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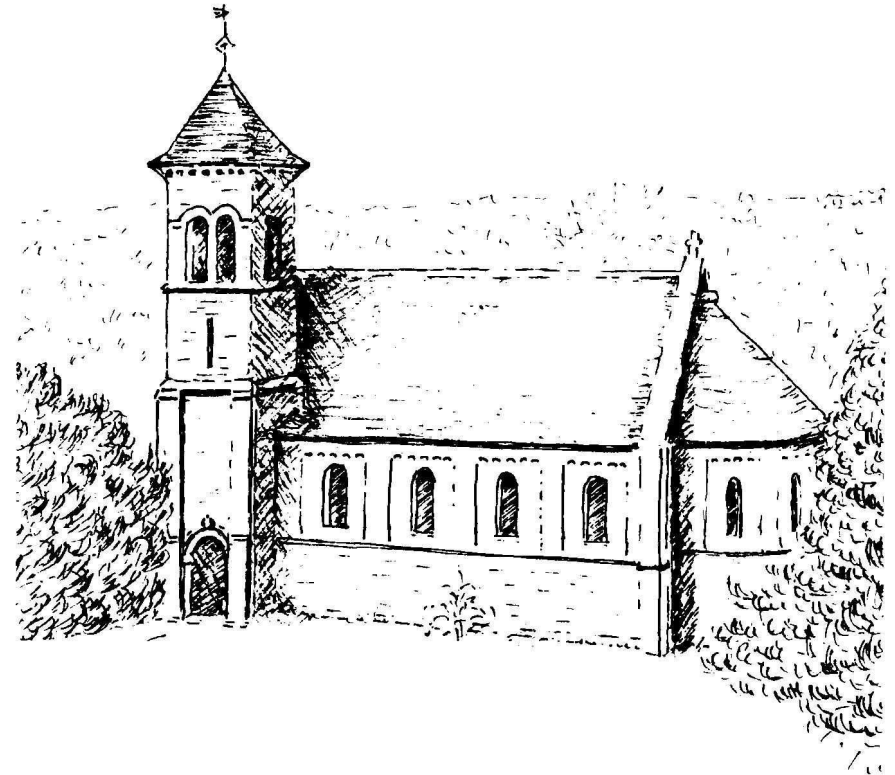
NOVEMBER

- Wednesday 2 7.30pm BEAT meeting in St Peter's Court, Ashcroft Road
- Thursday 3 7.30pm Coates Gardening Club Meeting and AGM
- Monday 7 7.30pm Coates Parish Council Meeting
- Sunday 13 2 - 4pm Christmas Market in Coates Village Hall
- Tuesday 15 10.30am Community Coffee, Cake and Chat in Coates Village Hall
- Tuesday 15 7.30pm Frampton Mansell Rural Cinema *Eye in the Sky*
- Thursday 17 2.30pm Good Companions meeting
- Tuesday 22 Mobile library visiting Coates

DECEMBER

- Thursday 1 7.30pm Coates Gardening Club Meeting
- Thursday 1 7.30pm Festive Whist Drive in Kemble Village Hall
- Saturday 3 2 - 4pm Rodmarton Christmas Bazaar

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Tuesday 15 November



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I was invited recently to a meeting at the RAU with the Counsellor, Health and Wellbeing officer to discuss the problems of the students which highlights the needs of these young men and women who are coping with so many changes in their lives whilst away from home.

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

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS



The visit for next month will be on Tuesday 22 November between 11.25am and 12.25pm outside the village hall.



CLOSING DATE FOR THE DECEMBER/JANUARY 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 November at the latest for inclusion in the next issue.**

ADVERTISING IN THE WATERSHED

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

6 November	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
	5pm	Coates	
9 November		Midweek Wednesday	
	10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
13 November		Second Sunday before Advent Remembrance	
	9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
	10.50am	Poole Keynes	Remembrance Service
	10am	Kemble	Remembrance Service
	10.55am	Rodmarton	Remembrance Service
	10.30am	Frampton Mansell	Remembrance Service
	11am	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayers
	11am	Tarlton	Holy Communion
	3pm	Somerford Keynes	RBL Remembrance Service
16 November		Midweek Wednesday	
	10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
20 November		Christ the King	
	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)
23 November		Midweek Wednesday	
	10am	Kemble	Holy Communion
27 November		Advent Sunday	
	8am	Tarlton	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Kemble	Morning Prayers (BCP)
	9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
	11am	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
	11am	Rodmarton	Holy Communion with choir
	11am	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
	6pm	Poole Keynes	Songs of Praise
30 November		Midweek Wednesday	
	10am	Kemble	Holy Communion

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

Outside my window the world is changing. The sun is shining, a north wind is blowing cold and the trees are turning from glorious green to burnished gold and red. Autumn is somehow sad and glorious at the same time, there is something uniquely beautiful as the dying leaves flutter from the branches and carpet the ground. The preparations for winter are over, the crops are in and harvest celebrated, the chimney swept and the logs stacked against the cold dark days to come. We are fortunate to know that this is the natural way of things and that after Christmas the days will begin to lengthen and the plants refreshed by winters rest will push forth again to cover the land with life.

This natural cycle reflects our own lives, although the pattern may be different for each of us. Within our lives we find times of growth, days of despair, seasons of joy and times to reflect on the past. Whichever season it is for you be comforted that it is normal and actually all of them can be times of grace, times to encounter the living God. In the same way that I would never pick a cold damp February day to be my tomorrow so too none of us tend to choose the challenging and troubling dark night of the soul as our moment of choice. When we are there it is hard to see light beyond the darkness but when we have moved into calmer waters in our lives if we take time to look back we will often find good things to learn from and take with us on the journey of life. Sometimes I wonder for example how St. Paul felt when he looked back and remembered how he led the assault on St. Stephen and the early Christian community. He had blood on his hands and then discovered that Jesus was indeed the way and the truth and the life. We cannot take back the past but must live with the consequences allowing that experience to focus our transformation as God's people. St. Paul needed grace just as the slaver John Newton discovered he needed amazing grace. Most of us are not slavers or murderers but isn't it amazing that the love of God can reach us and forgive us even if we are. Sometimes though it seems our sinfulness is so small we don't even acknowledge it or we deny its significance. Jesus said that those who have been forgiven much know more heartfelt thanks but those who have little to forgive still need the same forgiveness for God is perfect and the imperfect has no place in his presence.

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RODMARTON CHILDREN'S CHOIR

For the past twenty-five years Rodmarton church has maintained a Children's Choir to sing at the major festivals, which has benefited the children as much as the church. It adds a dimension to the lives of young people, offering a basic musical training. As well as the music, the choir can help to give children self-confidence working in a group.

The choir sings on average once a month: three times in December around the Christmas season and with a break in the summer holidays. Around these dates we celebrate the festivals of Candlemas, Mothering Sunday, Easter, Whitsun, Sea Sunday, Harvest Festival and All Saints. On each occasion that the choir sings there is an hour's rehearsal (ie a 10am rehearsal followed by the service ending at noon). For the effort and commitment that they give, the children are paid on an ascending scale, depending on age and experience.

If you and your children are interested, or have any questions, please encourage them and contact one of us. All we ask is that the children are at the stage at which they can read fluently enough to join in.

Thank you.

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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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WEDDINGS

On 8 October , Heather Mary Wheatley and David Smith at St Matthew's, Coates.

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)

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NEWS FROM COATES

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH NEWS

Sunday 6/11 - At the 9.30am Holy Communion Service we will remember all those who have died since last All Saints Day.

Tuesday 8/11 - Said Holy Communion Service at The Blessings, from 3pm followed by tea. Please call Anne Chilton on 770726 with any queries.

Sunday 13/11 - Remembrance Sunday Service at St Matthew's church at 9.30am and then a short service at 12.15pm at Coates Memorial Cross with a minute's silence. A wreath will be laid "From the people of Coates" and the names of The Fallen read aloud. Everyone is welcome, especially children.

Anne Chilton on 770726 or Sarah Fuchs on 771393.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

No less than 16 cyclists checked in at St Matthew's church on Saturday 10 September, raising money by sponsorship for their chosen churches. Weather conditions were bad but there to greet them at the church porch with welcome refreshments was Dave Gibbon; and among them, cycling for St Matthew's, were Jane and Rebecca Burr. Sincere thanks to them all.

COATES GARDENING CLUB

On Thursday 3 November at 7.30pm in Coates village hall the gardening club will hold its brief Annual General Meeting. Afterwards Bob Merrill will conduct a quiz about our local area and we may learn new and interesting facts from our long-established Coates residents too. Visitors will be very welcome (£3, includes refreshments).

Our Christmas Social will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 1 December, which will give an early start to the festive season. We are very grateful to Carol Wilson who is busy compiling another of her entertaining quizzes. This will be followed by a bring and share supper with delicious food, wine or a soft drink.

Margaret Reynolds 771354

THE GOOD COMPANIONS

Our next meeting is on Thursday 17 November at 2.30pm. There will be a Bring and Buy with a quiz. Tea and a raffle will follow.

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Coates Village Hall Christmas Market



Sunday 13 November 2 - 4pm

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NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

should not be being adversely affected by Neonicotinoid pesticides, the use of which is almost certainly impacting on many of our spring and early summer bees (and other insects).

Conversely, the much-maligned Asian Hornet chose Tetbury of all places in which to make its first appearance in the UK. It's been moving north and west across continental Europe these last few years. It's relatively harmless to humans. However, it has a penchant for eating honey bees, and insects in general. Beekeepers fear it, though modern pesticides may pose a greater problem. However, Defra decided to make it Public Enemy Number 2 (after the hapless Badger) and exterminate it at all cost.

But how did it get here, to Tetbury of all places? It probably arrived as a hibernating queen in an imported container grown plant, transported to a nursery; for the mated queens hibernate in warm soil before emerging in spring. It could also have arrived in imported stone or timber – and yes, we even import firewood. For the record, it's smaller and much darker than the ordinary Hornet – black with yellow extremities. One nest was found in Tetbury and exterminated. Most probably, we will learn how to live with it, eventually.

Matthew Oates

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NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

head start for next spring. Watering cans are filled before use and placed in the greenhouses so that these slightly warmed.

Pots of hardy herbs can be grown over winter in sunny greenhouses for kitchen use, thyme, parsley, marjoram and sage will have more numerous and tender leaves than those left outside.

For a more unusual climber consider planting a hop, these produce a rapidly growing annual stem of several metres and are versatile for garden use. There are several named varieties for brewing, including 'Fuggles' and 'Wye Challenger'. They can be trained to cover a shed, garage, a pergola, or a more conventional system using twine. I grow my Golden Hop plants through our boundary hedge to be ornamental, but also as a caterpillar food plant for my favourite butterfly, the Comma.

Sally Oates

ALIEN INVADERS

This autumn a new bee and a new hornet have appeared in our district. One we welcome, the other we don't – but that's our relationship with wildlife all over: we place wildlife into tick, cross or don't care boxes.

The Ivy Bee was first recorded in the UK in 2001, having colonised the South Coast naturally. Apart from the fact that the over-amorous males make Mallard drakes appear as polite as gentlemen in a Jane Austen novel, it's an absolute sweetheart. Smaller than a honey bee, with ginger hairs on the thorax and a distinctive stripy abdomen, it does what is stated on the packet: ie it feeds from and gathers pollen from ivy flowers. Ivy is the top autumn nectar source for insects in general, and there should be plenty of it for everyone, so this new bee should not be out-competing any long established resident insects. It nests in dry earthy banks, sometimes establishing huge colonies.

At last it has appeared in our parish, and seems to be quite widespread. I've been watching out for it for the last few autumns. It seemed to be bypassing the Cotswolds - it went up the Severn valley instead. Now it's arrived with a bang, but new insect colonists often do that.

The Ivy Bee is a good news story, as so much of our wildlife is in decline, including many of our bees. This is one species of bee which

NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

PAWS FOR THOUGHT

The Pleasure and Pain of owning a Pet

Over the past two and a half years I have watched with a degree of amusement at how two young adults became attached to a tiny Syrian hamster. It or should I say she enjoyed a series of homes, as various types were bought and returned as the perfect "des res" was sought. The final version was a grand design affair with tubes; several pods designed for sleeping and dining and even a hamster loo. I'm not certain that anything was actually used for its intended purpose by its resident, who reconfigured the various spaces and personalised various items of play equipment with a quick chew.

Skittle was greedy and lazy; not for her the indignities of a rushing madly round in a hamster wheel, she preferred to show off by swinging along monkey fashion across the length of her quarters. During this time her student owners learned how to consider the needs of a caged pet, not just through the provision of a bag of any kind of hamster food, but identifying the types of juicy treats likely to be acceptable, the joyful anticipation of a monkey nut or grape and little bags of tasty carrot and yoghurt drops which in fact became her last meal.

During her life Skittle adapted to cuddles and tummy tickles and used her owners as human climbing frames. They learned how to nurture a tiny life and to care for her teeth as they grew like weeds in her senior hamster years. Sadly this venerable rodent became ill and quietly died at the weekend. She is greatly missed, far more than you might think a caged animal might deserve, but she was a great teacher, a comic an acrobat and a gourmand: rest in peace Skittle 2014-2016.



SERVICE AND COFFEE

We are holding a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month, 1 November, 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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GARDENING TIPS FOR NOVEMBER

Patience has been rewarded this autumn; an apple pip planted several years ago has produced some very attractive and delicious eating apples. Golden yellow with a scarlet flush on one side, these apples have a very sweet flavour, crisp juicy texture and are ready to eat in late September and early October. Although, curiously this seedling was amongst a batch of crab apples grown to plant in my boundary hedges, all the other trees bear numerous small fruits and are full of blossom in the spring.

Lift dahlias ready to store for the winter; some years we have no significant frost to blacken the foliage which signals the time to do this but I now prefer to lift & dry the tubers in any dry and sunny weather, before wrapping in newspaper and storing in a cool frost free place. Outhouses and garages are ideal.

Move any tender plants to the greenhouse, conservatory or house windowsills. Pot up Hippeastrums, Hyacinths and Paperwhite Narcissus to bloom in December and January.

Outside in the garden this is the ideal time to plant tulips, which I would recommend planting a little deeper than generally advised. For two different stunning shows for next April through to May, either plant in a large deep container in several layers or bold large drifts. There are many gorgeous colours and shapes available, so the choice is huge. I personally favour either a bold display of one colour or mixed harmonious tones of a similar colour. Good planting companions for tulips are the classic combinations of wall flowers or forget-me-nots which are also available in a variety of shades. So have some fun with colour now ready for next spring.

Continue to tidy up the garden, greenhouse and sheds. Leave tall architectural seeding stems for wild birds and a quiet sheltered corner with piles of dry leaves for hibernating hedgehogs.

Ventilation of greenhouses should be maintained, this reduces moulds. Depending on the plants, seedlings or cuttings being grown, either leave the vents open all the time and only close during stormy or frosty weather, or open and closed these daily during sunny days. I use min/max thermometers and soil thermometers as a guide in judging the conditions of my unheated green houses. Keeping the growing plants free of dead leaves and weeds, in general tidy and clean, and improving light levels with clean glass will give hardy annuals a good

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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



Calling all card players

Festive Whist Drive

Kemble village hall

Thursday 1 December

Prompt start 7.30pm

Entrance £2 includes refreshments

In-house raffle & whist prizes

Proceeds to the Kemble and District Royal British
Legion Women's Section Benevolent funds



SCHOOL TIES - SAPPERTON SCHOOL NEWS



School's Out! The Autumn Term is full swing and so is a rolling programme of ship's husbandry! Not only do we now have replacement doors fitted at the Junior End of the school and to the Blue Room (Ship's Office), but also a massive effort has gone into provision of a whole new area of decking behind the junior classrooms and a promise of further landscaping work yet to come! Who knows, the Spiritual Garden, a forestry area and maybe even a pond, re-sited from its old location, may appear over the next few weeks? All this has been made possible by the kind help of the *Cotswold Garden Company* who have provided much of the spadework and a kind well-wisher who has provided most of the materials used.

I promised further news of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's photography competition in a past edition of *School Ties!* and here it is: A pupil from the school has won the schools' category and one of the 9 photographs we entered will be selected for inclusion in the Cotswold Life calendar for 2017! In addition to this, 6 of these photographs were also exhibited in a wildlife photographic exhibition at the Museum in the Park in Stroud where they were recognised by 4 of our pupils while attending a workshop. Great news indeed for the school. In addition to this wonderful publicity, the school has also recently held an Open Day for prospective parents but if you missed it visits can still be arranged by contacting the school office.

The Sports Desk has been busy too: the wonderful late summer weather has provided many opportunities for outdoor fun and children have enjoyed a QuickSticks tournament at Deer Park, a Cross – Country competition at Kingshill and, of course, the very popular watersports sessions at the Cotswold Water Park. Now, and with the clocks about to go back, we are turning our attention to winter activities - floodlit sport, hot chocolate every Friday courtesy of the Friends and a Halloween Party in Sapperton Village Hall on Saturday 29 October – dare you go?

And finally, to end on a spiritual note, Bishop Rachael, the new incumbent in Gloucester, is keeping up her promise of promoting education within the county by mentioning a different school at each Evensong Service: Sunday 23 October was Sapperton's turn and prayers of relevance to the school were shared with all those present in the cathedral while, and not meaning to plagiarise *Treasure Island*, a local gentleman of *maritime connections* read the lesson. Enjoy the Half Term Holiday! Molesworth

NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON

RODMARTON HARVEST FESTIVAL AND LUNCH

Rodmarton and Tarlton celebrated their Harvest Festival on Sunday 2 October and we were blessed with a typical breezy sunny autumn day. It was a choir Sunday, the church was full and we were able to enjoy the splendid Harvest decorations and service. A huge thank you goes out to all who helped, in every way, to make the day so enjoyable; the food was delicious and we were able to send various produce to Paternoster House afterwards.

THANK YOU FROM PATERNOSTER HOUSE FOR HARVEST PRODUCE

"I write on behalf of all the residents at Paternoster House to thank you and your parish at Rodmarton PCC for the kind donation of harvest produce.

The produce will be used for the enjoyment of all our residents and it is very kind of you to think of us."

Joy Warren
Home Manager
OSJCT Paternoster House

RODMARTON CHURCH CHOIR

Forthcoming choir services all at 11am are:

6 November	All Saints (Note change of date)
27 November	Advent Sunday
18 December	Carol Service
25 December	Christmas Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 3 December, 2 - 4.30pm - Christmas Bazaar in the village hall with Father Christmas, mulled wine & mince pies, craft stalls & attractions.

Thursday 15 December, 3pm - Rodmarton School Candlelit Carol Service at St Peter's church.

More details will follow next month.