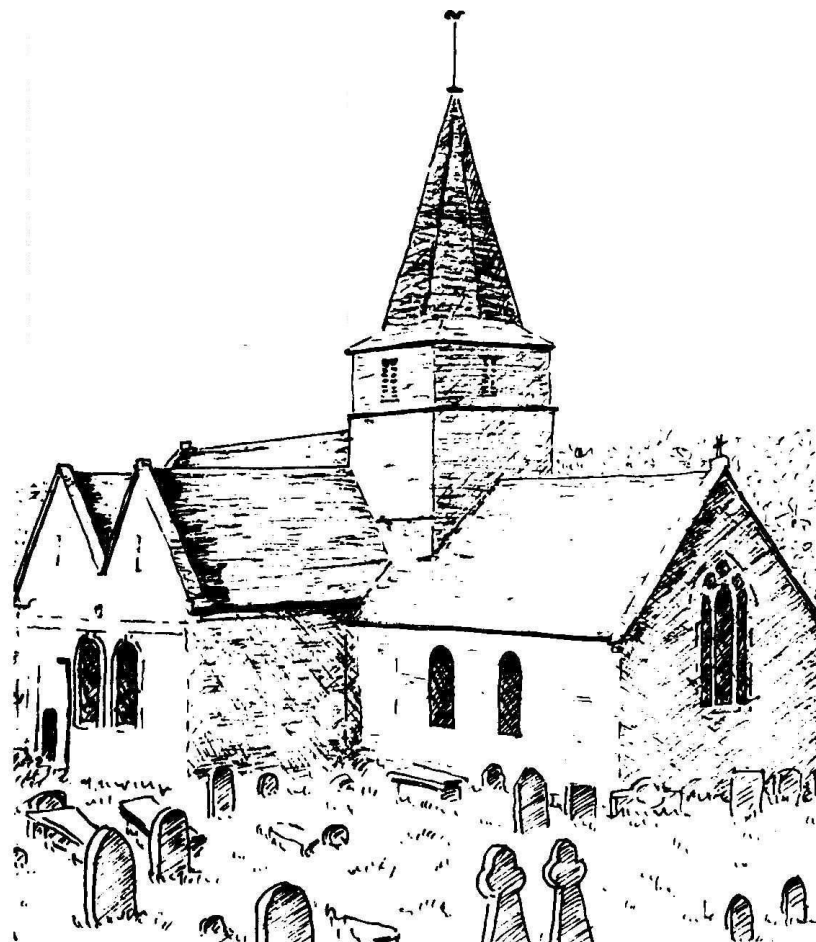


## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER

Monday 2	7.30pm	Coates parish council meeting
Tuesday 3	6.30pm	Pampered Evening in Coates Village Hall
Wednesday 4	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in St Peter's Hall
Thursday 5	10am	Art in Coates <i>Portraits</i>
Sunday 8	12.15pm	Service of Remembrance at Coates War Memorial
Thursday 12	10am	Art in Coates <i>Rory Young's St Albans Martyrs</i>
Thursday 12	7.30pm	Coates Village Hall Presentation
Saturday 14	7pm	Coates Quiz in the Village Hall
Tuesday 17	7pm	Rodmarton Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 17	7.30pm	Frampton Mansell Rural Cinema Far from the Madding Crowd
Thursday 19	10am	Art in Coates <i>Prints</i>
Thursday 19	2.30pm	Good Companions meeting
Saturday 21	7pm	Coates Quiz in the Village Hall
Saturday 21	7.30pm	Cirencester Choral Society Concert in the Parish Church
Sunday 22	10am	Benefice service
Tuesday 24	11.55am	Mobile library visiting Coates
Thursday 26	10am	Art in Coates <i>Engravings</i>
Thursday 26	2.30pm	RBL Women's Section AGM Kemble Village Hall
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Friday 4		Kemble RBL Christmas Meal
Saturday 5	2pm	Rodmarton Christmas Bazaar
Sunday 20	3.30pm	Coates Carol Service

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**St Kenelm's, Sapperton**

**November 2015**

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The mobile library visits Coates every 4 weeks. The visit for this month will be on Tuesday 24 November between 11.55am and 12.55pm outside the village hall.

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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.

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## CLOSING DATE FOR THE DECEMBER AND JANUARY COMBINED MAGAZINE - 12 November

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## FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

<b>1 November</b>	<b>All Saints' Day</b>	
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
5pm	Coates	Remembrance of the Departed and Dedication of new lights
<b>4 November</b>	<b>Midweek Wednesday</b>	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
<b>8 November</b>	<b>Third Sunday before Advent</b>	
9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
10am	Kemble	Remembrance Service
10.30am	Frampton Mansell	Remembrance service
10.50am	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
10.55am	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
11am	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
3pm	Rodmarton	Royal British Legion Service
<b>11 November</b>	<b>Midweek Wednesday</b>	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
<b>15 November</b>	<b>Second Sunday before Advent</b>	
9.30am	Kemble School	Holy Communion
9.30am	Coates	Family Service
9.30am	Frampton Mansell	Family Service
11am	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayers
11am	Somerford Keynes	Family Service
11am	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
<b>18 November</b>	<b>Midweek Wednesday</b>	
6pm	Kemble	Filling Station
<b>22 November</b>	<b>Christ the King -The Sunday next before Advent</b>	
10am	Kemble	Benefice Service
		This month's benefice service is on 22 November and will include a speaker from SAT7 to talk about ministry in the Middle East and Africa. The service will be at <b>Kemble at 10am</b> and will be followed by a presentation on SAT7's work. This will be at Kemble Village Hall and will be combined with a Bring and Share lunch. All are encouraged to attend and will be very welcome.
6pm	Kemble	The Source

<b>25 November</b>	<b>Midweek Wednesday</b>	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
<b>29 November</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30am	Kemble	Morning Prayer
11am	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
11am	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
11am	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
3pm	Kemble	Advent Messy Church
6pm	Poole Keynes	Songs of Praise

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

November is of course the month of Remembrance and this year our Royal British Legion service will be at St Peter's Rodmarton at 3pm on 8 November. You will be more than welcome. Almost everyone in this country honours Remembrance Day even if they do so without a great deal of thought but they all do so with integrity of heart. Sacrifice is a powerful image, one of those great Old Testament stories of course holds the cost of sacrifice before us. In Genesis 22 we find Abraham preparing to sacrifice Isaac his son. What monstrous being would command another to sacrifice their child? The innocent suffering for no apparently good reason. It is not hard in my mind to draw a parallel between that and governments sending their sons to be slaughtered in the war to end all wars. The stories diverge of course because God had a plan and the warring nations didn't have a plan or were too arrogant or proud to find an alternative path and so millions died.

Any sane government would have learned from the past but of course in 1939 we did it all over again and in 1945 we topped it off with the atom bomb. These are only the two strongest racial memories in Western Europe. All across the world since the dawn of civilisation we have been fighting so I can understand why our new Labour leader, Jeremy Corbyn would claim it is wrong, that he would never press the button, that we should set an example and disband our armed forces to show the world the way to peace. His is a muddle headed hope with no foundations. It is irresponsible in a broken world to even begin to think it whilst at the same time he rejects the very truth that might make his hope possible.

God calls Abraham his friend, so why tell him to sacrifice his son? Well of course God had no intention of letting it happen. God challenges Abraham to think about his priorities and to consider how much he really trusts God to fulfil his promise. The passage talks of



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Abraham's 'fear of the Lord' but it is not meant in the way we would, sometimes fear is translated 'awe' and that is much better. How far will you follow the one who imagines and creates the universe and holds all that is in his power and yet offers himself in Jesus as the sacrifice, the cost of our failures, instead of ourselves? Abraham has already told Isaac 'God will provide the lamb'; could he have imagined how true his words were? Abraham sacrifices the ram and calls the place 'The Lord will Provide'. Was his faith shaken or stirred and strengthened by this experience?

If we were to truly follow Jesus the dream of peace could come true for we would cease desiring to exercise power for our own glory but until that day it is fanciful, hopeless and dangerous.

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## 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

### NEWS FROM ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

On 1 November there will be an All Souls and Festival of Lights service to dedicate our new lights, which have been generously donated to the church, together with a service of Remembrance for those whom we have lost. Please do get in touch with Anne Chilton on 770726 if you have any family members or friends who rest in the graveyard and you would like to be remembered at this service.

On Tuesday 3 November we are holding a Pampered Evening in Coates Village Hall from 6.30 - 9pm. Come and enjoy a drink and nibbles, whilst perhaps starting some Christmas shopping at our lovely stalls, including jewellery, lingerie, candles and atomisers, decorations, lovely moisturisers or enjoy a treatment such as a facial, manicure, head or hand massage, make up; there will be a raffle. Tickets are £5 for entry (to include drink and nibbles). Under 16s free. Fund raising for the church. Please contact Liz on 07771 553061 or Sarah on 771393.

On the second Tuesday of the month (10 November) there will be a service and tea; a said Communion service at 3pm followed by tea at The Blessings, Coates. Contact Anne Chilton on 770726.

Coates Community Coffee and Cake on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (17 November); coffee, cake and chance for a chat at Coates village hall from 10.30 - 12 noon. Contact Sarah on 771393.

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**COATES PARISH COUNCIL**

The following matters were discussed at the meeting on Monday 7 September 2015:

1. Noise problems associated with events held at the Tunnel House Inn in the summer were reported by some residents. New owners of the pub have been made aware of their responsibilities to ensure noise levels meet the requirements of their license.
2. The wall in the play area that needs repairing is the joint responsibility of the Parish Council and Bromford's Housing Association and discussions with BHA are taking place to arrange repairs.
3. The Victory Green gates have been painted. The area may be further planted out in the near future as part of the Coates Environmental plan.
4. Reports of a number of dog fouling problems have been received by the parish council. Notices of dog owners' responsibility to pick up their pets' mess have been placed in the local paper and the Watershed magazine. A leaflet drop to all houses in the area has also taken place.
5. The Coates parish council website is scheduled to go live before Christmas 2015. Residents with any suitable photographs of the village and surrounding areas are invited to send these to the parish clerk for consideration of inclusion on the website.

Electronic copies of the minutes are available from the parish clerk: [coatesclerkextra@btinternet.com](mailto:coatesclerkextra@btinternet.com). The next meeting will take place on Monday 2 November 2015 at 7.30pm in Coates village hall.

**COATES REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

A short service of Remembrance will be held in Coates at the village war memorial at 12.15pm on Remembrance Sunday 8 November. A wreath will be laid, "From the people of Coates", and the names of the Fallen read aloud. Everyone is welcome, especially children.

**COATES CHOIR NEEDS YOU!!**

It's not too late to join Coates choir in our rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 20 December at 3.30pm. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening at 6.30pm. Men, women and children welcome - no auditions!

Please call Liz Collins on 07919 062116 for details.

## COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY

The seventh draw of this year's Coates Village Hall lottery took place on Friday 2 October at 7.30pm, at the Family Day. There were 52 participants. Prizes were awarded as follows:-

First prize	£50 to no 48	Mandy Mixture
Second prize	£30 to no 7	Bob Crawford
Third prize	£20 to no 19	Paul Sanders

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 13 November, 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 19 November in Coates village hall at 2.30pm. There will be a Bring and Buy Table to raise funds for our club and a Beetle Drive followed by raffle and refreshments.

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.

Betty Mixture 770569

## COATES GARDENING CLUB

On Thursday 5 November at 7.30 pm in Coates village hall we will first hold our brief AGM, and this will be followed by an informal talk by Bob Merrill, Group Organiser of Watershed Riding for the Disabled in Coates. Planning permission has been granted for much-needed new facilities there, such as toilets and a tea room so this will be an opportunity to see the plans, ask questions and hear about the many activities of the group.

Our annual Christmas social will be held on Thursday 3 December. Carol Wilson is busy compiling another of her entertaining quizzes and there will be a bring and share supper with delicious food and a complimentary glass of wine. This is always great fun. Do join us – visitors are always welcome at a charge of £2.50

Margaret Reynolds 771354

## KEMBLE AND DISTRICT RBL WOMEN'S SECTION

Alan MacQuillan and myself have been invited into Kemble School on November 3 to talk to some of the children about 'Evacuation' during the war and the impact that this might have had on children at the time and long term. Memories/photos from anyone else please so we can include them in the discussion.

On the 11.11.11 as usual I will be at the Kemble war memorial and in addition this year Kemble School children will be remembering 'Animals at War'. I have been in talks with the head teacher and plans for the remembrance are well underway. You may see horses, dogs and even pigeons there. All welcome.

An invitation to all when Anne Willis, our president, welcomes us to River Cottage for her annual Thinking of Others event on Friday 20 November from 10.30am -12noon.

Entrance is £3 to include mince pies/cheese scones and coffee. Proceeds will be divided between The Gurkha Trust and National Memorial Arboretum. Donations of cakes, produce and raffle prizes very much appreciated.

Our AGM will be on Thursday 26 November in Kemble village hall at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Mark Cane who served under James Blunt in war-torn Kosovo – but these days Mark is enjoying a new career which takes him into the homes of the rich and famous. All welcome. Excellent refreshments too.

Pat Ayres poppy area organizer 770385

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### KEMBLE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

**Sunday 8 November** - This year's Annual Remembrance Service at 3pm will be taking place at St Peter's Church, Rodmarton. Tea and cakes will be served afterwards in the village hall. We are lucky again that Cirencester Band is keen to be with us. This service is for everybody – not just Legion members.

**Friday 4 December** - Branch Christmas evening meal at The Thames Head Pub – all members will in due course receive a letter from our Branch Chairman, John Chilton, about this event.

If you are not already a member of the Royal British Legion and would like more information please contact me for details.

Julia Clarke - 770472



## NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

unusually large influxes of Scandinavian songbirds this winter – blackbirds, thrushes and the like. There may be a lot of garden birds to feed this winter.

The truth is that nobody knows what this winter will bring. Your guess is as good as mine. All that is certain is that November will strip the leaves from the trees, re-exposing the rookeries and reminding us of the imminence of Christmas and of the ending of another year. For a short while beauty will prevail: the maples will flame red, then the beeches will burnish, and finally the oaks will cast their burnt umber leaves, and we'll end up with the drab soporific browns of yet another all-too-long winter, watching out for the mustard haze of hazel catkins and other early signs of spring.

What matters is not late autumn, or winter, but the miraculous rejuvenation that is spring. And next year will be 40 years on from that goddess of all summers, the long hot summer of 1976. Perhaps she will return? Think of this, not of autumn or winter.

Matthew Oates

### CIRENCESTER EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

The local team will be on hand for the monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday 4 November which takes place in St Peter's Lounge, St Peter's Court, St Peter's Road, Cirencester from 7.30 - 9pm.

Recently the family of the late Amy Winehouse (pop/rock singer) has given significant funding to the National BEAT in memory of Amy who suffered the illness of bulimia along with various additions. High profile names linked with the charity do raise the importance of awareness.

With the beginning of the new school year, requests from pastoral teams have been made for a co-worker and myself to visit and chat to pupils about the distressing implications of eating disorders. Time is set aside for those who need to talk in confidence. The ages range from 11 – 16 years. Early intervention is vital as the cost to lives in the 'growing up years' have devastating effects on the sufferer and their carer.

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

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

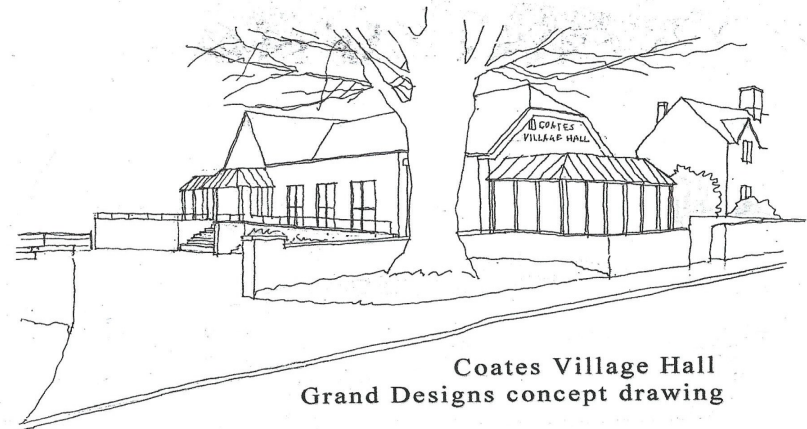
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If you can't make it but would like to receive a copy of any information presented contact the Secretary, Diana Crane on 01285 770 976 or email: [diana@dianacrane.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:diana@dianacrane.wanadoo.co.uk)

### **TIME OUT BIBLE DISCUSSION**

The Time Out Bible discussion group for mothers of school age children in the Benefice meets twice a month on Thursdays at 10am. For further details please contact Julie on 770123 or email [julieallen47@btinternet.com](mailto:julieallen47@btinternet.com) or [juliepaulmorton@onetel.com](mailto:juliepaulmorton@onetel.com).

## ART IN COATES

The second half of the Autumn Term starts on Thursday 29 October with two sessions on Portraits by Juliet Heslewood. This will be followed on 12 November by Rory Young's presentation on the sculptures he has made for St Alban's Cathedral. Rory is a local artist who spent his childhood in Coates parish: he will discuss this prestigious project from its initial conception to the final completion this year, when his seven sculptures were installed in the St Alban's shrine and finished in situ. On 19 and 26 November we complete this year's programme with two sessions on early prints and engravings by Patrick Doorly.

Meetings are held in Coates Village Hall from 10am - 12 noon on Thursdays. The cost is £10 per session, paid at the door and includes refreshments at half time. All are welcome. For further information contact Diana Crane on 770976.

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## **NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)**

I have been lucky to have nightly visits from several hedgehogs, so a sheltered dry place with lots of leaves under a weather-proof covering is for them. Any fallen apples are left for the Red Admiral butterfly.

Gravel is a low maintenance cover for sitting areas, and a good source of desirable self sown seedlings, so check before you hoe unwanted weeds. However, every now and then the gravel needs a top-up, I use handy bags of pea gravel and rake to level.

The pruned wild blackberries in our boundary hedge are excellent this year, with long trusses of delicious fruit. The vigorous long new shoots, several metres long are trained in as arching curves, these will fruit next year.

Sally Oates

## **TOWARDS WINTER...**

The media has worked itself into a frenzy over whether we're going to get a hard winter or not. This is based partly on the never-ending desire to find news, and partly on unusually strong El Nino stirrings in the far away Pacific, where sea surface temperatures have risen to unusual levels. This El Nino activity certainly affects global weather, even as far away as the UK. There is some evidence to suggest that it produces colder, drier winters in northern Europe (and milder, wetter ones in southern Europe).

In southern Britain, we last had a run of cold winters back in the early and mid-1980s, but since then just the odd spell of cold winter weather has occurred – the early months of 1996, December 2010 and January 2011, and more recently the bitter March of 2013, and that's about it. So, yes, we are overdue a cold winter, but then we were seriously overdue a wet September, but September again proved to be one of 2015's drier months.

The abundance of holly berries just now does not foretell anything, least of all arctic conditions. Instead, it reflects on reasonable weather during the spring gone by, which allowed good flowering, pollination and set. Nothing else. And yes, there will be plenty of holly berries this Christmas – though perhaps there won't if we push hungry birds on to eating holly berries early, by flail-cutting the equally well-berried hawthorn hedges to smithereens... . Given the prevalence of cold weather in Russia and Scandinavia during October, we could well host

## NOTES FROM CULKERTON

### GARDENING TIPS FOR NOVEMBER

'If you want to be happy for a short time, get drunk; for long time, fall in love; happy forever, take up gardening.' .....A Chinese Proverb

Many of last month's seed sowing have germinated, all placed in a cold frame, for protection from heavy rain and to take the edge from colder autumn nights. Winter mix salad leaves are doing well; there is still time to make another sowing of these under glass.

Last month I also gave the glass houses a good clean before moving in pots of Dahlias to prolong the flowering period, however I notice that the glass has another growth of algae to be cleaned off before winter. Good light is needed for overwintering seedlings, young plants and cuttings.

The green houses and cold frame are kept very well ventilated on warm days and closed for the night, this is to prevent damping off and moulds growing. It is particularly important for late fruiting grapevines. 'Crimson Seedless' is just starting to ripen now, some of the abundant leaves are also removed to aid air circulation.

This autumn has seen magnificent displays of hardy fuchsias, Michaelmas Daisies, and a rewarding late flush of rose blooms; an abundance of fruits everywhere, and now foliage is giving some wonderful colours.

Talking of foliage, a splendid maroon can come from *Corylus maxima* 'Purpurea', the leaf colour is from spring to autumn, with pink catkins and tasty filbert nuts; a very good background shrub for white or pastel flowers or bolder purple, reds and orange hues. Ideally this should be planted where the sun backlights the leaves, it is then truly stunning.

In dry weather keep your grass trimmed as this may be the last cut of the year. I have been setting my mower blade higher to achieve 'a spongy turf', which is soft to walk on, does contain mosses, and other flowering plants.....and may be better wearing than just grass.

Some of the herbaceous plants are given a good cut back, this includes *Iris sibirica*, marjoram, lavender and daylilies, trim the leaves close to the ground allowing next year's growing tips to have some winter sun. Others with good architectural stems are left standing.....for me teasels.....if these are not in the right place I simply dig the stem out and secure them in the new location with an inconspicuous stake and ties.



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## NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

### PAWS FOR THOUGHT

It's wonderful the way having a relationship with an animal or household pet changes the dynamics of a family and one that withstands the trials and tribulations of family life. Earlier this year the national papers featured the touching photograph of Sheila Marsh with her favourite horse, Bronwen, in the car park of Wigan Royal Infirmary, saying a last goodbye. Sheila was unable to speak at this late stage but she managed to call to the horse, who came to her and nuzzled her gently on the cheek. The bond between Sheila and Bronwen was clearly strong; she had cared for Bronwen for twenty five years.

This act of kindness by the hospital staff however did more than grant the dying wish of an elderly woman. It touched the lives of the many thousands of people who have seen the image and highlighted again how animals impact positively on our lives and how instinctively they seem to understand our emotional needs. Perhaps more importantly this story has rekindled connections in Sheila's family, with her daughter now talking once again to her father and sister, a sister she hadn't spoken to for 26 years.



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### RODMARTON & TARLTON HARVEST FESTIVAL AND LUNCH

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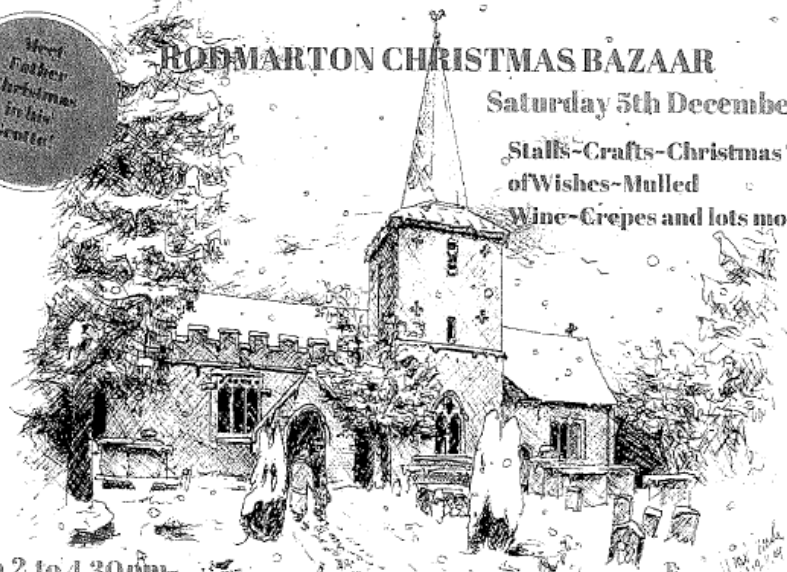


**NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON,  
CULKERTON AND HAZLETON**

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**SERVICE AND COFFEE**

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**KEMBLE AND DISTRICT POPPY APPEAL**

From 24 October the team of collectors will be coming around the villages and it is hoped that once again the generosity of you all will be outstanding. Over the years of being involved as the PAO I am amazed at the kindnesses and support.

Remember 'Like an ever-rolling stream' these old words here bear deeper significance as the people they represent become ever rarer as time slips by. The poppies bring back memories afresh at each remembrance tide, yet it is not only the national value (they grow not old as we that are left grow old) but a very personal one too in war time hymns and prayers as we enter into the emotion of the occasion and the bereavement. "Never in the field of Human Conflict was so much owed by so many to so few". (Winston Churchill)

Please give as much as you can; thank you as ever

Pat Ayres PAO 770385

**SCHOOL TIES - SAPPERTON CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWS**



School's Out! And the half term holiday is here already! And what a busy period term 1 has been. We've had Harvest Festival services on the allotment, accompanied by a "Bacon Butty Breakfast" courtesy of the Friends, and Harvest Festival on the Farm, accompanied by a Ploughman's Lunch courtesy of the Hoskins's at Park Corner Farm. Jeremy Hoskins also gave a very informative talk and practical demonstration on how bread was made (while the children demonstrated how it was eaten shortly afterwards). As ever, it was very nice to meet so many parents and villagers in what have now become firm fixtures in the School's autumn calendar.

And on the sports field, the term has got off to a good start too with the Tag Rugby team coming 6<sup>th</sup> out of 36 teams in a local tournament, the Year 5/6 Hockey teams (and yes we fielded 2) doing extremely well with the A team winning all their matches in their group and finishing 6<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams. And then there was the Cross-Country at Kingshill School which saw a healthy turn-out of boys and girls from Years 4, 5 & 6 competing. Not a bad start at all for a frigate-sized school!

Culturally and spiritually, the highlight of the first half of term was the IsingPOP! concert which gave a tremendous performance to a packed Sapperton village hall which even attracted a few *Old Sappertonians* from last year's Year 6 – obviously very glad to keep in touch with their old shipmates. The children sang very well and those of you who ordered CDs of this moving event will soon be able to collect them from Mrs B in the Quartermaster's Office.

Looking ahead, the key event, which is back by popular request, will be the **School Disco!** with Razamatazz on Friday 13 November (*steady there you fresh-water sailors, its only a date*) in Coates Village Hall from 6 - 7pm. All welcome and, as before, the Friends will be running a Tuck Shop and bar.

Next month, before we know it, we will talking Christmas dates. There may even, I am reliably informed, be a further outing of the *Parents Panto!* – so beware the Press Gang if you value your freedom. As ever, watch Parent Mail for further announcements on this and a vast range of other activities.

Molesworth