

THE WATERSHED MAGAZINE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

- Tuesday 4 11am Service & Coffee at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell
- Wednesday 5 7.30pm BEAT meeting in St Peter's Court, Ashcroft Road
- Thursday 6 7.30pm Coates Gardening Club Meeting *A year Long Walk in Woodchester Park*
- Saturday 15 7.30pm Coates Quiz
- Tuesday 18 10.30am Community Coffee, Cake and Chat in Coates Village Hall
- Tuesday 18 7.30pm Frampton Mansell Rural Cinema *Florence Foster Jenkins*
- Thursday 20 2.30pm Good Companions meeting *Open the Box with Bill*
- Thursday 20 7pm Coates Village Hall AGM Supper & 'What's that Wine'
- Saturday 22 7pm Coates Kitchen Autumn Supper with Taste 'n Tell Challenge
- Tuesday 25 Mobile library visiting Coates
- Saturday 29 2 - 4pm Annual Cobalt Sale in Coates Village Hall
- Saturday 29 6.30pm Charity Quiz Night in Rodmarton Village Hall
- Saturday 29 7pm Halloween Fright Night Party in Sapperton Village Hall

NOVEMBER

- Thursday 3 7.30pm Coates Gardening Club Meeting and AGM
- Monday 7 7.30pm Coates Parish Council Meeting

KEMBLE AND EWEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The members will be meeting in the Tavern Pub on Tuesday 18 October. The new hosts, Tracey and Dan, look forward to seeing them and offering some tasters of some beers and wine. This will be a social afternoon and we might meet earlier for lunch which will be confirmed to members after the committee have met. If you would like to join us please contact me.

Please note the decision has recently been made that from January the W I meetings will be held in Kemble school main hall at 7.30pm. We hope this new arrangement will encourage working mums and past members who preferred evenings to join or rejoin our friendly group.

Pat Ayres secretary 770385



St Peter's, Rodmarton

October 2016

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CIRENCESTER EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

The local team will be on hand for the monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday 5 October which take place in St Peter's Lounge, St Peter's Court, St Peter's Road, Cirencester from 7.30 - 9pm. Sufferers and carers receive confidential, accessible local help from people who have had personal experience either as a sufferer or carer. This sharing of experiences helps to lift the mood and can provide a better outcome for the days ahead.

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 25 October & 22 November between 11.55am and 12.55pm outside the village hall.



CLOSING DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER 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 October at the latest for inclusion in the next issue.**

ADVERTISING IN THE WATERSHED

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

2 October	9.30am	Kemble	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
	11am	Poole Keynes	Family Service
	11am	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
	11am	Rodmarton	Holy Communion with choir
	11am	Sapperton	Harvest Festival at Park Corner
	6pm	Kemble	
5 October		Midweek Wednesday	
	10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
9 October		The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	
	9.30am	Kemble	Family Service
	9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
	11am	Rodmarton	Matins
	11am	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
	11am	Tarlton	Family Holy Communion
	4pm	Somerford Keynes	Harvest Festival
12 October		Midweek Wednesday	
	10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
16 October		The Twenty First 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
19 October		Midweek Wednesday	
	10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
23 October		The Last 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
26 October		Midweek Wednesday	
	10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
30 October		All Saints Sunday	
		Benefice Service at Kemble with Confirmation by Bishop Rachel	

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

The other day I was listening to 'The Waterside Ape' with David Attenborough on Radio 4. It was a very interesting programme about the rise of intelligent humanoids and the beginnings of what we would consider human society. The thesis of this programme (and I haven't listened to them all yet) is that we could not have developed from savannah dwellers but needed the conditions of a waterside home. It is a very different idea to those I read about as I grew up and it struck me that so many areas of pre-historical and historical knowledge have undergone re-evaluation in my lifetime as new avenues of study have opened up. Personally I find that rather exciting but in one way or another, natural and human history have always been my area of interest.

For many years (at least in the west) we have struggled with the idea that the enlightenment and the growth of modern sciences and a technological society are at variance with 'primitive' belief so all religion is by definition in conflict with it. This is of course weak and stems from quite complex sources including poor theology from within the church but it is not a surprise given the significant changes required to previous understandings of world processes. The art of the historian though is to see through a lens that is not distorted by a contemporary setting whilst allowing our knowledge to inform our understanding and thereby contribute positively to the growth of modern society.

The church in its theology enters into a similar process except understanding that the ultimate unchangeable truth given by God should drive its conclusions. In a similar way modern science relies upon the physical laws of the universe as consistent parameters within which to explore. As a religious person, I consider that the physical laws are boundaries placed by God and are a natural part of the creation process not something to be contested but rather to be thankful for. As a Christian, I believe that there is purpose and meaning beyond the physical universe and that meaning is bound up in God who is the creator and sustainer of the universe. Can I prove that, or any atheist disprove it? No. Belief by its very nature is about something that cannot be entirely defined and it seems to me logical that if we could define God, he would not be God. Equally the sum total of human knowledge cannot define the physical universe or even our own earth so any conclusions drawn from it are limited as demonstrated by David Attenborough's programme. In fact we are still



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discovering new species of mammal on our planet as well as myriad new species of plants and fungi and insects every year whilst we continue to drive others to extinction in the recently proposed Anthropocene age, a historical definition describing how we humans are having an ever more significant impact on the environment. In terms of knowledge we have much to discover and even more to understand.

So what do you believe and why do you believe it? It is easier not to think about it but then, as the statistics prove, there is a much higher chance of overcoming a serious disease if we are proactive in our diagnosis. If the universe is created and its form and purpose is intentional then surely being able to discover something of that let alone the opportunity of a personal and positive relationship with that being should be a lifestyle priority and not something to be left to chance.

With love and prayers

Trevor Kemp Rector

FROM THE REGISTERS

RIP

Lillian Hill of Kemble who died on 6 July 2016.

Robert Potter of Tarlton who died on 18 July 2016.

BAPTISMS

On 4 September 2016, Emily Grace Bampfield, daughter of Kimberley and Lee Bampfield at All Saints, Somerford Keynes.

On 11 September 2016, Amelia Speakman at All Saints, Kemble.

WEDDINGS

On 30 July 2016, Katie Carr and Jonathan David Webley at St Peter's, Rodmarton.

On 6 August 2016, Elizabeth Rose Burden and Gonzalo Javier Ribalta at St Matthew's, Coates.

On 12 August 2016, Rebecca Louise Pollard and Adam John Hicks at St Matthew's, Coates.

TAKE CARE AT THE TUNNEL HOUSE LEVEL CROSSING

Network Rail has issued a level crossing safety warning urging the public to be extra vigilant when using crossings while the Severn Tunnel is closed for essential upgrade work.

On Monday 12 September the Severn Tunnel will close for six weeks as Network Rail's orange army work day and night to prepare the 130-year old tunnel for electrification delivering more seats, more frequent services and faster, greener journeys – all part of the company's Railway Upgrade Plan.

As a result of the closure, all freight trains and some passenger trains travelling between Swindon and Newport will be diverted via Gloucester increasing rail traffic on the line.

Level crossings along this route will be busier and Network Rail is urging the public to take extra care and be vigilant when crossing the railway.

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)

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 or juliepaulmorton@gmail.com .

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NEWS FROM COATES

COATES PARISH COUNCIL

The latest Coates parish council meeting was held on Monday 5 September 2016. This meeting saw the resignation of Bob Allen as chairman and his replacement by Richard Harrison. Roger Clarke also retired as a councillor at this meeting after serving the parish for over 15 years.

Other matters discussed included:

1. Parking in front of the emergency access gates at the play area is dangerous. A sign advising residents not to park in front of the gates will be erected.
2. In preparation for winter, it has been confirmed that Peter Tugwell will remain as our snow warden and he has plentiful supplies of salt for use in bad weather conditions.
3. The poor condition of the Coates Cricket Club facilities means that the club may have to re-locate out of the village.
4. Repairs to equipment in the play area are due to take place in the near future.
5. Opportunities to replace the Old School House clock with a new working version are being investigated and will be discussed further at our meeting in November.
6. The street signs for Quaker Row are due to be replaced by Cotswold District Council in the next few weeks. Paving stones at the Trewsbury Road bus stop have also been repaired.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 7 November in the village hall at 7.30pm, members of the public are welcome to attend.

In the meantime if anyone is interested in becoming a parish councillor to fill the current vacancy, please contact the parish clerk at clerk@coatesparish.org.uk. Further details may be found on the parish council website www.coatesparish.org.uk or from the parish clerk at: clerk@coatesparish.org.uk

Libby Harrison - Coates Parish Clerk

COATES GARDENING CLUB

On Thursday 6 October at 7.30pm in Coates village hall we will be treated to a presentation by Robert Bryant LRPS on *A Year-long Walk in Woodchester Park, Gloucestershire*. Mr Bryant is a garden designer and has acted as a garden guide and speaker at Highgrove House. He has recently gained various awards for photography. His programme will illustrate the flora, fauna and landscape of Woodchester Park and Woodchester Mansion. Visitors will be very welcome. Our very reasonable charge of £3 for the evening includes tea or coffee and biscuits.

Dates for your diary:

7 November at 7.30pm - AGM

5 December at 7.30 - Christmas Social ,Quiz and Supper

Margaret Reynolds 771354

THE GOOD COMPANIONS

Our next meeting is on Thursday 20 October at 2.30pm. Bill Irving will give a talk on *Open the box with Bill*. Tea and a raffle will follow.

N Vizor

ANNUAL COBALT APPEAL SALE

The Annual Cobalt Appeal sale will take place in Coates village hall from 2 - 4pm on Saturday 29 October with stalls of homemade cakes, knitted toys, gifts, tombola and raffle. Any donations of items for prizes or for sale would be greatly appreciated before the event at 2 Home Piece, Coates.
Betty Mixture

COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY

The September draw for the Coates village lottery was taken at the community coffee morning held on 20 September. There were 63 participants. The winners were:

First prize	£50 to no 65	Rachel Stainton
Second prize	£30 to no 17	Maggie Breedon
Third prize	£20 to no 68	Liz James

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

Diana Crane



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Community Coffee, Cake and Chat
On the 3rd Tuesday each month
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in Coates Village Hall. All welcome.

Tuesday 18 October

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 to the Village Hall on Saturday 15 October, 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, teams of up to six people – tables are limited so reserve yours by emailing simon.johnson@tiscali.co.uk or by texting/calling 07821 903758.

JOB VACANCY - PARISH CLERK

Are you interested in supporting the local community whilst getting paid?

The Coates parish council is looking for a clerk to replace the current parish council clerk who is standing down at the end of the year.

The clerk's role is crucial, not only in supporting the council, but in ensuring that its business is done on time and in the correct way. It's an interesting and varied role that combines some administration, with community engagement, setting policies and working with the rest of the council to ensure that the village community is represented and served well.

The clerk's position is a paid role, designed to compensate for a modest amount of time and effort. Expenses are also available for travel and childcare if required. If you are interested and want to know more, please contact Libby Harrison at clerk@coatesparish.org.uk or on 771449.

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH NEWS

A huge thank you to all those involved in organising the Coates Fete and Dog Show. We raised £2,400 which we are delighted with, but more than that, we are so grateful to people for not only joining in and taking part in the different activities, but also helping to run so many of those activities.

My dogs haven't quite got over not winning a rosette yet but enjoyed taking part in the dog show, as many did! Patrick Harte from the Sidings Veterinary Surgery did a great job judging the Dog Show classes whilst Dickie Randall strained his voice with lively banter as the loud hailer didn't quite arrive!

A big thank you to Lily and Janette for organising the Dog Show so calmly! And to Rob Macmichael who did a wonderful job tossing burgers and sausages all afternoon, whilst Bob Allen and Paul Atkinson manfully manned the bar. Wonderful cakes and teas, served by Sapperton School and Anne C-D, Janet Trinder, Virginia Russell, Tony and Wendy, Peter Bond and his ducks, together with all the wonderful stall holders filled the barn with activity.

Joss Randall and her boys had quite some rivalry going on the slow bicycle ride and several enjoyed the pony rides up in the field for which many thanks go to Sam Trounson and his pony.

A big thank you goes to the Amersi's for allowing us to use the barns and also to Watershed RDA for allowing us to use the field and provide so much help with shifting bales and tables and equipment to and from the village hall. Thanks also go to Peter Tugwell for clearing the barns whilst in the middle of harvesting, Peter Beach for helping with the electrics, John Chilton, who along with other things, stood on the entrance for most of the afternoon and Jonathan Hitchcock who got roped in to many jobs both prior to the fete and on the day itself! A big thank you to the Tunnel House for giving their raffle prize and Chas and Dave tickets, and also for doing such a wonderful job producing great fete signs for the day.

Without all the contributions from you all we simply couldn't have held the event, so we are extremely grateful.

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

Anne Chilton on 770726 or Sarah Fuchs on 771393.

NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

heatwave) and by a patchy August. To date, though, they haven't been spoilt by too much rain. For jam making, the rule is simple: if they stain your fingers, they're too wet – pick 'em firm.

Above all, it seems to have been a remarkable year for house martins, at least in this district. Our colony produced 23 nests, a record; some of which went on to raise second broods. But by the time you read this those birds will be several thousand miles away, and the fieldfares and redwings will be arriving, to find plenty of fruits to feast on.

Matthew Oates

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

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NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

very good drainage, in a warm sunny sheltered position, traditionally planted next to a house wall and at least 12cm deep with plenty of grit. A white form is available too, but to me does look as robust although extremely elegant.

The island gardens were full of succulents, Aloes, Aeoniums, and Agaves, also perennial plantings of Regal Pelargoniums and Gazinias. The Agapanthus were astounding, very tall and making huge clumps. All of which illustrated the difference in climate, and should be noted that a light dusting of snow is a once in 40 years event!

Sally Oates

AUTUMN TINTS

Our friends at Westonbirt have issued their customary press release saying that this could be the best ever year for autumn leaf colour. The newspapers love it, conveniently forgetting that they were told the same thing last year, and the year before. Perhaps Westonbirt will prove to be right, one hopes so. Much, of course, depends on how sunny and wet the autumn is, and when the first frosts occur. We'll see, and there's actually no such thing as a bad autumn tints year – they're all good, better, or superb.

What is certain is that this is an excellent beech mast year. That was apparent by the end of May, when beech nuts became prominent. Acorns, though, are generally scarce, and the ash is taking the year off, with very few keyed trees. Field maple and sycamore trees seem either to be covered with helicopter seeds or completely bereft, mainly the latter. That's trees for you, all or nothing.

For the third year in a row the hawthorn berry crop is profuse. Rowan trees are also heavily laden with scarlet berries and there should be plenty of holly berries for Christmas again. The latter doesn't mean that we're in for a severe winter, but merely reflects some fine spring weather when these trees and shrubs were flowering.

Sloe berries are more patchy, depending on when individual blackthorn entanglements flowered. You may have to hunt around for your sloe gin berries, but you will find them. Crab apples are generally abundant.

The blackberries have been late. The bramble bushes flowered late, then fruit development was hampered by a cool July (bar one short

Coates Village Hall

Managing Committee Volunteers Nominations for election are now open

Both non-officer and officer (Chair, Secretary & Treasurer) committee member nominations are welcomed.

Nominations Close: Thursday 20 October 2016 at the AGM

Key activities that our Hall also desperately needs helping with

Administration	Promotion	Research
Maintenance	Communications	Health & Safety
Book Keeping		

To find out what's involved, to put forward a nomination or to offer help contact the chair on 770 596 or 07794 678928 or the secretary on 770976 or diana@dianacrane.wanadoo.co.uk

Your Invitation

Coates' Village Hall AGM Supper & 'What's that Wine?'

This year the AGM will be conducted over supper with a short fun optional wine quiz plus prize for the winner!!!

Thursday 20 October 2016
7pm for 7.30pm

By attending and giving your views, opinions or advice you will be helping to decide the future of our Village Hall.

Soft drinks also available with the supper.

To receive a copy of the AGM information contact the secretary on 770976 or diana@dianacrane.wanadoo.co.uk

**NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND
FRAMPTON MANSELL**

**Saturday 29 October
SAPPERTON VILLAGE HALL
Halloween Fright Night
Party**

**Disco & Licensed bar
Chilli & Cowboy Stew included
Doors open: 7pm Raising funds for the
village hall**

www.sappertonvillagehall.co.uk

**Phone 760468 or 762857
£10 adult £1 child**



SERVICE AND COFFEE

We are holding a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month, 4 October, 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



NOTES FROM CULKERTON

GARDENING TIPS FOR OCTOBER

This year has been a very good year for trees, shrubs and grass growth. Although there have been significant dry warm spells, overall we have had rainfall and cooler nights throughout the growing season. This was not so good for summer annual bedding plants and the very dull weather has inhibited the frequency of repeat blooming roses.

I have been growing a few walnut trees planted from Italian sourced nuts for about twelve years; this year the trees have grown an impressive extra five to six feet in height and width. My aim is to shape the trees to form a neat high canopy, so even during the growing season low side branches were removed. When the trees are dormant this winter I intend to prune again, cutting out any crossing or inward growing branches. Originally two different varieties of nuts were planted, one round and the other an elongated oval. The later variety fruited last year for the first time and grows faster. There are several named and grafted varieties of good fruiting varieties of walnut available.

Prune and shape shrubs this month, in exposed gardens reduce the height and density to prevent wind rock damage. Hedges grown to support wildlife are ideally cut after berries have been eaten and before birds start to build nests; in most years this will be January and February. This year our boundary hedges supported three broods of blackbirds, and I was pleased to see small slugs were included in the adult's beaks early in the season to feed their young.

October is a good time to plant garlic and autumn broad bean 'Aquadulce Claudia'. Garlic is planted as individual cloves about 12cm apart in good free draining soil and almost the same deep. Roots are formed before the shoots appear, and can pull the bulb deeper during growth so bear this in mind when harvesting. Garlic will fail if there is very wet weather while growing, last year was awful. Garlic cloves can be grown in pots and raised beds, with improved drainage. Broad bean 'Aquadulce Claudia' may also need some protection. Although really hardy, I find the plants can be susceptible to wind so cover with cloches during inclement weather.

While on a visit to the Isles of Scilly recently the small hedged plots of 'Belladonnas' were quite lovely to view, the large heads of blooms in shades of pink are borne on tall lush stems. Amaryllis belladonna is a bulb of South African origin, so to grow well in Gloucestershire needs

NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON

LITTLE BETHEL'S

"It was not badly named in one respect, being in truth a particularly little Bethel – a Bethel of the smallest dimensions – with a small number of pews, and a small pulpit, in which a small gentleman (by trade a Shoemaker, and by calling a Divine) was delivering in a by no means small voice, a by no means small sermon, judging of its dimensions by the condition of his audience, which, if their gross amount were but small, comprised a still smaller number of hearers, as the majority were slumbering."

From *The Old Curiosity Shop* by Charles Dickens

THANK YOU

To all my family, friends and neighbours, thank you for all the love, kindness and support you have shown me over these last few months. It has been a great comfort to me at this sad time in my life.

Margaret Potter

RODMARTON CHURCH CHOIR

Forthcoming choir services are:

Sunday 2 October Harvest Festival and Lunch in the Village Hall afterwards – All welcome; all harvest produce go to Paternoster House, Cirencester, for the residents.

Sunday 30 October All Saints

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 2 October Harvest Lunch in the village hall, following Harvest Festival in St Peter's church – All welcome.

Saturday 29 October Charity Quiz Night at Rodmarton village hall, 6.30pm, in aid of Rodmarton & Tarlton Children's Charity. Tickets £5 from 654591/841452.

Saturday 3 December - Christmas Bazaar in the village hall with Father Christmas, mulled wine & mince pies, craft stalls & attractions. More details will follow nearer the time.

Hailey Farm Lamb

Locally produced lamb direct from Hailey Farm, Sapperlon

Orders of chops & joints welcome, as well as a half or whole lamb cut to your requirements, packed and labelled ready for the freezer



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COATES KITCHEN AUTUMN SUPPER With TASTE 'N' TELL CHALLENGE



A FUN filled evening around food and drink with two course supper

Coates Village Hall

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 2016 7pm – 10.30pm

Club Bar Open from 6.30pm

PRIZES (including 'lucky draw prize') plus **RAFFLE**

Tickets £9 each

[but hurry tickets available until **12 October**/limited spaces]

BYO wine only (£1 corkage per bottle)

Tickets from: Jan Edmonds 01285 771106

email: janedmonds27@yahoo.com

A Coates Village Hall Fundraiser

FRAMPTON MANSELL RURAL CINEMA

presents

the opening film of the season

FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS (PG)

starring

MERYL STREEP and HUGH GRANT

on Tuesday 18 October at 7.30pm

The story of Florence Foster Jenkins, a New York heiress who dreamed of becoming an opera singer, despite having a terrible singing voice.

Unchanged prices Adults: £3.50, under 16: £2.50

Don't forget our delicious refreshments!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - KEMBLE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Saturday 15 October - Poppy Appeal Dance in Kemble village hall. More information from Pat Ayres on 770385.

Wednesday 26 October - AGM at the Tavern at 7pm. All members welcome.

Sunday 13 November - This year's Annual Remembrance Service will be taking place at All Saints church, Somerford Keynes. We are lucky again that Cirencester Band is keen to be with us and the service will start at 3pm. This service is for everybody – not just Legion members. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Sunday 27 November - I will be contacting, by letter, all those members who have already paid for their tickets for the Birmingham Tattoo with final arrangements and timings etc.

If there is anyone else, RBL member or otherwise, who would like to go to this event please let me know as there may be last minute cancellations.

Friday 9 December – Christmas Dinner. Our branch president, John Chilton, is arranging another Christmas dinner for members and their partners at the Thames Head and a letter will be sent out to all members separately with further details of 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

SCHOOL TIES - SAPPERTON SCHOOL NEWS



School's Out! And the autumn term is already in full swing! Firstly, it was straight in with a splash to five weeks of Naval Training, that is to say, the *Watersports* after school club for Years 4, 5 and 6 at the Cotswold Water Park and swimming sessions at Cirencester Leisure Centre for Years 2, 3 and 4. Elsewhere, preparations have commenced for football and tag rugby competitions at Deer Park School while time has still been found for the traditional autumn visit of the school photographer! And talking of photography, once again pupils have been preparing for a wildlife-themed photographic competition in which, regular readers may recall, the school did well last year. More details of this year's entries, and the hoped for success, in next month's edition of *School Ties!*

Pssst! A bit of intelligence received from our up-threat frigate; the School is considering running a "Magic Maths" after school club with separate sessions for infants and juniors. Don't be caught at anchor; it might be worth weighing anchor and getting underway by swotting up on arithmetic and other mathematical skills before your child starts asking questions you cannot answer! Remember, you heard it here first.

The other big event of note, which will further cement the School's links to St Kenelm's, the parish church in Sapperton, has been a service to commemorate the transfer of the church to the Historic Churches Trust. This move will, hopefully, better secure the future of this ancient and beautiful building for future generations to enjoy, while still keeping it available for spiritual use. Bishop Rachael of Gloucester led a special Affirmation Service on 21 September at which the school choir sang beautifully before enjoying a wonderful selection of refreshments in the village hall.

Looking ahead, another regular school favourite will be the "*Harvest on the Farm*" service at Park Corner Farm at 11am on Sunday 2 October, kindly hosted by Jeremy and Stevie Hoskins. If you haven't attended this lovely, atmospheric and autumnal event before, I would heartily recommend it; the service is very moving, the views are stunning, the children love climbing on the hay-bales and it always ends with a very friendly community lunch. As ever, this event is open to everyone.

Molesworth