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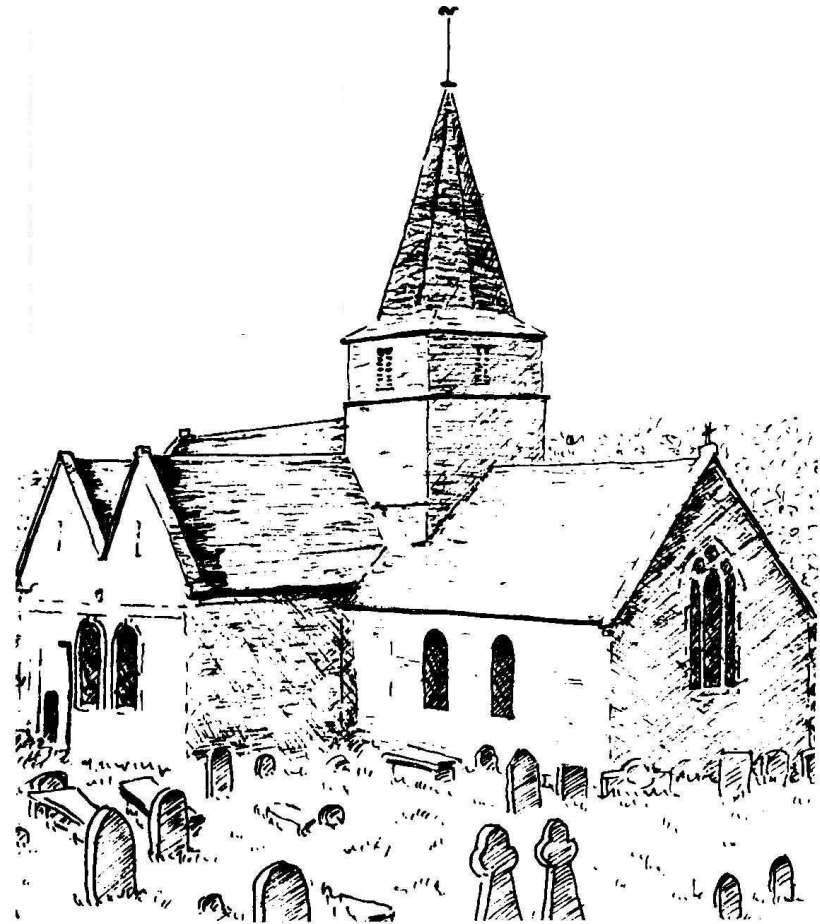
MAY

Wednesday 6	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in St Peter's Hall
Monday 11	7pm	Coates Parish Council Annual Meeting
Tuesday 12		Mobile Library visiting our villages
Thursday 14	10am	Time Out Bible Discussion Group
Saturday 16	10am - 5pm	Model Railway Exhibition in Frampton Mansell Village Hall
Saturday 16	1pm	Cotswold Highland Games & Dog Show
Sunday 17	10am - 4pm	Model Railway Exhibition in Frampton Mansell Village Hall
Tuesday 19	7pm	Rodmarton Parish Council AGM and Meeting
Thursday 21	10am	Time Out Bible Discussion Group
Thursday 21	2.30pm	Good Companions Meeting
Saturday 23	10am-12	Coates Gardening Club Plant Sale
Wednesday 27		Mobile Police Station visiting our villages
Thursday 28	2.30pm	Kemble & District RBL meeting

JUNE

Friday 5	6pm	Watershed RDA Celebrity Bicycle Polo Match
Saturday 6		Rodmarton Fiesta
Wednesday 17		Mobile Police Station visiting our villages
Wednesday 17	10.30am	Good Companions Summer Outing
Saturday 20	10am	Coates Gardening Club Summer Outing
Saturday 20	7.30pm	Sapperton Barn Dance

THE WATERSHED MAGAZINE



	<p>Cotswold Highland Games & Dog Show Saturday 16th May, 1pm onwards Park Corner Farm, Nr Sapperton Something for all the family! www.cotswoldhighlandgames.org</p>	
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MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

The mobile library visits Coates every 4 weeks. The visit for this month will be on 12 May between 11.55am and 12.55pm outside the village hall.

MOBILE POLICE STATION

The mobile police station will be visiting our villages on 27 May and 17 June at the following times:

Frampton Mansell	1 - 1.45pm
Sapperton	2 - 2.45pm
Coates	3 - 3.45pm
Kemble	4 - 4.45pm
Somerford Keynes	5 - 5.45pm

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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 JUNE MAGAZINE - 12 May

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 May at the latest for inclusion in the next issue.**

FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

3 May	5th Sunday of Easter
9.30am	Kemble Holy Communion
9.30am	Coates Holy Communion
11am	Poole Keynes Family Service
11am	Somerford Keynes Morning Prayer
11am	Rodmarton Stanley Emson Memorial Dedication & Holy Communion
11am	Sapperton Family Holy Communion
6 May	Midweek Wednesday
10am	Kemble Holy Communion
10 May	6th Sunday of Easter
9.30am	Kemble Family Service
9.30am	Coates Holy Communion
9.30am	Poole Keynes Holy Communion
11am	Tarlton Rogation Service
11am	Somerford Keynes Holy Communion
11am	Rodmarton Matins
11am	Frampton Mansell Holy Communion
13 May	Midweek Wednesday
10am	Kemble Holy Communion
14 May	Ascension Day
7.30pm	Somerford Keynes Holy Communion
17 May	7th Sunday of Easter
9.30am	Coates Family Service
11am	Rodmarton Holy Communion (BCP)
20 May	Midweek Wednesday
10am	Kemble Holy Communion
24 May	Pentecost
8am	Tarlton Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Kemble Morning Prayer (BCP)
9.30am	Poole Keynes Holy Communion
9.30am	Coates Holy Communion
11am	Somerford Keynes Holy Communion
11am	Rodmarton Family Service
11am	Frampton Mansell Holy Communion
6pm	Kemble The Source
27 May	Midweek Wednesday
10am	Kemble Holy Communion
31 May	Trinity Sunday
10am	Rodmarton Combined Benefice Service

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

How many of us are suffering from canvas fatigue I wonder? Have you been following the debates and the daily newspaper articles? Have you found anything interesting or surprising or unexpected? A general election should be an opportunity for us to influence our future and the future behaviour of our politicians but I am somewhat cynical about that. When I hear a phrase like 'we have learnt our lesson' or 'we heard what the people said' I feel it is generally a platitude, a pat on the head because actually we the people don't understand, which is often true but then I think in our modern adversarial politics a high level of arrogance is a prerequisite for survival. Speaking truth and honest debate about really difficult issues take a poor second to point scoring and political correctness. Our Archbishop is quite right; a civilised people cannot permit thousands to die in the sea. Equally our politicians are right that we cannot just have open borders. So how do we resolve the issue, what is the right course of action? We have a funding problem with the NHS and we live in a troubled world that is growing daily less secure and we have finite resources. How do we decide where to spend our money when we cannot do everything? In May when we vote we have to look at what will be best in the long term for our nation and our world and vote accordingly with the information we have. To vote as we always have, as our parents did or for a personal gain is not the way to mature democracy. Democracy requires us to take our responsibility to society seriously otherwise we have just failed to accept our own responsibility by passing it on to someone else.

This failure to be responsible is of course part of the human condition. We have been blaming someone else since the days of Adam and Eve but that is no excuse. At Easter we celebrated God fulfilling his responsibility through the life and ministry and sacrifice of Jesus. He pays the price of our selfishness, greed and indolence. This is not however a '*get out of jail card*' because Jesus told his disciples that they were to continue doing as he did, they were to continue trying to do what was right according to God's love and telling everyone the good news of God's love. In fact to be a disciple is to follow the Way of God and everyone who calls themselves Christian is to be a disciple and use their energy to follow him. Christians should not just tell the good news they should *be* good news, living lives that reflect that of Jesus. When we fill in our tax return, drive our cars, vote in an election we should be asking ourselves how Jesus would have responded or acted in this place. Some ethical questions such as the

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temptation to steal or murder are easy to answer and some like the temptation to chase another's partner and help others break their promises we try to justify but we know the truth. Other questions like the refugees may raise many difficult questions with different valid answers. It is evil to send them to sea needing rescue to survive, it would be evil also to leave them to drown, an honest response will own both these facts.

This month we will vote. To do so we need to honestly reflect on what will be the best for our nation and it will impact on how we live in the wider world too. I would never presume to suggest the right answer but I would presume to suggest that every adult should vote according to their conscience and that not to vote is actually sinful because it means you are not taking the responsibility given to us by God to care for his world and his people.

With love and prayers

Trevor Kemp

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NEWS FROM COATES

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What? Christian Aid's work is founded on Christian faith, inspired by hope and acts to change an unjust world through charity – a practical love and care for our neighbours.

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Please give as generously as you can!

To find out more, go to www.christianaid.org.uk

Thank you for your support.

THE GOOD COMPANIONS

The Good Companions will meet on Thursday 21 May at 2.30pm in Coates village hall. We will be entertained by *Dame and Diva* two ladies who perform sketches, sing and recite poems. This will be followed by a raffle and refreshments. All are welcome.

Our summer outing will be on Wednesday 17 June. The coach will leave Coates village hall at 10.30am. The day will include a stop for lunch, ride on the Dean Forest steam train and a cream tea. Full details on notice board in the village or ring Neeve Vizor on 770832 or Betty Mixture on 770569.

TIME OUT BIBLE DISCUSSION

The Time Out Bible discussion group for mothers of school age children in the benefice will meet on at 10am Thursdays 14 & 21 May. For further details please contact Julie on 770123 or email julieallen47@btinternet.com or juliepaulmorton@onetel.com.

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COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY

The final draw of the Coates Village Hall lottery year 2014 - 2015 was held at 7.30pm on 10th April (postponed, as the first Friday of the month fell on Good Friday) at the Old School. There were 56 participants. Five prizes were awarded as follows:

First prize	£100 to no 59	Jeanette Chipping
Second prize	£75 to no 84	Denise Hatch
Third prize	£50 to No 75	Heather Freeman
Fourth prize	£30 to no 51	Jeanne Wilkinson
Fifth prize	£20 to no 68	Elizabeth James

This brings to an end a successful year in which £1,375 has been distributed as prizes and £1,374 has been spent on hall improvements.

Most contributed to the purchase of comfortable upholstered conference armchairs for the main hall, as well as supporting the garden and the purchase of a projection screen. We have received many favourable comments on the chairs and the garden and are very grateful to all the contributors for their generosity.

We have now launched a new lottery for 2015 - 2016. Leaflets have been distributed through the village and we look forward to welcoming our subscribers both old and new. Tickets cost £4 per month. The draw is held on the first Friday of the month at 7.30pm in the village hall on family evenings. When there is no family evening the draw takes place at the Old School and all are welcome to attend. We welcome contributions at any time through the year; tickets are always available from Mrs Diana Crane (The Old School) and Mrs Betty Mixture (2 Home Piece). While some people choose to hold a number for the whole year, any number of months can be purchased and some numbers are reserved for people who only want an occasional flutter. We are planning to install double glazed windows and it is likely that the coming year's contributions will go towards this.

Diana Crane

COATES PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 11 May 2015 Coates Village Hall

1. Annual meeting of the Coates Parish Council 7pm

2. Annual Coates Parish meeting 7.30pm

There are 3 councillors retiring this year. If you are interested in joining the council contact the chairman: Bob Allen on 01285 771229 or clerk: Libby Harrison on 01285 771449 as soon as possible.

COATES GARDENING CLUB

Our annual plant sale will be held on the morning of Saturday 23 May from 10am until noon in Coates village hall. Please BRING PLANTS and BUY PLANTS! There will also be a cake stall and an opportunity to meet other gardeners and chat over a cup of coffee. This is our only fund raising event and the proceeds of the morning help with the cost of speakers and our outing. Everyone will be welcome.

On Saturday 20 June we plan to visit Blenheim Palace Flower Show. We will travel by coach leaving Coates at 10am and returning by 5pm. The coach fare is £12 return (£10 for gardening club members) and the group rate for entry to the Park, gardens and flower show is £8 and £6.50 for over 60's. If anyone prefers to tour the Palace the cost will be £14.30 (£12.20 for concessions). There will be some coach seats available for non-members, so do not hesitate to contact me on 771354 or our treasurer on 654306 to book a place. There is a variety of eating places and lots to see there. Do join us for a great day out. Margaret Reynolds 771354



Cotswold Highland Games & Dog Show

Saturday 16th May, 1pm

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NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

rejoiced in the summit of the Bramley apple tree at the top of the garden. He was so profound a poet-singer that I encouraged a Clematis montana to ascend the tree, to make his singing even more sublime. It worked.

The truth is that Percy Bysshe really does reflect my political views extremely well – I believe in Beauty with a capital B, Nature with a capital N, Love and Joy, as in a mud-lined nest containing five speckled eggs, the right to feed our young with a beak full of earthworms, and to roost, head under wing, through the long dark night of vicissitude. Above all, I believe I understand the meaning within those contralto notes ushered through the silvering mists of dawn. I just wish that some politicians did...

Matthew Oates

RODMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Elections for the parish council take place on Thursday 7 May 2015. Rodmarton has 7 councillors and candidates need a proposer and a seconder who are on the electoral roll and a witness to their own signature. Elections will be held if more than 7 are nominated; if fewer all candidates automatically become councillors and the remainder needed must be co-opted. Candidates may canvass and make expenditure out of their own pocket but if made must be within the legal parameters and must be accounted for by a certain date.

Candidates' papers to be hand delivered to CDC offices by 4pm on Thursday 9 April 2015.

The first parish council meeting after election is the AGM and Ordinary meeting on Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 7pm in Rodmarton village hall when the new parish councillors will elect amongst themselves the chairman and vice chairman of the council.

District councillors are also being elected on the same date. Rodmarton parish council is now within the Kemble district.

For more information and candidate nomination papers visit the CDC website <http://www.cotswold.gov.uk>.

NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

TALKING TO MYSELF

Recently we were in London at Kings Cross Station. As always it was bustling. Crowds of young people – many queuing to have their photo taken going through the wall onto platform 9 ¾. School groups, families – parents trying to keep track of all their children:

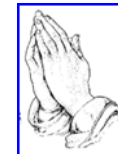
Businessmen: Those going on holiday – excited at the prospect: People looking lost – and so on. However, when you looked more closely there were those who seemed not sure as to whether they wanted to travel. Some who were having to say goodbye and didn't want to. Those who did not seem to know what the future held for them.

Easter is only just over and I imagine that was how Jesus' disciples felt – lost and unsure. They had been through a traumatic time. After all the excitement of Palm Sunday suddenly everything had gone wrong. They had seen the cruelty which Jesus had suffered, watched Him on route to Golgotha, seen Him hanging on the cross and later laid in the tomb. Then He had risen from the dead – but what now. As His followers it wasn't really safe to be in Jerusalem. They must have been scared of their own shadows!

We all face times of uncertainty when we are unsure what lies ahead and whether we will be able to cope. Have we made the right decision? Is it safe? This is part of life, of being human. Usually all is well and we wonder why we were so concerned, just occasionally things do go wrong. How do we cope? We all have our own methods but may I suggest that whether the way is easy or not if we put our hand in the hand of God He will be there to support and help us.

SERVICE AND COFFEE

We are holding a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month, 5 May, 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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NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

Many of our summer vegetables and flowers are frost tender, so keep an eye on weather forecast for late frosts, and delay planting out if the weather is chilly. Provide extra protection with cloches or overnight with horticultural fleece or news paper. The full moon is early in the month, and this could bring a frost, likewise in early June.

If you grow your potatoes using the 'earthing up' method draw extra earth over new growing tips if frost threatens, for those who favour planting in trenches, cover new shoots to prevent damage. Tomatoes, courgettes, cucumbers, runner beans and dahlias, all need frost protection. Fingers are crossed that no late frosts occur!

May equals peonies and very happy gardener.

Sally Oates

MAY 7 BLUES

There was only one thing to do: declare a total news blackout and wait for the day of judgement to come, then vote according to conscience. We declared UDI here many years ago, and have been electing our very own Member of Parliament for the breakaway constituency of Culkerton Mid-West each election. For several years we were well represented by our ginger cat, Gilbert. He was one of the most vocal cats ever to walk this earth, easily outscoring his distant Siamese relations. He was particularly prone to making loud political speeches, mostly it seemed about voles, or was it moles – it was hard to tell? Sadly, Gilbert retired to a seat in the Lords a while back, and we have been left floundering for political representation since.

This election I am voting for Percy Bysshe, our resident cock blackbird: he of the April evening and the May dawn, he of the telegraph pole top and plum tree blossom. He has had a difficult winter, seeing off other male blackbirds, including darker-billed invaders from Scandinavia, and surviving four rather bitter weeks. But he is now bang up for it, full of energy and radical new policies. He has teamed up with an attractive hen called Mrs P, and clearly has a deep understanding of family affairs and needs. We need a sound family man as our representative. Mrs P is doing all the hard work of course, building a nest single-handed in an ivy-covered hedge – whilst her spouse tours round with a loud hailer, soliciting votes.

His father must have been Samuel Taylor, an excellent vocalist who

NOTES FROM CULKERTON

GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY

Our renovated pond is settling down well, and now has a fascinating eco-system. As you will recall, last autumn the leaky pond liner was replaced, many of the marginal plants hosting small creatures were re-instated, and more aquatic plants added. The next ingredient was patience. A warm spell of weather at Easter, brought the small creatures into activity, several different types of newts were visible. As the marsh marigolds came into bloom a surprise sighting was a Great Diving Beetle, the size of a two pound coin! All the marginal plants are growing well, many of these are irises. I have grown one from seed, a pale form of the yellow water Iris pseudacorus 'Clotted Cream'. Also included are two hybrids, Iris 'Holden Clough', with a finely veined bronze flower, and Iris 'Holden's Child' a deep purple offspring of the former.

Around the pond an informal fence has been made using hazel and birch pea sticks. These are woven and twisted together. Climbers are planted along the low fence. A self-sown seedling of honeysuckle, another called Lonicera 'Rhubarb & Custard', a vigorous Clematis montana 'Odorata', Clematis chrysocoma 'Continuity', and perennial sweet pea, Lathyrus 'White pearl'. These will provide lots of nectar, as well as complimentary blooms to the water lilies and irises. A floral 'meadow mix' is growing next to the pond within the enclosure, in an area of about 1m x 3m, and is literally 'watch this space' to see what grows.

Sadly the frogs have not returned; they had abandoned the old pond that no longer held water for their offspring. I hope they do rediscover the new deluxe version as the rest of the garden has an abundant source of slugs for young frogs to dine on!

Early in the month position plant supports for herbaceous perennials, and give them a feed at the same time. Almost time for the 'Chelsea Chop' too, which is suitable for taller growing, late summer flowering border plants like Echinacea purpurea, Helenium, Solidago, and Phlox paniculata. This increases the flowering stems and also delays flowering, so by cutting some plants, but not all flowering time can be extended. Cut plants low to promote side shoots; these will produce more numerous smaller flowers, and need less staking. The best time for the 'chop' is late May to early June.

SCHOOL TIES - SAPPERTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWS



School's Out! And it's the long awaited summer term at last; the sun is out, there's white foam under the bows, the trees are in blossom and summer uniforms are just around the corner!

First though, a flash back to the end of the last term and the Music Concert which saw a good third of the school perform to a packed village hall on a variety of instruments ranging from pianos, violins, guitars and clarinets to the newly formed Ukele group. There was also a solo singer and a grand opening number with the whole school singing the jazz-themed "I want to Sing Scat!" song involving many contrasting actions and movements by the performers!

And of course, to those familiar with the school's annual performing arts programme, there is still the Summer Play to come. But, sorry to disappoint you, I am still not authorised to reveal the title (well, actually, I haven't been told it yet – but I am assured that it will be worth waiting for). Watch this space for further news.

But before the play there is so much else to look forward to: SATs of course (but let's just gloss over those for a moment), the summer sports programme including cricket, tennis and archery, a photographic competition, school trips, including a Year 6 visit to Wimbledon, Fizz Pop Science and Pulsar (a Christian themed play and study workshop for Years 4+) both run as Dog Watch (sorry, after school) clubs and of coursewait for it, roll of drums.....the Cotswold Highland Games on Saturday 16 May. Yes, now in its 4th Year, and firmly set in the Harpers Bazaar (nee Harpers and Queen) social diary as the place to be seen in mid May, this event combines all the traditional ingredients of a school and church fete with a celebrated dog show, Highland music, a range of team-based sporting events and, of course, the infamous Tug-of-War which normally galvanises even the most reluctant competitors into action! More details of the event and the various sporting competitions to follow – but keep this date free. Will you be entering a team this year?

Lastly, and by no means least, a big thank you to all those who donated old clothes in the "Rags2Riches" fund raising scheme. Your correspondent believes that a total of £106 was raised and the school should be receiving a cheque soon. Well done to the Friends for organising this. On the subject of the Friends, there is always space

SCHOOL TIES (cont)

for new members, or fresh ideas, and if you are interested in helping, please look at the Friends site on Facebook. As a taster, their next event will be assisting with the Business Plans prepared by the children for the School's Young Apprentice programme. This is a chance for would be entrepreneurs to think up the next "must have" blockbuster and to develop their commercial skills given a £5 starting float. Dragons Den, here we come!



Molesworth

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Ivor Stayte whose funeral was on Saturday 14 April at Frampton Mansell. Ivor lived in the village nearly all his life. He seemed to know every one and almost everyone knew him. His cheery presence will be sadly missed.

Antony Haynes. His funeral was at Sapperton on Monday 30 March. Antony was born in Barbados and this was marked by his coffin being draped with that country's flag. He had many interests and his funeral was attended by people from many walks of life.

John Gurney. On Friday 10 April Kemble church was packed for John's funeral. He had been a pilot in the RAF and later flew civilian planes. His uniforms were carried into the church by a young air cadet and then placed on the coffin. A memorable moment.

Our love and prayers go to Janet, Mary, Angela and their families.

Weddings

On Saturday 11 April at St Kenelm's, Sapperton – Katherine Laura Lawson and Stuart William Williams, both of Coates. We wish them joy in their new life together.

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED WITH IMMEDIATE START

An experienced cleaner/housekeeper to help 30 hours per week in 5 bed family home: Approx 5 hours a day, with 3/4 hours on a Saturday in busy home with 2 boys aged 2 & 4 years & baby due in September. Laundry, ironing, cleaning, silver, bed making, organising, tidying and cooking a bonus. Need someone long-term who can look after home and family. Please ring 01285 771176. References needed.

DATES FOR DIARY 1914-1918 LEGACY

On Friday 8 May (VE Day) at 7pm in Kemble village hall Peter Rowlands, the founder of the 14-18 legacy project, will be presenting a talk which was aimed at secondary schools during the 90th year of the Royal British Legion to raise funds but now it has been rolled out nationwide. Peter is such a passionate and inspiring past head teacher. All are welcome to come along from surrounding villages to hear him.



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TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE WATERSHED RIDING FOR THE DISABLED GROUP AT COATES, CIRENCESTER

“A Celebrity Bicycle Polo Match”

FRIDAY 5 JUNE 6pm – 11pm at Longdole Polo Club, nr Birdlip.

**6pm Gates open. 6.30pm Children's Arena Polo Chukka.
7pm Polo Cross Demonstration**

7.30pm 4 teams of CELEBRITIES will battle it out playing polo on ELECTRIC BIKES

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COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

Entrance ticket: £10 (U14 free)

In advance kate.beim@customade.co.uk or on the gate.

We look forward to seeing you.

CIRENCESTER EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

The local team will be on hand for the monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday 6 May which takes place in St Peter's Lounge, St Peter's Court, St Peter's Road, Cirencester from 7.30 - 9pm.

Please feel free to call me for a chat anytime if answer-phone kicks in I will ring you back at my earliest convenience.

Unfortunately the NHS eating disorders team in Cheltenham has quite a waiting list for appointments and fast tracking only those they feel are very urgent and filtering most through local GP's. From one who knows, early intervention is paramount and talking can be of great help especially to the carers (parents).

Further details about the group in confidence can be obtained from Pat 01285 770385.

KEMBLE AND DISTRICT RBL WOMEN'S SECTION

The next meeting will be on Thursday 28 May with Major Lynette McKay from South Cerney base. Lynette's duty will be over in the next month or so before she is posted elsewhere. She is a lovely lady and I know will be interesting to both a male and female audience so ALL WELCOME to Kemble village hall for 2.30pm.

It is never too late to join up with the ladies of the RBLWS contact Pat for further info. Pat Ayres Hon Sec. 770385.

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IVOR STAYTE - 1933-2015

Ivor Stanley Stayte (commonly known as "Titch" by his family and friends) died at home in Frampton Mansell on Wednesday 4 March. He was the last of 10 children (the youngest not surviving childhood). They were all born at The Shop, Hillcrest Farm, where his mother ran the village stores and post office. Attending school at Oakridge Lynch he used to be pushed up the hill in an old pushchair by his sisters. This they left at a nearby cottage where the lady would leave gifts in it for their return.

He joined the army as a cook aged 21, having deferred national service due to agricultural workers relief and once ended up in hospital in Suez after blowing up the cookhouse!

He met his wife, Janet, who was the sister of a fellow soldier he met in hospital, and moved into Roseneath Cottage, Church View, where she took over the role of postmistress, spending all their married life there. Ivor was a true country gentleman who loved life and lived it to the full. He could turn his hand to anything and over the years kept pigs and chickens, had a milk round, owned a fish and chip van which he soon sold as it was far too smelly! He gardened at the Manor House and eventually set up a very successful taxi business. He held various positions of authority including being a member of the village hall committee (founded by his mother), church warden, and a governor of Sapperton school. He was chair of the parish council when they all resigned over a controversial planning application for a new workshop in Pike Lane.

Always a terrific contributor to village life, Ivor also helped run numerous fund raising events such as the annual Fete, Bonfire Night, Harvest Supper, Quiz Evenings, Jumble Sales and Father Christmas at children's parties. He was a great raconteur and will be remembered by all for his sense of humour and kindness to everyone, from all walks of life.

Ivor leaves behind his beloved wife Janet, daughter Jill, son-in-law Steve, and grandchildren Paul and Beth. All who knew him will miss him sorely. He was a real character, a true Christian, and a wonderful example to us all.

CHRISTIAN AID

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale on Easter Sunday. Thank you to those who ran the event, those who baked and those who bought. We took £161 – a wonderful total.

NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON

RODMARTON PCC VACANCY FOR SECRETARY

A vacancy has arisen for PCC secretary. As the Archdeacon of Cheltenham says, "Being a PCC secretary is not just about writing minutes and circulating agendas although these things are necessary. It is about using your gifts for administration to make sure that the Church is supported as it goes about its mission and service. Thanks to the work of the PCC secretary the other members of the PCC can be well prepared for meetings so that time is not wasted in matters of routine, decisions are made clear so that the right actions are undertaken, correspondence is dealt with graciously..."

Please telephone Jane on 770401 or Rev'd Trevor Kemp on 770550 for further information.

STANLEY EMSON MEMORIAL

The memorial plaque to the Rev'd Stanley Emson, for many years priest in Rodmarton, who served the old Watershed benefice and indeed the wider area with legendary devotion, has been generously donated by the secular parish council, a sign of the love and esteem in which he was held by the whole community. The slate memorial, finely designed and cut by Diana Lee-Browne, is to be dedicated at 11am on Sunday 3 May at a special service. All are welcome.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: FIESTA

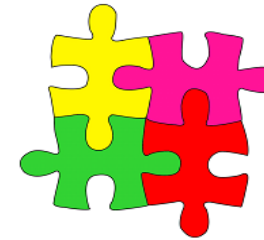
Rodmarton Fiesta is to be held this year on Saturday 6 June a delicious BBQ, and plenty of attractions and activities for children and adults alike, including a Classic Car Display and Competition; Quad Bike and Trailer Rides, Treasure Hunt, Produce, Bric a Brac and Book stalls; Pimms; Real Ale; the Beagles are coming! We are delighted to welcome Sheila Hancock who will be opening the Fiesta at 4pm.

Volunteers would be much appreciated; please contact Jane on 770401

RODMARTON PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

<http://www.rodmarton-pc.org> - information for the villages of Rodmarton, Tarlton, Culkerton, Ashley and Hazleton.
WebMaster, Neil Hainsworth showerproof@mac.com

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24 May	Whit Sunday