

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

Wednesday 2	7.30pm	BEAT meeting
Thursday 3	10.30am	Frampton Mansell Coffee Morning
Thursday 3	7.30pm	Coates Gardening Club meeting <i>Norah Kennedy on Willow</i>
Saturday 5	2.30pm	Priesting Service at Gloucester Cathedral
Sunday 6	12 - 5pm	Open Garden in Quenington for Cobalt
Tuesday 8	11.55am	Mobile library visiting Coates
Thursday 17	2.30pm	Good Companions Meeting <i>Radio Gloucestershire's Pete Wilson</i>
Friday 16	2pm	Sapperton School Leavers' Service
Saturday 19		Mobile police station visiting our villages
Saturday 19	7.30pm	Bingo Night at Sapperton Village Hall
Sunday 20	2 - 6pm	Open Garden in Waterlane for Cobalt
Tuesday 22		Rodmarton and Tarlton Parish Council meeting

AUGUST

Saturday 2		South Cerney Steam Rally
Tuesday 5	11.55am	Mobile library visiting Coates
Wednesday 6	12 noon	Kemble & District RBL Women's Section Bring & Share picnic
Wednesday 6	7.30pm	BEAT meeting
Thursday 7	10.30am	Frampton Mansell Coffee Morning
Saturday 30	7.30pm	Coates Barn Dance

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 26		Coates Gardening Club outing
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MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

The mobile library visits Coates every 4 weeks. The visit for the next months will be on Tuesday 8 July and 5 August between 11.55am and 12.55pm outside the village hall.

MOBILE POLICE STATION

The mobile police station will be visiting our villages this month on Saturday 19 July at the following times:

Frampton Mansell	9am - 10am
Sapperton	10.15am - 11.15am
Coates	11.30am - 12.30pm

There will be no visits in August; normal service will resume in September.

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.

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CLOSING DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE - 12

August

Contributions should be sent to 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. 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 June at the latest for inclusion in next month's issue.**

FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

2 July	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
6 July	3rd 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 July	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
13 July	4th 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 July	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
20 July	5th Sunday of Trinity	
9.30am	Kemble	Holy Communion
9.30am	Coates	Family Service
9.30am	Frampton Mansell	Family Service
11am	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
11am	Somerford Keynes	Family Service
11am	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
23 July	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
30 July	1st Sunday of Trinity	
8am	Tarlton	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Kemble	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30am	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
11am	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
11am	Rodmarton	Family Service
11am	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
6pm	Kemble	The Source
30 July	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion

3 August	7th 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
6 August	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
10 August	8th 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
13 August	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
17 August	9th Sunday of Trinity	
9.30am	Kemble	Holy Communion
9.30am	Coates	Family Service
9.30am	Frampton Mansell	Family Service
11am	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
11am	Somerford Keynes	Family Service
11am	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
20 August	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
24 August	10th Sunday of Trinity	
8am	Tarlton	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Kemble	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30am	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
11am	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
11am	Rodmarton	Family Service
11am	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
6pm	Kemble	The Source
27 August	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
31 August	11th Sunday of Trinity	
		Combined Benefice Service

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

As I was thinking about what to write this month my thoughts were drawn to two particular items in the news every day at the moment. Firstly the World Cup in Brazil and secondly the commemoration for the 70th anniversary of D Day. Two items that seemed to encompass opposite ends of the spectrum. Football (as much as I enjoy it and will look forward to it) is only a game, it is an entertainment, a theatre that might capture our excitement and emotions briefly but is unlikely to be a life changing or life challenging experience except for one or two players who move from anonymity to world stardom.

By contrast D Day was a climactic event on every level. WWII was a world changing period of history that effected every individual's life hugely as well as the political future of us all. As a child of the 60's I am far too young to have personal experience and yet I grew up in a world changed by the war. Living just a few miles from Biggin Hill, one of the Battle of Britain fighter stations, I was aware that many a copse around which we played, had overgrown a bomb crater that had not been filled in and both my parents grew up in London with vivid personal experience of the cost of war. It is inevitable as generations pass that the significance of these events and the cost of them will diminish. However it is surely right not just that we learn and continue to learn the lessons that led to war but that we seek to grow a society mature enough not to do it again. We can and must genuinely and honestly remember with thankfulness the cost to the ordinary people who fought and lived through the experience of war. The ordinary citizen was called to 'do their duty'. They had no control over the decisions that changed their lives and few had a choice about their role or where they were posted, they just had to make the best of it. Many never went home and many more were wounded and I imagine all must have been changed by what they did and witnessed and experienced.

As I watched the news this week of the great and good gathered at the Normandy Beaches and listened to the emotion, the pride and the hurt from the veterans I find myself asking 'Why?' and 'How?'

Why do individuals and nations behave so terribly? In many ways the difference between a world war and a street gang is only one of scale. A desire to force others to do your will or to accept your viewpoint, a fear of the unknown, of the 'different', jealousy of another's power or wealth or status. The causes of human conflict are in reality quite few.

As a Brit' I feel (rightly) proud of my heritage and proud of the sacrifice made by so many millions of 'ordinary people' that our culture might

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not just survive but flourish. As I watched the old newsreel footage and the veterans gathered to pay their respects and remember I feel proud of their courage and their achievement and deep respect for those that were there and I wonder what it was like and how I would have coped (or not) in their place.

And as I watched the footage of Chancellor Angela Merkel I wondered what it felt like to be on the 'wrong side' this week. As a German I wonder how her emotions and those of her countryman might differ (if at all) from mine. I wondered what it might feel like to have that pride in our parents and their efforts and in our nation and yet also know that my culture, my history, had such a deep flaw. Would I be honest enough to live with it or would I try and find an excuse? I am sure the vast majority of the ordinary people, like our soldiers, were there because they had to be and the faults that led to National Socialism and its crimes could probably be manufactured in most countries. There are always those willing to abuse power and abuse others for ideological, 'religious' or personal profit.

And what does any of this have to do with God, which is after all my 'business'? Religion is often blamed for many things, and rightly so, but that misses the point really. It is humanities ability to pass the fault on. Religion is a practice of a set of beliefs and like most things it can be twisted, abused and broken from its roots. God is a person that religion (at least Christianity) is seeking to understand and to enter into relationship with, so when we are told that in Christ there is neither foreigner or native, neither male or female or slave or free, it means *every human being* is to be held in the same grace and the same value as every other. Birth, language, wealth, colour, manners, hair colour; none of these sometimes significant differences should change the truth. We are all called by one God and loved by one God and are therefore all called to be family. Families argue, sometimes fiercely, but if they seek good for one another and value each other they can overcome their differences. It is when we fail to honour God's promise and God's intent, when we distort his word and allow our human failings to dominate that everything goes wrong. That is not God's fault but ours and if we could overcome our reluctance to admit fault, if we could honestly seek good for others rather than putting 'self' at the heart of our lives then the world might begin to look much more positive and reflect more of God.

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PRIESTING

On Saturday 5 July along with Angie my wife and Gary Grady formerly of Coates, and six other lovely people I will be priested. Reactions to hearing this have varied from 'Are you mad?' (meaning, 'Whatever happened to retirement?') to 'Congratulations!' In one sense both are true. At my worse moments I may think 'Why am I doing this?' At my best 'I love doing this!' Quite honestly the latter one prevails, but then that is what I have always done since I sensed the strong call to resign as a Police Inspector in the Met back in 1983 to work for Luis Palau Mission to London. To the rational mind, that was madness. I was a Deacon then in the Baptist Church and we discussed the situation of unemployment in the country which then stood at 3 million! It was madness to leave a secure job when you had a wife and four young children to support, and indeed it was, 'But God!' If God was in it then it was right and it has turned out to be.

So for me being priested is just another step along a long journey that has taken me through Mission to London, Baptist Ministry, Hospital Chaplaincy and now Priesting in the Church of England. God has proved Himself to be faithful. At the end of the day that is what we as Christians believe and trust in. Sooner or later there comes a time in all of our lives when that belief is tested. For many such an encounter comes before they have considered faith in God as a real possibility. I know it helps to have that faith firmly in place before the buffeting starts. Either way, it seems that God uses it all. Faith that is strong only becomes so having endured trials. Others find faith having been through the fire because it taught them, He can be trusted. And yes of course there are some who despair of faith in God because of what they have been through. I feel a particular calling to come alongside them because that is the way He has used me in the past, but who knows what may happen. I look forward to finding out.

David Austin

TIME OUT BIBLE DISCUSSION

The Time Out Bible discussion group for mothers of school age children in the benefice will meet in July. For more details and venue, please contact Julie on 770123 or email julieallen47@btinternet.com or juliepaulmorton@onetel.com. There will be no meeting in August.

OPEN GARDENS IN AID OF COBALT

Sunday 6 July 12pm-5pm Quenington House & Mawley House

From Cirencester take the A417 towards Fairford. Branch left at the Red Lion pub and follow signs to Quenington. Over the green and turn left into Mawley Road. Quenington House is 100m on the left and Mawley House on the first house after Mawley Barn on the right.

Quenington House (Mr & Mrs James D'Arcy Clark) is a typical English country garden with rolling lawns, meadow fields, beautiful view over the Coln Valley. There are deep herbaceous borders, a fragrant lavender walk and formal clipped hedges.

Mawley House (Mr & Mrs Geoff Bowman) has a country garden with a wide range of plantings, rose and shrub beds, herbaceous borders, shaded woodland beds and pathway. There is limited wheelchair access.

Plants for sale and homemade teas will be available at Quenington House. Admission for both gardens £7 per adult, under 16's free. Dogs on a lead.

Sunday 20 July 2pm-6pm Limbrick Cottage, Waterlane, Nr Bisley, Stroud, GL6 7PN

Take the A417 from Cheltenham towards Cirencester and turn right to follow the B4070. At Fostons Ash Inn, turn left to follow Calf Way until it turns into Cheltenham Road. Turn left onto Hayhedge Lane then first right onto Limekiln Lane. Follow this for just over a mile then turn left and Limbrick Cottage will be on your right.

There is a naturally but intensively planted cottage garden with roses, clematis, herbaceous borders and colourful posts; several small ponds. There is also a steeply banked area with a steep pathway through it. Please note, not all areas of the garden are accessible for wheelchair uses.

Homemade teas will be available. Admission £4 per adult, under 16's free. Guide dogs only.

PRAYERS IN THE BENEFICE

- ◆ Mondays at Coates at 9am
- ◆ Tuesdays at Frampton Mansell at noon (Holy Communion on the 1st Tuesday in the month; on other Tuesdays there will be devotions)
- ◆ 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)

NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

blue Meadow Cranesbill. Our road verges have become incredibly important refuges for our native grassland plants and animals, and need to be treated with greater care.

Moreover, traffic seems to slow down a bit along narrower untrimmed lanes. Now, anything that slows traffic down in our lanes cannot be bad. The concern here is for cyclists and walkers, who need to be passed with extra care. They are more important than wing mirrors. Of course junctions, blind bends etc need to be kept clear, but in recent years verge trimming has lost all sense of proportion, and guess who has been paying for it?

A good drought, of course, solves the problem. The grass stops growing and browns off, and our desire to mount powerful machinery and smash things up wanes. Bring it on!

Matthew Oates

KEMBLE AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Representatives from the branch will be helping out at the South Cerney Steam Rally on **Saturday 2 August** on the Legion publicity stand.

The branch and women's section standards will be on parade when there will be a special service in Gloucester Cathedral to mark the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1 on **Sunday 3 August** at 3pm. The service will be reflective and will set the scene for the subsequent four years of commemoration.

Following on in marking 1914-1918 the women's section are holding a Poppy bring and share picnic hosted by our president Mrs Anne Willis on **Wednesday 6 August** at 12 noon. Rev Pepita Walker will lead prayers and then the picnic with Pimms and other beverages will follow. To raise some funds under 'The Poppy Picnic event stalls will include produce, raffle and bring and buy. Members/guests are asked to kindly be self sufficient and bring whatever seats/tables they require for their comfort.

Pat Ayres Hon Sec and Standard Bearer.

NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

Look out for seed from your favourite plants, many of which should be sown as soon as the seed is ripe. Germination time varies some will grow straight away and over winter as small plants, but with a good root system; others will wait until spring. Check if protection is needed from a cold frame or green house.

Cotswold walls and ivy were made for each other so rather than suffer the heartache of trying to remove it, treat it like any other garden feature. I personally don't like straggly bits, so I clip these occasionally to keep it tight against the wall, and get a very green effect, or alternatively regularly pull away to have a few new leaves and lots of visible wall. The worst option is to cut a main stem or spray with weed killer and be left looking at a multitude of brown dead leaves.

Sally Oates

TRIMMING TIME

Yet again, it's a strong grass growth year – ask any lawnmower. In fact, all vegetation has grown like mad. This seems to be a feature of our warm and wet modern springs. And, as spring arrived early, on the back of a mild if wet and stormy winter, the vegetation grew ahead of itself. Even that great stalwart of consistency, the Ash tree, came into leaf early. By mid-May the vegetation in many places was in early June mode, notably along the M25 corridor, where time runs differently. This most revered of roads seems to be a time zone of its own: it runs three weeks ahead in terms of vegetation growth and seasonality, but three hours behind in terms of journey time.

This seems to be the year in which we (whoever We are) have scaled back on road verge trimming. Now we all get worked up about something, with me it's verge trimming – the scale and extent, the frequency, harshness and above all the closeness of the cut upsets the ecologist in me. There is also the small matter of the financial cost. Other naturalists feel similarly, many are more extreme in their views. They know how damaging to wildlife it is. Think biodiversity; or better, think Bank Vole habitat and their dependent Barn Owls, think bees, butterflies and anything else nice beginning with B. Then along comes the flail-cutter, and smashes everything into an ugly suffocating mulch. The lovely Orange Tip butterfly would be many times more numerous if it was not for widespread early summer verge trimming, which smashes most of their eggs and larvae to smithereens. The only species that seems to benefit from modern verge trimming is the

NEWS FROM COATES

COATES GARDENING CLUB

There will be one more meeting before the summer break. This will be held in Coates village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 3 July. Norah Kennedy will demonstrate willow weaving, showing how to make a basket and how to use willow supports in the garden. There will be a raffle and refreshments. All are welcome.

There will be no meeting in August. The next date for your diary is Saturday 26 September when we are planning a day out by coach to the RHS show on the Three Counties Showground. Details will be announced at our July meeting.

Margaret Reynolds

THE GOOD COMPANIONS

We will meet next on Thursday 17 July at 2.30pm in Coates village hall. Pete Wilson will talk about his holidays in Antigua in his interesting and amusing way. There will be the usual raffle and refreshments.

In August we will have a cream tea provided by the committee and members and entertainment by Shane Driscoll who was very popular at our Christmas party last year. We are an over 55's club and welcome new members.

Betty Mixture

COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY

The second draw of the Coates village hall lottery year was held at 7.30pm on 6 June, during the Family Barbecue. There were 58 participants. Prizes were awarded as follows:

First Prize:	£50 to No 26	Annabel Crapper
Second Prize:	£30 to No 78	Jean Campbell
Third Prize:	£20 to No 19	Paul Sanders

Half of all takings from the lottery are given in monthly prizes and the remainder is spent on improving the village hall and its surroundings.

New contributors to this year's lottery are welcome at any time, and can pay for any number of months from one to ten. Forms are available from Diana Crane, Betty Mixture, Roy Pond, Ron Smith or Michael Vaughan.

Diana Crane

CHRISTIAN AID 2014

Thank you very much once again to everyone in Coates who gave so generously to Christian Aid. Our total for this year is £739 plus Gift Aid – a £100 increase on last year! A very special thank you to our loyal group of collectors who are so supportive and give their time so willingly.

I have had many years of being involved with the arrangements for the annual Christian Aid collection. This, I see from my notes, has resulted in donations of over £12,000. Now after 21 years, I am retiring. Should anyone feel that they are able to take over this worthwhile annual event, please call me on the number below. Thank you all so much for your support during these years.

Jan Hitchcock 770438

COATES BARN DANCE

Back by popular request:

Barn Dance and BBQ on Saturday 30 August at 7.30pm in the barn at the old Rural Skills Centre, Coates with the band Baily's Beads.

Come along and enjoy a great evening out!

For more information contact Liz Collins on 770621.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Coates NHW was launched by Roger Clarke in 1992 and has been coordinated by him ever since. The email network started in 2002 and is a great way to pass on the police messages and also to pass on any signs of suspicious activity noticed by villagers. Sadly Roger is in the process of moving from Coates so will no longer be able to be our NHW Coordinator. I have agreed to takeover this role with immediate effect. My contact details are below, please let me know if you require any further information or if you would like your details added to the email notifications. I also have some NHW window stickers if you would like to display one in your home.

Many thanks to Roger for all his efforts over such a long period of time.

Liz Allen Anvil Lodge, Coates

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NOTES FROM CULKERTON

GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

'Summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.' Henry James, American novelist.

When looking around the garden this time of year, take the secateurs with you, deadheading as you go, particularly roses to encourage re-bloom, or to prevent too much self-seeding. However some seed pods are just too decorative to trim away too soon; the oriental poppies have fine velvet piping, while peonies and aquilegia produce large and small jesters hats.

So far this year we are experiencing a few windy storms so have a few canes and string ready to keep upright any casualties. As soon as earlier crops are harvested, clear the ground, especially of all weeds, renew with more compost if replanting.

This month make sowings of spinach, parsley, turnips, lettuce, carrots, kohlrabi, endive, also plant out leeks, cabbages, broccoli, kales, and cauliflowers.

Feeding crops this year is more important, as many of the nutrients will have been washed out of the soil during the prolonged wet spells. Weekly feeding of tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes, pumpkins, squashes and runner beans is important to keep the plants flowering and producing fruit.

A good tonic for roses is a liquid feed of Tomorite which is much easier to give to roses growing in a mixed border than pelleted rose food as the bare soil is now hidden under lush growth of other flowering plants.

Hedges of box, privet, and Lonicera also could do with a summer feed. Small formal garden hedges need a trim to keep the shape well defined. This month give yew hedges their annual trim, using a garden 'sheet' to catch the cut pieces saves a lot of time when clearing up afterwards. Wait until after August, when nesting birds have finished to tackle large out-grown hawthorn and the vigorous Leylandii. These will need hard pruning to keep the height and shape required. This should also improve the density of the new growth. Always cut Leylandii hedges at least 50cm shorter than the height desired and trim twice a year, if contemplating planting a new hedge I would recommend yew for a taller evergreen and Lonicera nitida as a smaller faster growing evergreen choice.

NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON

RODMARTON CHURCH CHOIR

Forthcoming choir services over the next months are:

Sunday 6 July	Sea Sunday
Sunday 3 August	Feast of the Transfiguration
Sunday 5 October	Harvest Festival

DATE FOR THE DIARY: SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

Harvest Festival at St Peter's, Rodmarton, with **Harvest Lunch** at the village hall afterwards. All are invited no charge.

RODMARTON FIESTA:

Many thanks to all who helped to make this year's Fiesta evening such a pleasure and success, raising in the region of £2,300.

RIP

Bob Hall, who had lived for many years in Rodmarton, died after long illness on 13 June on the island of Skye where, while receiving treatment for the last nine months, he had been staying with his sister Jenny. He was buried on Skye a week later at a quiet graveside ceremony attended by family. It is intended that there should be a memorial service in Rodmarton, probably in October.

ASHLEY AND CULKERTON OPEN GARDENS

The Open Gardens in Ashley and Culkerton on Sunday 8 June entertained around 450 visitors who came to look around the 7 gardens. The weather couldn't have been better and was only marred by a sudden heavy downpour late afternoon. The feedback suggested that the day offered fantastic value for money given that the punters got 7 gardens and a Norman Church for a fiver, not to mention a lovely tea service in a beautifully decorated marquee. One visitor, who was enthralled with the overall standard displayed, asked if it was a mandatory requirement for residents of Ashley & Culkerton to be passionate gardeners!

A total of £3,323.72 was raised. The proceeds are going to the NGS which has agreed to pass them on to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

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Dear Friends & Neighbours,

Do you have a Long Term Illness or Health Condition?

'Self Management Workshop @ Coates Village Hall'
Helps you to take control of your condition, maintain & improve your health and enhance your quality of life.

Who is invited? Anyone who takes tablets or injections every day or every week for a health condition such as Arthritis, MS, Anxiety, Diabetes, Cancer, Tinnitus, Venous Ulcer, Migraine, Depression

Organiser: NHS, Gloucestershire Care Services.

Duration: 6 weeks of 2½ hour sessions (inc. refreshment breaks)

Dates: will be agreed when enough (approx 10) people enroll.

Cost: Free of charge.

To find out more or enroll: Kay James, Gloucester Care Services t:0300 421 1623 or e:kay.james@glos-care.nhs.uk or Pj t:01285 770 596

What activities do you want to use me for?

Oops, I haven't got any further yet to find out what facilities I need to get and what I need to do so that you will use me. However I do now have.....

..... **a new fridge freezer & tea trolley!!**

Do make as much use of them as you can, is there anything else you can think of that I could buy to make better use of your village kitchen?

Look forward to hearing from you, your thoughts, comments or suggestions, even your grumbles are welcome.

Bye for now, as ever your

Village Hall

NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

TALKING TO MYSELF

As I write this we are approaching Trinity Sunday and this year Father's Day falls on the same date. It seems appropriate. For many years we made little of Father's Day, maybe a card if they were lucky – but now we appreciate just what they do/did for each of us. Even when our children were small their father was hardly ever home to help bath them or read to them except when we were on holiday. I can remember people saying 'Just you wait until your father gets home.' Fathers could be strict and rather scary people. How things have changed! Dads are 'hands on' people – adapt at changing nappies – mind you they are simpler these days! I recall, on the rare occasions when our boys had their nappies changed by their father, the moment you picked them up the nappy fell off. Could that have been a ploy to avoid being asked to do it again?! Trinity Sunday when we remember God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit the Three in One and One in Three. It seems to me very like our own family units with a father, a mother and children. That very special union – the family. So what better day to celebrate Father's Day than Trinity Sunday.

FRAMPTON MANSELL RURAL CINEMA

We have had a very successful season with bumper audiences for *Blue Jasmine* and *Philomena* drawing in people from a number of neighbouring villages. It is good to have access to such good films and to have an opportunity to meet each other in the darker months – and all accompanied by our now-famous homemade cakes!

The new season begins on Tuesday 16 September but we do not yet know which film will be shown. If, for this and future films, you would like emailed notification, please let us know by emailing:

framptonmansell@gmail.com

FRAMPTON MANSELL WEBSITE

This is a reminder about the website which you might like to access for a variety of information, to look at the calendar of events (What's On), enquire about booking the village hall or other general and historical information about the village. Visit tinyurl.com/framptonmansell for more details.

Let's Talk Discussion Group

Please note there will be no discussion group in July and August. Enjoy the long summer evenings.

For further information contact Paul or Pepita on 760211

CHRISTIAN AID

Many thanks to all who supported Christian Aid this year - those who made, sold and bought cakes and also all who returned their envelopes. We have been able to send £271.50 (of which £150 was gift aided).

FRAMPTON MANSELL COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 3 July and Thursday 7 August - 10.30am to 12pm at Woodstock. Please join us for a coffee and a chinwag! Everyone welcome.



WHAT'S ON @ Sapperton Village Hall



Bingo night

Saturday 19th July

Doors open 7.30pm, eyes down 8pm

Tickets - John/Annette 01285 760468

PLUS

Produce show at the end of August

More info coming soon



www.sappertonvillagehall.org

SCHOOL TIES SAPPERTON SCHOOL

Schools Out! And welcome to the anniversary edition of this column; yes it's 12 months since your intrepid reporter first started bringing you insider knowledge of the happenings within Sapperton School!

And to start with, those sports results keep rolling in! While the world's eyes are glued on Brazil, those in the know are keeping a close contact on field, track and tennis court events at Sapperton where the school recently came third in the Sainsbury-sponsored Local Schools Mountain Bike race at the Rugby club and the Archery team came first! This latter event puts the school through to the eagerly awaited county final at Hartbury College. We wish them luck! Elsewhere rugby, cricket and tennis training continue throughout with Years 5 & 6 participating in a *Big Bang Sports Day Out* at Deer Park on 24 June and Years 3 & 4 participating in a Country Dancing festival on 25 June and then a Quick Cricket Tournament on 26 June – phew! I get dizzy at the thought (although that could partly be due to nearly being taken out by a rocket at the *Fizz, Pop, Bang Mad Science Club* earlier this evening: oh no! there goes another of my 9 lives!)

Continuing the twang of the bow-string theme, for those who haven't heard, I can now reveal that the school play this year is ***Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies*** which, as usual, will be played at matinee and evening performances at Sapperton village hall in the first week of July – watch parent mail for further details.

Beyond that, and before we know it, will be the end of term and the normal end of term activities. School trips will be taking place to Wimbledon (year 6), West Midland Safari Park (Juniors) and Slimbridge Wild fowl Trust (Infants). And finally will be the Leavers' Service in St Kenelms Church, Sapperton on Friday 18 July at 2pm which will also be the last day of term. As ever, this emotional event will mark the closing of an educational chapter and sealing of a box of happy memories for many and a major step on life's journey for all.

Molesworth



SAPPERTON WITH FRAMPTON MANSELL PARISH COUNCIL AGM - Chairman's Report

People: As always we are very grateful to have our ward councillor John Birch joining us at our meetings. We consider ourselves fortunate that he gives us so much support and almost without fail attends our monthly meetings – come rain or shine. His assistance & advice is invaluable & much appreciated

Charles Houldsworth of Frampton Mansell has done a sterling job as our treasurer, helping the council use its precept wisely and to the benefit of our two communities, and our accounts are always up to date and easy to understand.

Thanks to Chris Allcock, vice-chairman, for his ongoing liaison with the Bathurst Estate and for taking up the mantle of tenaciously chasing up with Highways repairs to the never-ending potholes and drainage issues in our two villages.

I would also like to thank Sara Taylor, who quietly always remembers, notices and usually actions the things we might otherwise miss or forget. These skills are a huge support and benefit to our Council.

John Bullock, Paul Dingley and all the members of Sapperton village hall committee are to be commended for transforming the fortunes of our village hall. Their commitment and hard work are helping to secure a productive future for this important building within Sapperton village.

Even though we had quite a mild winter I would still like to thank our snow warden, Mark Franklin, who kindly agreed to store our 'small mountain' of road salt on his farm when changes in funding required our parish to buy and store its own salt. What would we do without him?

Achievements: Over the last year the parish council have taken over responsibility for the management and care of St Kenelm's churchyard along with more verges and footpaths around the villages. This has been very successful and helps ensure that both the villages are more accessible to both residents and visitors.

The parish council have also taken over the care and management of Frampton Mansell playground, so securing this area for the young people of our villages.

The 2 dog poo bins in Sapperton continue to be well used! So this has been a successful investment.

The Rural Cinema in Frampton Mansell village hall continues to offer

a valuable and enjoyable service to the community. Sue & Paul Jones are to be commended for this.

On-going problems: Parking in Sapperton continues to be a problem during weekends and holidays. Though we do our best to mitigate the disturbance to residents, without a dedicated visitor's car park this is of limited success.

Fly tipping is an ongoing issue countrywide and residents are urged to be diligent in reporting any suspicious activity or vehicles hanging around the usual dumping areas.

The condition and repair of the long retaining wall in Frampton Mansell has been a very slow process, to the frustration of residents and visitors alike. The parish council continue to liaise with The Bathurst Estate to prioritise these repairs.

Planning: CDC now informs councillors of planning applications by email, rather than by letter. This allows us to be much more proactive and planning issues continue to be a major part of our role. A continuing concern is that retrospective applications do not seem to have abated and often seem to get unjustified approval.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all the parish councillors for their continued work on behalf of our parish and its residents.

Sarah Osborn-Smith - Chairman

FRAMPTON MANSELL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM

Chairman's Report

The hall is in use most days of the week for a whole range of activities ranging from regular exercise classes and birthday parties to prayer meetings and community events. This large number of bookings means that we are in a healthy financial position as reported by our treasurer, Chris Allcock. This is good news indeed since it means we are in a position to maintain the premises in good order. This number of bookings also indicates that the hall is serving the community well as a meeting place, as was intended when it was founded.

The hall and the playground are both in good structural order. The major projects to maintain the facilities over the past year have been the refurbishment of the hall floor and repairs to the playground equipment. It was important to improve the surface of the floor since a significant number of our bookings have been for exercise classes. The repairs to the playground equipment reflect the outcomes of the annual ROSPA inspections. In the most recent annual inspection no significant issues were identified.

Over the past two years young people living in the village have been employed to clean the hall. More regular cleaning has been necessary because of greater use. The committee has been very pleased with the standard of cleaning and it has been good to be able to provide some part time employment to a couple of our younger residents. We have held a number of fund raising/social events over the past year. Most notably perhaps is Rural Cinema which again ran for the season, September to April. I would like to emphasis that as well as making a profit, these monthly meetings have provided an excellent opportunity for people to meet together in the winter months and have a chat over tea and cake or ice cream. We have also held a couple of jumble sales bringing further cash into the bank account. In September we held a village barbecue as a community event. This was a very well attended afternoon and proved a great success.

Looking forward to next year

Three priorities for next year are to:

- redecorate the interior of the hall
- consider what community and fundraising events we might hold.
- assess the condition of the outside cladding and roof and repair as necessary.

Thanks from the chairman

I would like to thank the people who give generous annual financial gifts. Additionally, thanks are due to the committee members, including Chris Allcock as treasurer; Sue & Paul Jones and Pepita Walker for Rural Cinema; Charles Houldsworth for various repairs and maintenance; Judy Sainsbury for organising the jumble sales and Paul Jones for managing bookings.

The parish council should also be thanked for their financial contributions and for taking on responsibility and liability for the playground.

Sheila Allcock - Chairman

CIRENCESTER EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

A brilliant perfect summer's evening complimented a Fashion show held in Meysey Hampton memorial hall recently when just over £700 was raised. Penny Junor, the patron of the group, graced us with her presence. She is currently writing another of her Royal books this time on Prince Harry.

Further details about the group in confidence from Pat on 770385.