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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition



Karen's Letter



"Keep calm and carry on!" was a poster produced by the British government in 1939 at the beginning of WWII, intended to raise the morale of the British public in the event of an invasion. It was never distributed. In 2000 it was rediscovered by the owner of Barter Books, a Northumberland bookshop and is now a global cultural phenomenon.

There's a lot of wisdom in that once neglected saying. We now know from neuroscience research that being calm and relaxed enables us to think intelligently and to problem solve. Practicing 7/11 breathing (breath in for 7 counts and out for 11 counts) calms our amygdala – our fight, flight freeze part of our brain. Without words, we're telling ourselves we are not running or fighting breathing, we're resting breathing, which means there is no danger. We can relax and take time to

process emotions and to problem solve.

Well, after a tumultuous year for me personally, I carried on with Christmas services and New Year gatherings, joining with many of you in traditional carols, meals, drinks, bells and laughter. It was great fun! Thank you! After all the clearing up and meandering home, I found myself glad to rest in solitude. The quiet beauty of our countryside, the wildness of the wind in the trees and the crisp, cold frosts, gave a sense of connectedness to something much greater than me and my little story. I don't know about you but grasping the fact that our stories all connect and are part of a bigger narrative, much of which we will not know or understand at present, serves as a great leveller. The Eternal perspective is quite different than our little one down here.

As this new year reveals more of that unfolding, vast story of which we are all a part, may calm wisdom and wonder be yours and mine.

Karen



Church Briefing

Hill & Valley Benefice Church Services

Everyone Welcome

1st February
Matins service

10.30am at St James the Great, Coln St Denys,
led by Helen Oldham.

8th February
Book of Common Prayer
Holy Communion

9.00am at St Andrew's, Chedworth
10.30am at St Andrew's, Coln Rogers.

15th February
Book of Common Prayer
Holy Communion

9.00am at St Michaels, Yanworth
10.30am at St Andrew's, Chedworth

18th February
Ash Wednesday Service

7.00pm at St Andrew's, Chedworth.

22nd February 1st Sunday in Lent
Happyfull Service

10.30 at St Andrew's, Chedworth.

Support the Rev Karen

We have been hugely grateful for the very encouraging initial response to the request for financial support for Karen, confirming how much the community appreciate her ministry and pastoral care.

We have now reviewed matters with Karen and established that her essential expenditure for her duties as incumbent is circa £600 per month, for which we already have pledges of £450 per month.

We would be grateful if those who also wish to contribute, could set up a

monthly direct debit, we suggest £10 to £15 per month (or whatever sum you wish to make) payable to PCC Chedworth 60-05-41, 0447 7200.

Please put your name – K as a reference. The payments will qualify for Gift Aid, and if you would like a Gift Aid declaration form, please email Jeannie Hamilton on jeannie@tdhamilton.com.

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Dates for Your Diary

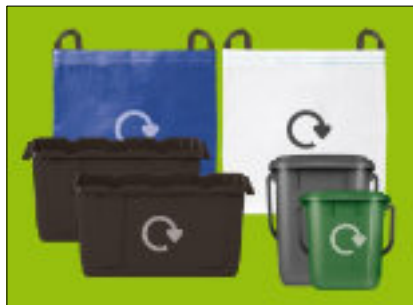
Date	Time	Event	Venue
11 Feb	19:15	WI - Kate Peake "Gloucestershire Events and Traditions"	
12 Feb	19:00	National Theatre Live - Hamlet	Chedworth Village Hall
13 Feb	19:30	Backrow Club - Downton Abbey	Chedworth Village Hall
16 Feb	17:30	Fish and Chip Van	Chedworth Village Hall
21 Feb	9:00-12:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
22 Feb	15:30	Ched Ent Club - Fail, Fail, Fail, Fail, Win!	Chedworth Village Hall
7 March	15:00	Magic Show	Chedworth Village Hall
11 March	19:15	WI - Ann Chambers "Three Generations of Women at Kiftsgate" - Open Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
21 March	9:00-12:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
26 March	18:00	RBL Talk by Major General Peter Williams "The Dhofar War 1965-1979 An Enduring Victory"	Chedworth Village Hall
8 April	19:15	WI - Sqn Ldr Andrew Wyatt "The Red Arrows" - Open Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
18 April	9:00-12:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
16 May	9:00-12:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
20 June	9:00-12:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
18 July	9:00-12:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
15 Aug	9:00-12:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
29 Aug		Chedworth Village Hall Golden Anniversary Event	Chedworth Village Hall
11 Sept		Golf Day	



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	12	February
Thursday	26	February
Thursday	12	March
Thursday	26	March

Dates may change due to holidays

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We have had a great few weeks back at school after Christmas. Our Nativity was beautiful and very well attended (standing room only)! The children performed brilliantly and were so brave saying their lines in front of such a packed audience.



We had a delicious Christmas lunch, the children enjoyed making their own hats to wear and sit around an incredible Christmas tree (**very kindly donated by the Stowell Park**).

Rowan class made some Roman shields at the end of their history unit and enjoyed practicing different army defense moves!



Over the past few months, you may have seen that the wonderful Cotswold Wardens have been fixing and maintaining some of our boundaries. We are so grateful to these amazing people for giving up their time so generously.

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Science week is fast approaching. This years theme is '*Curiosity, what's your question?*' As ever, we are really keen to hear from anyone in the community who works (or is retired) from any Science based jobs or interests that could help us inspire our pupils.

If you think you could help or would like to find out more, please email nsmith@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk



We are also still in the planning phase of our MUGA (multi-use game area) for our playground. We have secured a good proportion of our funding for this but are still on the hunt to secure some more. If you know of any businesses/ grants or private donors who may like to learn more about our project and how it will benefit the community and our school, please do get in touch.



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Chedworth Parish Council

Article 4

Chedworth Parish Council has been asked to consider applying for an article 4 direction which would take away some of the permitted development rights for properties.

A consultation document is being prepared, and this will ask about whether residents feel Solar Panels and other items on roofscapes should require planning permission, which currently they do not, and whether exterior lighting should also need permission. Exterior lighting is a regular source of complaints, and the Parish Council has a long-standing policy of seeking to achieve. Beyond those aims our volunteer team who are preparing the questionnaire are also considering whether other restrictions would be welcome, such as changing the colour of rendered properties, or perhaps changing window material from wood or metal to PVC to give

two possible examples. It is suggested this article 4 should just cover the Chedworth conservation area, but views of all Chedworth residents will be considered.

Xbox Books

The Xbox library is in need of a Librarian. There have been considerably more books left than taken away in recent times and problem with some pretty sorry books crowding the shelves. The Chairman has disposed of quite a few books through the recycling banks, and some books and CDs through the Forces Charity Shop at Witney and restocked with books from Swindon Library. Hopefully all the remaining books are now in good enough condition to be worth borrowing, lots of novels, cookbooks children's books, but he would greatly appreciate someone else taking on the role. We have someone looking after the defibrillator, this is about the books and CDs. In the interim please do not leave any books or CDs on the floor or balanced on other books, as this may compromise access to the defibrillator. To discuss ring David on 01285 720313.

Seven Tuns Defibrillator

Defibrillators again, there is no immediate prospect of electrical power being restored to the defibrillator at the Seven Tuns. We made enquiries but St Andrew's church cannot help, and is too far from the road, so is anyone near the Seven Tuns able to house the defibrillator temporarily for a few months. It needs mains electricity for heat to stop the pads freezing and needs to be easily accessed in an

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emergency, basically the defibrillator needs to be deployed within 5 minutes of a cardiac arrest. A brand-new cabinet will be provided as soon as we have somewhere to mount it. If you can help, please email clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk

Salt & Grit Bins

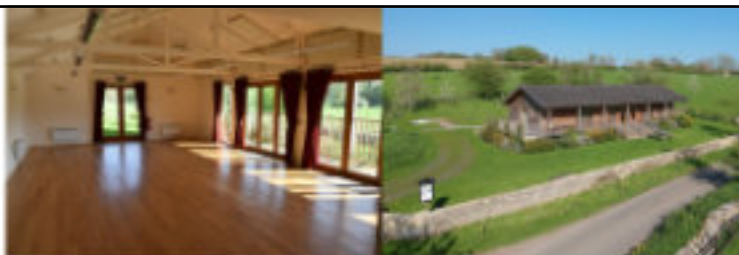
Salt grit has been ordered and at the January meeting Alan McLellan confirmed all the bins were full but reserve supplies were down. A planned delivery by GCC was cancelled when the icy weather meant they were flat out gritting but we hope the replacement supply will have been delivered by the time you read this. The Salt is for highways use only. The Parish Council has approved the purchase of 4 new bins, at a cost of £400, two to replace damaged bins clearly hit by vehicles, one additional one for near the Rookery, and a spare, the high cost of delivery £59, meant getting a spare made sound economic sense.

Dog Poo

An unpleasant matter. Some people have been putting dog poo bags in Grit Bins. This is horrible as the bags degrade and poo contaminates the salt which then residents need to use. Please do not do it. Bag it, bin it and take it home. Some visitors are unaware we are a no fouling area. Local residents are so used to it that they forget it is a Cotswold District Bylaw, national law allows dogs to foul in the gutters of roads with a speed limit of over 40mph. The only fouling permitted is for guide dogs for the blind, as blind people cannot see to scoop up the residue.

David Broad

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Hill & Valley Lawn Tennis Club

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

CLUB NEWS

It's good to feel spring is soon to be upon us and the skies are brightening. The tennis season is gearing up and our new membership year starts on the 1st of March - although coaching and winter matches have continued throughout the winter – weather permitting.

We welcome everyone to the club, those new to tennis have several options to start building confidence and we especially would like to encourage children of all age groups to give the sport a go, make friends and have fun! Those who like a competitive edge we welcome new players into the various team squads.

I look forward to welcoming you to H&V Tennis Club.

Robert Baker, Chair

SATURDAY CARDIO TENNIS

We have Cardio Tennis sessions fortnightly on Saturday mornings, it is open to non members and rackets are provided. It is great for fitness and good fun too - a great way to start the weekend. It is suitable for children over 10yrs too.

clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/CardioTennis

WHAT'S ON

WALKING TENNIS

Sessions every Friday afternoon at 2.30-4pm

It is relaxed and fun, you can go at your own pace.

Come along to give it a go! Open to non members

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



ADULT GROUP COACHING WITH TOM WYMAN

Monthly group coaching for all levels

NEW SATURDAY JUNIOR COACHING

Open to non members, rackets provided for ages 4-18yrs

See website for more info and booking

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NEW SATURDAY CARDIO TENNIS

Open to non members, rackets provided for ALL AGES

See website for more info and booking

AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR COACHING

Starts 25th February on Wednesdays, for ages 4-18yrs

Open to non members, rackets provided

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February 17th & 19th 2026

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

Juniors 4-13yrs

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

Book either a half day £22 (9.30-12.30 or 1-4)

or a full day £39 (9.30-4 Bring a packed lunch)

Teens 13-18yrs

on Tuesday 4-6pm

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Chedworth WI December 2025 and January 2026 meetings

The contrast in weather was rather dramatic between the mild December evening and the dour January evening with rain and fog. Fortunately Sheila's welcome for us all was equally warm at both meetings. In December we were encouraged to browse the amazing range of Christmas gifts that Clare, with her usual flare and hard work, had put together, from stockings to table centres she had everything covered! Clare with her helpers Helen, Jackie and Jo manage the stall every month raising money for our chosen charity of the year. The Christmas stall though this year was fundraising towards our WI centenary celebrations in 2027 (yet to be decided on, so watch this space!).

Dragging us back from our shopping sprees Sheila swiftly dealt with the business, Penny explained our calendars of speakers and hostesses would reach us as soon as her new boiler was installed and her fingers unfroze! And Deborah bravely gave her first financial report- much enjoyed by Chrissy in the audience.

Reverend Dr. Nicholas Henderson then gave us his Part 2 of a 'Guide to an English country Church'. After we had all failed to recognise Holy Trinity Stratford for the second time - much to our chagrin - he took us through the magic of the Norman arch leading us through the early, decorated

and perpendicular styles of architecture. Followed by the design of the Rood screen, it's gallery access to which is an explanation of the often seemingly random appearance of doorways and steep little stairs in country churches. The we whistled through piscinas, stoops and squints!

Dr. Henderson's erudite but light touch kept us thoroughly entertained. Particularly when he added in a short history of St. Nicholas, Father Christmas and the influence of Coca Cola on Christmas!

The only thing that took our minds away from his talk was the scent of mulled wine coming from the kitchen to go with the wonderful Christmas spread provided by the hard working committee. What a lovely meeting to start the Christmas holiday season.

In January we were treated to a dark journey through the Nursery Rhymes of our childhood. Many of which we may now think twice before singing blithely to young relatives! For instance Humpty Dumpty refers not to the egg of the Victorian Tenniel illustrations but to a huge canon of the Civil War, which during the siege of Gloucester was positioned on the tower of St. Mary's Church. Eventually it did indeed fall off the tower and literally 'all the King's men and all the King's horses couldn't put Humpty together again'. Much of the confusion arising from the loss of the first two verses.

Dr. Foster is not in all probability a medical practitioner rushing to rescue a sick patient ,but King Edward I riding to attack Welsh forces via Gloucester, when he and his horse stepped in a rather deeper than expected 'piddle' (Old English for a small brook or river) rather than the Victorian disinfected version 'puddle'. The first of course, being a much better rhyme.

There were many others with even darker backgrounds, it was a fascinating and most enjoyable talk which came before the business of the meeting as the speaker Angela Dunsby from the John Moore Museum in Tewkesbury needed to get home as early as possible in the nasty weather.

The business was swiftly concluded ideas and support asked for Clare and her team who are working towards having a Chedworth WI table at the March Produce Sale (Saturday 21st March), Helen has kindly said that she will be our representative at the GFWI Annual meeting on the 22nd April at Churchdown Community Centre, we have a new extra shelf in the WI cupboard (many thanks) and voting was returned on the five resolutions to be whittled down to one to be put forward for proposal at the Annual NFWI meeting. The winner for Chedworth WI was 'Accessible public

toilet facilities to promote dignity, health and social inclusion' with 17 votes.

This was followed by a lovely tea, chat and catching up plus another little post-Christmas retail therapy at the sales table.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 11th February, Chedworth Village Hall at 7.15pm. The speaker is Kate Peake who entertained and informed us all so enjoyably with her talk on the Cotswold Way complete with amazing drone footage. This next talk is entitled 'Gloucestershire Events and Traditions'. We look forward to it and maybe seeing you there!



Chedworth WI Christmas Cards on their way to being recycled in aid of the Cobalt Medical Charity based at Thirlestaine Breast Centre in Cheltenham – no card was wasted!

Emma Isaac



Parent Teacher Association 2025 Review

St. Andrew's School Parent Teacher Association: 2025 review

St. Andrew's School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a registered charity. Its charitable purpose is to deliver educational and social opportunities for pupils which the school would not otherwise be able to provide. Our purpose has become more acute due to various factors, not least the increase in cost of living and the recruitment and funding challenges that rural schools face. The school is adapting and thriving, but we cannot be complacent about its future. We are there to support the school – its pupils and staff – and work collaboratively with it and other organisations in Chedworth, to raise funds and provide opportunities.

I am touched by how many people have current or historic associations with the school. It is wonderful hearing your stories and seeing your photographs. The school is a vital part of our community and the education it delivers is to a high standard. This is in no small part due to its staff and we are very grateful for all that they do for the school and its pupils.

PTA fundraising events in 2025 included the school disco, film night, Easter quiz and Easter egg hunt, ice cream sales and fete. The PTA has funded a Promethean interactive touchscreen for use in the classroom, a pantomime trip, end of year activities for pupils and various educational infrastructure improvement projects at the school. Many events were held at the Village Hall and playing field and we are grateful to Chedworth Parish

Council which has funded associated 'upfront' costs.

In 2025 we extended our collaboration with the pop-up café which kindly provided refreshments for the school fete and turned out in force with a 'can do' attitude. Pupils regularly attend the café and are always welcomed and made to feel at home and we are very grateful.

Thank you to Flora Fiora who provided musical entertainment at the fete and who visited the school to entertain pupils. Flora was educated at St. Andrew's School and it was wonderful to welcome her back to her alma mater.

We have collaborated with Chedworth Gardening Club which kindly provided voluntary labour, materials bulbs and plants for two maintenance days. These allowed us to tidy the school grounds and to provide new and enhanced planting. Thank you to members and the community who lent a hand. Keep an eye on the bank adjacent to the school entrance which should be a riot of colour in Spring 2026!

We are grateful to Chedworth's voluntary Footpath Warden, Rod Sinclair who has been supportive of the school and has identified a volunteer dry stone waller from the Cotswold National Landscape volunteer group to undertake repairs at the site. Rod has helped at the grounds maintenance days and we are grateful for his enthusiasm and time.

In 2026 the PTA would like to part-fund enhancements to the school

playground to provide new sports facilities for pupils. We are also seeking to fund new books for the school library and a 'free to access' extracurricular club. We plan to do this in collaboration with other charities in Chedworth, so the scope and benefit can go as far as possible. We will also sustain and extend links with other community organisations.

Events such as sports day, ice cream sales, school fete and grounds maintenance days are open to the community and I encourage you to attend. If you would like to help at any of these events you would be most welcome. Please contact me for further details.

We are looking for individuals or organisations to sponsor the school fete, planned for 17 July 2025. If this is of interest to you or you know of a company or individual who can, please let me know. We will ensure their presence is prevalent on fete advertisements and literature.

If you would like to discuss making a donation to the PTA or set up regular charitable giving, including by Gift Aid, please let me know – we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Ben Pridgeon
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HAPPY 2026!
**This year why not start
each week on a cheery note?**

**The Pop-up cafe is open every
Monday morning,
10am-1 pm at
Chedworth Village Hall.
You'll find coffee, cakes,
friends & neighbours
(and always a warm welcome).**

Come and see us!

Playground Consultation

Chedworth Parish Council is consulting on providing several new items of equipment for the playground at the Village Hall. A working group comprising people from the village reports to the Parish Council and with their endorsement, would like to consult the village and users of the facility on what they would like to see at the site and any ideas. In particular, we would like to hear from children and people whose children and grandchildren use the playground on a regular basis - What they think of the current facility and how it may be enhanced.

Please see the QR code which will take

you direct to the questionnaire and indicative plan of what could be delivered at the playground. Nothing has been decided yet and funding applications are ongoing. This is your opportunity to have your say and inform what could be delivered. I am leading the consultation. If you have any questions please contact me on chedworthplayground@gmail.com. As this is a Parish Council initiative, please also feel free to talk to a councillor who will relay any messages to the working group.

Ben Pridgeon on behalf of the playground working group

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL PLAYGROUND CONSULTATION

Chedworth Parish Council is consulting on providing several new items of play equipment on the playing field by the Village Hall. A questionnaire is presented on behalf of the playground working group which reports to the Parish Council.



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Chedworth & District Poppy Appeal Collection 2025 – update:

2025 was the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War which was the most devastating and lethal war in history.

On behalf of The Royal British Legion (RBL) and our local Royal British Legion Branch we wish to thank everyone who kindly supported our local Poppy Appeal during October and November 2025. Due to the combined generosity of local residents and visitors to the area (including donations from our local Branch of The Royal British Legion; Coln Rogers with Coln St Dennis PCC; Remembrance Service congregations at St Andrew's Church, Chedworth and St Oswald's Church, Compton Abdale; Rendcomb College staff, students and parents); our local annual Poppy Appeal for Chedworth and District (including 'house to house' collections in Calmsden, Pinkwell, Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers, Calcott, Compton Abdale, Fossebridge, Stowell Park, Yanworth) and at our 4 'static points' (St Andrew's School, Chedworth; The Fossebridge Inn; The Stump, and Chedworth Roman Villa) raised a magnificent grand total of **£8,566.00**. (N.B. This figure does **not** include donations raised for our area via new Toucan app introduced by the Royal British Legion this year (which some collectors have on their mobile phones and this App allows collectors to use their phones as a 'contactless' machine), or donations raised via QR codes which are affixed to Poppy Appeal collectors collecting tins. Several residents used these electronic systems to make donations this year. All monies raised via these online means will be credited to our



Chedworth & District area in due course and this will undoubtedly increase the total money raised by hundreds of pounds. Nationally during 2025 'contactless' giving increased by 20% compared with 2024.

The Royal British Legion can claim an additional 25 pence for each pound sterling donated via the HMRC 'Gift Aid' scheme. The Gift Aid results for the 2025 St Andrew's Church Remembrance Service, and 'house to house' collections, and 'static points' donations will be provided by the RBL in due course, and I believe this will also result in hundreds of additional pounds being added to our final Poppy Appeal collection total.

During the past 31 years the Chedworth & District Poppy Appeal has raised a grand total of £138,419.16p. This is an incredible achievement. It is also a testament to all the hard work of our gallant band of Poppy Appeal collectors, past and present, and the continued generosity of residents and organisations in our area.

This year the following local Poppy Appeal Collectors received Royal British Legion 'Awards for Service to the Poppy Appeal' –

- 30 Year Medal – Dr Graeme Matthew of Coln St. Dennis. Graeme has now stepped down from his collecting duties, and Neil and Teresa Irving have kindly taken on this role in Coln St. Dennis.

- 15 Year Badge – Jane Spooner of Pancake Hill.
- 5 Year Certificate – Alexander George of Yanworth & Stowell Park Estate.

On Remembrance Day this year at the RBL Branch curry lunch at Chedworth Village Hall, Lt. Col (ret'd) Andrew Tabor (Chair of our local Royal British Legion Branch) presented Alexander with his 5-year certificate for service to the Poppy Appeal.



Unfortunately, Graeme and Jane could not attend the presentations ceremony, and we have personally delivered their awards to them.



Felicity and I are very grateful to Graeme, Jane, and Alexander for their dedicated service to our annual Poppy Appeal over the years.

Once again, our heartfelt thanks go to our wonderful and hardworking team of 18 'house to house' Poppy Appeal collectors, and the staff at our 4 'static points', and our three wonderful independent money counters, Myra Burrige, Sue Robertson and Gill Tovey.

Thank you again.

David J. Peake

*Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser -
Chedworth & District.*

Felicity Peake

*Honorary Deputy Poppy Appeal Organiser –
Chedworth & District.*

**Thanks to the Silver Band for the
Chedworth Poppy Appeal Concert.**

CHEDWORTH GARDENING CLUB

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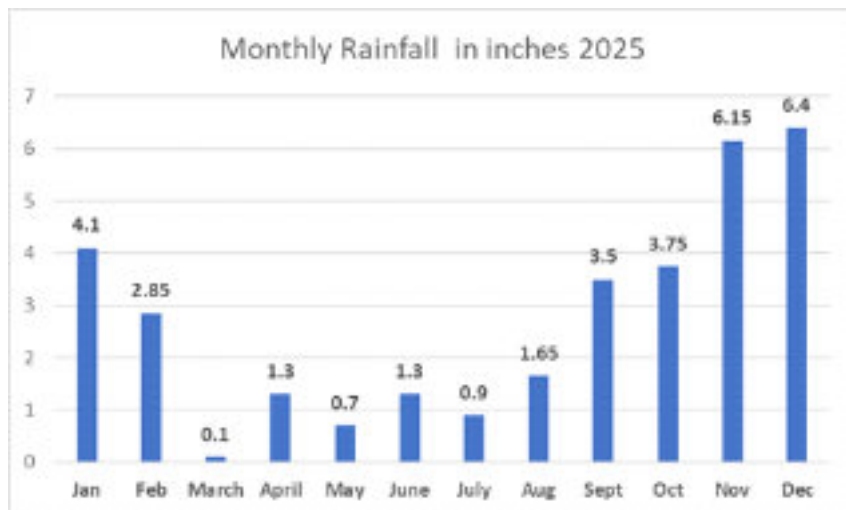
Chedworth Rainfall 2025

2025 was more like average with 32.7 inches of rain compared with 50.75 inches in 2024, which was an exceptionally wet year. The average rainfall from our records for 1991-2025 is 36.13 inches. January and February 2025 rainfall totalled 6.95 inches, followed by a very dry spring and summer totalling only 5.95 inches and then a wet autumn with 23 inches. The dry and warm spring and summer was good for tourism but very trying for farmers and growers, with crops under stress, reflected in lower yields for arable and forage crops. The shortage of grazing, silage and hay resulted in high prices for purchased feedstuffs. As so often there were pluses and minuses in that most farm crops were harvested in dry conditions with minimum drying required. Autumn sown crops were established in good conditions and the early autumn rain refreshed forage crops enabling some late grazing and silage.

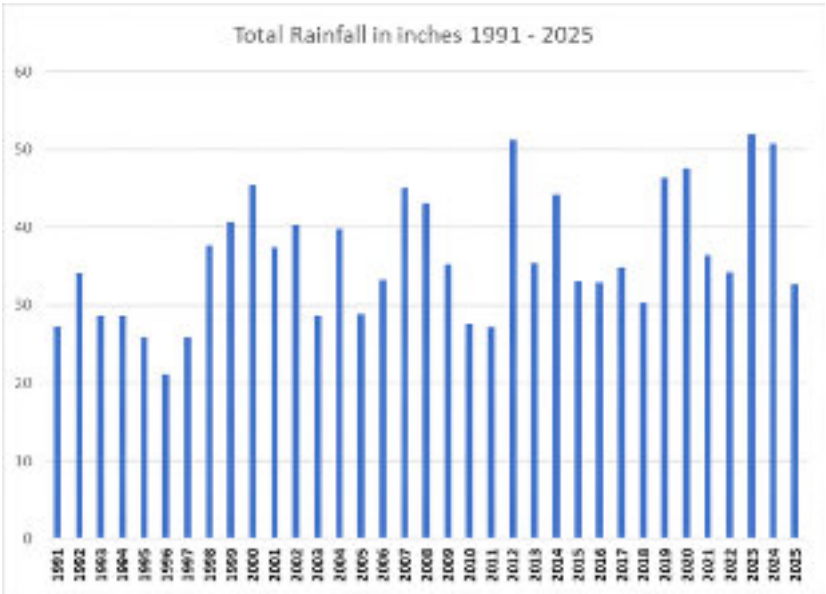
Predictably Thames Water imposed a

hose-pipe ban in July which were lifted on the 27th November. The major variations in rainfall from 19 inches to 52.05 inches in recent years and the shortage of water supplies in the south and east of the country, illustrates why the country urgently needs a national water policy. The Wartime Coalition Government in 1943 commissioned a Cambridge professor of geography to produce a water report, which recommended a major pipeline down the spine of the country to transport water from the wet areas of the north and Wales to the dry eastern and southern regions. The report focused on a move from fragmented local control towards national strategies for war-time needs, infrastructure and post war reconstruction. Sadly, the report's recommendations were not implemented due to the diminished post war economy and subsequent lack of essential infrastructure planning.

Robert Young



Backrow Club at the Village Hall



Your Gardening Tips for February



Last year gave us bumper crops of fruit and so it could be that the trees and bushes will take a rest this year. It will be interesting to see what happens. In the meantime there is plenty to do in the garden. By

the time you read this some of the spring flowers, especially snow drops will be showing.

- Chit potato tubers.
- Seeds that can be sown outside once the weather turns a little warmer, include broad bean, garlic, spring onions, first early peas and radishes. Other vegetable seeds such as brassicas, beans, tomatoes and peppers will need to be started off indoors or in a greenhouse. Onion sets and shallots planted outside will probably develop better from early March.
- Divide bulbs such as snowdrops and dig in those that need planting 'in the green'. If you want to divide them later, put a label into the spot for each bulb!
- Use leftover tea and coffee grounds to acidify the soil of acid-loving plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and even blueberries. A light sprinkling of about one-quarter of an inch applied once a month will keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side
- Dahlia tubers stored over winter

can be potted out in a frost-free space, and lily bulbs can be planted in pots.

- Prune wisteria by cutting back the side shoots to two or three buds. Avoid cutting off flower buds.
- Protect your delphinium, hosta and lily shoots from slugs and snails before they appear above ground.
- If you are worried about your crocuses being eaten by squirrels and pheasants protect them!
- Continue to prune roses and winter flowering shrubs as required and cut autumn flowering clematis down to the lowest pair of strong buds. Mulch and feed.
- Prune winter flowering Jasmin once the flowers have faded. Remove any dead or damaged shoots and tie in new shoots the main framework. Shorten all the side shoots to 2 inches cutting to a bud.
- If not already done so, cut back old autumn fruiting raspberries to ground level.
- Cut back overgrown hedging hard to invigorate bulky growth, but no later than this month so as not to disturb nesting birds. This a good time to plant additional hedging too.
- Summer flowering deciduous shrubs that flower on the current year's growth can be pruned in February and March
- Continue to dead head winter pansies as they will carry on flowering into spring and early summer.
- Cut off old leaves of hellebores that produce flowers from ground

- level.
- Plant roses, avoiding areas where roses have been immediately before.
- This a good time to prune many types of trees, removing overcrowding growth, cutting out dead, damaged or diseased branches
- Keep clearing out dead and dying leaves from brassica plants such as purple sprouting.
- Protect fruit blossoms from frost

where possible.

- Worm casts can be troublesome at this time of year, so keep brushing them away, but remember that if they are there, they are doing a lot of good!
- Delay turning your compost heap until mid-spring to avoid disturbing wild life such as slow worms.
- Feed the small birds.

*Simon Colbeck
Chairman*

Chedworth Gardening Club

Wine Column

Hello Neighbour's,

Spain in February — sunshine in a glass when our sun seems to have vanished!

February in the Cotswolds can feel a little monochrome. The vines are still asleep, the fields muted, the rain doesn't seem to stop and spring feels so close but not quite here, YET! This makes me daydream of Spain – Sunshine, long lunches filled with tapas and easy drinking Spanish wine – bottles that bring warmth, colour and generosity, even when the landscape outside the window is still winter-quiet.

Spain is one of the most exciting wine countries in the world right now. For years it was known mainly for robust reds and traditional Rioja, but today Spanish winemakers are producing everything from fruity, salty whites to world-class sparkling wines and more balanced reds.

Here are a few of my favourite Spanish bottles to explore this month.

A fresh start — Albariño from Rías Baixas

Albariño is one of Spain's great white wines. Grown on the cool Atlantic coast in north-west Spain, it produces wines that are crisp, aromatic and quietly complex — full of citrus, white peach and a subtle saline freshness.

Mar de Frades Albariño

Available at **Waitrose £16.99**

Zesy and bright with lime, pear and a gentle hint of the sea. Wonderful with seafood, but just as good on its own when you need to feel like summer is here.

Spain's answer to Champagne — Cava

Cava is Spain's traditional-method sparkling wine, made just like Champagne but using local grape

Wine Column

varieties (just like us here at Fossebridge) The best examples are dry, elegant and brilliant with food — and often cost half the price of Champagne.

Raventós i Blanc De Nit Brut Rosé

Available at **The Wine Cellar, Northleach** — **£24.95**

A refined, pale rosé Cava with wild strawberry, citrus and a delicate savoury finish. This is a serious sparkling wine, perfect for a celebratory supper or a relaxed Sunday lunch.

A modern Rioja — elegant, not heavy

Rioja has changed enormously in recent years. The best producers now focus on freshness and balance rather than heavy oak, creating reds that are beautifully suited to modern cooking.

La Rioja Alta Viña Alberdi Reserva

Available at **Waitrose** **£18.99**

A classic, refined Rioja with red cherry, vanilla and gentle spice. Perfect with roast chicken, lamb or a rich winter vegetable dish.

Something different — mountain Garnacha

Garnacha (Grenache) grown at altitude in Spain produces wines that are fragrant, juicy and surprisingly elegant — a lovely change if you normally drink Pinot Noir or lighter Rhône reds.

Las Rocas Garnacha, Calatayud

Available at **Waitrose** — **£12.99**

Bright red berries, a hint of herbs and a soft, silky finish. One of the best-value bottles on the shelf and ideal for midweek drinking.

From Spain back to the Cotswolds

While Spain's vineyards are already waking up in the warmer regions, our vines at **Fossebridge Vineyard** are still quietly resting under winter skies. But February is a landmark month behind the scenes: we'll be tasting our very first base wines — the still wines that will form the foundation of our English sparkling — before they head off for bottling and secondary fermentation.

It's the first real glimpse of what our Cotswold vineyard has produced, and a hugely exciting moment for us. Until then, a glass of Spanish Cava feels like a rather fitting way to toast both winter and what's to come.

Vineyard Update:

Are you interested in learning more about our vineyard? Email us and we can have you come over, and we will walk you through. Until next month, cheers! Amber
cotswoldswineadventure@gmail.com

Follow our vineyard on Instagram or facebook @cotswoldswineadventure

CHEDWORTH VILLAGE HALL

3.30PM SUNDAY FEB 22ND



Mark and Loz are circus performers. But circus is REALLY hard!

Fail, Fail, Fail, Fail, Win! is a show about not hiding all the "try"s you did that didn't work. Meet a cast of puppet friends: professor Steven Chimpington - scientist, raconteur, critic; and Colin the Crab, anarchist, physical theatre practitioner (LeCoq trained), oh and of course Sven Svenstoferson, Swedish Astronaut and CBT coach. See such fails and possibly wins in the mediums of diabolo, juggling, hula hoop, and an attempt to spin 8 real VERDAGEN ikea plates, retail value £2 each. Total economic jeopardy = £16. Plus shipping.

Uplifting, nurturing and agelessly relevant, join the adventure and explore what happens inside Loz's brain when she does a big FAIL.

Age guide: great for 3-10 year olds. Unsuitable for 15 year olds. And we're strict on that.

Tickets: £8 (ages 3-18)/ £10 grown up/under 3s free - website below or on the door

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Chedworth Football

Over the past six months a group of 3-8 year old youngsters, parents and coaches have been meeting on Sunday mornings for an informal football session. Focussing on participation and fun, and using all the community assets at our disposal (talented coaches, free equipment loaned by the school, a wonderful playing field), these events are free of charge and open to all.

The sessions have been largely led by Dave Dearsley, a teacher with a background in sports coaching in the village (what good fortune!), with Roland Watt as a valuable assistant coach, particularly helping out with the older children.

It has been wonderful to see the children having great fun, being active, building friendships and all while

learning some basic football skills.

Huge thanks to Dave for being the creative mastermind behind the sessions, to the parent volunteers who gamely join in, and to the school for loaning all the footballs free of charge, all of which make this community activity possible.

We are always delighted to hear from new families who'd like to join us, or just want to explore what's involved. Do feel free to come and watch and meet us! We are a small and friendly group, and are keen to make everyone feel welcome, whatever that involvement looks like. All details on the poster!

Sian Alexander



Christmas footballers (thanks to parents for consent to share)

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term 18th Jan, 1st Feb, 15th
Feb. 9.30 start

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The Festive Season and Chedworth Silver Band

As ever, Chedworth Silver Band maintained the tradition of band music over Christmas.

They gave an excellent and entertaining concert of festive songs and carols, for the audience to sing along to in St Adrew's Church Chedworth on Sunday afternoon on December 14th.

David Broad, the band leader gave an amusing commentary on the origin of the well-known Christmas music. The concert was followed by tea and light refreshments.



On Boxing Day morning, the Silver Band played a medley of carols for the houses in Ballingers Row, Gallows



Lane, by the Maggie Scriven's bench outside the churchyard and then proceeded to play outside the Seven Tuns to a large and appreciative

gathering. Members of the Seven Tuns Action Group served mulled wine and mince pies. Hopefully, by next Boxing Day the pub may have re-opened.

Thank you to David Broad and the members of the Silver Band for continuing the tradition of band music in the village and the wider community. Most of us do not realise just how hard the band practice and fund raise to purchase instruments and maintain the band room.

From the archives, it is interesting to note that many years ago the band started to play in Ballingers Row at 9am on Boxing Day and proceeded to the Seven Tuns for lunch, then to the Waggon and Horses pub and finished at Smuggs Barn, by which time it was dark. At Christmas time it was common for the band to take the train to Andoversford Station and then walk though the villages of Brockhampton, Whittington, Shipton and onto Withington playing carols. A feat of endurance!

Thank you to Virginia Stourton and Julie Young for the photographs.

Robert Young

A little girl told her mother one day before lunch that her stomach was hurting. Her mother replied: "That's because it's empty, you have to put something into it!"

That evening the minister and his wife came for dinner. The minister looked a bit rough and explained that his head was hurting him. The little girl gave him a sweet smile and said encouragingly: "That's because it's empty, you have to put something into it!"

Christmas – gone?



Christmas – gone?

The festive season's come and gone
There's nothing left to feast upon.
I search the veg box, then I shout
'Oh yes there is', there's one last sprout!
And then I spot the
Christmas cake
Unfinished - oh for
goodness sake!
It's not your average lemon drizzle
This one requires a hammer and chisel!
And in the cupboard more mince pies
In freezer drawers, what lurking lies?
Some stuffing that I did not use,
The bits of turkey - I refuse...
To make another pie or curry!
The pigs in blankets which I bury
Under spares of ham and cheese
And unlabelled – 'what are these?'



Did all go well for you and yours?
The canapés and the petit fours,
Meringue roulade, baked salmon en
croûte,
Did you go down the party route?
Did guests play games or drink too
much?



Did anyone bring cheese or touch...
Your careful table decorations?
Are you fed up of your relations?
No, Grandad's harmless in his chair
He's snoring gently as we stare
At never-ending stale repeats
And Auntie Flo comes in with eats
In case we're feeling peckish –
'What?'
Says grandad 'I've had my lot'.
The children find the crisps and
nuts



As tempers flare. 'No ifs or buts,
You've had enough, you're going to
bed'
'But one more programme,
Granny said'.
So fathers yell and toddlers
howl
And mothers find another towel
To mop up spills and wipe their chins.
And, as another year begins,
We Hoover pine needles from floors,
Find one last bauble and then pause...
To breathe a sigh of pure relief
And long to see the first new leaf.



Sheila Veuve

Thank you to all those who contribute to the Hill and Valley Magazine

We would like to thank all those who contribute to the production of Hill and Valley and make it such an excellent Church and Community magazine:-

To those who submit articles and to the advertisers.

To Mark Lanyon for managing the advertising.

To Jeannie Hamilton who oversees the finances.

To Peter Carter for taking the magazine around the villages and to the distributors.

To Julie Young for co-ordinating and editing the magazine.

The Hill and Valley Committee.

The Seven Tuns

The Seven Tuns Chedworth under new ownership

We at the Seven Tuns Action Group, set up to get our village pub re-opened, are absolutely delighted that the pub has now been bought by a private individual.

We've fought hard over the last two years to persuade the owners, The Wellington Pub Company, to sell it. We refused to give up hope of a transfer of ownership. After two years of negotiations, and having the pub registered as a Community Asset, the pub will open again.

On Wednesday 23rd December over a hundred people left their Christmas preparations to come and meet the new owner, David Beach. David wanted to hold the meeting to introduce himself to the village and to take soundings

about what people want for their village pub.

STAG Chair Patricia Langley said: "This is the best possible outcome for the village of Chedworth. The Seven Tuns will be run as a proper village pub, attracting custom from a wider area. Its future is looking very much brighter now that it is in new ownership. We'd like to thank the Parish Council for funding the initial valuation, which set the ball rolling, and for their continuing support.

STAG met with David several times over the course of last summer and we were unanimous in our conclusion that David would be the best person to buy the pub. We want to thank him for his vision, and for his engagement with locals to get the best pub possible for the village. We look forward to working with him."



WALKING TENNIS

On Fridays, 2.30-4pm in Chedworth

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It will help to get you going again and improve your fitness and wellbeing. It is relaxed and fun, you go at your own pace. You only need a pair of trainers, we can provide a racket if you don't have one. Come and give it a try or you 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



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February Focus: Looking After Your Heart

February is a great time to think about your heart health. Heart and circulatory diseases affect millions of people in the UK, but many risks can be reduced with small, positive lifestyle changes.

Simple steps to protect your heart:

- Know your numbers – blood pressure and cholesterol checks are vital, even if you feel well
- Stay active – aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate activity a week (brisk walking counts)
- Eat well – reduce salt, saturated fat and processed foods; include fruit, vegetables and wholegrains
- Stop smoking – support is available through the NHS
- Manage stress – long-term stress can affect your heart

If you are aged 40–74, you may be eligible for a free NHS Health Check, which looks at your risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes and kidney disease.

If you have a long-term condition such as high blood pressure, diabetes or heart disease, please ensure you attend your regular reviews and take medications as prescribed.

If you are concerned about chest pain, shortness of breath, palpitations or dizziness, please contact the practice for advice. Call 999 immediately if you think you or someone else is having a heart attack.

Beating the Winter Blues

Many people find winter challenging.

Shorter days, cold weather and reduced social activity can affect mood, energy and motivation. You are not alone.

Signs of low mood or “winter blues” can include:

- Feeling low, tearful or irritable
- Tiredness or lack of motivation
- Changes in sleep or appetite
- Loss of interest in things you usually enjoy

What can help:

- Get daylight – even a short walk outside can make a difference
- Keep moving – gentle exercise boosts mood
- Stay connected – talk to friends, family or neighbours
- Maintain routines – regular sleep and mealtimes help stabilise mood
- Be kind to yourself – winter can be tough, and it’s okay to slow down

If low mood lasts more than two weeks, or is affecting daily life, help is available. You do not need to struggle alone.

You can self-refer to NHS Talking Therapies (IAPT) for anxiety, depression and stress, or contact the practice for advice and support.

If you are feeling overwhelmed or unsafe, urgent help is available via NHS 111, or 999 in an emergency.

Changes at the Practice

We are pleased to welcome Sadia as our new Practice Manager.

Sadia will be working closely alongside Kate over the coming weeks to ensure

a smooth handover ahead of Kate's retirement at the end of March. This period of overlap will allow Sadia to get to know the practice, our patients and our team, while maintaining continuity and stability.

We are delighted to have Sadia join us and look forward to her bringing fresh energy and experience to the role, while also taking this opportunity to thank Kate for her many years of dedicated service to the practice.

Chedworth Silver Band

Chedworth Silver Band would like to thank everyone who supported us over the Christmas period, at our Carol Concert at St Andrew's Church and on Boxing Day. The band had a successful year with three new cornet players joining or returning since last Christmas, but very few engagements. This year, however, we have two very different April concerts to rehearse for,

as well as outdoor events later in the year, plus the Village Hall 50th anniversary and of course the Good Friday walk. We still have vacancies for players. For details contact chedworthsilverband@mail.com or 01285 720313 or follow us on Facebook.

David Broad



A little girl sitting on her grandfather's lap reached up to touch his wrinkled cheek. "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused. "Grandpa, did God make me too?" Her grandfather assured her that He had. Feeling his wrinkled cheek again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't He?"

RBL - Major General Peter Williams

MAJOR GENERAL PETER WILLIAMS

After studying History at Cambridge, Peter served for more than 30 years in the Coldstream Guards, retiring from the Army in 2005. His career as an infantry officer, saw him serve in London, Northern Ireland, Oman and Germany. In 1974 he was trained to be an Intelligence Officer and as such he operated in East Berlin, Belfast, Oman and on the Defence Intelligence Staff in Whitehall.

Having qualified as a Russian interpreter, he served for four years in Berlin in the 1980s as a Liaison Officer in BRIXMIS (the British Military Liaison Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany), travelling widely in East Germany to collect intelligence and narrowly escaping being killed in a 'Stasi' vehicle ramming in 1982. He was awarded an MBE for his successful exploits in BRIXMIS.

In the 1990s Peter completed three 6-month tours of duty in the former

Yugoslavia. The first tour saw him commanding the Coldstream Guards armoured infantry battlegroup in central Bosnia as part of the United Nations intervention force during the Bosnian civil war; for this he was awarded an OBE. His second tour was in 1995, during the final months of the Bosnian war, when he was the Deputy Chief United Nations Military Observer. His final tour was in 1998 in Sarajevo as the Chief Faction Liaison Officer in NATO's Stabilisation Force.

In 2002 he was sent to Moscow to set up and run the NATO Military Liaison Mission to the Russian Ministry of Defence; as such he became (and remains) the most senior British officer to serve in Russia since 1945. He received a CMG in recognition of his Mission's successes.

Peter has already given three excellent entertaining talks at Chedworth on Rudolf Hess, Russia and the Russians, and Bosnia and has been a Military History speaker at schools and on more than 20 cruises

Hymns for Professionals

Dentist - Crown Him with many crowns
Contractors - The Church's one foundation
Obstetricians - Come labour on
Golfers - There is a green hill far away
Politicians - Standing on the promises
Librarians - Let all mortal flesh keep silent

Adam was out walking with his sons Cain and Abel. As they passed by the ruins of the Garden of Eden, one of the boys asked, "Father, what's that place?"

Adam replied, "Boys, that's where your mother ate us out of house and home."



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Chedworth Village Hall



This year sees the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the current Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee would like to mark the occasion by celebrating the ongoing success of this community asset that provides the village with a welcoming and modern space that continues to bring people from Chedworth and beyond together.

We are a small but vibrant community, that values the traditional but also moves with the times. Past Village Hall Trustees fulfilled their ambition to relocate the old hall from within the grounds of the school to the current site and built a hall that has continued to serve the community. The current Trustees work to continue this legacy.

We are therefore looking to put together a day of celebratory events, with something for everyone, to mark the Golden Anniversary. The new hall was opened in March 1976, but with the vagaries of the British weather we are looking more towards a summer event, where we can hopefully use both the inside and outside space. We have chosen **Saturday 29th August 2026 – the Saturday of the Bank Holiday weekend.**

We are lucky to have within the village, a beautiful church, a proudly ambitious primary school and pre-school, an active Tennis Club, our very own Silver Band, and a longstanding WI group,

and hopefully soon a thriving pub again. Alongside these we have a vibrant range of activities that run from the Village Hall, including the Tiny Farm Shop, the weekly Pop Up Café and Pop Up Pub, the monthly Produce Market as well as The Chedworth Entertainment Club, The Back Row Club, a range of fitness classes, pickleball, Art ‘n’ Soul; the list goes on. Other groups and charities are active within the village such as the Gardening Club, Friends of St. Andrew’s, Chedworth Village Trust, and the Parish Council, all of which have used and supported the Village Hall over the years. There is much to celebrate in bringing the village together.

Ideas so far are

- Family fête with fun and games for children
- Pop Up Café /cream tea
- Evening event such as ceilidh
- Hog roast/food trucks
- 1976 Fancy dress competition
- Showcase of village talent - art/music

The Village Hall Committee are looking to put an extended committee together to help organise this event. If you would like to help out or have any further suggestions for the day please contact the Committee on CVH50th@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

In the meantime, a quick update on other areas the Hall Committee are working on.

Kitchen

As part of our activities in this the 50th year of operating the hall, we are embarking on an upgrade to the kitchen. The current kitchen units and appliances are now very tired and in need of replacement. The fridge freezer does not seal properly, the dishwasher needs replacing, catering trays do not fit in the cooker and the veneer finish is peeling off many of the units. We are aiming to create a space that allows outside caterers to support larger events such as weddings as well as a kitchen for general purpose use for community events. The Pop Up Café would clearly benefit from a more modern facility.

Showcase Chedworth

We will also be taking part in the National Village Hall week from 16 - 22nd March by running a ‘**Showcase Chedworth**’ event at the **Village Hall**, where all clubs and societies and village organisations will be invited to promote their activities, on the evening of **Friday 20th March**, to coincide with the pop-up pub opening hours. There is such a lot on offer in the village, we hope it will be a great opportunity to share with each other the wide range of

groups that operate within the village. We have sent out invitations to attend to as many club, societies and village organisations we are aware of. If you are involved in a group that we have not contacted and would like to take part, please contact the Chair of the Village Hall on **Charles.hp64@gmail.com**, for further details.

Solar panels and battery first year results

It is now just over a year since we commissioned the solar panels together with two battery storage units. For the 12 months ended 31 December 2025, the panels produced 11MW of electricity and the circuit that the panels feeds consumed 12.7MW. Of course the sun is stronger in the summer months so whilst we are close to being self-sufficient across the year, in the darker months we are net importers of electricity and net exporters in the lighter months. Charles is happy to discuss our solar journey with anyone who is interested in learning more.

Charles Hutton-Potts,
Chair Chedworth Village Hall





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Saturday 17th October 2026

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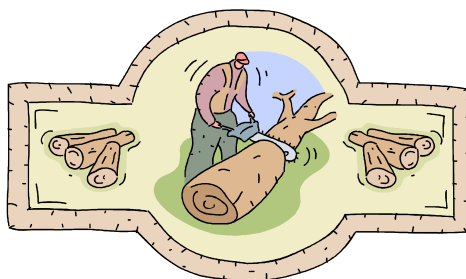
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