

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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	7.30pm	Licensing of Rev David Austin as House for Duty Minister
Tuesday 12	7pm	Sapperton with Frampton Mansell Parish Council meeting in Sapperton
Thursday 14	6 - 9pm	National Table Tennis Day Coates village hall
Tuesday 19	10.30am	Community Coffee, Cake and Chat in Coates Village Hall

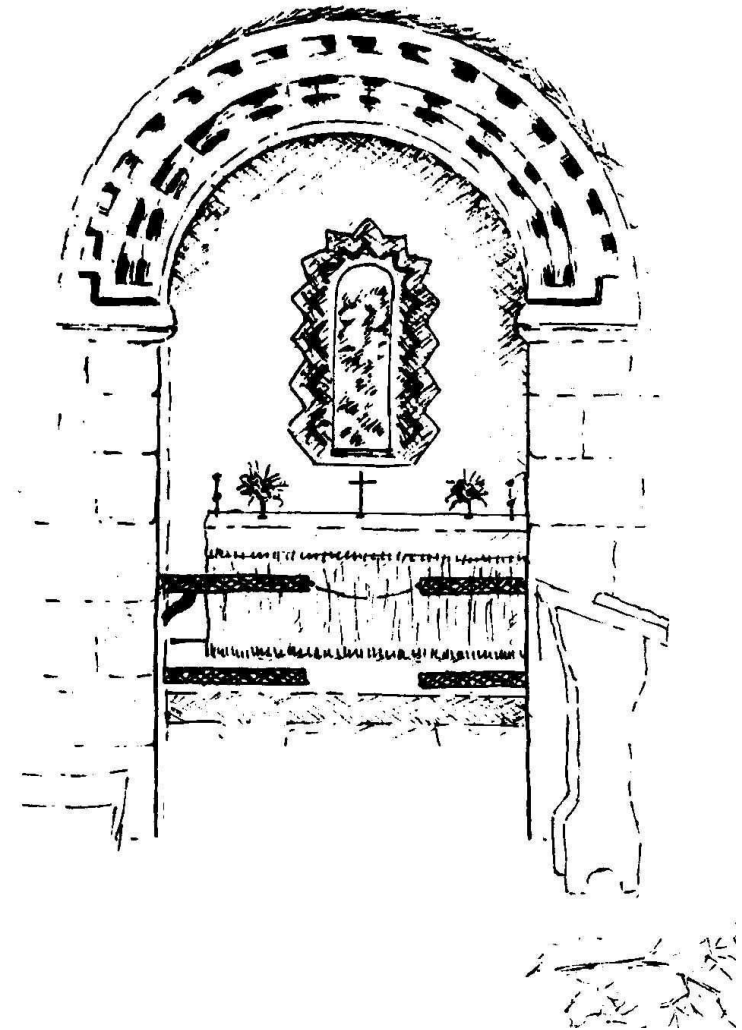
AUGUST

Tuesday 2	11.55am	Mobile library visiting Coates
Tuesday 30	11.55am	Mobile library visiting Coates
Tuesday 16	10.30am	Community Coffee, Cake and Chat in Coates Village Hall
Wednesday 3	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in St Peter, Court, Ashcroft Road

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 21	7pm	St Kenelm's Affirmation Service
Saturday 24		Coates Gardening Club Outing to the Royal Horticultural Society's Autumn Show on the Three Counties Showground, Malvern
Saturday 10		Coates Summer Fete

THE WATERSHED MAGAZINE



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July/August 2016

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CLOSING DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 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. 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 August at the latest for inclusion in the next issue.**

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Kemble	Holy Communion
Coates	Holy Communion
Poole Keynes	Family Service
Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
Rodmarton	Holy Communion - choir
Sapperton	Holy Communion

Midweek Wednesday

Kemble	Holy Communion
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The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Midweek Wednesday

Kemble	Holy Communion
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The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Kemble	Family Holy Communion
Coates	Family Service
Frampton Mansell	Family Service
Poole Keynes	Morning Prayers
Somerford Keynes	Family Service
Rodmarton	Holy Communion (BCP)

Midweek Wednesday

Kemble	Holy Communion
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The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Tarlton	Holy Communion (BCP)
Kemble	Morning Prayers (BCP)
Coates	Holy Communion
Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
Rodmarton	Family Service
Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Poole Keynes	Benefice Service
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31 July

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE		
3 August	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
7 August	The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	
9.30am	Kemble	Holy Communion
9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
11am	Poole Keynes	Family Service
11am	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
11am	Rodmarton	Holy Communion - choir
11am	Sapperton	Holy Communion
10 August	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
14 August	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	
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
17 August	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
21 August	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	
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)
24 August	Midweek Wednesday	
10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
28 August	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	
8am	Tarlton	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Kemble	Morning Prayers
9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30am	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
11am	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
11am	Rodmarton	Family Service
11am	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion



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REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

Last month saw two important events, a referendum on our membership of Europe and many celebrations to mark the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. These two events are bit chalk and cheese it seems to me. One has given thanks for a lady who has served her people faithfully and to the best of her ability all her life, a queen who leans heavily on her faith and trust in Jesus and the example he set us all. She seeks to be a disciple just as many of us do and as such is a good example to us all.

The other issue has been put forward by politicians of all colours and persuasions as a decision not about how we serve or support or encourage or look to the greater future and peace of the world but on a narrow selfish agenda of what might gain us individually and perhaps nationally the greatest wealth and prosperity. By the time you read this we will know how we voted but as the weeks and the debate roll by I am increasingly disappointed by the narrow self interest at the heart of the campaign.

When couples come to me seeking to marry I frequently ask them what it is they most hope to gain from marriage or what they most hope for the one they love. Hope is an uncertain word, we can't guarantee the outcome but by our efforts we seek to influence it positively. I have never yet met a couple who did not hope to be happy and fulfilled in their marriage but what does that look like, can happiness and fulfilment be quantified, can it be measured like wealth and possessions? If there were a national happiness tax who would pay the most and why?

Marriage is given as a way to grow more Christlike, that by the gracious and generous giving and receiving of love we might experience more of what God calls love than we otherwise would. A truly successful marriage requires a genuine desire to find good in another and to help that partner grow and flourish to be all they are called to be in God. As we do that together, as we find the image of God in each other and the gift of God in each other something unique and beautiful is created.

On her 21st birthday the then Princess Elizabeth declared that long or short her life would be devoted to our service as her people, her extended family. She has I think kept her promise faithfully. Jesus said there shall be no distinction of race or wealth among those who follow Christ for all who follow Jesus are called to be members of one extended family. I don't know how you voted (I don't know how I voted

yet either) but I hope the decision was made on what we believe will most enable God's world to flourish and be the best it can be. Sacrificial love is the only kind their really is.

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 (2nd Tuesday in the month)
- ◇ Tuesdays at Kemble at 8.30am
- ◇ Fridays at Rodmarton at 9.15am
- ◇ Saturdays at Somerford Keynes (1st Saturday in the month only)

FROM THE REGISTERS

RIP

Roy Breedon aged 82 on 10 April 2016.

Freda Rosalie Torry on 12 April 2016.

Rosamund Mary Davison on 28 May 2016.

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 or juliepaulmorton@gmail.com .

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St Kenelm's Affirmation

Bishop Rachel and members of the Churches' Conservation Trust will be joining us for a special service when we will celebrate the ministry and life of St Kenelm's and look forward to the future under the Trust's care.

We do hope you will join us. There will be refreshments in the village hall after the service when you will be able to meet Bishop Rachel and Trust members.

EMMA BOWDEN

Emma Bowden, the daughter of Sue and Andrew, died unexpectedly on 29 March. She was autistic, but at Coates Rectory she regularly rode her ponies Gay and Lotty; and one summer holidays she learned to swim in the pools in the Biddulphs' and Gilbys' gardens. She was a great bike rider and one year clocked in at fifteen churches over a twenty miles circuit for the Historic Churches Preservation Trust Bike Ride.

She was a very spiritually sensitive person and she loved church services – especially the hymns – and it was because of Emma that we started the RDA Pageants which gave delight to so many. And indeed it was because of her that Sue founded the Watershed RDA Group.

Autism is a hard place to be: it's a bit like living in a prison. At the remarkable funeral service at Amberley Church we recognised this, but we also celebrated our belief that for her the key has now been found, and that she is free. "Here we see through a glass darkly, but there face to face".

Sue and Andrew are very grateful for your prayers for Emma, and them and Polly's family in the very tragic death of their nine year old granddaughter Bonnie.

NEWS FROM COATES

COATES PARISH COUNCIL

The next parish council meeting will be Monday 4 July 2016 at 7.30pm in the village hall - the agenda will be on the website from Friday 24 June 2016 at <http://www.coatesparish.org.uk>

Libby Harrison - Coates Parish Clerk

20th ANNIVERSARY THAMES PATH BATON RELAY

From Source to Sea

Saturday 9 to Sunday 24 July

This month sees the Thames Path National Trail marking its 20th Anniversary with the **THAMES PATH BATON RELAY - Source to Sea** in Partnership with The Ramblers. The Relay will consist of a series of Rambler led walks along the entire length of the Thames Path National Trail and on to the Thames Path Extension to Crayford Marshes. The 15 National Trails are the best quality trails in the UK. The Thames Path is one of the most popular. Twenty years of enjoyment whether for recreation, health, leisure or - in some places for commuting, is certainly worth celebrating!

As many of you will know we in Coates have the real source of the Thames. If you would like to give the walkers a worthy send off on Saturday 9 July or even walk some way with them, please get in touch with me.

Bob Merrill 07866 972389 or 772496

WATERSHED RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Our riders are enjoying the summer weather when it happens! We have just returned from another holiday at the Clwyd Special Riding Centre in North Wales with 7 of our riders some of whom were going for the first time. It is the most inspiring occasion for riders and volunteers alike. Thank you to those who made it happen.



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Tuesday 19 July



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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

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COATES GARDENING CLUB

This year's annual summer evening outing is planned for Thursday July 7 to visit Trench Hill garden at Sheepscombe (GL6 6TZ) 1.5 miles east of Painswick. Most of the garden is accessible to wheelchair users. There are 3 acres of garden, set in woodland with panoramic views and herbaceous borders, roses, wild flowers and vegetable beds to see. Entry £4. We will meet at the village hall at 6.15 pm for car sharing. At the moment, drivers are in short supply so please contact me on 01285 771354 if you are able to help with this, or if you would like a lift. Directions will be provided.

There will be no meeting in August.

Do make a note that the club's outing by coach will be on Saturday September 24 pm, to the Royal Horticultural Society's Autumn Show on the Three Counties Showground, Malvern. Details will follow .

Margaret Reynolds 771354

THE GOOD COMPANIONS

Our next meeting is on Thursday 21 July in Coates village hall at 2.30pm. We will be having a talk on Falconry with a demonstration of the birds. It should be a very interesting event. Raffle and refreshments will follow. Our meeting next month is on Thursday 18 August and is our celebration tea party with singer Helen Hebbs followed by a raffle and refreshments.

Neeve Vizor

COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY

After a decision had been taken to hold the monthly draw for the village hall lottery at the community coffee mornings, which take place on the third Tuesday of the month, the June draw took place on Tuesday 21 June. The prizes awarded were:

First prize	£50 to no 05	John Mixture
Second prize	£30 to no 19	Paul Sanders
Third prize	£20 to no 77	Alan Smith

The next draw will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9 July, between 10 and 11.30am. 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.

Diana Crane

National #TableTennisDay



Thursday 14 July

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6pm – 9pm

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- Drop in Taster call Zara on 01285 771471

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All proceeds go to keeping our Village Hall open.

Registered Charity No.: 301505 National Table Tennis Day is an annual celebration of the sport; it was introduced by Table Tennis England in 2014.

NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

jammed up in the resulting aphid-ladybird mess!

The chances of us seeing many Seven-spot Ladybirds this summer are, though, decidedly low. Modern pesticides prevent the aphid population build-ups of the mid-1970s, not just here but all over western Europe, and this once-common ladybird is now scarce. If we ever experience another ladybird summer on the scale of 1976, it is likely to be because a new non-native species of ladybird with a different ecology has arrived and flourished. The alien Harlequin Ladybird, which arrived here in 2004 and has since colonised nearly all of England, might just do it, but will need a seriously hot spring and summer.

Matthew Oates

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NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

compost. Hoe off fast germinating annual weeds before sowing and planting in these plots. Spinach 'Medania' can be sown in early August, the leaves taste sweeter after cold autumn weather, but can be picked from October through winter until the following May.

Thank you to all the visitors who supported the Open Gardens at Culkerton & Ashley. I found it delightful meeting so many interesting fellow garden lovers and a good sum was raised for charity.

Sally Oates

LADYBIRDS - 40 YEARS ON

We are forty years on from that mother of all summers, the long hot summer of 1976. It was the Year of the Ladybird, memorable for a veritable plague of these aphid-feeding beetles. There was no avoiding the ladybird hordes; everyone who was around that summer remembers them. One observer recalls: 'I remember seeing the greenfly and aphids drifting past like green smoke. This went on for at least a couple of days. Then came the ladybirds!' They were tracking the aphid swarms. There are accounts of holiday makers running from beaches in Brighton and Weston super Mare. The ladybirds were biting people, apparently (or maybe people, or perhaps the ladybirds, had been watching too many scary movies). All the starving ladybirds were seeking, of course, was moisture and food. There were too many of them, and they were desperate in the heat.

The signs were there in spring, for the then-common Seven-spot Ladybird appeared in remarkably high numbers, having flourished during the heat of 1975 and then overwintered unusually well during a mild, dry winter. Crucially, populations of the two parasitic flies that help to control ladybird numbers were low, the weather was perfect, and aphid populations were at an astoundingly high level.

An interesting theory which partially explains the aphid abundance has just been published, by the Professor of Entomology at Harpur Adams University. In the early 1970s a new variety of winter wheat, called Maris Huntsman, was being ardently promoted as a high yield, disease-resistant variety. However, the research scientists had failed to spot that aphids loved it, and that it produced poor quality bread! About half the winter wheat grown in 1976 was of this variety. These fields acted like a magnet to aphids – and the ladybirds homed in on the aphids, to sort them out. Incredibly, many combine harvesters

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH NEWS

A date for your diary: There will be a Summer Fete on Saturday 10 September at the old Rural Skills Centre, Manor Farm, Coates to include a Dog Show and lots of stalls and fun. Watch this space!

Tea Towels – We have had some lovely tea towels made picturing various Coates landmarks, such as the Tunnel Inn, the Thameshead, the Church, the School Clock etc. They are £5 each and proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the church. Please contact Liz Collins on 770621 if you would like to purchase one or more!

Queen's 90th Street Party Celebrations – Written the morning after the day before! What a lot of fun we had. A huge thank you goes to everyone who involved in planning, setting up, helping during the day and dismantling in the evening. There was a tremendous team effort from the village club, the parish council, the church, the community coffee group, the village hall committee and many individuals too, too many to list but all very much appreciated.

The proceedings started with a short introduction from our parish council chairman, Bob Allen, followed by a shared lunch. We had great performances from our oldest resident, Bruno, on the mandolin and the music group's wonderful lead of the National Anthem and Queens' 'I want to break free'. Delicious cream teas were served by the community coffee group and were enjoyed by many, and the bouncy castle and 'Last Man Standing' game entertained children for hours! The baking competition attracted top entries and was very kindly judged by Sandra Hyam. The 'Pin the Tail on the Corgi' competition appealed to both adults and children and kept going all day! Thank you Lily!

The village club manned the bar all day and into the evening, when we enjoyed a top barbeque organised by Rob Macmichael whilst being entertained by Plucking Different who were brilliant and played on despite a few torrential downpours. We are enormously grateful to them for contributing to the evening free. The village showed tremendous British fortitude, sheltering under gazebos or umbrellas from the deluge of rain and ending up dancing round the puddles! Top marks to all!

What a great, memorable Coates Day! Thank you to everyone for coming!

Anne Chilton on 770726 or Sarah Fuchs on 771393.

NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

FORGOT-ME-NOT

Late spring and early summer are my favourite times of the year and I have been greatly enjoying the sunny spell we have had in early June. I am grateful to God that Frampton Mansell is such a wonderful place to live at this time of the year, but I am also aware of the fact that we must not presume that its natural delights will always be here. When we first moved to the village over 13 years ago, skylarks could still be heard in the meadow above our house. Now I never hear them there. It's also years since I heard a cuckoo.

Some wild flowers have also disappeared or been greatly reduced in our village - the number of Ladies' Smock/Cuckoo flowers has decreased alarmingly, camomile flowers, now rather rare, have completely disappeared and even the blue wild geranium that used to be bursting out all over on the verges is on the decline. For that reason, we have been trying to leave a patch of grass near our house uncut during the summer for the wild flowers to bloom again. The first year that this happened I was amazed to wake up one morning in spring to find a sizeable part of it covered with the beautiful delicate pale mauve Ladies' Smock flowers which had had no chance to blossom there for many a year. Later in the summer, we were delighted to see several orchids growing on the patch. Yes, it's a bit untidier, but places like this are vital if the horrendous decrease in our native wild flowers is to cease. ((95% of wild flower meadows in England have disappeared since the end of World War II). We owe it to the next generation!

God placed Adam and Eve in a garden, with the task of looking after it. Many in our area are doing a splendid job tending this corner of England in their private gardens, feeding the birds and making provision for the decreasing number of hedgehogs as well. Let's do the same for the wild flowers he has put in our care.

"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed...and the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.'" From Genesis 1 verses 12-13.

NOTES FROM CULKERTON

GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

There is nothing better to me than the English summer garden; all has gone well for the roses, which looked magnificent in June. Although last year was a good apple year, the blossom this year was bountiful, so a good crop will follow, which may be lighter but of good quality with larger fruit. Plum trees managed flowering time to perfection, dodging a block of late severe spring frosts, and then taking advantage of early May warmth for pollination, so immature plums are doing well now.

Whichever way you choose to grow tomatoes - under glass, outside, planted in the ground or in containers - pay attention to the variety that you are growing. Taller varieties need support and the removing of side shoots. Bush, trailing and compact varieties may only need some sections removed if the growth becomes too dense and inhibits picking fruit. All need careful watering and weekly liquid feeds.

Also feed roses after the earlier flush of blooms and make sure to dead head unless decorative hips follow. Last year during May, I had to 'cut to the ground' Rosa 'New Dawn' as our neighbours needed to replace their fence. This was a blessing in disguise; my plant, over 25 years old, was completely regenerated and now has plenty of new growth with an impressive quantity of blooms, all trained in the 'Waterperry' way, using low arcs of bent hazel rods.

Yesterday, I saw a beautiful old rose, grown in the relaxed natural arching 'Arts & Crafts' style of more than a century ago. This plant had been rescued from a building site in Tetbury some years before. It is an old, as yet un-named variety, and has a look of continental breeding in an exquisite shade of deeper pink; the abundant double blooms have a very neat arrangement with each petal reflexed, revealing a silvered pink. Growing to between 2 to 3 metres, the arching stems could also be trained on a wall. Three cheers for all plant rescuers!

Now is the time to look ahead to the next season. Gather any seeds from plants that have done well or have particularly appealing colours; any hardy types are best sown fresh, some like aquilegias or irises may have a delayed germination. Keep weeding, and have in your mind 'One year's weeding, seven years seeding'. As you will know I garden organically and one distinct disadvantage of using herbicides is that dying weeds will drop their viable seeds.

Prepare the ground for autumn sowings and plantings. It is much easier and pleasant in dry warm weather, incorporate any homemade

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

The next meeting will be held by invitation in the garden of Angie Abingdon, Kemble Lodge on Tuesday 19 July at 2pm and will take the form of an afternoon tea party. There is no meeting in August as we have a summer break. In September on Tuesday 20 at 2pm the ladies will be back in Kemble village hall when Becky Hartwell will inform members all about the very worthwhile organization Carers of Gloucestershire.

Pat Ayres 770385

CIRENCESTER EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

The local team will be on hand for the monthly meetings to be held on Wednesday 6 July and Wednesday 3 August which take place in St Peter's Lounge, St Peter's Court, St Peter's Road, Cirencester from 7.30 - 9pm.

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

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Entry booklets coming soon. Or see www.sappertonvillagehall.org



SERVICE AND COFFEE

We are holding a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month, 5 July, 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



SCHOOL TIES - SAPPERTON SCHOOL NEWS



Schools out! And what a change in the weather we've had! Two issues ago, I requested that everyone should make a particularly big effort to ensure that this year's Cotswold Highland Games was a bumper event. Everyone did and it was: The sun shone under blue skies and the crowds came out in force! Arrows were twanged, wellies wanged, air rifles crackled from the Gun Deck, bungee running stretched competitors to the limit, numerous cakes and teas were sold, hot dogs and beef burgers were wolfed in the galley and pints were quaffed in grand style. And the Dog Show! Never before in the 5 years that the CHG has been running have we seen so much interest. Six classes were run and some had over 25 entrants, all very kindly judged by Countess Bathurst. A rather elegant Belgian Brown Hair also put in an appearance at the ever-popular Children's Petting Corner, courtesy of Butt's Farm, and competitors in this year's Young Apprentice also sold their wares. One particularly successful example, strategically located beside the Dog Show arena, did a roaring trade in "doggerchiefs" – just what the smartly dressed hound needs for a Summer Saturday in the Sun! Make sure you don't miss this superb family event next year!

Continuing the food theme, the Friends organised a successful Bacon Butty morning pre-school while, at the other end of the day, and indeed at the end of every Friday Afternoon Watch until the end of term, they will also be selling lollies in the playground. Elsewhere the School's archer's from Years 5&6 have, once again, got through to the county finals – scheduled for Hartpury College - and District Athletics at Deerpark School, the School Sports Day and ongoing tennis and cricket competitions – plus afters school watersports at the Cotswold Water park for Years 4, 5&6 have all yet to come. So much to do, so little time.

Looking ahead, the School Play will be in Sapperton Village Hall at 2PM on Tuesday 12th July and at 7pm on Wednesday 13 July. Get there early if you want to get a seat. And finally, a day of both joy and sadness will be the Leaver's Service at St Kenelm's Church in Sapperton at 2pm on Wednesday 20 July which is also the last day of the deployment (sorry, term 6). Enjoy the Summer Term!

Molesworth

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 FIESTA

The fiesta at Rodmarton on a fine Saturday 4 June started with a flourish in the form of cricket, Rodmarton versus Tarlton, which was a match enjoyed by all, players and spectators alike. This was followed up with stalls selling all sorts of things, including various forms of liquid sustenance. There was a treasure hunt, trailer rides, snail racing, face painting, crafts, tombolas, splat the rat, sponge throwing and a very well supported tug of war, a parade of beagles and a parade of vintage cars. All with music in the background. A substantial BBQ was followed by an auction of promises. Thanks to those who came and many, many thanks to those who worked so hard to lay it all on.

I am a Polish 36 year old lady who has lived in the UK for many years and my English is perfect. I have been taught to keep house in the traditional way. I am available for as little as 3 hours up to 6 hours in one day. On a regular basis or as a one off spring clean. I am available to clean, shop, iron and prepare your house for the weekend if you work away from home during the week or have a house party. I also house and pet sit. I charge £12 an hour. Excellent references available. I currently work part-time as a housekeeper/personal assistant/book keeper for a local family.

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