

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1		Mobile library visiting our villages
Wednesday 2	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in St Peter's Hall
Thursday 3	6.30pm	Coates Gardening Club meeting with Davina Wynne-Jones
Saturday 5	7.30pm	Coates Village Barn Dance
Sunday 6	12.30pm	Pig, Pimms & Pints Frampton Mansell Village Hall
Monday 7	7.30pm	Coates parish council meeting
Saturday 12		Gloucestershire Historic Churches Bicycle Ride
Tuesday 15		Mobile library visiting our villages
Tuesday 15	10.30am	Coffee and Cake Tuesday in Coates Village Hall
Tuesday 15	7.30pm	Frampton Mansell Rural Cinema <i>Paddington</i>
Thursday 17	2.30pm	Good Companions meeting
Saturday 19	7pm	Rodmarton & Tarlton Quiz Night
Friday 25	10.30am	Macmillan Coffee Morning in Coates Village Hall

OCTOBER

Thursday 1	7.30pm	Coates Gardening Club meeting
Friday 16	2 - 10pm	Coates Village Hall Open Day
Saturday 17	10am - 10pm	Coates Village Hall Open Day

THE WATERSHED MAGAZINE



St Peter's, Rodmarton

September 2015

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MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

The mobile library visits Coates every 4 weeks. The visit for this month will be on Tuesday 1 September and Tuesday 29 September between 11.55am and 12.55pm outside the village hall.

MOBILE POLICE STATION

There has been a change in the way the mobile police station operates and it no longer visits our villages. It now covers the whole of Gloucestershire and mainly attends organised events. When it is not at events it will be visiting communities throughout Gloucestershire and will publish the locations online and via the Neighbourhood Watch system.

ADVERTISING IN THE WATERSHED

If you wish to advertise in our parish magazine please contact Bob Merrill at Glebe House, Coates, GL7 6NU. Tel 771496, Mobile 07866 972389 or by e-mail to the Watershed magazine at watershedmag@gmail.com.

Adverts at a third of a page cost £15 for a single issue or £60 for 5 issues. Adverts at half a page cost £23 for a single issue or £90 for 5 issues. The magazine is published 10 times every year; July/August and December/January are joint editions. Cheques should be made payable to Watershed magazine.

CLOSING DATE FOR THE OCTOBER MAGAZINE - 12 September

Contributions should be sent to Bob Merrill at Glebe House, Coates, GL7 6NU. Telephone 07866 972389 or by e-mail to the Watershed magazine at watershedmag@gmail.com. Articles should be in Arial font at 11 point with **formatting kept as simple as possible**. The editor reserves the right to edit any articles. **All articles should be submitted by 12 September at the latest for inclusion in the next issue.**

FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

2 September	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
6 September	Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity	
9.30am	Kemble	Holy Communion
9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
11am	Poole Keynes	Family Service
11am	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
11am	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
11am	Sapperton	Family Holy Communion
9 September	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
13 September	Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity	
9.30am	Kemble	Family Service
9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30am	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
11am	Tarlton	Holy Communion
11am	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
11am	Rodmarton	Matins
11am	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
16 September	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
20 September	Sixteenth Sunday of Trinity	
9.30am	Kemble	Holy Communion
9.30am	Coates	Family Service
9.30am	Frampton Mansell	Family Service
11am	Poole Keynes	Harvest Festival
11am	Somerford Keynes	Family Service
11am	Rodmarton	Holy Communion (BCP)
23 September	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
27 September	Seventeenth Sunday of Trinity	
11am	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
6pm	Kemble	The Source
30 September	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

This year as always we celebrate anniversaries but some are of particular significance. Waterloo in 1815 marked the end of the French Revolutionary Wars. If you think about it, Europe had been at war somewhere almost constantly since the American Revolution back in 1777, over thirty years of conflict and in many ways it was the first war that covered the whole world. The First World War started in 1914 but 1915 saw the Gallipoli campaign, the use of Zeppelin bombers over London and gas on the Western front. 1945 saw the end of the Second World War including of course the only use of nuclear weapons against Japan.

It is right that we commemorate these events. They changed the world, not just the battlefields where they took place and in remembering them we need to allow that knowledge to improve our future so that such things do not happen again. We cannot ignore the depravity of the Nazis but their rise was partly a result of the harsh retribution following the first war. When people have no hope, extremism is much more attractive; and when a small group control communication and information, ignorance makes control by misinformation much more likely. We need only look to places like North Korea to see that this is still possible even today.

As I have reflected on the use of 'the bomb' against Japan I think they probably did shorten the war and they probably did therefore mean less allied casualties. But does that justify such great loss of civilian lives? The Japanese government and people have struggled to work through the consequences of their barbarous behaviour in conquered areas and to prisoners of war. Only they can know how sincere they are but it seems to me there must come a point where to keep repeating culpability and shame could be detrimental to the peaceful integration of nations in our world. The evidence is that Germany and Japan have changed culturally in the last seventy years, there is no great underground movement for restoring the ethos of the past or to grieve these parts of its passing so surely we should not continue to hold the descendants responsible for the barbarity of their ancestors if they do not share their philosophy. In church we call this repentance, to turn away from the past and seek not to repeat its mistakes; this can apply to both individuals and whole societies.

War brings only loss to everyone and bitter memories which we keep at bay by applauding courage and sacrifice. Today the challenge is different. Islamic extremism and the rise of ISIS is the shame of our



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generation. How truly different is this to the issues of the past? I doubt there is any greater depth of truly seeking for God in this than there was in the days of the crusader knights. Ignorance, fear and greed with a desire to have power over others always lie at the roots. The solution is to be found in God, in Jesus who gives of himself for us for no gain, who gives of himself that we might know what living righteously means. In Jesus we see what love is truly like. He does not harbour grudges or seek revenge but receives everyone equally and judges according to what they then do. We should be proud of our Christian heritage, of the promise of peace and should stand firm in the knowledge that actually if we live as Jesus taught us the world would be a far better place.

With love and prayers

Trevor Kemp - Rector

SAT 7 SPECIAL VISITORS TO THAMESHEAD

As most of you know we normally have a benefice service in one of our churches when there is a fifth Sunday in the month. This year Advent Sunday on 29 November would normally be one but we have swapped it with 22 November as Advent Sunday is important in many of our congregations.

We are also excited to tell you that we are privileged to have SAT7 coming to share with us on 22 November. In order to make the most of this opportunity we will have a benefice service at All Saints Kemble at 10am followed by an opportunity to learn more and then a bring and share lunch in the village hall. Please do come; everyone is welcome.

Find out more about SAT7's ministry in the Middle East and Africa by following this link <http://www.sat7uk.org/> to their website.

TIME OUT BIBLE DISCUSSION

The Time Out Bible discussion group for mothers of school age children in the Benefice meets twice a month. For further details please contact Julie on 770123 or email julieallen47@btinternet.com or juliepaulmorton@onetel.com.

PRAYERS IN THE BENEFICE

- ◆ Wednesdays at Kemble at 10am (Holy Communion)
- ◆ Tuesdays at Kemble at 8.30am
- ◆ Fridays at Rodmarton at 9.15am
- ◆ Saturdays at Somerford Keynes (first Saturday in the month only)

NEWS FROM COATES

PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the parish council on Monday 6 July the following issues were addressed:



- Vacant councillor position - After the advertisement of the vacant position and the receipt of one expression of interest, it was agreed to co-opt Bob Merrill to the position of parish councillor
- Victory Green - a quotation for the painting of the gates was approved
- Councillors agreed to continue to support the Watershed parish magazine with a donation of £300
- Athena Web Designs has been appointed to produce the Coates parish council website. Work on setting this up has now started
- The children's play area annual inspection has been undertaken by Playsafety UK Ltd

The full version of the minutes of the above meeting is available by contacting the parish clerk at coatesclerkextra@btinternet.com.

The next parish council meeting will take place on Monday 7 September 2015. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

IT WILL BE A COATES SCRUMPTIOUS AFFAIR!!

Coates Community

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO

The launch of "Coffee & Cake Tuesday"

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starting on Tuesday 15 September at Coates Village Hall
from 10.30am to 12pm

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COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY

The second draw of this year's Coates Village Hall lottery took place on Friday 3 July at 7.30pm, at the Family Day. There were 54 participants. Prizes were awarded as follows:-

First prize	£50 to no 32	Bob Merrill
Second prize	£30 to no 84	Denise Hatch
Third prize	£20 to no 23	Fay Britton

Please remember that new subscribers are always welcome. Subscriptions cost £4 per month, for any number of months from one to the number of remaining months in that year. Forms are available from Diana Crane, Betty Mixture, Ron Smith or Michael Vaughan. The next draw will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 4 September, at the village hall if there is a Family Day, or at the Old School if there is no Family Day. All are welcome to attend.

Diana Crane

THE GOOD COMPANIONS

The next meeting is on Thursday 17 September in Coates village hall at 2.30pm. Pete Wilson will talk about some of the interesting people he meets for his lunchtime programmes on Radio Gloucestershire. Pete visits us every year and we can be sure of another exciting talk. On Thursday 16 October Alan Nix will tell of his memories as an evacuee.

We are an over 55s group who meet every month with a varied programme and an annual subscription of only £4. We welcome new members.

DOG FOULING

There have been a number of recent complaints about dog fouling in Coates. Will all dog owners please pick up their dog's mess especially where children play and outside other people's houses whether on the pavement or grass verges? Remember the maximum fine is £1000 in the Magistrates' Court.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Once again, this year on Saturday 12 September, St Matthew's church will be visited by riders, old and young, taking part in the Bike Ride. Through sponsorship, they are raising money for our historic churches in the county.

If you can spare an hour between 10am and 3pm on that day to meet and greet them at the church porch, please ring John on 770726.

the time to dig all out and remove all the grass roots. To remove couch from precious plants lift the clumps, and wash the soil away in buckets of water, the distinctive couch roots can be carefully removed completely, replant the precious plants and water well.

Leave any architectural stems for winter interest, Teasels are my favourite as the seeds feed Goldfinches; *Phlomis russeliana* and box hedges makes good winter ladybird homes. In dry sheltered quiet corners, allow leaves to gather for hibernating hedgehogs.

Sally Oates



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Wednesday 7 October: Origins and Development

Wednesday 14 October: Function

Wednesday 21 October: The Orthodox and catholic traditions

Wednesday 28 October: Iconography (the study of representation): The Holly and the Ivy

Tickets £2 per session from the Parish Office: 01285 659317.

GARDENING TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

By the time you read this, there may have been a change, but now in early August my thoughts are "Wow! Another dry year!" The soil is quite dry to more than a spade's depth here, and serves to highlight the few slightly moister patches in my garden. Look for these in your own garden, it is well worth noting them when planning to plant subjects with the cultural advice 'good soil and moisture retentive, in sun or partial shade' I would also recommend adding some good compost before planting or giving a liberal mulch to established plants.

After June's cold nights and strong winds, all perked up with the lovely summer heat during Wimbledon. I could at last remove the protective cold frames from the courgettes and outdoor tomatoes; these all made strong impressive growth straight away. The variety of Courgette 'Ibis F1' is to be recommended, with continuous light green fruit, of good flavour, tender even when large, retaining texture and shape when cooked.

The health virtues of black coloured varieties of tomatoes have been the subject of the gardening press recently, and many more varieties are now available. When I first grew so-called black tomatoes, some 20 years ago, they were a disappointing darker wishy-washy red, with a very insipid flavour. This year I'm growing a variety called 'Indigo Rose' a delicate name, with expectations of equally attractive coloured fruit.....however these days when they say 'this is a black tomato'it is! Very shiny and prolific, but as yet untasted as the side of the fruit not exposed to the sun is green. I picked some to ripen indoors, and have removed many leaves to allow the light in.

An ornamental plant that has really favoured this season's weather is *Dierama pulcherrimum* or Angel's Fishing Rod, and has looked stunning where ever I have seen it growing, with long elegantly arching stems full of large pink bells, that gently sway in a breeze. *Achilleas* of all kinds and *Crocasmia* cultivars are looking magnificent, also *Echinops ritro* and Hollyhocks. Perhaps when a plant becomes less fashionable, associated pests and diseases also become less apparent or die out; Hollyhocks used to suffer from a rust which blighted the leaves and stems, but in recent years I've observed that this is absent and plants seem to be more perennial than biannual.

Regular readers will know I regard September as a very important gardening month, an autumn and winter tidy up can begin, which directly affects a quicker start to planting and sowing next spring with less weeds. If couch grass has invaded any perennial planting now is

COATES MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning will once again be held at Coates village hall from 10.30am - 12.30pm on Friday 25 September. Please come and support this friendly gathering in aid of a very worthwhile cause. If you can, please bring cakes, biscuits etc to sell but most of all come!

For any more information or offers to help please phone Liz on 770685 or Pippa on 770869.

COATES GARDENING CLUB

We have enjoyed two summer outings this year, one to the Blenheim Palace Flower Show and the second to the lovely gardens of Westonbirt House, so it seems a long time since we had one of our meetings indoors.

Our autumn programme will begin on Thursday 3 September with a talk by Davina Wynne-Jones about her mother, the famous and influential gardener Rosemary Verey. As usual we meet in Coates village hall at 7.30pm. Visitors will be made very welcome. Do come along - at £2.50 for the evening it will be excellent value, and there will be a raffle and refreshments to follow.

Then on Thursday 1 October, and by special request from our committee, our speaker will be Richard Dodd, Principal ecologist at Wildwood Ecology, Cirencester, who writes the Bat Diaries which appear regularly in the Cirencester Scene Magazine. His subject? Of course – Bats! What's not to like?

Margaret Reynolds 771354

COATES VILLAGE HALL

There will be a **Grand Designs** weekend with the hall open on Friday 16 October from 2pm to 10pm and on Saturday 17 October from 10am to 10pm. Posters of the potential makeover will be on display, as well as some very important information affecting its future. Light bites, home bakes and beverages, including real coffee will be available. At the AGM on Thursday 12 November there will be a Grand Designs presentation; a supper buffet and drinks will be served. If you can't make it, have questions or comments contact Jane on 770066, je.burr@btinternet.com or Pj on 770596 or call in at Sarnia Cottage, Trewsbury Road.

Next month's Watershed will have an artist's impression of the potential makeover.

NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

A THOUGHT FROM FRAMPTON MANSELL

I wonder what the word September conjures up for you. Personally, I still think of a combination of blackberry-picking, shiny new shoes, over-sized school uniform and Keat's 'Ode to Autumn' which was introduced to our class of new girls by the rather imposing headmistress in the Autumn of 1959.

'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,' it begins, and ends with 'gathering swallows twitter in the skies.' The swallows of Frampton Mansell seem to have found the telephone wires above our house to be their favourite gathering place and when they start to assemble there in large numbers I know they will soon be leaving us for warmer destinations. I find they also leave an empty place in my heart which will only be filled by the sound of their chattering and the sight of their swooping flight when they return next year. But just as the seasons move on inexorably, so does life and we cannot hold it back.

Another seasonal poem that I became aware of at about the same time was John Betjeman's 'Diary of a Church Mouse'. It's full of gentle humour about the creature who survives all year round on 'old service books' anticipating with great joy the arrival of his favourite time of year - Harvest Festival 'When I can satisfy my want/With ears of corn around the font.' His pleasure is nevertheless modified by the arrival of mice and even a rat which 'Comes in to see what we are at' as the newcomers start to devour the choice samples of harvest produce they find there.

He closes, whimsically, with the verse which starts: 'Within the human world I know /Such goings on could not be so..' and concludes 'But all the same it's strange to me/How very full the church can be/With people I don't see at all/Except at Harvest Festival'.

Last Saturday we visited a lovely church elsewhere in the Cotswolds, but the thing that touched me most was a little children's bookmark I found on the bookstall which read 'Jesus remembers you every day.' It left me with a challenging thought - do we remember him every day? Or is our God only for high days and holy days?

God longs to have a close personal relationship with us. How about making a resolution at the beginning of the new academic year to allow him in to every aspect of our daily lives?

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On Sunday 4 October from 12 noon following Harvest Festival with the choir in St Peter's, Rodmarton there will be a lunch. All welcome (free of charge, but a contribution of a savoury or sweet dish would be appreciated).

ST PETER'S CHURCH, RODMARTON - BELLS APPEAL

We are thrilled to announce that the sum of £20,229 required to restore the bells at St Peter's Church, Rodmarton has now been achieved. We must give a huge vote of thanks to Simon Biddulph for all his hard work in raising the greater part of the amount needed for this project from grant-making trusts. Also, fund raising events have been held and some very generous donations have been received and we thank all those who have participated in this very worthwhile cause.

Work is scheduled to start in the autumn and we all look forward to hearing the bells again in Rodmarton in the not too distant future.

Rodmarton Bells Committee

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SERVICE AND COFFEE

We are holding a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month, 1 September, at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell. The service will start at 11am with coffee and a natter at 11.30am.

We would love to see you for either or both. Want to know more? Need a lift? Phone Pepita or Paul on 760211.



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SCHOOL TIES - SAPPERTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWS



School's Out! Summer holidays are over, the end of another school year and the end of an era for another Year 6. It hardly seems like yesterday when a shy group of reception class children posed for their first school photograph but it was seven long years ago; those small and anxious faces have grown in confidence, friendships have been forged and young minds and characters have developed. Those same infants now stand on the brink of secondary school, eagerly looking forward to the next chapter of their lives and taking fond memories of their time at Sapperton with them.

And what a tremendous finale to the summer term they had! The field and water sports programmes went ahead to rapturous delight and achieved some excellent results - while the sun smiled they ventured afloat in the Cotswold Water Park; Wimbledon was attended and enjoyed by those who went; the school play performed excellently to two packed houses with everyone commenting on the imaginative costumes and brilliant acting, singing and dancing of the entire school; the testimonies of each child at the leavers' service revealed – if any further evidence was needed – just how much their time at Sapperton had been enjoyed and term concluded with a visit to the RIAT. This included the final competition of the year which included the finals of the 'Design your Own Self-Propelled Car competition.' Well Sapperton were there and were doing well with a balloon-propelled vehicle until they were run off the road (and this paper has video proof on record) by another entry. Never mind, the same team also came 2nd out of 24 schools in a parallel 'Design and Make your Own Aircraft' competition' with a very stylish helicopter design, all very kindly run by the RAF Charitable Trust and the Gloucestershire Branch of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) consortium in the Tattoo's Techno Centre. What an end to a busy and high achieving school year!

And elsewhere, we have a year 5 who will be the next Year 6 (and entitled to many perks including sitting on the back seat of the bus and operating the viewgraph machine in assembly); a year 2 who will be moving into the junior school; a reception class who have slowly realised that they will no longer be the youngest in the school and next year's reception, all eagerly looking forward to joining the Sapperton family and commencing their school lives. We look forward to welcoming our new joiners when term starts on Wednesday 2 September.