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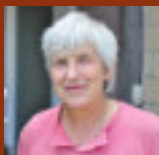
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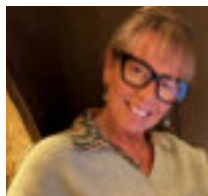
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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition



Karen's Letter



*"There will come a time
when many lose faith
and betray and hate
each other...and
because of the confusion
that the overwhelming*

*spread of evil brings, the love of most will
grow cold."* During Covid I was reminded if this prediction Jesus made, believed to be about the fall of Jerusalem in 70AD, 40 years after his death. In Lockdown neighbours who had peacefully lived next door to each other for years, turned against each other and shopped one another into the police if they thought rules were being broken. Echoes of neighbour turning against neighbour in Nazi Germany surfaced in the collective memory. This side of human nature is very disturbing, but we must face it to fight it.

I read something recently which Joni Mitchel said in 2007: "My heart is

broken in the face of the stupidity of my species." We have the capacity for so much goodness and love, yet also the capacity for so much cruelty and destruction.

Seb and Pippa Clarke had Rudyard Kiplings poem "If" read at their son Max's baptism a couple of years ago. I was very moved to hear it again as we promised to support and enable little Max. "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs...you'll be a man, my son." Powerful and wise words written in 1895 and published in 1910. Still so poignant for today.

The choice to keep faith, keep loyalty and tend the fire of love for community is not for the fainthearted. But its reward is the beauty of people living together in unity. Long may we continue to live like this in the calm oasis of our five villages, caring for one another.

Karen

Dear friends,

Teresa and I are so appreciative and humbled by the wonderful gift of the table and chairs for our garden, which we are very much enjoying sitting in under a lovely Acer, a relaxing interlude in between unpacking. We have so enjoyed and loved being a part of the Hill & Valley Benefice since 1975 when we joined together under The Reverend Arthur Dodds. We have so many memories of all the happy times we have shared and we will miss our communities, but we

haven't gone far and will be back from time to time.

Our new address is

9 Mill Place,
Cirencester,
GL7 2BG.

phone no 01265 719003

Do call in if you are in Cirencester, we would be very pleased to see you.

Many, many thanks again.
Neil & Teresa

Church Briefing

Hill & Valley Benefice Church Services

Everyone Welcome

6th September

BCP Holy Communion

9.00am at Stowell.

Holy Communion

10.30am at St James the Great, Coln St Denys.

13th September

Holy Communion

10.30am at St Andrews, Coln Rogers.

20th September

Holy Communion

10.30 am at St Andrews, Chedworth.

27th September

Happyfull Harvest Service

10.30am at St Andrews, Chedworth.

Baptism:

23rd August 10.30am – Happyfull Service, St Andrews, Chedworth – Edwin Morgan will be baptised. Pray for him, his family and Godparents as they prepare for this great event

Weddings:

8th August, 3.00pm – Jo and Claudia Beach. Please continue to hold these two in thought and prayer as they embark on the adventure of marriage.

Funerals & Memorials – Please hold the families & friends in your thoughts and prayers.

29th July, 2.00pm - St James the Great, Coln St Denys – Graham Matthew Funeral.

5th August 2.00pm – St Michaels, Yanworth – Reginald Slade Funeral.

10th August 3.00pm – St Andrews, Chedworth – Nigel Finch Memorial.

Dates for Your Diary

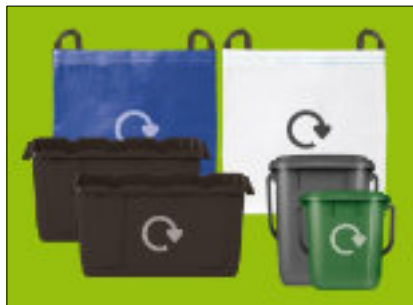
Date	Time	Event	Venue
9 Sept		WI - Outing	
10 Sept	19:00	NLive - Les Liasion Dangereuses	Chedworth Village Hall
11 Sept		Golf Day	
11 Sept	19:30	Backrow Club - Scrapper	Chedworth Village Hall
17 Sept	18:00	RBL Talk Dick Bradford- Aid convoy to Ukraine	Chedworth Village Hall
19 Sept	9:00-12:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
21 Sept	17:30-19:30	Fish and Chip Van	Chedworth Village Hall
27 Sept	10:00	Adult Child Tennis Tournament	Chedworth Tennis Courts
10 Oct	10:00-14:00	Chedworth Crafters Sale	Chedworth Village Hall
14 Oct	19:15	WI - Changes in the Cotswold by Robert Young	Chedworth Village Hall
17 Oct	9:00-12:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
19 Oct	17:30-19:30	Fish and Chip Van	Chedworth Village Hall
11 Nov	19:15	WI - AGM and Supper	Chedworth Village Hall
16 Nov	17:30-19:30	Fish and Chip Van	Chedworth Village Hall
21 Nov	9:00-12:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
9 Dec	19:15	WI - Kingstone Dairy "Cheese Tasting and Sale"	Chedworth Village Hall
19 Dec	9:00-12:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
21 Dec	17:30-19:30	Fish and Chip Van	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	10	September
Thursday	24	September
Thursday	8	October
Thursday	22	October

Dates may change due to holidays

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Well if the weather for the June meeting wasn't flaming July certainly made up for it – fortunately Sheila's welcome was as warm as the weather! Her welcome was extended to several husbands and partners and Mary, we love seeing new faces.

Apparently hand held fans are not only **the** fashion item to be seen with at Wimbledon this year but also at weddings in St. Andrew's Church – perhaps in view of climate change we should find some fans in WI colours?!

Both the small informal outing to Kiftsgate and the June monthly lunch had to be cancelled due to the previous heatwave. The next monthly pub lunch will be in September at the Frogmill, Ann will be organising.

Following Angela's splendid embroidering of our name for the calico dress, and Penny's investigation into Angela being allowed to produce a more free designed piece for the dress, Ann has booked a speaker for next April who will give us the full background on the calico dress. Something to look forward to.

Helen then treated us to her report of the NFWI AGM 2026 held via Zoom. Some of the highlights were, of the 50 newly opened WIs 22 are virtual – a changing world. Currently the WI has 117,000 members! Gloucestershire's Moreton-in-Marsh Institute was awarded a prize of £200 for it's

excellent recruiting of new members. Speakers included the founder of Starling Bank and there were surprise virtual visits from women Ministers from New Zealand and Australia! The unexpected joys of Zoom. However in 2027 there will be a return to a physical meeting in Hull, with representatives staying over and hopefully enjoying a picnic party the evening before.

Our speaker Gillian Cane then took the floor and transported us all back to 1938 and the maverick personal purchase of a stately home called Bletchley Park (for £8,000) by Admiral Hugh Sinclair of MI6 to give them somewhere safer than London to work on vital code breaking in the war he saw coming – unlike the Treasury! The German Reich of course, was fully prepared with its formidable enigma machines.



Bletchley Park

Britain on the other hand put together a little band of incredibly bright but delightfully eccentric (most probably recognised nowadays as neurodivergent) university students and professors led initially by Dilwyn 'Dilly' Knox, and including the famous and tragic Alan Turing. They were

summoned on the outbreak of war by each of them receiving a carefully worded telegram alerting them that a certain relative was very sick. When they arrived they were instructed to tell anyone they met that they were part of a shooting party!



[Stephen Kettle's 2007 *Alan Turing* statue](#)

The desperate need for expansion soon became apparent and women were recruited as secretaries, clerks, translators, morse code decoders and to operate the Colossus and Bombe machines, in either boiling (we could sympathise) or freezing conditions. The first recruits were often Debs or high society girls introduced by friends of friends, but as the numbers needed became ever greater this expanded to women of all levels and ranks of society. Eventually even brilliant female mathematicians were included! By the end of the war women made up 75% of the 10,000 employees. Equal pay of course, was unheard of men were paid £600 a year, women graduates £156!



A Mark 2 Colossus computer. The ten Colossi were the world's first (semi-) programmable electronic computers, the first having been built in 1943. Do I need to point out that the operatives were all women?!

All employees were required to sign the Official Secrets Act and many of them never divulged to partners, family or friends their roles in the place that many say shortened the war by two years. Accepting frequent abuse accusing them of not 'doing their bit' as part of the job! Churchill referred to them as 'The Geese who laid the golden egg, but never cackled'.

After this enjoyable and fascinating talk we were treated to a delicious tea and vitally important catch up chat!

In August we all decamped to Bee's beautiful garden, flourishing in spite of the soaring temperatures. A tribute to her rising at 5.00am each day to weed and water by hand! In spite of 32C it was a very relaxed and happy event, with delicious puddings and pimmis! As you can see in the photos. (Thanks to Carol for taking them.) Special thanks must go to Bee for all the hard work preparing the garden and the extra shade for us all to sit in, and to Jo (and her special helper) for making up the Pimms and ensuring that everyone had such a great time.

Our outing to Tewkesbury is on 9th September. But we will be back at Chedworth Village Hall on October 14th at 7.15pm at with our speaker

Chedworth WI

being Kirstie Bingham on 'Tudor Food'.
As ever everyone is welcome. Maybe it

will have rained by then – maybe not!

Emma Isaac



Photos from our Augut meeting in Bee's garden

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Chedworth Gardening Club's Summer Visits

We have now completed this year's formal garden visit programme.

Our last visits were to 2 private gardens in Coln Rogers; The School House and Upper Farm, and to Green & Gorgeous, a flower farm in Wallingford.

The School House garden is managed by the owners, not professional gardeners, but 2 very talented people who have become passionate about gardening. With both flower and vegetable areas, it was an absolute delight.

Next, we were welcomed by the owners of Upper Farm. Another beautiful garden created again by two people with a passion for their garden. This was a very different style garden from The School House with formal planting and a spacious lawn area.

We were lucky to be blessed with a perfect summer's evening and my

thanks go to our President, Wiggy Talbot-Rice, for arranging our visit to these 2 private gardens that are not open to the general public. A real privilege.

Our final visit of the season was to Green & Gorgeous flower farm. We were expertly guided through the process of farming flowers and the challenges faced in the current climate conditions and how they diversify to keep going. Huge thanks to the owner Rachel for her hospitality.

I would like to thank everyone who has joined us on our visits this year. It has been lovely to spend an afternoon or evening with you all sharing gardening tips.

My research for next year is underway!

Ang MacNaught
Garden Visits Organiser



Nigel Thomas James Finch



(Lucky Nigel)

My father Nigel always said that he had been blessed with the best of luck his entire life, and that it all really started in 1928 when his father and mother, Cecil and Peggy Finch, bought Woodlands Farm. It was there in Woodlands Farmhouse, on the 4th June 1931, that my father was born.

He worked with his father from an early age to learn all that was needed to manage a farm, not only caring for the animals, but also learning the skills of electrician, plumber and carpenter, and everything else he would need to keep the farm running.

I loved hearing my father talk about his early childhood at Woodlands, and remember him telling me about the time, when at the age of four, he was given a bucket and stool and left to hand milk one of the quiet cows, but the cow got fed up, picked her foot up and then put it straight back down in his bucket. Then there was the time when Punch, one of the cart horses, took off and bolted at full gallop

across the fields with my father, at the tender age of six, sitting firmly on his back. How he managed to stay on I'll never know, but apparently both horse and rider arrived back at the stables safe and sound.

The war years brought many changes to Woodlands with the need for increased food production, the construction of Chedworth Airfield and German and Italian Prisoners of War working on the farm, to name but a few.

Time moved on, and in the early fifties, with the pig and hen enterprises on the farm growing, an ex. Women's Land Army girl was employed to help out. Her name was Barbara Goodson. She and my father fell in love and were married in January 1953. They were together for 66 wonderful years until my mother's death in 2019, and at the time of writing have a total of four daughters, 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren and counting. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a big party at Chedworth Village Hall in 2013, and 10 years later their 60th Wedding Anniversary at Chedworth Farm Shop.

The farm was always my father's main priority, but as well as tending the fields and the livestock, he also found time to invent, manufacture and sell labour saving farm machinery, and created a new company called Worksavers to cover this side of the business. He was also involved with many organisations and committees relating to farming and

the countryside, both at local and national level, and served on the Country Landowners Association Committee in London for 21 years from 1970 to 1991. This meant attending monthly meetings at the Houses of Parliament in London and often meeting and discussing government agriculture policies with Margaret Thatcher, who was Prime Minister for a lot of the time he served on the committee.

My father's local involvement included being a Trustee of the Chedworth Allotment Charity, membership of the Chedworth Village Trust, and serving on and then becoming Chairman of Chedworth Parish Council.

Several members of our family have always enjoyed horse riding, including my father, and when the grandchildren started riding as well, there were often three generations out on horseback together. We also used the horses to move cattle, which, as well as being great fun and very exhilarating, made driving the cattle so much easier.

My father continued to play an active part on the farm and life in general, right up until he had a fall in April 2025, after which he struggled to walk, but with the help of his trusty electric wheelchair still managed to get out and about.

The family held a surprise 95th birthday party for him at the beginning of June, my father was in fine form and a great time was had by all.

Sadly, later in the month he developed a chest infection which then turned into pneumonia, and he passed away peacefully in his sleep on the 11th July 2026.

Penny Bush (Daughter)



Nigel Finch will be remembered as a remarkable if not extraordinary farmer, a forerunner of his time; who truly understood the individuality and independency of the farmer but also recognised that only by working together could a better future be achieved. He was not motivated by personal success but rather worked for the betterment of all. He had a challenging and inquisitive mind that led him to many practical solutions in agriculture, and it is unlikely that we shall see his like again.

Chris Grace
(Chris Grace was a student at the Agricultural College in Cirencester)
(In 1971 he spent his sandwich year working at Woodlands Farm)

Chedworth Roman Villa

Who really discovered Chedworth Roman Villa?

Antiquarian, James Farrar is usually credited with the discovery of Chedworth Roman Villa. However, a closer look at historical records suggests the story may not be quite so straightforward.

The first documented description of Roman remains in the woods at Chedworth came not from Farrar, but from William Plumb, a local tradesman with a keen eye for antiquities.

Born in Cambridgeshire in 1831, Plumb was living in nearby Northleach by the time of the 1861 census, having married a local woman. His occupation was recorded as a "licensed hawker", travelling the countryside selling goods. A decade later he had risen in status and was working as a furniture broker, running a shop rather than earning a living on the road.

Plumb's connection to Chedworth Roman Villa can be traced to December 1863, six months before Farrar announced his discovery of the site in June 1864. A letter from Plumb to the renowned bibliophile, Sir Thomas Phillipps, now preserved in the Bodleian Library, reveals that he had searched the woods at Chedworth on Sir Thomas's behalf.

In the letter, Plumb describes finding Roman snails, fragments of pottery and building materials, all suggesting Roman occupation. He concludes by remarking that further investigation of

the woodland would almost certainly prove fruitful, but adds that he could not spare another day because he needed to "earn his bread".

The letter makes clear that Plumb was familiar with Roman artefacts and even knew how to recognise the signs of a buried villa. This knowledge may have dated back to his youth, when he is thought to have worked on the excavation of a Roman villa at Ickleton, near his birthplace in Cambridgeshire. His obituary later described him as a "picker up of unconsidered trifles", and his collection was said to resemble a veritable curiosity shop.

Another local figure with a claim to the villa's discovery was Fred Norman (1849-1939), who was born and lived in Chedworth. In 1864, when woodland clearance began on the estate, Norman was just 15 years old and employed as one of the estate workers.

More than 65 years later, on 19 April 1930, he shared his memories with a reporter from the Cheltenham Chronicle. The journalist had been sent to cover an archaeological excavation at Listercombe Bottom being carried out by boys from Cheltenham Grammar School. There he encountered Norman, who eagerly recounted how he and fellow estate workers had uncovered the Roman villa in 1864.

Norman's account is rich in colour and detail. He remembered finding what he believed at the time to be straddle (saddle?) stones, although these were probably carved limestone pilae from

the villa's underfloor heating system. If so, the first area uncovered may have been what we now know as Room 26 in the North Range.

According to Norman, the work party was joined at lunchtime by Thomas Joachim, the estate gamekeeper. Joachim led the men deeper into the woods to a spot where "an auld wall" could be seen protruding from the ground. Fortunately, the workers chose to dig inside the wall rather than outside it and soon uncovered one of the villa's greatest treasures: the magnificent dining-room mosaic.

News of the discovery spread quickly and visitors flocked to Chedworth to see the remarkable finds for themselves. The excitement even created opportunities for enterprising young locals. Village boys John and Sydney Fry, together with Norman's brother Walter, earned money by holding visitors' horses while their owners explored the site.

Fred Norman's recollections have all the charm of a story retold many times over a lifetime. Yet they remain invaluable, offering a rare first-hand glimpse into the excitement, curiosity and community spirit that surrounded a Victorian archaeological discovery. While James Farrar may have become the name most closely associated with Chedworth Roman Villa, the evidence suggests that local men such as William Plumb and Fred Norman played a far greater role in its discovery than history has often acknowledged.

The debate over who first discovered Chedworth Roman Villa reminds us

that there are always new stories waiting to be uncovered. More than 160 years after the villa emerged from the woodland, visitors can explore its remarkable history for themselves on one of the guided Monday tours. The tours are free with normal admission and run from 11am to 12pm, 12pm to 1pm, 1pm to 2pm and 2pm to 3pm until 26 October

**By Jeannette Kirkpatrick,
Chedworth volunteer.**



1937 photograph of Room 26



*Image of a pedlar by
John Thomas*



*Chelt Chron Glos
April 19 1930
Fred Norman*

Cotswold Landscapes - Temple Guiting

Temple Guiting is a small village, somewhat off the beaten track, located in the upper Windrush Valley about 5 miles north west of Stow. The civil parish includes the hamlets of Barton, Farmcote, Ford and Kinton with a population of about 460. The land lies between the 560 and 920 feet contour marks.

The name Guiting is probably derived from the Anglo-Saxon word Getinge, meaning rushing, possibly a reference to the River Windrush.

At one time the village was called Over - Guiting, then Upper - Guiting in relation to the neighbouring village of Guiting Power. In the Domesday Book it was recoded as plain Guiting, when it was held by Roger de Lacy. In the middle of the c12, his son Roger gave 1,440 acres to the Knights Templar, a military order of the Catholic Faith, founded in 1118, to defend pilgrims on their way to the Holy Land and to protect religious sites. The Templars founded the Temple Guiting preceptory (a medieval monastic estate) and the place became known as Temple Guiting because of its association with the Knights Templars.

The Templars were skilled at farming their land, predominantly sheep and pasture. When the Knights Templars were disbanded, the Pope transferred the estate to the Knights Hospitallers who maintained the estate for several generations. After the dissolution in

1540 the estate was granted by Henry VIII to Christ Church College Oxford.

It is recorded in 1388 that the distinguished Italian physician Pancio da Controne lived at Temple Guiting. He served as physician to Queen Isabella of France (wife of Edward II), King Edward II and their son Edward III. He accompanied the Royal Family on their travels and military campaigns, and a fee was granted to support his stay at Temple Guiting, emphasising the village's importance in medieval England.

Samuel Rudder writing between 1767-1779, described the area as being mostly arable land with some pasture and woodland enjoying a very healthy air "as appears by the state of the population". The upland pasture was ideal sheep country and William Midwinter, the famous woolman of Northleach included Temple Guiting as one of the 21 Cotswold churches to whom he left bequests in his will. The importance of sheep in the rural economy is reflected in field names such as Tagmore Pool in Temple Guiting, "tagga" was the Anglo-Saxon word for a young sheep before it was first sheared. One of the fourteenth-century Cotswold Autumn wool fairs was held nearby at Guiting Power

Fulling mills were used to clean and treat the cloth from the wool clip. In the c12 only four fulling mills were documented in England, including one on the Knight's Templar's estate of Barton on the upper River Windrush.

Derek Hurst in his book "Sheep in the Cotswolds-The Medieval Wool Trade" mentions that the Templars *"made a fulling mill at Beretone which was held by Wright at a rent of 32s". The high rent shows that it must have been well patronised by cloth makers, suggesting that Templars may have been specialising in cloth production, as well as raising sheep in the region*".

Farming was the main employer of labour for many centuries. Temple Guiting was one of the villages that replied to the 1832 Royal Commission into the operation of the Poor Laws. Sir Thomas Phillips of Middle Hill near Broadway put forward a rule of thumb for estimating labour requirements of one man for 25 acres of arable or one man and a boy to 100 acres of pasture. A 1,000 acre farm of predominantly arable land in the Cotswolds normally employed 34 men but 42 in summer. Some Cotswold Parishes replied to the Royal Commission that there was surplus labour, which meant that calls were being made for Poor Law payments. It was an early sign of the agricultural depression that worsened later in the century with the repeal of the Corn Laws and the importation of grain from North America and meat and dairy products from Australia and New Zealand.

St Mary's Church is of Norman origin but has been considerably altered. David Verey in his book Cotswold Churches comments *"This is a church which has too often been the*



victim of fashionable improvements and the changing tastes of well-meaning restorers". That said, there are some interesting features, including the corbel table of grotesque heads around the chancel, three stained glass windows of the late c15 or early c16 and the fine pulpit. The Georgian classical windows in the nave and north transept are prominent.

There are some good examples of Cotswold architecture in the village and adjacent hamlets. Manor Farm in Temple Guiting is early c16 and said to be the summer residence of the Bishops of Oxford. The Manor Farm complex has been converted to high quality holiday accommodation and a wedding venue.

The lane though the village is winding and peaceful, which adds to its charm. Some of the cottage names, such as Ploughman's Cottage and The Furrow are a reminder of the village's agricultural past. In the verge to Temple Guiting House there are a pair of cylindrical stone gate posts of rather unusual design.



So often small villages have lost their primary school in recent times. It is therefore reassuring to find that Temple Guiting Church of England



Cotswold Landscapes - Temple Guiting

School has a roll of 105. The school's catchment area includes several local villages that have lost their schools. The adjacent former farmyard is being redeveloped for "six exceptional luxury residences where heritage meets contemporary design". The plans of the houses do look well designed and the development is providing employment. However, as one of the young mothers outside the school commented "I do not think that the new houses will result in pupils for our school!"



The wooden village hall/sports pavilion is located next to the school and playing/games field.

There is no public house in Temple Guiting but all is not lost as one mile to the south is the Halfway House in Kington and one mile to the north the Plough Inn in Ford, both traditional Donnington Brewery pubs.

Quarrying has been an important part of the local economy. Stone slates were one of the sources of income for the Knights Templars. The photograph is of the late Norman Hughes, quarryman, slater, quarry owner and countryman. I well recall some years ago, when Norman took my father and me around his quarry. All that tremendous knowledge and understanding of Cotswold stone, if only I had thought to take a tape recorder!



Businesses of note in the area, include Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park and Jackdaw Castle National Hunt training establishment (Jon Jo O'Neil)

The Wardens Way path from Winchcombe to Bourton-on-the-Water passes through the parish.

Robert Young

Anthea Broughton

Anthea Broughton who with her late husband Ted lived at Orchard Cottage Pancake Hill for over 40 years died on 2nd August.

Following Ted's death, Anthea moved away to be nearer to her family. They

were a very good team and were actively involved in the village, especially the Chedworth Society, the Hill and Valley Tennis club and in organising the village's celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee. For many years they spent several months during the winter in their apartment in South Africa.

CHEDWORTH GoodSAM

— INITIATIVE —

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Be there in the moments
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Chedworth Parish Council is supporting
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more local residents to become
GoodSAM responders.



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GoodSAM alerts registered volunteers when someone nearby
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Chedworth Crafters

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Chedworth Village Hall

10am – 2pm

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

FoStA - Family Summer Picnic

FoStA - Family Summer Picnic Saturday 27th June

After days of blistering heat there was a welcome lowering of temperature and ideal conditions for the Family Summer Picnic, which was attended by well over 100 people. It was good to see a wide cross section of the village, especially so many young children.



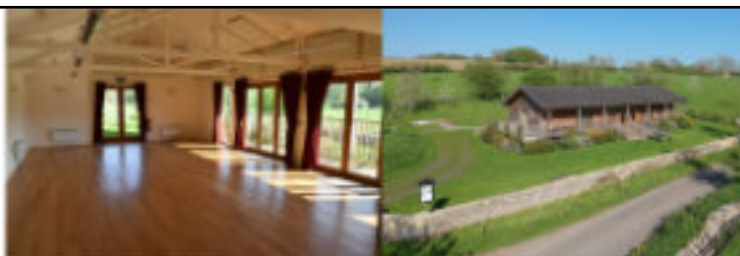
Home talent, Flora Kenning (Flora Fiora) opened the entertainment with a set of her songs, including her new number "Getting Out" off her debut EP, which came out in June as well as a music video. Flora announced that she had been signed by Chris Wright's label

Right Tracks Music, a tremendous achievement. Her second single is to follow at the end of July and the EP in September.



The Reverend Karen on guitar and Sheila Veuve then led the singing of a medley of popular numbers, including several Simon and Garfunkel numbers. This was much appreciated, especially as Karen was under the weather and several volunteer musicians and singers had dropped by the wayside at the eleventh hour. An enjoyable evening and £237 was raised for church funds.

Robert Young



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Litter Bug? – Not Me!

Litter bug? – not me!

Are you the one who picks up tins
That someone should have placed in
bins?

(Instead they lobbed them out of a
van!)

And slowly and surely you began
To search for bits on every verge
And as your daily litter purge
Became a feature of your day
You felt all warm and fuzzy - pray
What possesses those who chuck
A bottle from a delivery truck?



Excuses can be made for those
Who reach for poo bags, I suppose,
And pull out two or more that fly
Away on breeze, while owners try
To deal with the problem near at hand.
As long as they don't leave it there.
Now that's just stupid, don't you dare!
A tissue dropped from pocket unseen
Offends the eye amongst the green
For days to come it lies there, till
I come along that way, fulfil....
My humble duty (as I see it).



Am I annoyingly tidy? Yes!

I sometimes am, I do confess.

I pick up other people's mugs

I square up leaflets, straighten rugs.

I cannot leave a room with crumbs

I have to fetch a brush, succumb

To my obsession with a tidy place

I pick up petals, leave no trace

Of flowers, foodstuffs or fundays

Balloons and baubles from Sundays.

Now, here's the best – I tidy trolleys!
Those ones in Tesco car park? NO!
such folly!

I line them up in proper size

And folks look on in such surprise.

And most applaud me, warmly smile,

But others they will not display

An ounce of gratitude or say

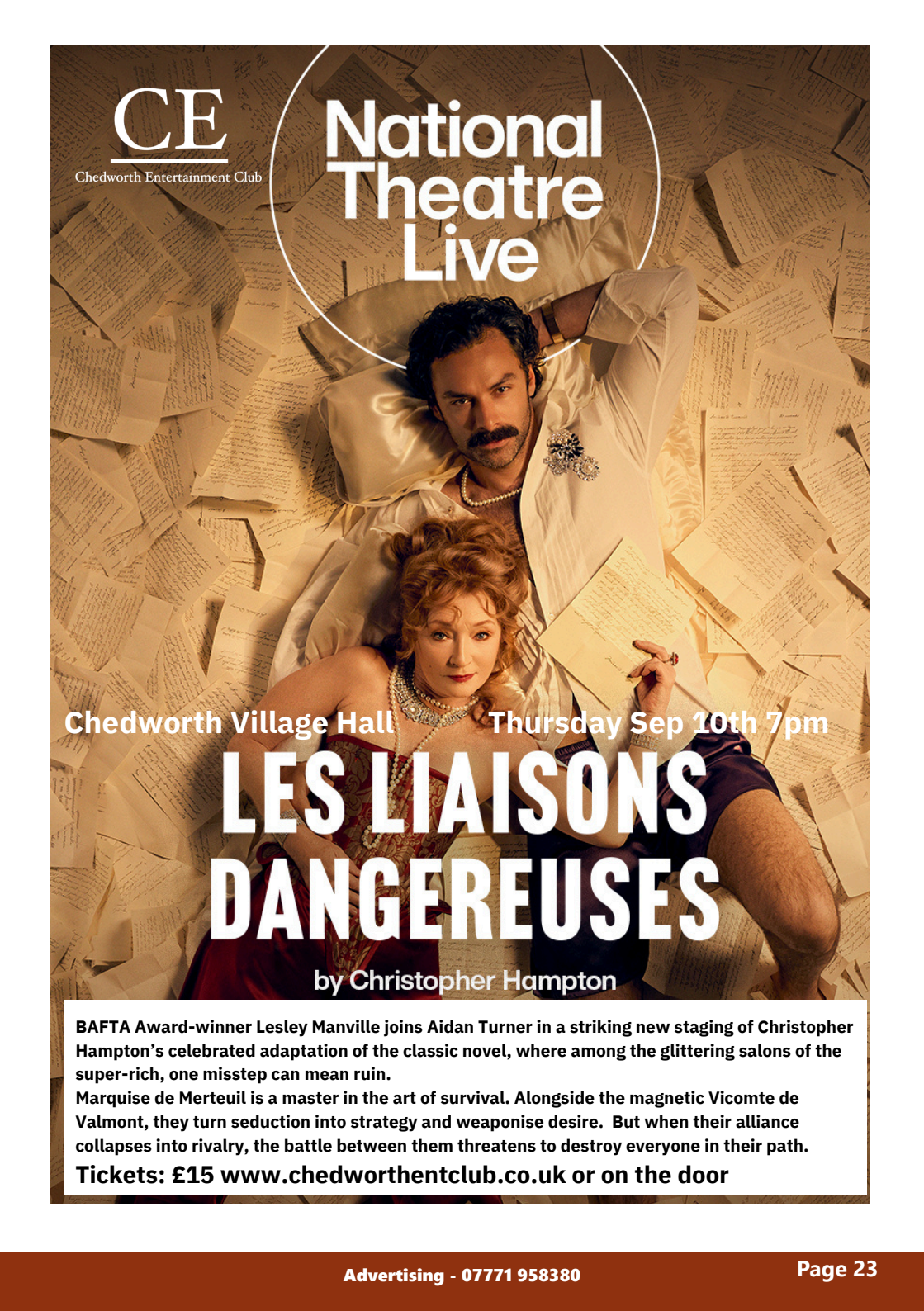
“Well done, that's good, it was a mess!”

They think “She's potty but
harmless”



Sheila Veuve



The background of the poster is a dense, textured surface composed of numerous small, overlapping pieces of aged, yellowed paper, each containing handwritten text in cursive, resembling a sea of letters or a collection of old documents. In the center, a man and a woman are lying down. The man, Aidan Turner, is positioned behind the woman, Lesley Manville. He is wearing a white, open-collared shirt and a pearl necklace, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The woman is wearing a red dress and a large, ornate necklace, looking towards the camera with a serious expression. A white circle is drawn around the man's head and shoulders.

CE

Chedworth Entertainment Club

National Theatre Live

Chedworth Village Hall

Thursday Sep 10th 7pm

LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES

by Christopher Hampton

BAFTA Award-winner Lesley Manville joins Aidan Turner in a striking new staging of Christopher Hampton's celebrated adaptation of the classic novel, where among the glittering salons of the super-rich, one misstep can mean ruin.

Marquise de Merteuil is a master in the art of survival. Alongside the magnetic Vicomte de Valmont, they turn seduction into strategy and weaponise desire. But when their alliance collapses into rivalry, the battle between them threatens to destroy everyone in their path.

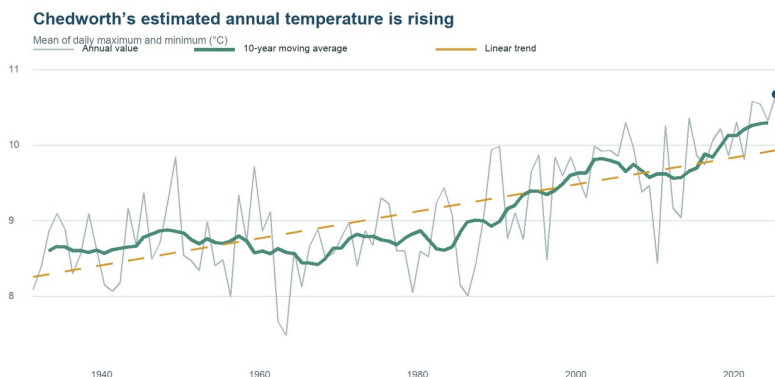
Tickets: £15 www.chedworthentclub.co.uk or on the door

Chedworth is getting warmer

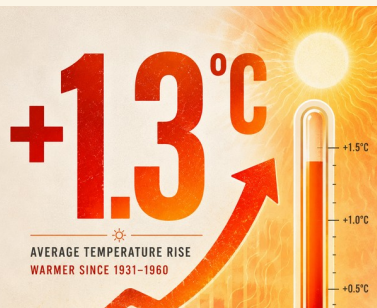
What 95 years of daily temperatures reveal — and why 2026 feels exceptional

The figures confirm what many residents will already suspect: Chedworth's climate has warmed substantially. A new analysis of daily maximum and minimum temperatures from 1931 to 2025 shows warmer average years, more hot days and fewer frosty nights.

The record comes from the Met Office HadUK-Grid dataset. It is not a thermometer that has stood in the village for 95 years. Instead, observations from weather stations across Britain are quality-controlled and combined to estimate temperature for each one-kilometre grid square. The cell used here is centred at 51.801668°N, 1.920228°W — only about 94 metres from the chosen centre of Chedworth.



Annual values vary greatly, but the smoothed line shows the underlying rise. “Mean temperature” here is the midpoint of each day’s maximum and minimum.



A rise of about 1.3°C

Across the full series, the estimated mean temperature rises by about 0.18°C per decade. The average for 1931–1960 was 8.72°C; for 2012–2025 it was 10.04°C — around 1.3°C higher. Daily maxima have risen slightly faster than minima.

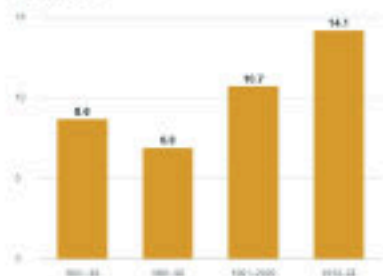
There are still striking exceptions. The summer of 1976 produced 33 days reaching 25°C, the largest annual total in the series, while 1963 remains the coldest year. But the warm end of the ranking is increasingly crowded with recent dates: by this measure, 2025 was the warmest year, followed by 2022 and 2023.

The character of the year is changing

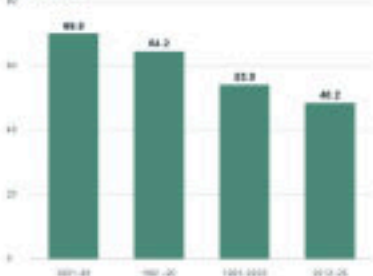
Hotter days are becoming more common — and frosty nights less so.

Hot days are becoming more common; frost days less so

Days reaching 25°C
Average per year



Nights below 0°C
Average per year



Period averages. The final column is a shorter, recent period and is shown to describe current conditions rather than as an equal-length climate normal.

14.1

days $\geq 25^{\circ}\text{C}$
per year since 2012

48.2

frost nights
per year since 2012

36.0°C

hottest grid estimate
19 July 2022

Hotter days, fewer frosts

In 1931–1960, Chedworth averaged 8.6 days a year reaching 25°C . Since 2012, the average has been 14.1. Frost days — when the minimum fell below freezing — declined from about 70 a year to 48. The hottest single HadUK-Grid estimate was 36.0°C on 19 July 2022; the coldest was -18.6°C on 14 January 1982.

2026: a remarkable local start

A privately operated Ecowitt station in Chedworth recorded 48 days reaching 25°C and 13 reaching 30°C between 1 January and 7 August. That is an exceptional local observation. It is not yet a like-for-like extension of the HadUK-Grid series: the sensor site is different and Ecowitt uses local calendar days, while HadUK-Grid uses meteorological observation windows. Provisional 2026 HadUK-Grid data will allow a fairer comparison.

What the figures mean

These are observation-based estimates for Chedworth's grid square, not forecasts and not readings from one long-lived village instrument. Individual values should not be treated as exact to three decimal places; their strength lies in the consistent long-term pattern.

Data: Met Office HadUK-Grid v1.3.2.ceda, 1 km daily maximum and minimum air temperature, 1931–2025. Local 2026 observations: Ecowitt station export through 7 August. Analysis prepared August 2026.

Your Gardening Tips

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have had some rain! We have been baking whilst the the north of England and Scotland have been awash with rain. I was reporting the same situation last year. Gardeners will no doubt have been carting watering cans about to keep their crops alive whilst the hosepipe band lasts. Use of grey water becomes more and more relevant. The recommended time to water plants is in the morning but it is perfectly acceptable to do this in the cool of the evening too.

If you have managed to keep your flower beds watered you may be able to enjoy some of the wonderful flowers that come into their own in September, such as Snap Dragon, Sweet Alyssum and Nemesia below.



- Bindweed can be a real nuisance but in the hedgerow is a beautiful plant as is the more diminutive Field or Creeping Bind weed which thrives in this torrid weather.
- Continue to deadhead plants such as Pansies, Dahlia, Delphinium, Rosa and Penstemon
- Trim back lavender if not already done. Divide herbaceous perennials, and plant new perennials, towards the end of the month.



- This a good time to propagate evergreens such as choisyas, hebes, and heathers as well as herbs such as bay, rosemary and sage. Shrubs planted in September will thrive next spring because they have had winter to bed in. If you have box hedging, you will need to be aware that annual treatment will be necessary to combat blight and caterpillar damage. We have taken ours out !
- If not already done, cut out old fruiting raspberry canes down to the ground before they go brown and are hard to identify. Prune gooseberry bushes by cutting out the centre to allow fresh air to flow through. If you have had a poor crop, heavy pruning should



invigorate the plant. It is good practice to clean your pruner after use to avoid the possibility of spreading disease. Any household surface cleaner

will do.

- Although we have seen far fewer butterflies this year than in the past it was a delight to see the marjoram covered in Gate Keepers and a few Skippers. The great delight, however, was to see the

Hummingbird Hawk Moth
gathering nectar from our flowers



• Hardwood Cuttings

- **Fruits** – Gooseberries, blackcurrants, red-currants, and white-currants root well from hardwood cuttings taken at this time of year.
- **Dogwood (Cornus)** – The colourful stem varieties which light up the landscape in winter are particularly easy to root from cuttings.
- **Willow (Salix)** – Willow roots easily from cuttings and will grow quickly.
- **Roses** – Many can be propagated from hardwood cuttings.
- **Forsythia** – Another plant easy to grow from cuttings which will later brighten up the garden.
- Treat lawns with autumn feed, but not until it has started to grow again after the long hot summer. This is a good time to knock lawn weeds on the head as they tend to stand out more when the lawn is dry. Do not sow grass seed until the soil is fully moist.
- Start to add compost or rotted manure to the garden to reinvigorate the soil over the winter. Give your rhubarb a good dollop too. You will reap the reward next spring.
- Plant out winter lettuce, autumn onion sets, garlic and spring

cabbage. Remove yellow leaves from over wintering brassicas.

- Sow hardy varieties of broad beans and peas, for an early crop next year.
- Resist the temptation to leave the topmost flowers on tomatoes. Cut them off as no significant tomatoes will be harvested from them from now on. In late September cut off unripe outdoor tomatoes to ripen indoors.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, crocus and hyacinth and plant Amaryllis in pots for Christmas showing. Do not delay as lengthy storage can result in a poor crop.
- Cabbage White butterflies may no longer threaten your brassicas but continue to protect them from pigeons. Check for flea beetles. We had a serious problem last year and they came back again this year shredding some of the nasturtiums again, and kale plants although they have recovered. A good dose of fly spray and bug free suppressed them but they ain't gone away yet!
- Check roses for fungal disease such as blackspot and bin the affected leaves
- If you are not going to make soup from the water left from boiling vegetables, pour the liquid (once cooled!) onto your pot plants and they will respond with vigour! If you are clearing away nettles, before composting them, soak in water for a week and use the liquid as a good fertilizer.
- Try to avoid using peat-based compost if you can but it is hard to



Your Gardening Tips

find any good peat free potting compost. The Silvagrow range is reckoned by some garden centers as being one of the best, but if you want to spend more 'Fertile Fiber' is excellent.

- Clear dead leaves from lawns and beds. If you can, shred them through your lawn mower before

composting.

- Lets hope that by the end of September the countryside will have turned green again.

Simon Colbeck

Chairman,

Chedworth Gardening Club



**Trying to escape the
heat/cold/drought/flood
(delete as appropriate)?**

**Remember.....
you'll always find a warm
(but not too hot) welcome
at the Pop-up cafe ❤️❤️❤️**

**Every Monday morning
10am-1pm
at Chedworth Village Hall**

Come and see us!



Stay in the loop in Chedworth

Join The Hub WhatsApp group

The Hub helps villagers quickly share useful local information and keep in touch with what's happening around Chedworth.



Local events & activities



Road closures, accidents
& urgent updates



Help, offers & local news



A friendly village community



Already on The Hub?

*Please encourage
neighbours and
friends to join.*



Scan to join

Or ask a group admin
for the join link



Friendly • respectful • helpful

RBL - Dick Bradford- Aid convoy to Ukraine

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In June this year Dick Bradford was part of a group of 32 volunteers who came together to drive 18 second-hand pickup trucks, loaded with medical and humanitarian aid to Ukraine for the charity Convoy4Ukraine. The trucks and aid, including two specialist mobile units for carrying out life saving surgery close to the front line, were delivered to locations between Lviv in

the west and beyond Kharkiv in the east.

Dick will tell the story of the aid convoy from the UK to Ukraine, how the aid is used and the genuine appreciation with which it is received. There have been numerous reports about convoys to Ukraine over the years, but Dick has much of interest to add to this story not least a graphic illustration of the route to Ukraine.

Backrow Club at the Village Hall

11 September 2026 7.30pm
Chedworth Village Hall.

Bar open 6.00
Half time choc ices as usual!



It's said that it takes a village to raise a child but 12-year-old Georgie (Lola Campbell) has other ideas. Living alone since her beloved mum died, Georgie fills the flat they shared with her own special magic. But when her absent father Jason (Harris Dickinson) turns up out of the blue, she's forced to confront reality. A dreamy, witty and unmissable tale of family and fresh starts, 'Scraper' is a film that believes life's not so much about chasing rainbows but snatching fistfuls in both hands. This Father-daughter joyful comedy drama fizzes with charm.

A man bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he decided to put it outside in his front garden, along with a sign saying: 'Free to good home.' For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it.

So eventually the man changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale: £30'. The next day someone stole it.



**The Chedworth & District Branch
of the
Royal British Legion**

Invites you to

A talk by

Dick Bradford

On taking part in an Aid Convoy to Ukraine in June 2026

Thursday 17th September 2026

at

Chedworth Village Hall, GL54 4NE

At 6.00 o'clock

R.S.V.P

Simon Colbeck (on the attached form)
07444 701884/simoncolbeck@msn.com.

Drinks and Canapés

followed by the talk at 7.00 p.m.
Tickets: minimum donation of £15

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Please return this form to:

Major Simon Colbeck
Ashcombe Edge, Chedworth, Cheltenham GL54 4AJ
07444701884 / simoncolbeck@msn.com

Name.....

Address
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.....Telephone

Email address

I wish to attend and require.....tickets at a minimum donation of £15.00 per person and
enclose a cheque/cash for £.....(Payable to: *RBL Chedworth & District Branch*) or

I have paid £..... on line Bank : Sort Code 30-92-06 Account: 00038677

Ref: 'UKRAINE – Payee name'

I regret that I am unable to attend but enclose a donation for £.....in support of the Royal
British Legion

Tickets will not be sent out attendance will be recorded on the door



Hill & Valley Lawn Tennis Club

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

CLUB NEWS

As the holiday season comes to an end - and hopefully temperatures start to cool - we open our half year Winter Membership on 1st September which runs until the end of February 2027. This is a good opportunity for those interested in starting tennis during the less busy season and a great way to ward off the autumn blues! As below, we have lots of social and coaching sessions in the autumn, and for the more competitive players the Stroud Mixed Winter League which runs from October to March.

WHAT'S ON

Sunday September 27th Adult Child Tournament

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/EventsV2>



A fun tournament for a child playing with an adult who can be family or a friend.

There will be two age groups as follows:

10am-12noon for children aged 5-8yrs

1pm-3pm for children aged 9-14yrs

Lunch break from 12-1 for all including friends and families, bring a picnic or there will be a food van selling burgers, chips, bacon and sausage baps.

Entry is £7.50 each for non members and £5 each for members.

All equipment including rackets will be provided, please wear non marking trainers.

THE HILL & VALLEY LAWN TENNIS CLUB
Established 1984
Chedworth, GL54 4NE

ADULT & CHILD DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, SEPT 27TH

★ TEAM UP. HAVE FUN. SERVE UP SMILES. ★

Join us for a fun-filled day on the court!
Doubles teams made up of an adult and a child.

10AM - 12PM	1PM - 3PM
Ages 5-8 & Adult	Ages 9-14 & Adult

★ ROUND ROBIN FORMAT ★

MEMBER ENTRY	NON-MEMBER ENTRY	REFRESHMENTS	ALL SKILL LEVELS
£5 PER PERSON	£7.50 PER PERSON	Provided for all players & families.	Welcomed Fun is the focus.

FOOD VAN ON SITE!
Purchase delicious burger and sausage baps OR bring your own picnic!

LET'S HIT THE COURTS TOGETHER!
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!
TO BOOK SCAN THE QR CODE!

WHAT'S ON

WALKING TENNIS

Every Friday from 2.30-4, open to non members

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



COACHING ON MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS

With Sam Edwards www.setacademy.co.uk

Mondays

Junior Red/Blue for 4-8yrs at 4.45-5.30pm

Wednesdays

Junior Orange/Green for 8-11yrs at 4.30-5.30pm

Ladies/Mens Team Training for Team players at 6.30-8pm



SATURDAY COACHING FOR ADULTS AND JUNIORS

www.setacademy.co.uk

Sam Edwards and Tom Wyman will alternate each week

Adult Beginners/Improvers 9-10am

Junior Fun Orange/Green for 8-11yrs at 10-11am

Mini Fun Red/Blue for 4-8yrs at 11-12

Adult Base for Improvers and Intermediates players at 12-1

Adult Ace for Intermediates and Advanced players at 1-2.30



OCTOBER HALF TERM TENNIS AND MULTI SPORT CAMPS

Half & full day options full details and to book via QR or

www.setacademy.co.uk

We are now offering both Tennis and Multi Sports at our Junior holiday camps with Sam Edwards for children aged 5 - 13 yrs. They are all about fun, friendship and developing tennis skills in an exciting and supportive environment. Whether your child is completely new to tennis or already playing regularly, our camps offers something for everyone. Open to non members, rackets provided



SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

Sunday 6th Battlezone Club Singles Tournament

Saturday 26th Allison Stock Fun Club Tournament

Sunday 27th Adult/Child Tournament open to non members



Rendcomb Surgery Newsletter

Welcome to SEPTEMBER

As summer draws to a close, we would like to thank all of our patients for their continued support. Autumn is one of our busiest times of the year as we prepare for increased demand on NHS services, and our team is working hard to ensure we continue to provide safe, high-quality care for everyone.

Flu Season is Nearly Here – Protect Yourself This Winter

With autumn just around the corner, we're pleased to let you know that our flu vaccination clinics will begin on **Thursday 8th October**, with additional clinics planned throughout the season to help protect as many eligible patients as possible.

Invitations will be sent out shortly, so please keep an eye on your text messages, NHS App or post.

Why choose to have your flu vaccination at Rendcomb Surgery?

Every year, the practice carefully plans ahead and orders flu vaccines specifically for our registered patients. These vaccines are purchased many months in advance to ensure we have enough stock available to protect our local community throughout the winter.

When eligible patients choose to have their vaccination elsewhere after we have already purchased their vaccine, it can leave the practice with unused stock that cannot always be used. This represents a significant cost to the surgery and can affect the resources

available to support other patient services.

By choosing to have your flu vaccination with us, you are:

- Helping to protect yourself and those around you.
- Supporting your local GP practice.
- Helping us make the best use of valuable NHS resources.
- Enabling us to continue providing vaccination clinics for our community.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support and hope you'll choose to receive your flu vaccination here at Rendcomb Surgery this year.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

For patients who are eligible, we will also be offering COVID-19 vaccinations alongside our flu clinics where possible, making it even easier to receive both vaccinations during one visit.

Look out for your invitation

Our team will begin sending invitations very soon. Once you receive yours, please contact the surgery promptly to book your appointment. Together, we can help keep our community healthy this winter.

Ordering Your Repeat Prescriptions

We kindly remind patients that repeat prescription requests require **5 working days** to be processed.

To help us provide a safe and efficient service, please:

- Order your medication before you

run out.

- Allow at least 5 working days before collecting your prescription.
- Remember that weekends and Bank Holidays are not working days.
- Check your medication regularly so you have plenty of time to request further supplies.

Unfortunately, requests made at short notice cannot always be processed the same day, as every prescription must be safely reviewed and authorised before it is issued.

Planning ahead helps our dispensary team manage requests efficiently and ensures everyone receives their medication safely and on time.

Thank you for helping us keep this service running smoothly.

Make the Most of the NHS App

The NHS App remains one of the quickest and easiest ways to:

- Order repeat prescriptions.
- View your medications.
- Check test results (where available).
- View appointments.
- Access your health record.

If you haven't already signed up, our reception team will be happy to help.

Choosing the Right Service

Many common conditions, such as sore throats, earache, sinus infections, urinary tract infections (where eligible), infected insect bites and shingles, can often be assessed and treated by your local community pharmacy through the Pharmacy First service.

Using the most appropriate NHS service helps ensure GP appointments remain available for patients who need them most and allows everyone to receive the right care as quickly as possible.

Home Blood Pressure Monitors

Due to an increasing number of blood pressure monitors not being returned, Rendcomb Surgery will NO longer routinely loan BP monitors for home monitoring.

If you are asked to provide home blood pressure readings, we will normally ask you to use or purchase your own validated upper-arm monitor. These can be purchased locally from £10 upwards.

If purchasing a monitor would cause genuine difficulty, please speak to the practice team so we can discuss this with you.

Thank You

We know healthcare can sometimes feel busy and that waiting for appointments or prescriptions can be frustrating. Our team continues to work incredibly hard behind the scenes every day to provide safe, effective care for all of our patients.

Your kindness, understanding and support really do make a difference to everyone working at Rendcomb Surgery.

Thank you for being part of our practice community.

The Rendcomb Surgery Team



Chedworth, GL54 4NE

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A WILDFLOWER MEADOW FOR CHEDWORTH

Parish Council gives the green light to an exciting new project



The field in July 2026 — the starting point for a richer Cotswold meadow

Chedworth Parish Council has agreed that two parish-owned fields can begin their transformation into species-rich limestone grassland.

Working with Glorious Cotswold Grasslands, part of Cotswolds National Landscape, the Parish Council will help the fields recover their wildflower potential. A botanical survey found that they are becoming increasingly grass-dominated, but careful management can give a much wider range of native plants the chance to return.

The first major work is planned for September 2026: a hay cut followed by scarifying and seeding with locally appropriate meadow species. Local farmer Seb is helping with the cutting and hay. This will not create an instant display of colourful annuals. The aim is a genuine Cotswold meadow, gradually enriched with plants such as yellow rattle, knapweed, ox-eye daisy, bird's-foot trefoil, scabious and kidney vetch.

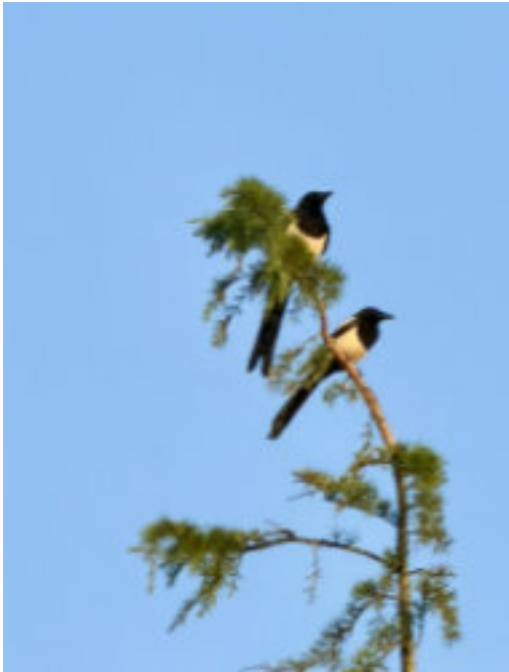
Annual hay management and monitoring will continue over the next three years. As the meadow develops, it should provide more food and shelter for insects, birds and other wildlife — and every season should tell us something new.

FOLLOW THE MEADOW

See photographs, the restoration plan and seasonal updates as the meadow develops.

hillandvalley.co.uk/chedworth-meadow



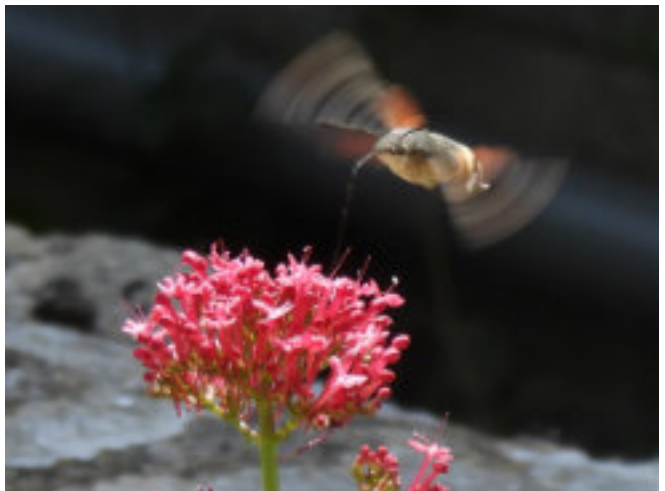


Two loving Magpies, chests coloured gold by the setting sun - Mark Aveline



*Greenfinch surrounded by feathers and collecting some for the nest.
Carol Bailey*

*In this hot weather the
Humming Bird Hawk Moth
is thriving on the Valerian
flowers.
Carol Bailey*



Expert-led Tour

Take a deep dive into the church's history and visit the Priest room above the porch



Northleach Church
Tuesday, September 8th
11.00am

Limited tickets at Northleach Post Office and
northleachevents.co.uk



Liz Hanks

Plays her album "Land", exploring the loss of nature in the urban environment, while celebrating the green spaces that remain



Northleach Church
Saturday, September 19th
7.30pm

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www.northleachevents.co.uk



CHEDWORTH PRODUCE MARKET

Saturday 17th January 2026
Saturday 21st February 2026
Saturday 21st March 2026
Saturday 18th April 2026
Saturday 10th May 2026
Saturday 20th June 2026
Saturday 10th July 2026
Saturday 18th August 2026
Saturday 26th September 2026
Saturday 17th October 2026
Saturday 25th November 2026
Saturday 10th December 2026

Village Hall

9am - 12noon



WALKING TENNIS

On Fridays, 2.30-4pm in Chedworth

For All ages & Abilities

ALL WELCOME to come along for this gentler game of tennis. It is perfect if you have a health condition or injury that impacts your mobility or you're recovering from an operation or maybe it's a few years since you last played, it's suitable for beginners too!



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

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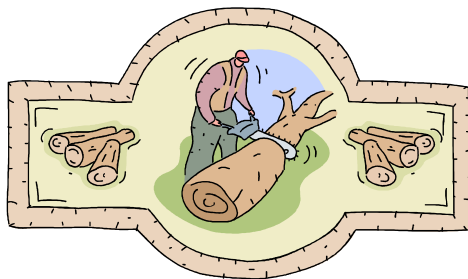
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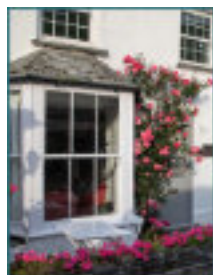
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