

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JUNE

Thursday 2	7.30pm	Coates Gardening Club <i>Chris Wells of Cotswold Bees</i>
Saturday 4		Rodmarton & Tarlton Fiesta
Tuesday 7	11.55am	Mobile library visiting Coates
Saturday 11		Kemble Village Fete
Sunday 12	1pm	Coates Street Party
Tuesday 14	7.30pm	Sapperton with Frampton Mansell Parish Council meeting in Frampton Mansell
Saturday 18	7.45pm	<i>Midsummer Medley</i> in Rodmarton Village Hall
Tuesday 21	10.30am	Community Coffee, Cake and Chat in Coates Village Hall

### JULY

Saturday 2		Cotswold Show
Sunday 3		Cotswold Show
Tuesday 5	11.55am	Mobile library visiting Coates
Wednesday 6	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in St Peter, Court, Ashcroft Road
Thursday 7	6.15pm	Coates Gardening Club Summer Outing to Sheepscombe Gardens
Tuesday 12	7pm	Sapperton with Frampton Mansell Parish Council meeting in Sapperton
Tuesday 19	10.30am	Community Coffee, Cake and Chat in Coates Village Hall

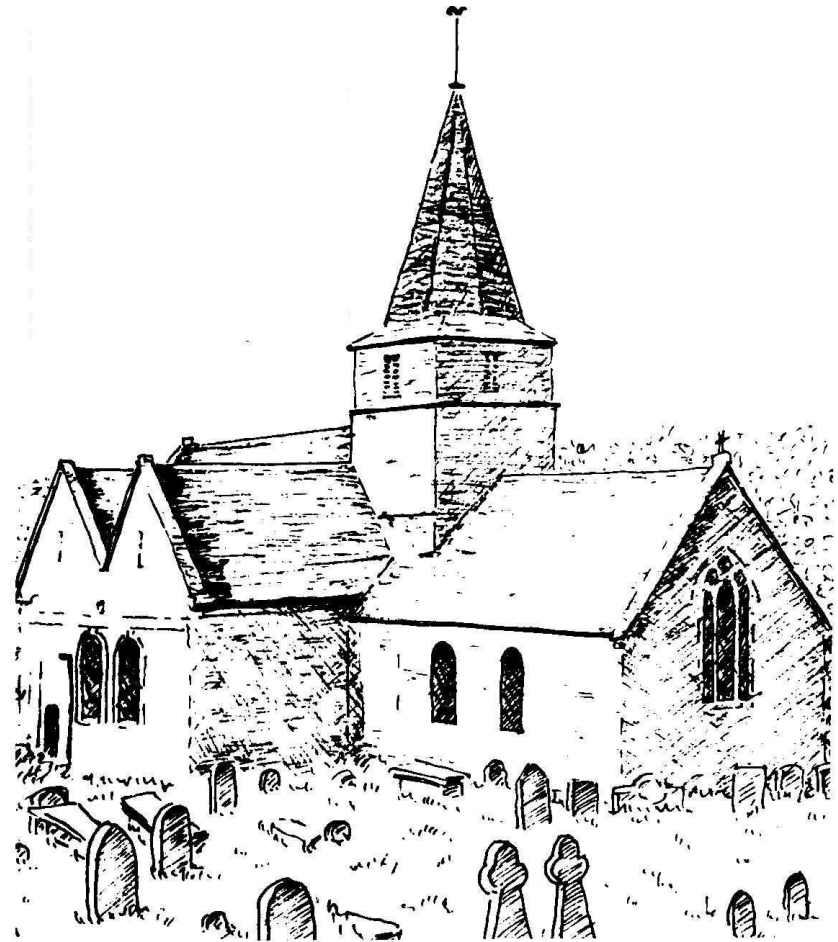
### CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

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# THE WATERSHED MAGAZINE



**St Kenelm's, Sapperton**

**June 2016**

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## MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

The visits for the next 2 months will be on Tuesday 7 June and 5 July between 11.55am and 12.55pm outside the village hall.

## CLOSING DATE FOR THE JULY/AUGUST MAGAZINE

Contributions should be sent to Bob Merrill at Glebe House, Coates, GL7 6NU. Telephone 07866 972389 or by e-mail to the Watershed magazine at [watershedmag@gmail.com](mailto: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 the next issue.**

## 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](mailto:watershedmag@gmail.com). Adverts at a third of a page cost £12 for a single issue or £50 for 6 months. Adverts at half a page cost £19 for a single issue or £75 for 6 months. The magazine is published 10 times every year; July/August and December/January are joint editions. Cheques should be made payable to Watershed magazine. Please try to keep adverts relatively simple and remember we print in black and white so colour images do not always show well.

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

### 5 June

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	Holy Communion

### 8 June

10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
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### Midweek Wednesday

### 12 June

9.30am	Kemble	Family Service
9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30am	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
11am	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
11am	Rodmarton	Mattins
11am	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
11am	Tarlton	Holy Communion

### 15 June

10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
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### Midweek Wednesday

### 19 June

9.30am	Kemble	Family 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 (BCP)

### 22 June

10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
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### Midweek Wednesday

### 26 June

8am	Tarlton	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Kemble	Morning Prayers
9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30am	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
11pm	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
11am	Rodmarton	Family Service
11am	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

Last month, instead of my normal reflection, I included information about a special day of Prayer for our Diocese as we started a process of reflection to affirm and direct our vision as God's family in the Diocese of Gloucester. Bishop Rachel has asked us all to pray, to reflect and to respond. If you would like to comment on the ministry and life of the church here and more broadly within the Diocese, please do write to me and I will pass on your comments to Bishop Rachel. It doesn't matter if you are a member of church or not as we want to reflect on how best to fulfil our ministry locally within our villages and across the Diocese. In order to do that we need to consider where we are and why we do what we do; we need to have a sense of where we wish to be in five or ten years time and practically what we need to do to make that desire and hope a reality.

Please do write to me at the Rectory, Coates, GL7 6NR or email to [rector@thamesheadchurches.org.uk](mailto:rector@thamesheadchurches.org.uk)

May marks a change in the Christian year as in fact it does in our gardens most years as our gardens explode with life and colour. I don't think it is an accident that our ancestors arranged their celebrations to fit the mood of creation, although often these days we are so removed from the natural world that it easily passes us by. Easter is the first sign of new life and Pentecost (or Whitsun) is a time to party, to celebrate the wonder and glory and colour of life in and with God as we remember the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all God's people. Sadly all too often we have forgotten how radical and amazing that event was and is. Often we are worried by what we don't understand fully but God says his plans for us are good plans and like any good parent he desires, loves, to give good gifts to his children. Why then would we not want the fullness of that gift and promise? Perhaps we are afraid that when we know God's real love for us it will change us as it changed his first disciples. That though makes little sense, which of us would turn down the opportunity of a healthier, happier body with no cost? Of course it changes us if we allow our relationship with God to flourish but it is for the better, so why not? Jesus promised the Holy Spirit and he comes so that all of us might have the same closeness with God as Abraham and Moses and the Disciples. The real purpose of baptism is to mark the decision to journey with God. God doesn't need it but it is useful for us as we seek to reflect on what it means to follow Jesus and to be his friends. Confirmation within the Anglican church is an opportunity for those



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who were baptised as infants to affirm their own choice for Jesus and to have the Bishop pray individually for you. These days many people (like me) wait well into adult life to be Confirmed, but why wait, surely we would all want as much of God as he is willing to give us.

Pentecost should be a time to revel in the gifts of God to rejoice in the colour and joy he brings to life. What will it be for you this year?

With love and prayers

Trevor Kemp

Rector

## ADVANCE NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY

**TUESDAY 12 JULY** at 7.30pm at All Saints, Somerford Keynes - Licensing of Rev David Austin as House for Duty Minister for the Thameshead Benefice.

**WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER** at 7pm at St Kenelm's, Sapperton with Bishop Rachel – A service to celebrate the ministry and life of St Kenelm's as it is transferred to the Churches Conservation Trust.

**SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER** at 11am - Thameshead Benefice Confirmation Service with Bishop Rachel. Candidates must be at least 11 years old and undertake appropriate preparation); if you would like to know more please contact Rev Trevor Kemp or Rev David Austin.

## PRAYERS IN THE BENEFICE

- ◇ Wednesdays at Kemble at 10am (Holy Communion)
- ◇ Said Communion Service and Prayers at 3pm followed by tea at The Blessings, Coates (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month )
- ◇ Tuesdays at Kemble at 8.30am
- ◇ Fridays at Rodmarton at 9.15am
- ◇ Saturdays at Somerford Keynes (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month only)

## TIME OUT BIBLE DISCUSSION

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

## CIRENCESTER EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

The local team will be on hand for the monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday 1 June 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 the answerphone kicks in I will ring you back at my earliest convenience.

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

## AG & KATE CONCERT IN KEMBLE VILLAGE HALL

On Sunday 5 June we are hosting AG & Kate for their annual concert in Kemble Village Hall on Sunday 5th June. The concert will start at 12noon but there will be bacon butties and coffee from 11.30am.

Please come along and support them and enjoy their country and gospel music.

Entrance is free but there will be a retiring collection to help support their ministry in the prisons of Britain and the USA which involves a lot of travelling.

## WATERSHED MAGAZINE

I thought it would be useful to tell readers about the way your magazine is brought to you each month.

Once I have had the magazine printed, there is a wonderful band of volunteers who get it to your house. I take it a distributor in each of the villages and they get a group of helpers to deliver it to through your letterbox. The magazine is traditionally sent to each household in all of our parishes free of charge.

The magazine is funded partly by advertising and partly by the parishes. Every year we estimate how much we require each parochial church council (PCC) to pay towards the costs based on the number of copies they receive. Then the PCCs raise their share from their own funds and by asking local organisations in their parish to contribute. Most of the contribution comes from the Parish Councils but some does come from organisations who get a regular slot in the magazine.

We have considered saving costs by going to an on line version of the magazine but I don't believe this is right as it would deny access to many of our readers who don't use the internet. So we will continue with a hard copy for the moment. However, if you would like to get a copy via email, I am happy to do this. Just send me a request.

Bob Merrill - Editor

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**NEWS FROM COATES**

**COATES PARISH COUNCIL**

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 May 2016, the following councillors were elected to positions of office:

Mr Bob Allen - Chairman of Parish Council

Mr Richard Harrison - Vice Chairman of Parish Council and  
Responsible Finance Officer

After discussions with the Bathurst Estate the following road diversions/restrictions will be in place from 10.30am - 1pm on the days of the Cotswold Show (2 & 3 July) this year.

1. Show traffic coming from the southeast will be diverted through Coates village.
2. Show traffic will not be allowed to turn right at Dark Lane towards Bledisloe Lodge and at the second turning right will not be able to come through the village high street to get onto the A419.
3. Gloucestershire County Council are happy for villagers to use Coates Lane to gain access to the A419 during this time.
4. Traffic coming into the village from the Stroud Road past the Saw Mills will, at the first right hand turning not be able to use that as a cut through to Tarlton.
5. People wishing to use the church during this time (10.30am - 1 pm) should do so from the southeast and parking can be provided for, in the old farmyard behind Church Farmhouse over the weekend.
6. Traffic leaving the Show at the end of the event will exit, as in previous years, via the roundabout at the Stroud Road/Tetbury Road junction.

Show tickets are available online at a 20% discount -

[www.cotswoldshow.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldshow.co.uk)

Libby Harrison

Coates Parish Clerk



Community Coffee, Cake and Chat

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month

from 10.30am -12 noon

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**Tuesday 21 June**

## THE GOOD COMPANIONS

There will be no meeting in June as we shall all be enjoying the sun at Weston! Please take note that we are one of the charities for the green token scheme in Cirencester Waitrose so please do put your tokens in our box!

Neeve Vizor

## COATES GARDENING CLUB

Our monthly meetings will continue on Thursday 2 June at 7.30pm in our usual venue of Coates village hall. Our speaker will be Chris Wells of Cotswold Bees and he will bring samples of honey to taste and will have honey on sale. There will be a raffle and refreshments to follow. Visitors are always welcome for a small sum of £2.50.

The annual summer evening outing is planned for Thursday 7 July to visit Sheepscombe Gardens (GL6 6TZ), 1½ miles east of Painswick. There are 3 acres of garden, set in woodland with panoramic views and herbaceous borders, roses, wild flowers and vegetable beds to see. Entry will be £4. We will meet at the village hall at 6.15pm for car sharing. Please offer to drive and provide lifts if you are able. Contact me on 771354 to make arrangements.

Margaret Reynolds 771354

## COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY

A new year in the lottery programme has opened with the first draw which took place on 6 May in Coates village hall. Thanks to the hard work of all who helped in the launch and to the generosity of our subscribers, old and new, sixty numbers were held. The winners were:

First prize	£50 to no 20	Peter Bond
Second prize	£30 to no 11	Janet Trinder
Third prize	£20 to no 33	Mandy Mixture

It is not too late to join in; we are happy to accept subscriptions at any time of the year at £4 per month, for any number of months from three to the number of remaining months in that year. Forms are available from Diana Crane at the Old School or Betty Mixture at 2 Home Piece. The next draw will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 3 June at the village hall, unless otherwise advertised.

Diana Crane



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## ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH NEWS

**Sunday 12 June** - Street Party for the Queen's 90th Birthday. St Matthew's Church will be starting proceedings with a service at 9.30am. Do come and join us.

**Tuesday 14 June** - Said Communion Service at 3pm followed by tea, at The Blessings, Coates. Please contact Anne Chilton 770726

**Advance notice** - A late Summer Fete on 10 September. More info to follow.

Anne Chilton and Sarah Fuchs will continue as our wardens, Liz Collins remains as secretary, Liz Allen remains as treasurer and Julie Allen remains as safeguarding officer. They together with Sue Russell and a new member, Peter Bond make up our Parochial Church Committee (PCC). At the wardens' service in May, the Archdeacon of Gloucester referring to Luke 24 v 13-35, spoke about Jesus joining us on the 'Road' and asking us what our thoughts are and emphasising that he is with us and hears us. If you would like to pray with someone or ask others to pray for you confidentially, please do contact Anne Chilton on 770726 or Sarah Fuchs on 771393.

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# Summer Fête

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- Skittles
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## TREASURER NEEDED FROM SEPTEMBER 2016 KEMBLE & DISTRICT PLAYGROUP

Our current treasurer is stepping down at the Annual General Meeting in September 2016, so a replacement is needed.

The role of treasurer involves preparing and paying invoices, banking, arranging payroll and being a member of the Playgroup Committee. All that is needed is a reasonable grasp of numbers, a computer and a printer (all printing expenses will be reimbursed). The existing treasurer will provide full support in handing over the role.

As Playgroup is led by a voluntary run committee it is vital that this post is filled to ensure Playgroup's existence. If you are interested please email

[accounts@kembleplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:accounts@kembleplaygroup.co.uk) or

call Harry Reed on 07934 495823.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.  
Kemble and District Playgroup Committee

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## Table Tennis Tables



The Parish Council has secured 2 full size tables which are now at home in our hall and ready to be used.

If you would like to play, it's easy to book & your first game will include how to set up and set down the tables.

### Drop In Taster Session

**6.30pm – 9pm**

**Friday 10 June**

*£2 entrance*

Never played? Then come along & have a go even if you've never held a bat before!

Experienced coach will be on hand to guide & explain the rules.

No need to book.

Just bring suitable flat soled footwear with you such as trainers, but not flip flops! The hall has bats and balls

Children will need to bring a responsible adult with them.

Refreshments & snacks will be available for purchase

For more information on the taster session call Zara on 01285 771 471

**or to book to play your first game call Pj on 01285 770 596**

All proceeds go to the running of Coates Village Hall a registered charity no.: 301505

## NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

### PAWS FOR THOUGHT

When we announced that we were planning a five day trip to Paris our daughter elected to dog-knap the spaniel for a fortnight. We were concerned that she wouldn't be able to fit his walks around her work and that her boyfriend wouldn't really want the company of our floppy-eared friend. We often thought about the three of them during our time away but never more than when we met a Parisian canine out on a promenade in the city.

Parisian dogs lead lives on leads, some parks allow them to enter but not to run free; many go as far as to say no dogs allowed not even on a lead. We felt particularly sorry for the larger dogs; Dalmations and Huskies who can't possibly get the exercise they really need on a lead, and of course they rarely feel grass under their paws.

In the meantime our spaniel was having the best time ever chasing balls over long sandy beaches, cavorting in rivers fruitlessly swimming after ducks and rushing along the costal path as he exercised our daughter. They enjoyed fresh air and a bluebell wood on their regular morning walks and every day after eight hours on a busy ward discovered new and exciting evening strolls. After two weeks the young people are fitter and now know parts of Aberystwyth that had remained undiscovered for nine months.

We came to the conclusion that not only is it better to be a dog in the countryside but their human companions fare better too in our commitment to canine needs. Gravy bone anyone?



### SERVICE AND COFFEE

We are holding a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month, 7 June, 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



**WANTED : U11 PLAYERS!**  
**FROM SEPTEMBER 2016 OAKSEY U11s**  
**WILL BE PLAYING IN THE NORTH**  
**WILTS YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**(U12s) AND WE'RE LOOKING TO**  
**EXPAND OUR SQUAD.**

**(Matches will be on Sunday mornings.)**

**Training is currently held at**  
**Oaksey Playing Field**

**from 9.30 – 11am on Saturday mornings.**

**If you're in current year 5 or 6 and are looking**  
**to join a friendly local squad, please contact**  
**Jack Priestnall on 07944 879251 or by email at**  
**jackoaksey@gmail.com.**

**OAKSEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB IS PART OF THE COTSWOLD**  
**FRIENDLY LEAGUE – ALL OUR COACHES ARE FA QUALIFIED LEVEL**  
**1 AND CRB CHECKED AND OFFER A POSITIVE LEARNING**  
**ENVIRONMENT WHERE CHILDREN RECEIVE MAXIMUM**  
**ENCOURAGEMENT TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.**



## NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

summer, became a national obsession. The slogan 'Save Water, Bath with a Friend' appeared everywhere, and was gloriously lampooned. Reservoirs dried up, and water rationing was introduced to many districts. Some parts of South West England went 45 days without any rain. Rural communities on bore holes were worst affected, as the wells dried up, but this failed to make the news. A fascinating account of a small Herefordshire stock farm's struggle for survival is given in *The Great Drought of 1976* by Evelyn Cox (easily available second hand, and I can loan out my copy).

Looking back, it all seems surreal, as widespread flooding has become a burgeoning reality. On a personal level, I realise that I have lived my life in the wrong climate zone – I'm Mediterranean by nature. I suspect I'm not alone. And as for our jet stream, perhaps it can be persuaded to sojourn over Iceland again?

Matthew Oates

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**Saturday 3rd September**

**SAPPERTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Entry booklets coming soon. Or see [www.sappertonvillagehall.org](http://www.sappertonvillagehall.org)**

### **WATERSHED RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**

It has been some while since I have written in the Watershed about RDA. I am pleased to say that we are thriving and have come through a very wet winter in good shape. The big news is that we are well underway in our latest project - a new mess room to provide proper toilet facilities, dry changing area and much needed warm space for our riders, helpers, carers and parents. As many of you will know we have planning permission and will now fund raise in earnest. We have been promised a new 25 year lease from the Diocese of Gloucester and once we have that security of tenure we can apply for grants. We can't wait!

### **SAPPERTON VILLAGE HALL**

Interested in helping with fund raising and creating ideas to help run a unique community building?

Have you been involved with major fund raising and have experience in supporting local communities, perhaps you have underutilised PR and creative skills?

Then contact John Bullock on 760468 and look at becoming a member of the Sapperton village hall committee.

## SCHOOL TIES - SAPPERTON SCHOOL NEWS

The Summer Term is in full swing as, and as I write, so are SATs exams - mercifully falling in a week of wet weather which would have kept everyone below decks anyway. But no matter, SATs are only for a week and then the fun starts - its fair sailing, banyan rig and downhill all the way to the end of term!



And so much to do: Archery (via Xperience Archery) and mountain biking activities are commencing this month and there are athletics, tennis and cricket to look forward to next month. Oh, and *shush!* The school play rehearsals will also be commencing, although my mole, despite the threat of 3 middle watches in a row, has still failed to reveal the title.

From the sports desk, perhaps the biggest event to report is the Cirencester area *Monsoon Tag Rugby Competition* in which Sapperton's Year 4s reached the semi-finals at Chesterton school despite competing through torrential rain and getting thoroughly soaked in the process. Mind you, they should be used to that as I have it on good authority that they have been practising "*Man Overboard Drills*" in swimming lessons at the leisure centre. Each child has to jump in and swim a width in pyjamas – so same outcome, different location and no ball to get in the way. Breeze.

Spectators at the playground may have noticed ongoing work to repaint the hopscotch and other deck markings – all made possible by a kind donation to the school by a well-wisher who wished to see this much-used space receive a full scrub and re-caulking. We are very grateful for this help and hope it is the first of a rolling programme of exterior work which will hopefully see replacement doors fitted at the junior end of the school and possibly the blue room (Ship's Office) too, plus facelifts and landscaping to the adventure playground and the area behind the school. Who knows, we might even get the spiritual garden (which children are funding by collecting small "spare change" coins) and the pond restored this summer? All ideal projects for the warm weather. If you are interested in helping, please look out for the Bosun's working party requests through ParentMail.

Enjoy the Summer Term!

Molesworth

## NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

good eco system beneficial bacteria will curb the algae growth. More water snails, particularly the Rams Horn are needed as well. Removing the ugly blanket only seems to promote more new growth, and also disturbs other water plants and creatures. Our pond was renovated more than 18 months ago and is only topped up with rain water, so we will have to be patient for clear water.

A task postponed and put off has been replacing the felt on a small garden shed. The felt had become weathered, thin, and the late winter storms had ripped sections away, so time to renew this. Stripping the old felt and rotten battens and replacing with new took only a short time, and so much easier and pleasant in sunny dry weather too.

Sally Oates

### 40 YEARS ON...

This time forty years ago what became known as the long hot summer of 1976 was brewing up nicely. That summer we experienced a Mediterranean climate, yet the concept of climate change was never once muted – it hadn't raised its head. The jet stream, which dictates our weather, crept further and further north, eventually residing close to Iceland.

The spring of '76 was strong and steady, unblemished by the sort of adverse weather events which have spoiled all our recent springs. The first half of June was pleasant but undistinguished. It even rained on the Saturday of the Lords test match (June 19th) versus Clive Lloyd's mighty West Indians. Then, without warning, the weather entered a new dimension, clouds dissipated and day after day simmered. For 25 days from June 22nd the temperature in southern England was in excess of 80°F (>27°C), and for 15 consecutive days it boiled in the nineties (>32°C). Roads melted, cars overheated, and over 400 people were treated one day at Wimbledon for heat exhaustion.

From midsummer the news was dominated by accounts of spectacular fires on heaths and moors. Between April and August over half the Surrey heaths went up in smoke, not necessarily of their own volition. Road verges caught fire, usually from discarded cigarette ends. Sometimes the fire spread into adjacent fields of cereal crops.

The great drought itself, which began to develop the previous

## NOTES FROM CULKERTON

### GARDENING TIPS FOR JUNE

Summertime; a wonderful season when English gardens are truly in a class of their own. Beautiful, pleasant and productive.

June is the rose month, accompanied by irises, and peonies. When these have finished blooming, dead head and feed them. Many varieties of rose flower continuously or have another flush of blooms. I do grow several rambling roses which only have a summer show which is spectacular, so these have clematis growing through them to follow on.

This year, in true potager style, sweet peas are sharing canes with beans and a heritage tall, purple podded pea, called 'Lancashire Lad'. The Heritage Seed Library endeavour to keep old, but good varieties of vegetables available for amateur gardeners.

The ground is now warm enough for direct sowing. In dry weather water carefully, a good soaking every few days is better than a little every day which encourages roots to the soil surface. Salad days are here, so keep sowing small quantities for baby leaves or the cut and come again types, like 'Salad Bowl', described as loose leaf or oak leaf lettuce.

This is good time to sow Sweet William and wallflowers ready to flower next year. Grow the plants on until planting out in autumn.

Wallflowers can also be grown as a short lived perennial, remove old flowers, pinch out new growth to make bushy plants which will bloom again next April & May. This is particularly worthwhile if you have been fortunate to have some of the more unusual colours. We have good reds, burnt oranges and apricot shades.

There are so many good plants to grow in pots that require less watering. The little colourful violas, Mexican daisy, herbs, echeverias, the magnificent Aeonium 'Schwarzkopf' and other tender succulents. One of my favourite herbs for a summer pot is Lemon Verbena, and has the most intense citrus aroma, which grows into a modest bush, but will need indoor winter protection.

My daughter, who studied Environmental Science at university, describes the unsightly algal growth in ponds as 'new pond syndrome'. The blanket algae appears with the first sunny weather, and thrives on nitrates in our water supply. I planted many water plants to counter this, but the algae is persisting; apparently as the pond develops a

## NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON

### RODMARTON CHURCH

Forthcoming choir services are:

3 July 2016: St Peter's Patronal

Councillors and other helpers are holding a tidy up session of the church yard at St Peter's, Rodmarton on Thursday 7 July - meet at the churchyard at 10am. All welcome!

### RODMARTON & TARLTON FIESTA & BBQ

On Saturday 4 June please come along with your friends and family and enjoy a wonderful summer party, with all proceeds going towards the life and fabric of our two beautiful churches. Please see the poster in the magazine for more details.

### HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Rodmarton parish council provided the parish with an absolutely wonderful celebration for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 21 April. Everything was perfect. A clear, dry night, glorious bonfire, delicious Prosecco and sausages and the most spectacular firework display, enjoyed by people much further afield as well. It was an absolutely fantastic evening, and beautifully organized - what could have been better! Many thanks indeed to the generosity of the parish council and to all who helped out.

### **"MIDSUMMER MEDLEY"**

Come and enjoy a Midsummer's Evening  
at Rodmarton Village Hall

Performed by Cirencester Parish Handbell Ringers  
and the Linden Singers

**7.45pm Saturday 18 June**

Bring your own picnic from 7pm - Tickets £6  
Call 01285 841452 or 01285 654591 or 07907 696849

In aid of the James Hopkins Trust  
(for severely disabled, life threatened and life limited young children)  
*Rodmarton and Tarlton Children's Charity*

## NEWS FROM KEMBLE

### KEMBLE AND DISTRICT RBL WOMEN'S SECTION

At 7.30am on 1 July 1916 whistles blew along the western front as a signal to the troops to go 'over the top'; this was the start of one of the bloodiest battles of the Great War, the Battle of the Somme. On Friday 1 July 2016 at 7.30am please remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Battle of the Somme. Join me at the war memorial in Kemble outside the church as three short blasts on a whistle will be sounded. Plans are underway to have another poppy launch event in October so watch this space.

### KEMBLE AND EWEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

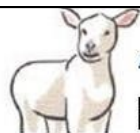
Some members are going along to the Border WI meeting to be held in Tetbury Dolphin's Hall on Thursday 16 June when the guest speaker will be Philip Serrell- his talk *An Auctioneer's lot!* This meeting will be suitable for both men and women and visitors are most welcome from the other villages too.

On Tuesday 21 June all are welcome to come along to Kemble village hall at 2pm to hear Jill Ruiz talk to us about the *Lives of Narrowboat Women and children*. Light refreshments served.

### KEMBLE VILLAGE FETE

Kemble village fete will be held on Saturday 11 June. I will be coordinating a display of royal memorabilia in the church and suitable flower decorations, so any help would be appreciated. My stall for this year at the fete will be anything in red, white or blue and will include a further table for this and that. So if you are turning out your cupboards or have any unwanted gifts new or nearly new please pass them my way; I can collect.

Pat Ayres 770385



## Zara Lamb

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# Rodmarton & Tarlton Fiesta

Saturday 4th June 2016  
Rodmarton Village Hall  
3.30pm

Arrive a little early and catch the excitement of the cricket match

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- Wine and Real Ale Bars
- Soft drinks and light refreshments
- Pimms Tent
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