

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday 1 7.30pm BEAT meeting in St Peter's Court, Ashcroft Road
- Thursday 2 7.30pm Coates Gardening Club Meeting *Spring Alpine Flowers of Switzerland*
- Saturday 4 7.30pm Coates Quiz Night
- Tuesday 7 11am Service & Coffee at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell
- Saturday 11 8am Kemble & Ewen WI Breakfast
- Saturday 11 7.30pm Quiz Night Rodmarton Village Hall
- Tuesday 14 Mobile library visiting Coates
- Thursday 16 2.30pm Good Companions meeting
- Thursday 16 7pm Kemble & Ewen WI meeting
- Tuesday 18 7.30pm Frampton Mansell Rural Cinema *Sully (12A)*
- Tuesday 21 10.30am Community Coffee, Cake and Chat in Coates Village Hall
- Thursday 23 2.30pm Kemble & District RBL Women's Section meeting *Fly2Help*

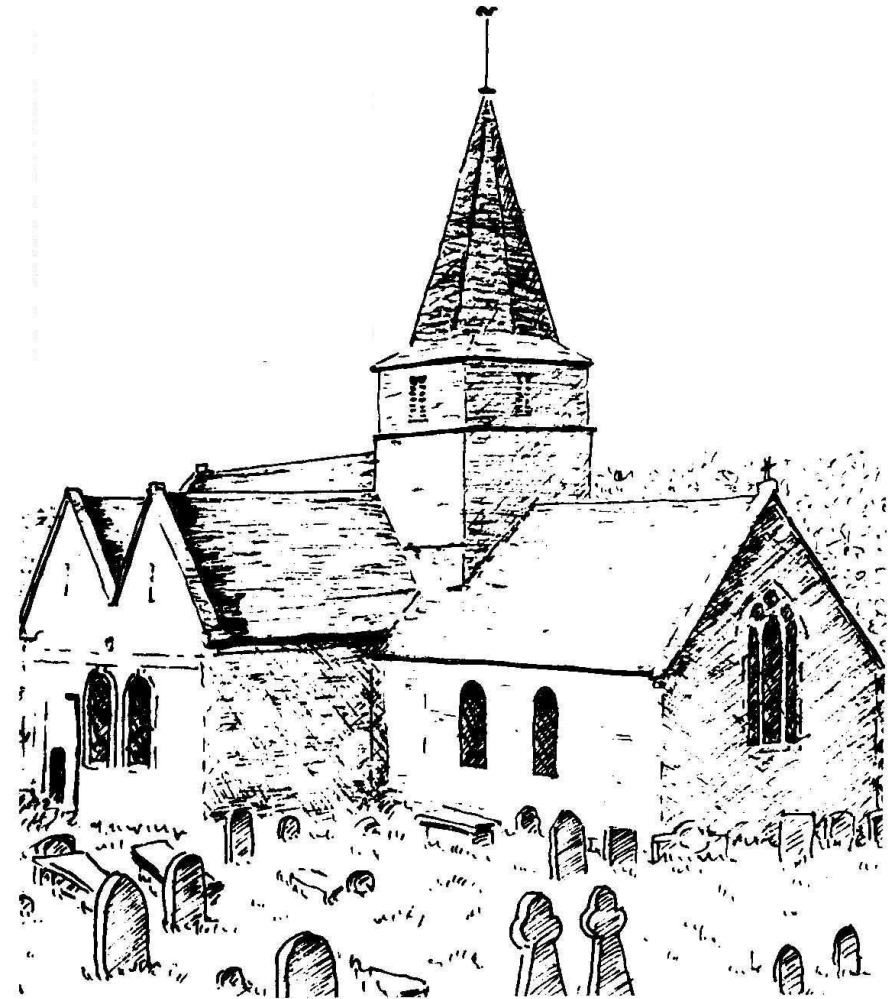
MARCH

- Thursday 2 7.30pm Coates Gardening Club Meeting *The Work of Scrubditch Care Farm*
- Monday 6 7.30pm Coates Parish Council Meeting
- Tuesday 7 11am Service & Coffee at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell
- Tuesday 14 Mobile library visiting Coates
- Thursday 16 2.30pm Good Companions meeting
- Tuesday 21 10.30am Community Coffee, Cake and Chat in Coates Village Hall

APRIL

- Thursday 1 7.30pm Coates Gardening Club Meeting
- Tuesday 4 11am Service & Coffee at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell
- Tuesday 11 Mobile library visiting Coates
- Tuesday 18 10.30am Community Coffee, Cake and Chat in Coates Village Hall
- Thursday 20 2.30pm Good Companions meeting

THE WATERSHED MAGAZINE



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February 2017

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CIRENCESTER EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

A warm and friendly support group of volunteers are in St Peter's lounge, St Peter's Court, St Peter's Road, Cirencester on Wednesday 1 February at 7.30pm. 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.

National BEAT welcomed the Prime Minister's comments in a recent speech about 'transforming' attitudes to mental health and hopes they reflect true commitment by the government to prioritizing this important issue.

The National Eating disorder week runs from Monday 27 February until Sunday 5 March and the local group will hold events for students at the Royal Agricultural University and Cirencester College to raise the awareness of this devastating illness.

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 14 February between 11.25am and 12.25pm outside the village hall.

CLOSING DATE FOR THE MARCH 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. **Articles should be submitted by 12 Feb at the latest for inclusion in the next issue.**

ADVERTISING IN THE WATERSHED

If you wish to advertise in our parish magazine please contact Bob Merrill at Glebe House, Coates, GL7 6NU. Tel 771496, Mobile 07866 972389 or by e-mail to the Watershed magazine at **watershedmag@gmail.com**. Adverts at a third of a page cost £15 for a single issue or £60 for 6 months. Adverts at half a page cost £23 for a single issue or £90 for 6 months. The magazine is published 10 times every year; July/August and December/January are joint editions. Cheques should be made payable to Watershed magazine. Please try to keep adverts relatively simple and remember we print in black and white so colour images do not always show well.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

First of all a big thank you to everyone who supported the collection for Samara's Aid in January. For those fleeing the violence in Syria and Iraq warm clothes can make a huge difference to physical wellbeing as well as saying that somewhere, someone actually cares about their desperate situation.

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas period and that Jesus really was at the heart of your celebrations. Over the Christmas period I watched part of a programme 'Back in time for Christmas' reflecting on how our celebration has changed since the 1950's. The teenage boy in the family commented that he enjoyed the modern Christmas best as it was all about the presents. He certainly summed up the experience of many and yet if that is true it is a waste of time and resources. The clue to its significance really is in the name. ChristMass is the celebration and remembrance of the arrival of Jesus the Christ or Anointed – the one sent by God to bring a new and personal grace to all of us. The presents we give in love to those we love reflect, firstly the gift of God in Jesus to humanity and secondly the gifts of the Wise Men who in Matthews gospel come bearing gifts of significance and purpose for the new-born King.

As some of you will be aware within the Thameshead Churches we have been discussing changes to our pattern of services and we will be bringing in a new trial service pattern in January. There are a number of reasons for this. Primarily with six parishes and nine buildings over more than 70 square miles we could not continue to resource so many services with one full time minister, one part time and very generous support from our volunteer readers and retired ministers. We also believe that this will allow us to pursue a number of new or revamped ideas and to work together better as a benefice in many ways.

The most significant change is a move to a **monthly** benefice service on the fourth Sunday of each month. When a significant festival is on the fourth Sunday (such as Mothering Sunday or Christmas in 2017) we will have our usual rota of services in each parish and not a benefice service. This also means that *The Source*, our informal worship at All Saint's Kemble, will move to the **first** Sunday of each month from February still at 6pm. On the fifth Sundays the parishes will all be looking to complement their existing worship and so there may well be a lot of variety in time, place and style even within each parish, so please do check for details on those days.

We will try and keep the website updated and have put in the baseline but need to edit it for special occasions (like Mothering Sunday). By the time you read this we expect that to be completed. For those with access to the internet the following links will take you to our website pages:

For the calendar:

<http://thamesheadchurches.org.uk/calendar/>

For an outline of all our Sunday services:

<http://www.thamesheadchurches.org.uk/services/>

At the bottom of the services page you will find a table of all the fifth Sunday dates and the venue for each 4th Sunday Benefice Service which is also copied below

The church wardens and I plan an interim review of this pattern after six months and a full review after twelve to confirm it is working well and is the best plan so if you would like to offer any helpful reflection in this process we would love to hear your thoughts. Please do contact me using the details below.

With love and prayers

Trevor Kemp Rector

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

This table provides an overview of Sunday morning services in the new pattern.

	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4 Benefice Service		
PARISH/TIME	09:30	11:00	09:30	11:00	09:30	11:00	08:00	10:00	11:00
Coates	HC		FS/MP		HC			Jan/Aug	
Frampton Mansell		HC (odd mths)	MP/FS		HC			Feb/Sep	
with Sapperton		HC (even mths)							
Kemble	HC		FS		HC			Apr/Oct	
Poole Keynes	MP		HC		FS			May/Nov	
Rodmarton		HC		FS		HC		Jun/Jan18	
with Tarlton							BCP-HC		
Somerford Keynes		MP		HC		FS		Jul/Feb18	

Combined Benefice services will be at 10am (unless otherwise notified) on 4th Sunday will be as follows:

February 26	Frampton Mansell
March 26	Mothering Sunday in each parish
April 23	Kemble

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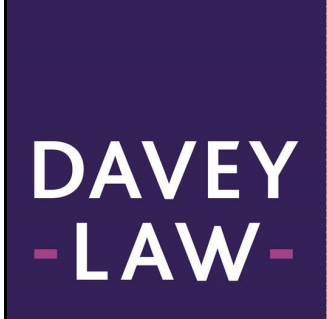
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THE MESSENGER, FEBRUARY 2017

Extract from the Messenger www.gloucester.anglican.org.

LIVING OUT CHRIST'S LOVE AND HOPE

Using sport, music and art to build relationships and share the Christian faith

Our new LIFE vision offers a wide range of areas to engage with how we live out and share our faith. I believe one of the most exciting of these is Sports Ministry.

I am excited because this is an area of engagement which is relevant to groups who are often absent from traditional Church services; children, teenagers, young families, men. I am excited because we as a Diocese are richly blessed with opportunities and resources, PSALMS being prominent amongst them.

I am excited because this is not a new area of mission, but one with a rich and wide range of thought and practice readily accessible. I am excited because the group of people who have come together to guide this priority are hugely talented, recognised nationally for their excellence. I am excited because I can see how we as a Diocese can come together to develop something truly transformational for our communities. I am excited because I can see it will help deepen the faith of my own children. I am excited because such hopefulness can only come from an outpouring of the Spirit.

I hope as you consider and pray for our new vision you will find your own excitement but if you are struggling, take a closer look at sport's ministry.

Diocesan Secretary, Benjamin Preece Smith

Sharing our stories in new and different ways

New Life, new look

February sees the launch of a new diocesan website. We wanted to make the website simpler to navigate, with more cross-linking between different topics. It can still be found at the www.gloucester.anglican.org address, so let us know what you think. If you have any ideas about how we could improve it, get in touch with our Senior Digital Media Officer, Sam Cavender on scavender@glosdioc.org.uk

New diocesan logos will be available to download from the website, along with a short guide about how to use them to best effect (look under the parish resources tab). It would be great if you were able to

include these on your websites and other publications to show how we all belong together in the Diocese of Gloucester.

The diocesan communications team sends out a monthly newsletter called the Bulletin. It provides lots of information, from training opportunities for clergy, to safeguarding updates and messages from Bishop Rachel. You can subscribe on the diocesan website under the news and events tab.

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS

Mr Michael Hook and his wife Carolyn of Sapperton are proud to announce their son, Captain Barry John Michael Hook of HM forces, has been honoured with an MBE in the new years honours list. Mr and Mrs Hook said they are proud of the former Deer Park pupil and he is a credit to his family and country. Captain Hook who has spent the last 3 years in Canada is currently stationed in South Cerney.

FROM THE REGISTERS

RIP

Phyl Pinker of Coates who died 23 December 2016

John Chilton of Coates who died on 15 January 2017

THANKS

Anne Chilton and her family thank all the people who have written cards and letters of condolence to them upon the sudden death of John. We have been humbled and overwhelmed by your kindness. So many people were involved in the preparation of the church for the celebration and thanksgiving service for John. Thank you to all of you who were able to join us to give John a good farewell.

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.

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

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NEWS FROM COATES

COATES PARISH CHURCH NEWS

As many of you will know, St Matthew's has started a new rota of services. The 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month will be Holy Communion, the 2nd Sunday will be either a Family Service or Cafe Church led by the congregation, the 4th Sunday will be a combined benefice service for all the benefice churches, with each church taking a turn to host, and the 5th Sunday will be led either by the congregation or a vicar. Everyone is welcome at all the services.

So this February at St Matthew's:

Sunday 5	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12	9.30am	Explore together (adults and children)
Sunday 19	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26	10am	Benefice Service at Frampton Mansell

We would welcome any support that you might be able to give particularly with the second and fifth Sundays which we will be running ourselves.

On 14 February there will be Said Holy Communion at 3pm at the Blessings followed by tea. Please contact Anne Chilton on 770726 for further details.

A few of us met this week to discuss the services at St Matthew's, but we extended the discussion further to see what people felt the church could do within the community and what changes need to be made to appeal to the wider community of Coates. There were comments on the fact that there is no loo or church hall, it can be cold and the car parking is poor. There was also a suggestion that perhaps we could establish a rota system of driving/accompanying people who may be less able or not sure about coming on their own to church. We would love to get feedback from people as to whether this might be helpful and what thoughts you have.

One other thing that came up was the financing of the church. At the moment we need to raise £15k pa which is paid monthly to the Diocese. Any maintenance on the church, lawn mowing, cleaning, gardening etc is over and above this sum. Our church receives no funding from the 'national' church body; we have to fund it ourselves. We have a parish giving scheme which several people do contribute to monthly by standing order and we are enormously grateful for that.

We mention this as we are not sure everyone realises that the Church needs support from the whole community to ensure its general running, maintenance and upkeep of the building itself. It is a beautiful building and many appreciate that it remains open during the day and that at some point are able to use it for baptisms, weddings and funerals. Some of the team that have run it up until now, several for many years, are leaving at the end of April, and we need new people to join the team. We will be discussing many of these issues at our Sunday service on 5 February so please do come along to listen and to contribute thoughts. Do get in touch if you would like to be more involved or know more. I can be reached by email at sjfuchs@outlook.com or by phone on 771393.

Sarah Fuchs

CLOTHING RECYCLING BIN

A clothing recycling bin has been installed beside the other recycling bins near the Coates village hall. You are invited to deposit unwanted clothes so that they can be recycled. Every time the bin is full and emptied £30 - £60 will be donated to the village hall.

You are invited to support this environmentally friendly – and fundraiser – in your community.

COATES GARDENING CLUB

Our 2017 programme will begin on Thursday 2 February at 7.30pm in Coates village hall with a return visit from Robert Bryant LRPS who delighted us with his presentation on Woodchester Park in the autumn. His subject this time is to be Spring Alpine Flowers of Switzerland which should lift our spirits as we look forward to our own spring.

Then on Thursday 2 March, Gerry Fouracres will describe the work of Scrubditch Care Farm which provides therapeutic farm-based training and activities for vulnerable people. Her talk will be particularly interesting for friends of the late Mike Hyam who was a committed and valued volunteer there for several years. Do come along to learn about this inspiring place.

We always have a raffle and refreshments. Membership subscriptions are now due please – just £7 for the year, or £3 per evening for visitors who are always welcome.

Margaret Reynolds 771354

NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

hoglets born in spring and early summer will reach that desirable weight, unless injured, diseased or infested with parasites.

Hedgehog hibernation is remarkable. Their metabolism slows down to near zero, the heart rate reduces from about 190 beats per minute to around 20, body temperature drops from 35°C to 10°C or less, and respiration almost ceases. In severe cold their blood can start to freeze. It all sounds risky, and indeed it is: hibernating hedgehogs can be disturbed by human activity, or by inquisitive animals, such as dogs, and predators such as badgers; and mild spells in winter can rouse them out of hibernation at a time when food resources are scarce – and make them waste vital energy. Our modern mild winters may not be helping this native mammal.

Research by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society and the People's Trust for Endangered Species indicates that our hedgehog population is in serious decline: already this century urban populations have fallen by 30% and rural populations by 50%. Certainly, the hedgehog needs friends, and our feeling of responsibility towards it is clearly growing.

Matthew Oates



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NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

weather arrives. An alternative is to wait until late April, still sow with heat, and keep the young plants inside but for a shorter time to grow faster before planting under glass or outside. This later sowing will be a few weeks later in cropping than the earlier sowing. Another vegetable to start are broad beans, either sown into the plot. But if the weather or soil conditions are poor, wet and cold, plant the beans into pots or trays under cover in a cold, unheated greenhouse or frame. The young bean plants can be transplanted to the garden when they are about 15cm tall.

Sally Oates

HEDGEHOG NEWS

This autumn and winter animal rescue centres throughout the land have been inundated with undersized juvenile hedgehogs, known as hoglets. Some rescue centres have had to turn these hoglets away.

Our local centre, Oak & Furrows Wildlife Rescue Centre near Cricklade (01793 751412), was caring for 120 juveniles in mid-January. At peak, in late autumn, they had 160. Each of these needed individual care and attention, and usually their own hot water bottle. Oak & Furrows aims to release the hogs back where they were found, once they have reached a suitable size for survival.

Most hoglets are born during the main breeding season of May, June and July. Hedgehogs born then should, in theory, have grown sufficiently to be able to enter hibernation normally, in mid to late autumn. But hedgehogs can produce a second litter in August and September. It is this early autumn litter that has been filling the wildlife centres, because without help those hoglets don't stand much chance of survival.

Either hedgehogs are producing more second litters nowadays, or people have become more aware of the plight of this endearing and essentially beneficial mammal and are increasingly looking out for individuals in need of help – or both. It is possible that climate change is stimulating hedgehogs to breed earlier than normal, thus enabling them to attempt an unviable second litter; or, that parents are lured into producing second litters because first litters are inexplicably failing.

Hedgehogs need to weigh at least 450g in order to have sufficient fat reserves to hibernate successfully, ideally around 600g. Nearly all

COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY

The December draw for the Coates village lottery was held on 18 October. There were 63 participants. The winners were:

First prize	£50 to no 77	Alan Smith
Second prize	£30 to no 21	Pippa Moore
Third prize	£20 to no 5	John Mixture

The January draw was held on 17 January. The winners were:

First prize	£50 to no 10	Richard Elliott
Second prize	£30 to no 72	Carol Wilson
Third prize	£20 to no 99	Ron Johnston

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

Diana Crane

COATES QUIZ NIGHT

4 February 2017 7:30 for 8pm

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COATES PRODUCE SHOW – SAVE THE DATE!

After an absence of over 7 years, the Coates Produce show is to make a return on Saturday 16 September 2017 in the village hall. Please put this date in your diaries, a summary of classes will be available soon so that you have plenty of time to plan ahead. The classes will be in the following categories: Flowers, Vegetables, Fruit, Floral Art, Arts and Handicrafts and Domestic (eg jams, chutneys, cakes, biscuits). There will also be categories for children, 4 - 7yrs, 8 - 11yrs and 12 - 16yrs. Cups are awarded for the most points in each section.

If anyone would be willing to help with the organisation or even just has some ideas for appropriate classes or any other aspect please contact Liz Allen on 771229 or 07771553061 or by email

lizallen@hotmail.co.uk

Any help would be very much appreciated!

COATES PARISH COUNCIL

Coates parish council met on Monday 9 January 2017. The following items were discussed:

1. Coates Cricket Club - Cllr Allen is to work with Coates Cricket Club to investigate if rights to use the land by the club can be clarified and if cricket can continue to be played in Coates.
2. Problems with Gigaclear's cable laying work in December have been reported to the parish council and residents' issues have been put to representatives of Gigaclear. The council has expressed its dismay at the lack of communication from the company and the poor quality of work carried out to Gloucestershire County Council and the Highways Agency. It is understood that Gigaclear will be back in the village at some point to complete their works programme.
3. The council has been informed that it is not possible to erect '20 is Plenty' signs along the main road in Coates as this is a 30mph speed limit area. However, three volunteers have agreed to undergo training in the use of community speed cameras and it will be possible to monitor drivers' speeding once training has been provided.
4. The council proposed to move forward with its plans to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan and is seeking funding to assist with this project.
5. It is hoped to be able to install a disability access gate to provide access to certain green spaces in Coates for those in wheelchairs. The council will work with the Bathurst Estate to make this happen once the appropriate quotations have been received.

The next parish council meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 6 March at 7.30pm in the village hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Copies of minutes of the parish council meetings are available on the Coates parish council website at <http://www.coatesparish.org.uk/>

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Coates Parish Clerk

TRAINING TO USE SPEED CAMERAS

Would you like to help improve road safety in Coates. A number of volunteers are going to attend a training course to use hand held speed cameras to monitor speed of traffic through the village. If you would like to join us please contact Councillor Merrill by email at robertmerrill@coatesparish.org.uk or by phone on 07866 972389.

NOTES FROM CULKERTON

GARDENING TIPS FOR FEBRUARY

Welcome to the new gardening season. Lighter days improve the growth of plants far more than any other factor. Cyclamen coum seem to put out more flowers a week into the New Year regardless of temperature, although these have been in bloom for several weeks already.

Today I have noticed that following a cold snap of a week so, the milder conditions have encouraged hyacinth buds to break the ground surface. Several varieties were planted about 4 years ago during September and give a lovely fragrant show each April in the garden beds.

Early spring bulbs are now in peak show time, on warmer sunny days I have great pleasure in watching bees visit the open cups of crocus, their petals glisten and their anthers have deep orange pollen. Our county is snowdrop country, so take advantage of the gardens open to the public this month to view snowdrops en-mass.

Fruit trees are sold in the supermarkets this month. Buy them as soon as they appear, but do soak roots before planting for at least 2hrs, overnight is better. These are suitable either growing in well prepared ground or large pots. Rootstocks determine the height and vigour of fruit trees, so for more compact trees look out for MM106 (Semi dwarfing) reaching 3 to 4m, M9 (Dwarfing) reaching 2 to 3m, or M27 reaching 1.8metres. For the more adventurous, rootstocks can be purchased from specialist nurseries for grafting or budding your own fruit trees, these nurseries will also have catalogues of some fine fruit varieties including older heritage types.

February is a key month for planning, no matter the size of your plot. The questions are what to grow, where to plant & how many? With vegetables think about harvest time; it will be no good if this peaks when you are away on your holidays. Also a simple rotation of crops is sensible. In the flower garden what is your style? Restrained elegance or exuberance?

This is the time to start tomato, pepper, and aubergine seeds with heat for an early crop. Germination is usually good for all these, so count the seeds needed plus a few extra for friends. The key point here is where to have the growing young plants; some inside space or heated greenhouse will be required before reliable warm and frost free

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COATES BUS SERVICES - SUBJECT TO CHANGES

There have been some changes to bus times to and from Coates; these is the current timetable:

To Cirencester - Monday to Friday

From bus shelter Trewsbury Road opp Glebe House

07:52 Pullhams 882

10:00 Cotswold Green 54A

13:10 Cotswold Green 54A

17:20 Cotswold Green 54A

From Cirencester to Coates- Monday to Friday

08:40 Cotswold Green 54A

10:20 Cotswold Green 54A

13:30 Cotswold Green 54A

15:48 Cotswold Green 54A School Holidays only

15:52 Pulhams 882

17:40 Cotswold Green 54A

To Cirencester from Coates – Saturdays

From bus shelter Trewsbury Road opp Glebe House

08:40 Cotswold Green 54A

12:50 Cotswold Green 54A

16:50 Cotswold Green 54A

From Cirencester to Coates - Saturdays

09:00 Cotswold Green 54A

13:10 Cotswold Green 54A

17:10 Cotswold Green 54A

COATES VILLAGE FIESTA

Save the date!

Saturday 17 June 2017

A feast of food and fun!



Community Coffee, Cake and Chat
On the 3rd Tuesday each month
from 10.30am -12 noon
in Coates Village Hall. All welcome.



Tuesday 21 February

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.



COUNCIL WILL CONSULT ON LOCAL PLAN FOCUSSED CHANGES

Cotswold District Council is shortly launching a six-week period of consultation concentrating on Focussed Changes to the Local Plan Submission Draft, a document which was itself the subject of public consultation during summer 2016. **The Focussed Changes consultation will begin on Monday 16 January and end at 5pm on Monday 27 February 2017.** The proposed changes are set out in a report comprising about 80 pages, together with 18 supporting maps.

When the consultation period begins, the public will be able to view the relevant documentation on the Council's website or view a paper copy at the Council offices in Cirencester and Moreton-in-Marsh, as well as at libraries across the District.

Details about how to comment will be published on the Council's website when the consultation opens and there will be a public drop-in event on **Tuesday 24 January** from 2pm to 6.30pm at the Committee Rooms, Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester to enable people to discuss any issues with the forward planning team.

FREE AFTER 3 PM PARKING OFFER

Cotswold District Council will be allowing motorists to continue parking for free every day after 3pm in the Forum and Brewery car parks in Cirencester until the end of Friday 31 March.

THE GOOD COMPANIONS

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16 February at 2.30pm when we will be having a quiz. Tea, biscuits and a raffle will follow.

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Quiz Night

Saturday 11 February 2017, 7.30pm prompt

Rodmarton Village Hall

£12 entry per person including 2 course meal

Wine Bar

All profits are in aid of the churches of

St Peter's and St Osmund's

Teams of six or join a team: to book please ring 770401

or email: janemarlowe1@gmail.com

KEMBLE AND EWEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our February meeting will be held in Kemble village hall at 7pm on Thursday 16 February when a speaker will give us an insight into the celebrations for Abbey 900. New members/visitors male and female are very welcome.

On the previous Saturday 11 February we shall be holding another of our Breakfast Mornings in Kemble village hall from 8am until 10.30am. All the nice goodies will be on sale - pancakes, bacon and sausage rolls etc and hot drinks and juices.

Pat Ayres secretary 770385

KEMBLE AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

All welcome members/visitors, male and female, to come along to Kemble village hall on Thursday 23 February at 2.30pm when Katy Burke from Fly2help will give a presentation on the work of this charity. Fly2help is a charity dedicated to raising the spirits of people, young and old, living in difficult personal situations and inspiring young people as they consider their future lives.

Further details about the branch from Chairman/Hon Sec of the W/S Pat on 770385

NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON

SERVICES

Tarlton had three wonderful services over the Christmas period, Christingle, Christmas Eve Carol Service and the Feast of the Kings, all well attended and happy occasions.

Rodmarton had a super carol service with the children's choir, and Christmas Day was likewise very well attended. The bells rang in the New Year at midnight. Both churches were beautifully decorated and looked well loved and cared for.

From this month there will be changes to the pattern of services in our parish, with immediate effect:

There will be a combined benefice service on 4th Sunday rotating around the churches in the benefice, with an 8am Holy Communion (BCP) service at Tarlton, as usual, but no service at Rodmarton.

Tarlton and Rodmarton will be sharing the 2nd Sunday, with just the festivals at Tarlton, the next one being the Rogation service in May. The norm will be an 11am Family Service at Rodmarton.

1st and 3rd Sundays remain the same, with Holy Communion services at Rodmarton.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all those who helped make the Christmas Bazaar such a success. It had a wonderful atmosphere, and people greatly enjoyed the afternoon, all the activities, the food and drink and the high quality of the stalls. The school had a magnificent table, and the children and families made the day; a special thank you to the school for its participation and generosity. Father Christmas in his grotto was very happy with his visitors. Over £930 was raised for the life and work of the two churches, and many thanks to all.

RODMARTON CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHOIR

Forthcoming choir services all at 11am are:

5 February	Candlemas
26 March	Mothering Sunday

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Rodmarton and Tarlton Quiz and Supper Night Saturday, 11 February.

NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

TALKING TO MYSELF

So here we are in the year 2017. I wonder if you stayed up to welcome the New Year in. Were you partying or just sitting quietly at home with friends and family? Maybe, as we so often have, you welcomed the New Year from your bed. This year I stood outside the back door in my dressing gown, in the drizzle, to hear the bell at St Luke's ringing as the hour struck midnight. I think it was the first time since we have lived in the village, over 35 years, that this has happened. Of course for some years we have been unable to ring the bell, but work on the bell and its hangings was completed earlier in 2016 and we are now called to church on a Sunday in the traditional way. I have no idea how many others heard that bell ring out the old and welcome the new. I did have the advantage of knowing it was going to happen.

2017 – What lies ahead for us all? So much is happening in our world that we may be feeling apprehensive and unsure of the future. There will be weddings and baptisms. New births bringing joy and sadnesses when those we love die. There are those who lost loved ones last year who will have to adapt to being on their own – a difficult challenge! The one thing that we know won't alter is the constant love of God our Father. What ever lies ahead we can be certain that He will be there to help us.

A Happy New Year to you all.

CAROL SINGING IN SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

Thank you so much to all who supported this year's carol singing. There were those who sang, those who put money in our collection box and those who treated us to mince pies and mulled wine (delicious!). Thank you all. We have been able to send a cheque to The Save the Children Fund for £235.

SERVICE AND COFFEE

We hold a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month, 7 February, 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

FRAMPTON MANSELL RURAL CINEMA SULLY (12A)

starring Tom Hanks

On 15 January, 2009, Capt Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger (Tom Hanks) tries to make an emergency landing in New York's Hudson River after US Airways Flight 1549 strikes a flock of geese.

Miraculously, all of the 155 passengers and crew survive the harrowing ordeal, and Sullenberger becomes a national hero in the eyes of the public and the media. Despite the accolades, the famed pilot now faces an investigation that threatens to destroy his career and reputation.

Tuesday 21 February at 7.30pm

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SCHOOL TIES - SAPPERTON SCHOOL NEWS

School's Out!

Well no, actually this month, it is very much in:

In - in the February 2017 edition of the **Tatler** that is!

Yes Sir! (roll of drums and 21 Gun Naval Salute), your local Church of England primary has hit the big, cool celeb league in style by appearing in this month's edition of the celebrated magazine as, yes, one of the **Top 10 Primaries in the Country!** What a scoop for the local reporter who tracked down our hidden Cotswold gem and blew the story to an unsuspecting world in the most unrivalled revelation since Bletchley Park's exposure of the enigma codes - and what a boost for local house prices! Furthermore, your intrepid correspondent believes that this is the first time that a Gloucestershire primary has ever - yes ever! - made the **Tatler's Top 10 List**. And the fact that Sapperton is little more than a corvette-sized school makes it all the more remarkable! Just check out Pages 91& 92!

And it doesn't end there either: The schools Marconi-Wireless office room has been bombarded with requests for air-time from the (county's) radio stations and, by the time you read this article, we will have gone out in Gloucestershire Radio's "School of the Week" in 4 separate 5 minute episodes! If you listened to the angelic voices of the children in these vignettes, you will know exactly why the school scored so well! Mentioned in Dispatches or what?

But seriously, and to correct exaggerated rumours that have spread from this bombshell, although this is a tremendous coup for the school, it is totally untrue, yes totally untrue, that there has been a rush on the local school-ship's chandlers for letter "H" stencils to cope with the anticipated surge in demand for "Henry" and "Henrietta" coat peg labels. It is also definitely untrue that a young voice was heard at the school gates the other day saying, "Mummie, is there a silent "t" in "lego," the same as in "merlot?" - at least not yet anyway!

All this fame however, and so early in the year, does bode well for the run up to the schools 175th Anniversary in 2018: A limousine for the head teacher perhaps, a private jet for the Chair of Governors at Cotswold International Airport? Perhaps even: "Sapperton, the Movie?" (Just hope they get Tom Hiddleston to play me).

Hollywood here we come!

Molesworth

