

# THE WATERSHED MAGAZINE

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

Thursday 1	7.30pm	Coates Gardening Club Meeting
Saturday 3		Sapperton Produce Show & Summer Party
Monday 5	7.30pm	Coates Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 6	11am	Service & Coffee at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell
Wednesday 7	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in St Peter's Court, Ashcroft Road
Saturday 10	1-5pm	Coates Fete and Dog Show
Saturday 10	7.30pm	Coates Quiz
Tuesday 13	7pm	Sapperton with Frampton Mansell Parish Council meeting in Frampton Mansell
Thursday 15	2.30pm	Good Companions meeting
Sunday 18	2-4pm	Coates Farm Club Harvest Festival
Tuesday 20	10.30am	Community Coffee, Cake and Chat in Coates Village Hall
Tuesday 20	2pm	Kemble & Ewen WI meeting
Wednesday 21	7pm	St Kenelm's Affirmation Service
Saturday 24		Coates Gardening Club Outing to the RHS's Autumn Show
Tuesday 27		Mobile library visiting Coates
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Thursday 6	7.30pm	Coates Gardening Club Meeting
Tuesday 25		Mobile library visiting Coates
Saturday 29	6.30pm	Charity Quiz Night in Rodmarton Village Hall



**St Matthew's, Coates**

**September 2016**

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## KEMBLE AND EWEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

All welcome to join the ladies to meet and hear Becky Hartwell from Carers of Gloucestershire on Tuesday 20 September at 2pm in Kemble village hall. Becky will include in her talk all aspects of what the organization provides and if and how anyone can be involved if they so wish. I have recently received a 10 year star award for my commitment to the team which I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of, but more importantly being purposeful in a volunteer role.

## CIRENCESTER EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

The local team will be on hand for the monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday 7 September 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.

## MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

The visits for the next 2 months will be on Tuesdays 27 September & 25 October between 11.55am and 12.55pm outside the village hall.

## CLOSING DATE FOR THE OCTOBER 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 September at the latest for inclusion in the next issue.**

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

<b>4 September</b>	<b>The sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</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 Holy Communion
<b>7 September</b>	<b>Midweek Wednesday</b>
10am	Kemble Holy Communion
<b>11 September</b>	<b>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</b>
9.30am	Kemble Family Service
9.30am	Coates Holy Communion
9.30am	Poole Keynes Holy Communion
11am	Rodmarton Mattins
11am	Frampton Mansell Holy Communion
11am	Tarlton Family Holy Communion
4pm	Somerford Keynes Harvest Festival
<b>14 September</b>	<b>Midweek Wednesday</b>
10am	Kemble Holy Communion
<b>18 September</b>	<b>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>
9.30am	Kemble Family Holy Communion
9.30am	Frampton Mansell Family Service
11am	Poole Keynes Morning Prayers
11am	Somerford Keynes Family Service
11am	Rodmarton Holy Communion (BCP)
3.30pm	Coates Harvest Festival
<b>21 September</b>	<b>Midweek Wednesday</b>
10am	Kemble Holy Communion
<b>25 September</b>	<b>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>
8am	Tarlton Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Kemble Morning Prayers (BCP)
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

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

Like me you may have been enjoying the Olympic Games from Rio de Janeiro or you may not. I don't closely follow any sport but I do enjoy this burst of effort, energy and skill from the world's greatest athletes. It is a little harder to say exactly why that is or why some sports are more captivating than others. The raw power and supreme effort of the rowers (and similar sports) is always exhilarating and exciting. The passion and effort that goes into seeking six minutes of competitive glory is amazing as crews race for the finish line but this is only the tip of the iceberg for them and all the others. It is the years of dedication, of pain, of effort and self-sacrifice that precedes the games themselves which are the prerequisite of success. As much as they and we love our own to win medals (and especially gold) only one person or team can win but surely just to be there is success and we must applaud them all.

Great Britain has been remarkably successful and I guess given the recent Russian doping scandal it is no surprise that insinuations of cheating are around. To cheat by any means devalues the efforts of others and must remove the feeling of genuine achievement for those who have broken the rules, a tainted medal is not really a medal at all for in the heart of the cheat is the knowledge of what they have done. We may be able to fool the camera or the chemist but we cannot fool ourselves. How much greater the reward when we suggest to our opponent they should challenge the wrong line call, then we can genuinely feel we have justly earned our reward.

The BBC and Government have been sponsoring 'Get Involved' encouraging us all to have a go at something, anything that inspires us from the games. I am sure it is true that most of us, if we had the self-control and discipline and commitment could achieve far higher levels of skill and competence at almost anything than we have so far, after all practice makes perfect. In reality most of us are too busy or to unwilling to make the necessary sacrifice to do so. It is the same with most aspects of our lives and it is certainly the same with faith and religion. Christianity is all about grace, that is, the love of God offered freely to all but our response to that love should be the same kind of effort and self-sacrifice that motivates the sportswomen and men we have been watching, not for the hoped for reward but in response to the love we have received and know already.

In the paper the other day the Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn was saying we had no need of NATO for the same reason we have no need of Trident, because we can discuss and agree amicably with



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everyone. In the present world in which we live this is simplistic and childish rather than idealistic. As a Christian I am naturally a pacifist but in a fallen world we also have a duty to protect the powerless from predators and until the world receives and trusts in Jesus in full there will always be predators from whom we need protection. The natural self-interest of humanity will always make this true but when we become Christians we can begin to change, to see others as God sees them and to value their needs as we value our own. To be a Christian has little (if anything) to do with church buildings and everything to do with coming into a personal relationship with Jesus.

We are planning an ALPHA course starting in September as an opportunity to ask your questions and reflect on the most important questions of life. If you would like to know more why not come along, everyone is welcome. Contact Rev David Austin or me for more details.

With love and prayers

Trevor Kemp Rector

### ARCHDEACON ROBERT TO BE NEW BISHOP OF TEWKESBURY

The Ven Robert Springett will be ordained and consecrated as Bishop of Tewkesbury by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the morning of 30 November at Canterbury Cathedral. He will also have an official service of welcome in the Diocese on Sunday 11 December in Gloucester Cathedral and all are welcome to come along and support him as he starts this new ministry.

The role of the Bishop of Tewkesbury covers the whole Diocese of Gloucester. In practice, this means that he will act as the assistant bishop for the Church of England in and around Gloucestershire, working alongside Bishop Rachel.

Robert has been the Archdeacon of Cheltenham since April 2010, but has also held a wider role locally and nationally over the past six years. Locally these include being the Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education, a Trustee of All Saints Academy and a member of the Council of the University of Gloucester. Nationally Robert is a Bishop's Advisor for the Church on the selection of men and women for ordination and a member of the National Archdeacons Forum.

Robert said: "I am deeply honoured and humbled to have been invited to be the next Bishop of Tewkesbury. This is such an exciting time for the Diocese of Gloucester as we renew our vision and focus our efforts afresh on sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through our parishes, schools, fresh expressions and chaplaincies."

**Wednesday 21 September at 7pm**

**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.

**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)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**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.

**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) .

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## NEWS FROM COATES

### COATES PARISH COUNCIL

Coates parish council meeting was held on Monday 4 July 2016. At this meeting the following issues were discussed:

1. Village Clock. Repairs to the clock, although required, have proved too costly to approve at the current time. Alternative solutions are being considered.
2. Temporary road closures and the diversion of Cotswold Show traffic through Coates during the show in July have so far resulted in no unfavourable feedback from residents.
3. The Anniversary Thames Path National Trail Baton Relay took place on Saturday 9 July 2016, a number of residents supported the start of the walk by meeting and cheering off walkers at the source of the Thames. Residents and parish council representatives from Kemble parish council also attended this event.
4. The Master of the Hounds of the Royal Agricultural University Beagles is keen to develop its relationship with Coates residents and as such held an open day event on 31 July allowing residents to meet the students and hounds and to walk out with the pack. It is hoped better communication with the RAU Beagles will help to solve the dog fouling problem in the village.
5. The Queen's Birthday Celebrations held in June were reported as a success with a good turnout despite unfavourable weather conditions.
6. Roger Clark, who has served on the Parish Council for a number of years, announced his intention to retire at the September meeting. Any eligible residents who would like to be considered for the position of parish councillor should contact the parish clerk for further details.

The next Coates parish council meeting will take place on Monday 5 September 2016 in the village hall at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Further details may be found on the parish council website [www.coatesparish.org.uk](http://www.coatesparish.org.uk) or from the parish clerk at: [clerk@coatesparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@coatesparish.org.uk)

Libby Harrison - Coates Parish Clerk

## COATES GARDENING CLUB

After a summer break, meetings will resume on Thursday 1 September at 7.30pm in Coates village hall when we will hear a progress report on the Cirencester Market Place scheme from the designer, Martin Portus. Bring your questions, comments and opinions! Visitors will be very welcome for £3, which includes refreshments. We look forward to a lively evening.

There are a few seats available for our outing to the Royal Agricultural Society Autumn Show at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern on Saturday 24 September. A coach will leave the village hall car park at 10am and will be back in Coates by 5pm. Entry to the showground at party rate is £15, plus the coach fare of £15 (or £13 for members). Do feel welcome to join us. Contact Margaret Reynolds on 771354 to reserve a place. Payment in full please by 7 September.

Our speaker on Thursday 6 October will be Robert Bryant LRPS, an award-winning photographer, on a Year-long Walk in Woodchester Park, Gloucestershire. This presentation is something special to look forward to.

Margaret Reynolds 771354

## COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY

The July draw for the Coates village lottery was taken at the community coffee morning held on 19 July. There were 64 participants. The winners were:

First prize	£50 to no 33	Mandy Mixture
Second prize	£30 to no 46	Rosemary Minshall
Third prize	£20 to no 56	Shirley Jones

The August draw was taken at the coffee morning on 16 August. There were 62 participants and the winners were:

First prize	£50 to no 46	Rosemary Minshall
Second prize	£30 to no 12	Andrew Crane
Third prize	£20 to no 57	Fiona Merrill

The next draw will be held in the village hall at the coffee morning on 20 September 2016. New members are always welcome. For information, please apply to Mrs Crane at the Old School, Tel 770976 .  
Diana Crane



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in Coates Village Hall. All welcome.

**Tuesday 20 September**

We are celebrating a year of Community Coffees, so do please come along and join in! If anyone would like to join the team to help with this event or might like to bake a cake occasionally (you will be reimbursed £5 towards the cost) we would love to hear from you. Please either speak to one of the team on the day or contact Sarah on 771393. Many thanks.

## RETURN OF COATES QUIZ

Coates quiz returns on Saturday 10 September, 7.30pm for 8. Join your friends and neighbours for what promises to be a fun evening with the chance to win a bottle of bubbly. £1 per person for teams of up to six people – tables are limited so reserve yours by emailing [simon.johnson@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:simon.johnson@tiscali.co.uk) or by texting/calling 07821 903758.

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## ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH NEWS

**Coates Fete and Dog Show** is on Saturday 10 September from 1-5pm at the old Rural Skills Centre Barns. The show will include many activities; tea, coffee and cakes for sale, BBQ and licensed bar from 1pm, bouncy slide, pony rides, bric a brac, tombola, games, lucky dip, great raffle with lovely prizes, including a plane ride, family photography session and a meal for two at the Thames Head. There will also be Face painting, stalls including jewellery, Phoenix cards, Neal's Yard, Aloe Vera products etc, and a Dog Show, kindly sponsored by the Sidings Veterinary Practice.

There will be a Vegetable Creation competition, so please try your hand at creating a vegetable face or animal or whatever you like and bring it along on the day by 2pm. Depending on numbers and ages of competitors, we may have two separate classes for adults and children.

There will be an entry charge of £2 per adult, free for children 16 years and under. The various activities will charge individually. Please do come along and support our first Coates Fete and Dog Show and bring family and friends and dogs along as well to enjoy the afternoon! If anyone has anything suitable for the bric a brac stall or the tombola or would like to contribute a cake, please contact either Anne on 770726 or Sarah on 771393. And if you would like to help on the day we would love to hear from you!

**Tuesday 13 September** - Said Holy Communion at the Blessings 3pm followed by tea and cake. Any queries please contact Anne Chilton on 770726.

**Sunday 18 September** - Farm Club Harvest Festival Service at the RDA 2-4pm to include activities, games and a BBQ. All welcome.

**Sunday 2 October** - Harvest Festival Service at St Matthew's Church 9.30am.

Anne Chilton on 770726 or Sarah Fuchs on 771393.

## THE GOOD COMPANIONS

Our next meeting is on Thursday 15 September at 2.30pm when Michael Fitt will give a light hearted talk on Beds and Burglar Alarms. Tea and raffle will follow.

Neeve Vizer

## NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

Rather predictably, the heavens opened – and one of the wettest Septembers on record ensued. The farm on which I worked was unable to harvest its potato crop, due to mud – a few short weeks after the fields had been dust baths. Within a month the rivers, ponds, lakes, reservoirs and bore holes which had dried up in the great drought had been replenished; the biodiversity or whatever it is that lurks in such places had replenished itself, in biodiverse manners; and we had all but forgotten the great summer we'd just been through. Within days, the grass had greened up and grown, and the infernal grass cutting machines were back in action. But why?

Matthew Oates

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## NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

This also a very good time to divide clumps of flowering plants, if you have more plants than space please do offer these to gardens open for charity next year. Culkerton and Ashley gardens will be open on the weekend of 17/18 June 2017.

Sally Oates

### DEUS EX MACHINA

This has been yet another rip-off summer, spoiled by frequent outbursts of unsummery weather, with no sustained fine weather – at best a bits and pieces summer. Most of all, this has been the year of the lawnmower. Grass, and vegetation generally, has grown to disproportionate proportions; so much so that the sound of ride-on lawn mowing, fly-mowing, strimming, brush cutting, flail-cutting, shredding and whatever else we do to wanton unwanted vegetation growth has been constant – the first machine sounds off early in the morning, the last after dusk; day after day; week after week.

We could ask why – why does the nation put such monumental effort into grass cutting? What's the point? What are our objectives? Maybe grass cutting gives us something to do in indifferent summer weather? Or maybe it's all part of our desire to be in control of nature – we call it maintaining the balance of nature: but nature, of course, has no balance, being a massive dynamism; and maintaining the balance of nature is merely an excuse for human interference? Or perhaps we simply like the mindless roar of machines – it helps us chill out?

Of course, had the summer been good, the grass would have stopped growing and browned off, and the nation's grass cutting equipment would have gathered dust in sheds – as it did forty years ago, during the remarkable drought summer of 1976.

That drought ended in spectacular and farcical manner: The Labour government appointed Jim Prior, the affable Minister for Sport, as Minister for Drought; simultaneously, the London Sikh community imported a holy man to pray for rain; these tumultuous events coincided with the August bank holiday.

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## **NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL**

### **TALKING TO MYSELF**

I've been thinking a lot about change. I think it started when we had the referendum. I remember waking and being told that the vote had gone in favour of leaving Europe. There was a feeling that everything was going to change straight away. Of course it was obvious that it couldn't but at the time it didn't seem possible that life would continue as it had the day before the vote. Then I drew back the curtains and looked out. We live over looking the Golden Valley, not that it is golden yet; it is a wonderful view which I never tire of looking at. The trees were still there, just as they had been the day before, the birds were busy at their feeders, just as they had been the day before – no sign of any change at all!

We live in a world where things are constantly changing. When I say to my grandchildren that when I was growing up we didn't have a telephone in the house, we didn't have television, during the war we didn't have a car, they look at me in amazement. Life has changed. In many ways for the better but there are still those who are in need, there is still cruelty and unkindness. There are still those who cannot read or write.

Is it good to have change? There are arguments both for and against. However, in some areas we need constancy; a stable family and home, perhaps. The one thing that is sure and never changing is God's love for all people. Isn't that something worth clinging to?!



### **SERVICE AND COFFEE**

We are holding a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month, 6 September, 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?

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## **NOTES FROM CULKERTON**

### **GARDENING TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER**

This year so far is proving outstanding for autumn fruits and flowers. The earlier fine spring weather in May was just right for pollinating insets to visit plum and apple blossom, resulting in a fine set of fruit. Good fortune continued with cool and wet weather during late June into July preventing young fruit from prematurely falling, called the 'June Drop'. Interestingly as last year was a good year for the apple harvest this in theory should be a rest year for apples, but although the fruits are slightly fewer the quality is superior with larger individual apples.

New fruit trees can be planted from the end of this month through to next February. The best way is to buy 'bare root' trees from specialist nurseries when the trees are dormant. There are many excellent varieties available but do check on any pollination requirements in the catalogues. Crab apples are a useful addition to ensure good pollination for varieties which are not self-fertile. It is also worth preparing planting places well before hand, to be weed-free and with addition of good compost; fruit trees do live a long time so give them a nurturing start. Older trees will benefit from a generous top dressing of compost.

Spring bulbs are also available now for planting. It is very important when planting narcissus, which include daffodils, to plant them soon and deeply as the bulbs grow roots during autumn ready to support flowers in the spring

Keeping the soil in good heart throughout the garden is important; loosen any compacted ground and add compost where ever you can. This can either be forked in or left on the surface for earthworms to take down. A living soil also supports beneficial insects, amongst them Ground Beetles; these black lively creatures help control slug populations and can be found under piles of weeds left overnight.

Other jobs to do through this autumn are to remove weeds, especially perennial weeds, and keep the plot free of weeds if warm weather promotes a fresh germination of seedlings. A light tidy of herbaceous perennials may be all that is needed as interesting dry seed heads can be retained. Compost any trimmings which can be used next spring as mulches and trenching for runner beans.

Use warm autumn weather to continue sowings of salad leaves, and sweet peas which are planted out in spring for early summer blooms.

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

**RODMARTON AND TARLTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY**

Please see below the letter from the James Hopkins Trust thanking us for the £750 raised at the Autumn Quiz and the recent Midsummer Medley with the Linden Singers and Cirencester Handbell Ringers.

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"The nursing respite we offer to the families we support can be night or day in the family home or at Kites Corner. Kites Corner is our purpose built multi-sensory respite centre and gardens which is in Barnwood, Gloucester. We love visitors and would very much like to invite you to visit and see for yourself just how special Kites Corner is. You would then get a real feel for how your donation is making a tangible difference to our work."

Sarah James (James Hopkins Trust)

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**FRAMPTON MANSELL RURAL CINEMA**

Please note that our 'season' will re-start in October. Unfortunately, we are unable to staff the normal September evening. Apologies for this but please get ready to support us again in October. Our reputation for a friendly welcome and wonderful home-made refreshments will, we hope, be maintained!



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**Saturday 3rd September**

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## SCHOOL TIES - SAPPERTON SCHOOL NEWS



And firstly a very warm welcome to all of the Press Gang's latest recruits for Reception and those starting higher up the school! Welcome to the Sapperton family and may your time with the school be a very happy and prosperous one. This time of year always presents a wonderful sense of both purpose and promise as an eager crop of fresh faces embark on their school careers and commence their own course in life. Just where will it take them I wonder, and what fond memories of Sapperton will remain forever engraved on their formative young minds?

It's also a time for reflection, for last year's Year 6, now embarking on the first rung of their Secondary Education, and, of course, not forgetting the years that have gone before. It's also wonderful, and I know that the staff will agree hear, to see Old Sappertonians return to their old haunts to catch up with old shipmates and to hear their fond tales of events gone by but never forgotten. And on that note, what a bang the old school year ended with:

The school play, surely one of the best performances ever, delivered two outstanding renditions of "Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits" to packed village hall audiences in wonderful summer weather and the après theatre BBQ supper went on well into the warm evening; the school sports teams excelled themselves once again – particularly in the County Level Archery Festival - and a much enjoyed trip was enjoyed by the juniors to Warwick Castle to see the famous mediaeval trebuchet hurl a flaming cannon ball some 400m. The infants too had a fabulous day out to Old Down Country Park near Aust where much petting of animals and outdoor adventures were undertaken and the term ended with the traditional leavers service in St Kenelm's Church where each student talked about their fondest memories of time at the school and were presented with their own personal Bible and a nattily clad (Sapperton uniform of course) Bear or Monkey as a memento of their time onboard (sorry, at the school). So, all this to look forward to and the school year has barely started! And a note to new parents – you too are most welcome to all school activities too: Please look out for notices in Parent Mail of upcoming events. The Harvest Festival will be one of the first advertised.

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