance of interactions. As a village primary school, we want you to feel a sense of belonging within the school regardless as to whether you have children/ grandchildren who currently attend. You are warmly invited to any of our events like Harvest or Nativity and our pupils love interacting with you at the Pop up Cafe!



Mrs Pearson is keen for some local people to come and talk to her class about Chedworth and how it has changed over the years! If you could help come and speak about the changes in land use, how the village has changed or any other local knowledge- we would love to hear from you!



On the **2nd October** we will be hosting a small harvest celebration in the school hall from 2.45pm and as always we will be collecting food items for the Foodbank.



On the **4th October** we will be having a 'Ground force' day. You are warmly invited to come and help us spruce and maintain our beautiful grounds between **1 and 3pm**.

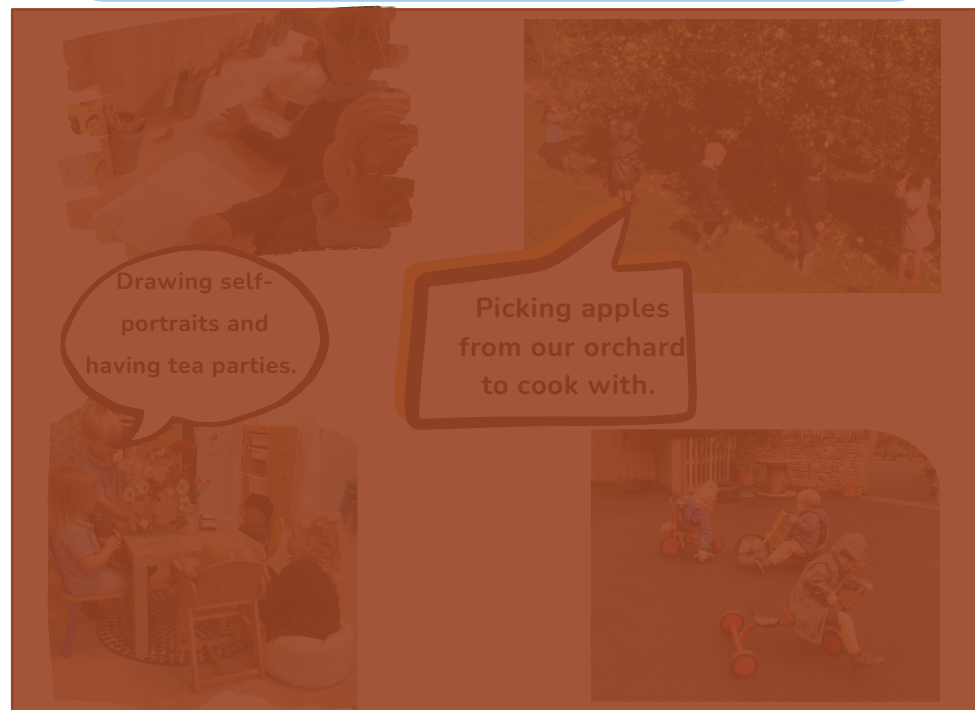


Pre-School Places 2025-2026

We are really excited for you to see our renovated EYFS hub and would love to show you around. We offer places to children from the term they turn 3 and they have full access to our sports coach, forest school and wonderful outdoor learning spaces. We accept government funding and have **no other hidden fees! Your funded hours truly are fully funded.** We are a teacher -led setting and our children benefit from incredible play -based learning experiences.

If you would like to come and visit our setting and learn what we do, please book an appointment through emailing:

admin@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk



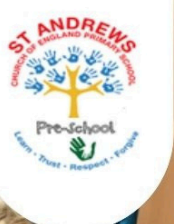


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Little Seedlings

0-4 years

FREE @ St Andrew's Pre School

Join us for a **relaxed** and **friendly** stay-and-play session designed especially for babies and toddlers, along with their parents and carers.

★ What to expect:

- A welcoming space to play, explore and grow
- Fun activities and toys to spark little imaginations
- A chance for parents and carers to connect
- Gentle opportunities for children to socialise and make new friends

Whether you're looking for a fun outing with your little one or simply want to meet other families in the community, Little Seedlings is the perfect place to put down roots and blossom together.

✓ 9.30am- 11.30am

✓ Teacher -led play sessions

Friday 19th September
Friday 3rd October
Friday 17th October

01285 720 427





Taster Sessions

2025-2026

We would love to invite you to our drop in taster sessions. Come and **explore** and **experience** how pupils **flourish** in our care.

All sessions are free and open to all children aged **3- 11years old**.

These are a great opportunity to get to know the school and staff before making decisions about school and pre-school places.

We explore We flourish We shine like stars!

01285 720 427 admin@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk



Tennis
Thursday 16th October
9.45-10.45
@ Hill & Valley tennis club



Story time and stay and play
Wednesday 6th November

Forest School
Monday 13th October
1.30-2.30pm
2- 11 year olds

Arts & Crafts
Thursday 4th December
3.30-4.30pm
2-11 year olds

Multi - Sports
Thursday 6th November
9.00-10.15am

admin@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk




Chedworth Parish Council

Play Equipment

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to progress the play equipment project, this is a need for play equipment for the age group between the preschool/primary school equipment behind the village hall and the adult fitness equipment installed some years ago. A number of parents have raised this need and Cllr Bella Amory has done a considerable amount of work identifying suppliers, and sources of funding, including contacting Woodmancote village (near North Cerney). Woodmancote have recently had very impressive facilities installed at very little cost to their Parish Council. Bella cannot do it all, so we need some volunteers to help spread the load, as we decide what equipment we need, where to put it and then what the priorities are as inevitably the funding won't cover everything. If this is something you would like to be involved with, would

Councillors

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

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

you please in the first instance contact the PC at cpcplayground@gmail.com or phone 01285 720313.

Traffic Matters

The Parish Council has written to Gloucestershire County Council asking them to extend the Fields Road 40mph speed limit around the Hemplands corner in answer to a GCC consultation on speed limits. A request for road markings and a gateway similar to that on the Whiteway approaching Cirencester, has also been suggested.

The Council felt further changes to speed limits such as 20mph zones within the village required extensive consultation as there are widely differing views on this subject. The interactive speed monitor is once again promised for October, as it was earlier this year.

Footpath Warden

Councillors were delighted to welcome Mr Rod Sinclair to the September meeting. Mr Sinclair has taken over as Footpath Warden for our area. Mr Sinclair writes, "I have been extremely fortunate to be assigned to the Chedworth parish as a warden, having recently joined the Cotswold National Landscape volunteer group. If you are not sure what this entails, then think footpaths, and anything associated with their upkeep. I can be found wandering the parish footpaths, mainly on Fridays and ensuring our paths remain in good condition, and I am very keen to hear from local residents about any issues you might have with the footpath network. I live in Cheltenham and have walked and run on the Cotswold hills for almost 30 years, but I recognise that my local

knowledge of Chedworth will require support from those that live and work here. If you wish to reach me, please contact Chedworth Parish Council and they can pass on any messages."

Local Green Spaces

The Parish Council has been asked to consider putting forward nominations for Local Green Spaces (LGS) as part of the update to the Cotswold District Local Plan. The Local Green Space designation was introduced in 2012 through the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It offers special protection against development for green areas that are of particular importance to local communities. If you have a green space you feel should be protected, please email clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk and we will email you the CDC "Toolkit" which you can use to submit your nomination.

Fords Field

A link with history was revealed at the September meeting when Cllr Tony Kingsley provided

evidence that the "Diggers Field", part of the Grass Keep Field, used to be known as "Fords Field" and suggested it should revert that name. This was agreed unanimously, and the field will now be known once again as "Fords Field".

First Aid Courses

The Parish Council is once again arranging First Aid courses; the first one may well have been held as you read this as it was filling rapidly, so it is highly likely that a second course will be held. The course is free; the Council is paying, so if you are interested, please contact the Clerk 01285 720313 or clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk

David Broad



Golf

There was a clergyman who was an avid golfer. One Sunday was a picture-perfect day for golf, and the minister could not resist the temptation. He rang his assistant and told him he was too ill to attend church. Then he packed up the car, drove 30 miles to a golf course, and began to play. But an angel watching the minister was quite perturbed. He went to God and said, "Look at the minister. He should be punished for what he's doing."

God nodded in agreement as the minister teed up on the tenth hole. He swung, and the ball sailed effortlessly through the air and landed right in the cup, 350 yards away. A perfect hole-in-one. The minister was overjoyed. The angel turned to God and said: "Begging your pardon, but I thought You were going to punish him." And God smiled. "Think about it; who can he tell?"

FoStA Talk - Leonardo da Vinci

Friends of St Andrew's Church (FoStA)

Illustrated talk on Leonardo da Vinci and his depiction of "Hands"

by Guy Rooker

Guy is a retired orthopaedic surgeon with a life time passion, fascination and admiration for the work of Leonardo da Vinci.



At 7.30pm

On Thursday 6th November 2025

At Chedworth Village Hall

Tickets £10

Contact Robert Young 720398 or at the door

or pay by direct debit to



PCC Chedworth - Friends of St Andrew's

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Ref: FoStA-Your name

or use the QR code



Smart car

A clergy friend of mine bought a new car that sported an on-board computer. On Sunday morning he got into the car to drive to church, and the digital display lit up. Glancing at the readout, he chuckled at the announcement: "Time for service."

The RBL Poppy Appeal 2025

The Chedworth & District Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025 commences on Saturday 25th October 2025 until Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025.



The Stump and Chedworth Roman Villa.

The 2024 Poppy Appeal was a tremendous success raising more than **£51.4 million** across England, Wales and Northern Ireland (that is £1.1 million more than was raised in 2023!), of which **£6,667.75p** was raised from the Poppy Appeal collections and donations that were organised in Chedworth and District last year.

The money raised each year helps to fund the life changing work of the Royal British Legion. This includes providing crisis grants in times of need, providing specialist dementia care, and sport-based recovery programmes for wounded, injured and sick Service and ex-Service personnel. None of this would have been possible without your financial support.

During this year's collection period our wonderful team of local volunteer Poppy Appeal Collectors will be making 'house to house' collections in Chedworth & District (which includes various streets and areas in Chedworth village, Chedworth Laines, Pancake Hill, Stowell Park, Calmsden, Pinkwell, Fossebridge, Yanworth, Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers, Calcot and Compton Abdale).

We will also have 'static collection points' located at St Andrew's School (Chedworth), The Fossebridge Inn,

Considering our now often cashless society please could you consider putting some cash aside (notes / coins) in advance of the collection period. However, if you do not have money available when a Poppy Appeal collector attends, they will have a QR code available for you to use as they are displayed on Poppy Appeal collecting tins. Last year a total of **£475** in donations was taken via QR codes in Chedworth & District.

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

David & Felicity Peake
Honorary Poppy Appeal Organisers
Chedworth & District



September outing 2025

I suppose we all knew that the weather was likely to break before our outing, and we are all grateful for the rain for the gardens and farmland, but a little more sun might have been nice! Although it was much less wet than was forecast. All members and friends going on the trip duly turned up fully prepared with waterproofs and umbrellas, fortunately the coach was nice and big and could accommodate all our 'waterproof stuff'.

An hour and half's drive through the Gloucestershire and Herefordshire countryside brought us to the magnificent gateway to Hampton Court Castle (now wedding venue only) and Hampton Gardens, pretty tight fit for the coach but we all breathed in and made it through.

Fully prepared for the weather we all wandered through the magnificent organic vegetable gardens, Dutch water gardens, sunken garden, maze (we all made it out again some of us not perhaps quite where we intended). The tunnel, a much easier route to the tower than through the maze, behind the waterfall and out into the magnificent lawns to the Orangery for a little light sustenance, can personally recommend the orange and chocolate cake and the sausage rolls. (Perhaps I should have taken the long walk shown on the map after all that!) And then gently back taking in the rose garden and the canal garden. Each area reflecting its own era in garden fashion for the various owners of the Castle. Sadly, on the whole we had to resist the

children's play area although it did look rather fun!



As you can tell there was more than enough to keep us all occupied for our day out. Some of us were even treated to a Downton pippin apple (rare heritage variety from Shropshire and Herefordshire), courtesy of one of the gardeners, direct from the tree – quite delicious!



A place to wander in, admire and enjoy. Well worth the slightly longer drive, although it was lovely to be treated to the luxury of being driven on a coach. A great success and many thanks are owed to Penny our secretary and Chrissy our retiring treasurer for all the organisation.



Emma Isaac

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CURRY LUNCH 9 NOVEMBER 2025



Chedworth Village Hall 1230 pm

Sponsored by Chedworth & District RBL
Curry and pudding provided by Claire Booth
(Vegetarian available)

Tickets £15 per head, and the bar will be open.
Everyone is welcome to join us for a curry

Payment for the meal can be taken on the door, by cheque (payable to Royal British Legion Chedworth) or by bank transfer, but to gauge numbers for catering, please book your meal(s) with Simon Colbeck by 6th November.
to: simoncolbeck@msn.com or Tel : 07444 701884

Bank details : Sort Code: 30-92-06 Account No: 00038677
Please use reference 'RBL Curry and your Surname'

Backrow Club at the Village Hall

Chedworth Silver Band

A date for your diary, 1st November. Chedworth Silver Band, with support from the Unite the Union Branch for Safran Landing Systems, Gloucester, will be performing a concert with a Remembrance/Last Night of the Proms theme. The Concert admission is free, but a retiring collection will be

made with proceeds to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Doors open at 7pm with the concert commencing at 7.30pm and is scheduled to end at 9.30pm.

David Broad, Bandmaster



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Stranger Danger

STRANGER DANGER: A CIRCULAR WALK IN THE COTSWOLDS

A London friend who visited us recently noticed how 'white' we all are in the Cotswolds. So it was surprising in our rarely-visited valley to come across a family of ten in traditional Pakistani clothing, aged from 8 to 80 years old. They were peering into the windows of the local manor house.

It's easy for the brain's warning system, the amygdala, to alert you to the fear of 'stranger danger.' But the family were smiling and friendly when we asked if they were lost. One of the young men translated for the parents and grandparents, and they were full of questions:

"What kinds of farmers live in these houses?"

We explained that few working farmers could afford to live here, and made a valiant attempt to explain the changing social and economic landscape of the Cotswolds in the era of gentrification. Weekend homes for Londoners, the shift in property ownership from farmers to financiers and so on.

They had found themselves in the Coln valley after reading about its beauty in their local Slough newspaper. The questions continued:

"Did the farmers pass on their property to the oldest son?"

"Did we have running water and heating?" It was clear that in their eyes 'old' meant poor and undesirable.

We continued our sketchy summary of a millennium of changing feudal

history as we led them across the fields to our cottage. Slough may be only 80 road miles distant, but was much further away in understanding.

None of them had ever been in an English country home, so we showed them our cottage and the garden, and gave them tea. The grandmother was a keen gardener and cook herself, so she explored the herb and vegetable garden; we gave her seeds and fruit to take home.

When they left we'd joked that this was probably a ruse to gain our confidence before coming back to rob us! Perhaps we were the sort of people who would check the dictionary when told the word 'gullible' had been removed. Soon after we'd forgotten the incident...

Today, over a year later, there was a knock at the door and we opened it to 14 lively but embarrassed members of the same family. They were bearing an enormous gift box. They had come from Slough with a present - a huge, amazing cream cake- for us. (It would have fed 20.)

"We came to see *you!*" they announced, although this time they didn't want to come in - delivering the cake was their mission.

We were incredibly touched that they'd remembered us. At the risk of sounding naive, they left us with the feeling that in this divided time and nation it's remarkably easy to begin to bridge a gap, and complete a human circle. Our brief encounter felt like a truly circular walk...

long term Coln Valley residents

The Power and Strength of Training

The Power of Strength Training (with a little cardio)

When it comes to staying healthy with exercise, many people think of long runs or hours on the treadmill. But research shows strength training such as lifting weights or using body resistance, may be one of the most powerful tools for both body and mind. People often tell me about the types of exercise they enjoy - whether it's running, swimming, pilates, tennis, or walking. **Any movement is good for your health.**

But to get the best results, it's worth adding **resistance and weight training** into your routine.



week, paired with light to moderate cardio, delivers the full spectrum of health benefits: strength, stamina, and long-term vitality.

I'm a **Fitness Instructor and Personal Trainer**, passionate about helping people feel stronger, healthier, and more confident. I currently teach three fun and engaging group classes every week at Chedworth Village Hall.

In addition, I offer **one-to-one Personal Training programmes**, fully tailored to your fitness level, and lifestyle — whether you're aiming to build strength, improve mobility, lose weight, or simply feel your best.

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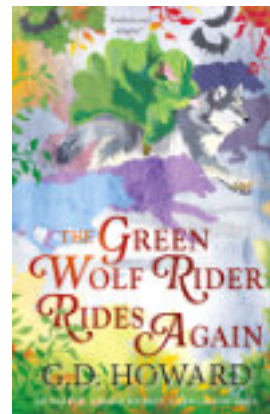
Chedworth Village Hall Classes:

- Tues 6:00pm (Cardio, Strength and Resistance)
- Wed 9:00am (Stretch, Flexibility and Resistance)
- Fri 9:00am (Cardio, Strength and Resistance)

You don't need endless cardio sessions. Just a little — such as brisk walking, cycling, or short intervals — improves heart health, supports endurance, and helps circulation. A balanced routine of strength training three to four times a

The Second Book by G.D.Howard

The second book from a Chedworth children's author and illustrator ...



'Do not follow me on this mission, it's too dangerous. Will you promise not to follow me into the forest?'

An old village legend tells of the Spirit of the Forest and the four deadly trials that must be completed to fulfil an ancient destiny.

Now a raiding party is drawing closer to Holly's home, spreading flames and terror wherever they go, and Holly has no time to lose if she is to save her family.

Why does the dark magic that moves in the smoke seem like the shadow of an old enemy? What does it mean when a wolf pack steps out of the trees?

And how can Holly face each test and become a legend — when she's just an ordinary girl, and her only companions are bears, bats and a huge grey wolf?

You know you're a bad driver when Siri says, "In 400 feet, pull over, stop and let me out."

Golf balls are like eggs. They are both white, sold by the dozen, and a week later you have to go out and buy more.

A spellbinding fantasy full of magic and nature, and the howl of running wolves

This second book is a sequel to my first book, but a little scarier as I have delved deeper into British mythology and found a character called the Horned Spirit.

Also, the heroine Holly experiences what I experienced as a near seventeen year old ... an out of body experience. What Holly goes through is exactly what I went through and like I did ... she makes the right decision.



If you are in Cirencester on 4th October from 11am ... I am doing a book signing at OCTAVIA'S bookshop Cirencester in Black Jack Street ... hope to see you there.

G.D. Howard

Your Gardening Tips for October

- It has apparently been the driest summer in the UK for many years and last year it was the coldest! It is thought that at least six native



butterfly be lost to parts of Britain by 2050 due to droughts. Farmers have had to accept lower harvests and cattle have been denied good grass feed but amazingly harvests of fruit have been extraordinarily high! There should be plenty of flowers still in bloom especially the October birth month flowers Marigold and Cosmos. Carrots, beetroot and parsnips will be waiting to be dug up but you may wait in vain for the first frost to sweeten your parsnips! There seem to have been fewer slugs about this year but check for slug damage anyway, now that the soil has been moistened by the rain. Attracting hedgehogs will help keep your slug population down, so now is the time to start thinking about providing places for them to hibernate.

- This the time of year when pests and diseases especially in apples, manifest themselves. Problems such as sawfly, capsid bug, codling moth, bitter pit and brown rot threaten to damage your crop and can make storage a great disappointment. There is not space in these notes to cover protective measures but there is a need to be observant and take action rapidly.

Advice can be sought on the RHS website and if you are considering planting apple trees it is important to choose the best for your soil, plant for efficient pollination, and feed and mulch appropriately.

- It is time for tidying the borders, leaving seed heads for the birds.
- Trim back lavender if not already done.
- Add compost or rotted manure to the garden to reinvigorate the soil over the winter. This is the time of year when soil organisms are hungry for organic matter. Dig out composted leaf mold and spread on the garden to make way for this year's leaves. Clear up fallen leaves regularly and shred through the mower with the last grass mowings to make good compost. A layer or two of horse manure will make it better! If you are turning your compost heap to speed up the process, be careful not to harm any residents such as toads or slow worms.
- If not done, there is still time early in the month to rake out the dead grass from lawns and treat with autumn feed to strengthen the roots. Keep the grass no lower than 1 inch high over the winter.
- Divide herbaceous perennials and rhubarb crowns.
- Plant out winter lettuce, autumn onion sets, garlic and spring cabbage. When harvesting lettuce cut at the base of the plant make small quarter cuts in the root and leave to produce another small crop of lettuces.
- Remove yellow leaves from over wintering brassicas, and if not already done, cover your brassicas

with bird proof netting. Stake tall brassicas, against wind damage. You can also sow seeds in October. Try growing carrots, brassicas, beetroot cabbage and lettuce.

- Plant wallflowers, forget-me-not, primulas, violas and other spring bedding plants in prepared ground or pots.
- Shrubs that are pruned hard in the spring, such as Buddleja, Cornus and Lavatera, can be cut back by half to prevent wind rock
- This is a good time to apply weed killer to perennial weeds, if it is not possible to cover with a membrane or thick cardboard.
- Thin out one quarter to one third of the oldest branches of mature forsythia, lilac, spirea and potentilla for better bloom and shape next year. Cut these branches to the ground. If not already done, prune fruit trees, to increase ventilation. Inspect for signs of disease. Mulch with organic matter and fertilizer. Fertilize again in the spring.
- Prune climbing roses if not already done.
- Prune gooseberry bushes to achieve a goblet shape cutting this year's growth down to four buds

from the base. It is good time take hard wood cuttings for your friends! Look online for how to do it.

- Prune blackcurrants by cutting one third of old wood down to the ground, as well as branches that are growing untidily.
- Take cuttings of tender perennials, such as pelargonium.
- There are many varieties of fern which are normally considered to provide only a green addition to the garden but there some like the



Blechnum Chilense AGM which has bronze ferns which turn green in the Autumn and well worth investing in if you like ferns.

- Do not feed plants at this time of year as it will encourage soft sappy growth which is vulnerable to frost and wet damage. It is, however, a good time to fertilize trees.

*Simon Colbeck
Chairman, Chedworth Gardening Club*



The Seven Tuns Action Group

It looks as if the future of the **The Seven Tuns**, will be settled before too long.

The Tuns was **put on the market officially** with national agents Colliers, for **£800,000** in July. The closing date for bids was Friday 15th August.

Our group, the **Seven Tuns Action Group (STAG)**, was formed to explore options to get the pub open again, and we remain committed to that goal. We arranged for a professional survey to be carried out, paid for by generous help from the Parish Council. That was necessary so that we knew where to pitch our offer. That offer was turned down.

It became clear that we could not ask villagers, or the wider public, to subscribe to a Share Offering for a building valued at £460,000 for £800,000. The Tuns needs a great deal of money spent on it to secure its long-term future. We could not risk investors' money in this way. The difference in cost to value would have been too great.

It is hoped that new legislation will come into effect next Spring, giving better protection to buildings of community value, but we knew that it would come in too late for us.

What we have achieved is to persuade the owners to put the property on the market. This is a key success. As we have all seen over the last ten years, over renting, high inflation in utility bills and staff costs have all contributed to a crisis in the pub trade.

So, when a potential purchaser told us that they would like to buy the pub,



renovate it and turn it into somewhere that the village would be proud of, we were delighted. And relieved. Our advisers at the Plunkett Foundation described Chedworth as having the benefit of “a knight in shining armour”. They too were of the view that this was the best solution both for the Tuns and for the village. The offer is commercially sensitive and confidential. It is for these reasons that we have not been able to share details with you. It's been as difficult and frustrating for us as it has been for you. But we firmly believe that this arrangement is best for the future of the Tuns and for the village.

Our view remains as it was and is simple: **we want the pub back in use, thriving, and adding value to village life.**

We are now several steps closer to achieving that. For legal reasons, contracts have not yet been exchanged. But the moment they have been, we will let you know.

But one thing is clear: the Tuns *will* re-open as a pub. In the meantime, please visit seventunsactiongroup.co.uk for updates or to get in touch with questions.

Patricia Langley
Chair

Seven Tuns Action Group
The Seven Tuns Chedworth CBS Ltd

Chedworth Gardening Club Visit

Chedworth Gardening Club Fossebridge Vineyard Visit

A huge thank you to Amber and Phil for hosting this year's final garden visit.

It's amazing what they have achieved in the 4 years of owning the vineyard, culminating in their first harvest this year.

The tour was extremely informative. Amber and Phil discussed the variety

of grapes they are growing and the challenges they have faced growing in the Cotswolds. They have also started to grow lavender and, with the help of their bees, hope to produce lavender honey.

With wine and canapes to finish; a really lovely evening.

Ang MacNaught
Garden Visits Organiser





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Sunday September 11 @ 2327

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Mark Aveline



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The Lion's Den

A Sunday school teacher was telling the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. She described the hunger and ferocity of the lions, and then showed her class a picture of Daniel standing brave and confident right in the middle of them all. Suddenly one little girl began to cry. The teacher paused, 'Oh my dear,' she said. 'Are you afraid for Daniel?'

The little girl shook her head. "No, not at all. It's that poor little lion, over in the corner; he isn't going to get any food."

Chedworth Oil Club (CHOC)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CHOC MEMBERS!!!

Chedworth Oil Club (“CHOC”) to relaunch with enhanced benefits

CHOC was originally established some twenty years ago with the objective of enabling residents of Chedworth and surrounding villages to obtain a number of benefits from group buying power in oil supplies. Briefly, these were:

- Sweetfuels (“Sweet”) would give CHOC members a 1p per litre discount;
- Sweet would pay CHOC annually a commission of ¼ % of the aggregate value (net of VAT) of orders placed by members during the year, with a view to the resulting funds being used to benefit the village (e.g. the village hall or pre-school); and
- Sweet would donate 1,000 litres of oil annually to be distributed among a small number of members by means of a draw.

Sweet was taken over by NWF Fuels Ltd and these arrangements largely fell into abeyance, though members generally continued to benefit from the above discount.

We are pleased to report that after lengthy discussions NWF have agreed to the following arrangements going forward:

- CHOC members will be entitled to a discount from NWF’s normal price of between 3 and 5p per litre,

depending on stock levels and market price; and

- NWF will pay to CHOC quarterly (for the benefit of the village) a commission of 0.5p per litre of oil ordered by members during the quarter. At current price levels, this is worth more than twice the commission previously payable.

The annual donation of 1,000 litres (which benefited only a lucky few) will no longer apply.

As previously, NWF will endeavour to supply all CHOC orders on a single day of the week, thereby minimising traffic disruption in the villages.

CHOC membership will continue to be available to residents of Chedworth and surrounding villages within NWF’s delivery area.

In order to benefit from these new arrangements, eligible residents (INCLUDING EXISTING MEMBERS OF CHOC) must confirm that they are or wish to become a CHOC member, when placing their orders by email at enquiries@sweetfuels.co.uk or telephone on 01367 710666, providing their name, telephone number and full delivery address.

Any questions, please contact
Denis Moore on moore@gmail.com or
Steve Scott-Smith on
srscottsmith@gmail.com.

Thames Water

Our Ref: 33555137

Water supply interruption, 12 August

Dear Councillor Hodgkinson
Thank you for contacting us on behalf of your constituents, regarding the recent water outage. I’m very sorry this outage affected residents, please be assured we’ve investigated this thoroughly and I welcome the opportunity to share our update with you.

What happened

We attended to investigate a burst on our 8 inch mains pipe, causing a water supply issue to our Longlands Reservoir. We began to calculate the potential impact to our customers and mobilised our support systems to our most vulnerable customers. Whilst we can’t predict when a pipe will burst due to many environmental factors, we are reactive in attending and resolving issues as a matter of priority. We had tankers supporting the network to keep our customers taps flowing, and I’m pleased to confirm all customers were receiving their usual supply by 18 August.

Our bottled water services

Please note, when we become aware of an issue with our water supply, we must first investigate the cause before we can begin to plan the repair and any

supporting measures required. This can take some time, and priorities are given to potentially higher impacting issues. We were advised to open a bottled water station on the high street, however this location didn’t meet our health and safety regulations and delayed our site opening. I sincerely apologise to all residents affected by this delay.

Contacting us in future

You may be interested to know, for future reference, you can report some of the most common issues, such as blockages and leaks, on our website here. If no existing issues show up after searching your address, click on the map to start a new report. For future reference, the quickest way to get in touch to report issues, or for any other advice, is to contact us on Twitter or Facebook. We are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Alternatively, should you prefer to call us, our Customer Contact Centre is available on 0800 316 9800. Lines are always open.





Hill & Valley Lawn Tennis Club

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

CLUB NEWS

With the mellow autumn season upon us why not try 'Cardio-tennis' on Saturday mornings? The sessions are designed for all levels of tennis and fitness, and are an entertaining way to stay fit, keep your tennis eye in and have a jolly social time.

With the arrival of the damp weather and flying leaves we remind all to use non-tennis playing shoes to access the club across wet/muddy grass; and to blow off courts before playing. Also, for local court owners we can help with preventative moss treatment over the autumn to help manage this perennial bane of hard courts! Please do ask.

Robert Baker, Chair

Allison & Trish Day held on Saturday, Sept 6th

The theme for this year's annual event was 'Good Things Come in Threes' and there were some terrific, inventive outfits. Hilary Swan created the tennis challenges and a quiz there was much fun and laughter and the afternoon ended with tea and cake.



WHAT'S ON

WALKING TENNIS

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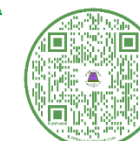
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TUNS HILL PARTY - 24 AUGUST 2025

BRINGING THE VILLAGE TOGETHER

For many villagers, the Tuns Hill Party brings back fond memories of a much-loved tradition once hosted by the landlord of the Seven Tuns. With the pub still closed, a group of villagers – led by Cate and PC Thacker and Iain Robertson – felt the time was right to revive the idea. Their hope was simple: that enough people would come together to make it worthwhile.

The response could not have been stronger. On a balmy August evening, more than 200 people gathered on Tuns Hill to enjoy live music from the Queen Street Band and Mike Langley, share good food and drink, and, most importantly, enjoy each other's company. Laughter, dancing and conversation filled the air, showing just how much we value the chance to come together as a community.

Events like this remind us why shared experiences matter – especially in a rural village where, without a pub, opportunities to meet and connect can be few and far between. The Tuns Hill Party gave us all a taste of what's possible when people come together with enthusiasm and goodwill.

Now, as we look to the future, we hope the Seven Tuns will once again open its doors and, in time, take back its place as the natural home for this much-loved tradition. Until then, the success of this year's Tuns Hill Party shows that Chedworth's community spirit is very much alive and thriving.

Iain Robertson



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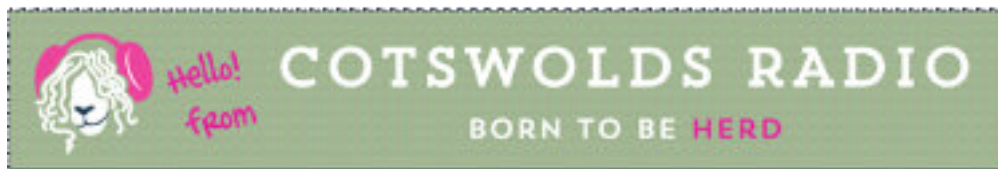
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Mondays with a repeat on Sunday at 10pm.

He's also involved with Sticky Productions, the production company who are hosting a series of fun events at The Old Prison in the autumn, including the Rock and Horror Show Halloween party (31st October), Incarcerated Cabaret (14th November, 12th December) and Escape Rooms (15th November).

We love to hear from listeners so get in touch! Message while you're listening on the Cotswolds Radio App, WhatsApp on 07824 368947 or email contact@cotswoldsradio.com.



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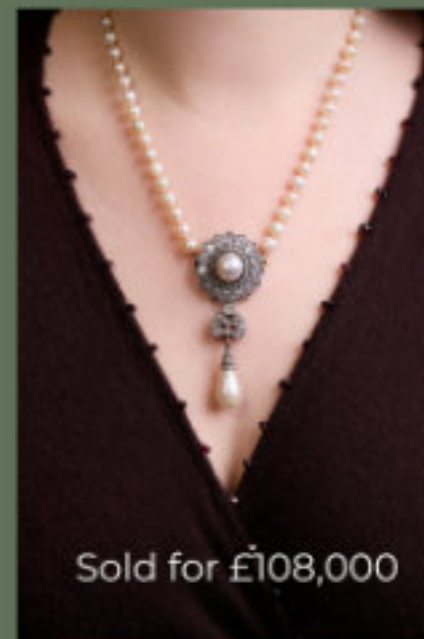
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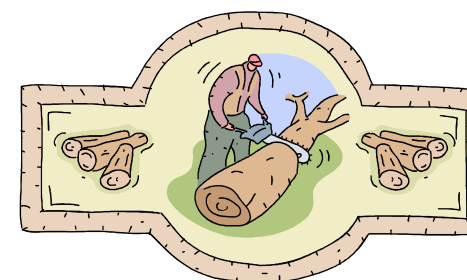
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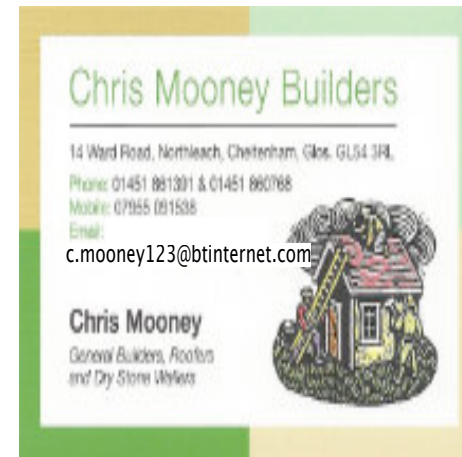
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