

# THE WATERSHED MAGAZINE



**St Matthew's, Coates**

**April 2017**

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

### **2 April Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9.30am	Kemble	Holy Communion
9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30am	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
11am	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
11am	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
11am	Sapperton	Holy Communion

### **9 April Palm Sunday - Benefice of Witness**

10.30am	Meet at Kemble church or Somerford Keynes church and walk to Poole Keynes for service and shared lunch at around 12.30pm. Please bring contribution for lunch.	
11am	Rodmarton	Liturgy of Palms - meet at village hall

### **13 April Maundy Thursday**

7.30pm	Kemble	Foot Washing
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### **14 April Good Friday**

9.30am	Coates	Village Procession
11am	Kemble	Meditation
2-3pm	Somerford Keynes	Meditation
2-3pm	Sapperton	Meditation
7pm	Rodmarton	Compline

### **15 April Holy Saturday**

6pm	Tarlton	Reflection and Lighting of Candle
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### **16 April Easter Sunday**

6.30am	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
8am	Tarlton	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Kemble	Holy Communion
9.30am	Coates	Holy Communion
11am	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
11am	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
11am	Rodmarton	Holy Communion with choir
11am	Poole Keynes	Family Service

### **23 April Second Sunday of Easter**

8am	Tarlton	Holy Communion (BCP)
10am	Kemble	Benefice Service

### **30 April Third Sunday of Easter**

9.30am	Coates	Morning Prayers followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting
11am	Rodmarton	Said Mattins
11.30am	Rodmarton	Annual Parochial Church Meeting

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

Usually this month we are positive and hopeful as we either reflect on the story of Easter just celebrated or as this year, about to be celebrated. The story of grace and hope offered by the love of God in Jesus Christ is the power of life for all of us. Sometimes I think this is a little like the final walkdown of a traditional pantomime where all the story is behind us and we can enjoy all the glitter that foreshadows the happy ending. The happy ending may of course be there but at what cost and for whom.

The two weeks before Easter Sunday are known as Passiontide, the season of the passion. Passion for most of us means a very strong emotion and surely it is also true that here in the Easter story we are confronted by the strongest of emotions as Jesus completes his earthly purpose. For most Christians of course it raises quite strong emotions as well. It might be that you are a humanist or perhaps see yourself as a realist and so all religion is essentially a story to misdirect and mislead people from the supremacy of our own intellect or the effective grappling with the experiences we have day by day. If you are a believer though, then as a Christian, crucifixion and resurrection are at the heart of God's eternal purpose. In Jesus we know what God is like because being very God himself, his life in word and action reveal to us (for better or worse) the nature of the Creator and Sustainer of the material world.

Perhaps it is no surprise then that betrayal and pain should lie at the heart of the Easter story. Most of us if betrayed would like a little revenge at least. If we look back at our lives most of us can find some story that will resonate, a pain that we hold on to however minor the moment in our lives.

Did a friend betray you by going out with your boyfriend/girlfriend and breaking your heart?

Did anyone at work ever manipulate to ensure they received preferment rather than you? Betrayal is about injustice so where do you experience that in your life?

When the chips are down most of us are more than capable of putting our own preference before the good of others and using our power and influence to benefit ourselves so perhaps you can remember an occasion when you betrayed the trust or hope of another. If not, then how many stories have you read or seen where betrayal is a central motif?

Passiontide is about betrayal, the betrayal of Adam and Eve in rejecting God's love and guidance to run their own race. The betrayal of the people of Israel when time and again they pay lip service to the truth whilst going their own way. The intimate personal betrayal of Judas in selling Jesus for a false dream of revolution, insurrection and independence and Peter's personally humiliating and humbling failure to own his relationship with Jesus. Passiontide is about the pain and loss of everything you hoped for, the failure of dreams and ultimately a mother's deep grief as she watches her innocent son crucified, dying before her.

If this is just another human tragedy, another story of injustice and betrayal and the abuse of power then we might hope that knowing what is right and wrong we might at least improve on the mistakes of the past, though there is little evidence from history that we are capable of doing that. Where does this knowledge of right and wrong come from? I believe it is part of God's gift to us. It is part of the character of God to know what is right, to know how to make the right choice in any situation. If we are to have choice then it must be meaningful and not subverted by God manipulating it back to the right answer. If there was nothing beyond the present then this might be cruel for there is no greater aim or purpose to justify the pain but if this is part of the divine story of love then it ceases to be cruel and becomes transformative power for good.

As Christians this is what we know to be true, the transformative power of love is made manifest in Jesus and by his gift the brokenness of our poor choices is redeemed. Easter is all about hope and new life. Where is your hope and where is your life and fruitfulness today? St Peter in surprise exclaims to Jesus on one occasion 'Lord it is good for us to be here, if you wish, I will make tents/dwellings' a place to be together. Ultimately that place is not here but where God is and at Easter Jesus pays the price of our visa to enter it but we have to ask for it and we have to carry it. My passport does not make me British, it just witnesses to the fact. In the same way, making a declaration of belief is an important witness that speaks to a truth each of us must live out in our lives for it to be authentic as we seek to allow God to be reflected in us.

This Easter may you know the transforming love of God in your life and heart.

With love and prayers

Trevor Kemp Rector



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*Conductor*

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*(Director - Warwick Cole)*

Rogers Covey-Crump - *Evangelist* Henry Hawkesworth - *Jesus*  
Catriona Holsgrove (*soprano*) Juliet Curnow (*alto*)  
Matthew Keighley (*tenor*) Theo Perry (*bass*)

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**Saturday 8 April 7.30 pm**  
**Cirencester Parish Church**

*(doors open at 6.45 pm)*

Tickets £12.50 (Student £6, Child £3) (*unreserved seats*) from:  
Cirencester Visitor Information Centre (01285 654180), Choral Society members or  
[www.cirencester-choral-soc.org.uk](http://www.cirencester-choral-soc.org.uk)

## Lent Course 2017

'Christ and the  
Chocolaterie'

Five Wednesdays starting  
on 8 March from 8 - 10pm  
at the Rectory, Coates.

During Lent 2017 we will  
be studying

### Christ and the Chocolaterie

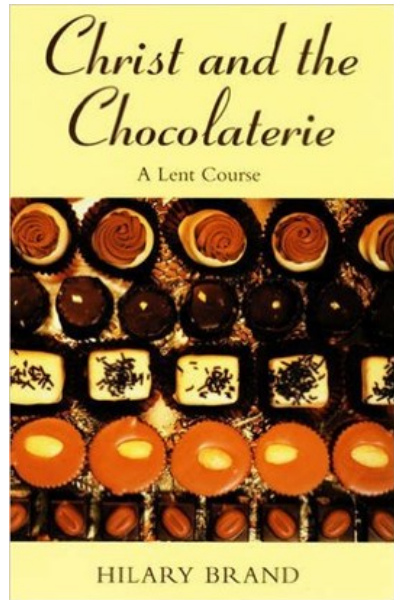
A Lent Course based around  
the film '**Chocolat**' by author

Hilary Brand

Call Rev Trev for more information  
or just come along

More information available on our website:

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



## THE MESSENGER, FEBRUARY 2017

Extract from the Messenger [www.gloucester.anglican.org](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org).

### INVESTING IN PEOPLE AND PROGRAMMES, WHICH EXCITE YOUNG PEOPLE TO EXPLORE AND GROW IN FAITH

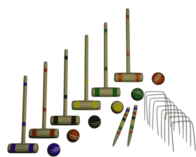
Do you know young people who are passionate about fellow young people exploring and growing in the Christian faith? The Youth Priority Group, part of the Diocese of Gloucester's LIFE vision, are looking for two young people (aged 16-19) to be a vital part of this group. Young people will need to have a reference from a youth worker or someone in a position of authority in their church. Please contact Andy or Sharon Macaulay for more info [andy@therock.uk.com](mailto:andy@therock.uk.com) or 01242 700700 as soon as possible.

engagement

## SPRING TIME CROQUET

### Try something new for 2017.

The Bears Croquet Club is now based at the Royal Agricultural University in Cirencester and is preparing for the new croquet season. It is a very sociable club with members young and old, beginners and experienced, including social, league and international players. Croquet is a game suitable for all and needs little physical strength but certainly will challenge the brain. So often the comment from newcomers is 'I wish I had discovered this game earlier'.



If you would like to try this interesting, competitive game that can be learnt quickly but take years to master, you are invited to come along to the Open Day on **Sunday 2 April** between 10.30am and 4.30pm. Coaching will be available after Easter.

Equipment will be provided but please wear a pair of trainers or flat soled shoes.

Please use the RAU's visitors' car park off the main drive via the Tetbury Road entrance. You will then see the croquet court at the top of the playing fields.

For further information, please contact Robert Moss on 841767.

## CAFÉ CHURCH

You are all invited to a special event taking place at Kemble school hall at 10am on Sunday 30 April. Refreshments will be served. An event suitable for all the family starting with activities for children. Our guest speaker is Ashley Collishaw from Cheltenham Network Church.

## TIME OUT BIBLE DISCUSSION

The Time Out Bible Discussion group for mothers of school age children in the benefice meets twice each month on Thursdays at 10am. For further details please contact Julie on 770123 or email [julieallen47@btinternet.com](mailto:julieallen47@btinternet.com) or [juliepaulmorton@gmail.com](mailto:juliepaulmorton@gmail.com).

## PRAYERS IN THE BENEFICE

- ◇ Wednesdays at Kemble at 10am (Holy Communion)
- ◇ Said Communion Service and Prayers at 3pm followed by tea at The Blessings, Coates (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month)
- ◇ Tuesdays at Kemble at 8.30am



## **NEWS FROM COATES**

### **EASTER SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF COATES**

**14 April GOOD FRIDAY**

**9.30am Village Procession starting from the Memorial Cross**

**16 April EASTER DAY**

**9.30am Holy Communion at 9.30am in St Matthew's with  
Easter Egg Hunt afterwards**

Don't forget to come to the Annual Parochial Church meeting on Sunday 30 April which will take place after morning prayers at 9.30am in St Matthew's. At the time of writing no one has come forward to fill PCC posts of church wardens, secretary or treasurer. If you feel you might be able to offer any help, either with these positions, tidying the churchyard or setting up for services, please do let us know. The church does need support to be able to continue to run services.

Sadly after many years of service, our organist, David Wyton has retired. We are immensely grateful to him for his generosity of time and commitment over the years and wish him a peaceful retirement!

We are therefore without an organist at the moment and if anyone would like to take on this role or knows of someone who might be able to help out, please do let a PCC member know.

The PCC team would like to thank you for all your support over the last year.

If you need further information contact Rev Trevor Kemp by email at [rev.trev@live.com](mailto:rev.trev@live.com) or by phone on 770550.

### **COATES VILLAGE GRANDE FIESTA**

On Saturday 17 June

at Trewsbury Farm, Trewsbury Road, Coates  
(with kind permission from Kuldip and Jacqueline Dhillon)

1 - 5pm – Fete and Dog Show

followed by an evening with Asado (Argentinian BBQ)  
and music from 6-10pm

**Volunteer Now**

**Your Village Needs You!!**

Contact: Richard Harrison 771449, Lily Burden on 07775 778197  
or Sarah Fuchs on 07922 025209

**In aid of**

**Watershed RDA, St Matthew's Church and Coates Community**

## **COATES PARISH COUNCIL**

The parish council met on Monday 6 March and the following items were discussed:

- Three quotes on replacement matting for the village playground have been received. It was decided to wait until after the next ROSPA survey has been carried out before deciding which tender to accept.
- The Coates Parish Emergency Plan questionnaire has been distributed to residents.
- A letter from Earl Bathurst concerning new arrangements for traffic diversions during the Cotswold Show has been received.
- A member of the public reported witnessing and hearing of dangerous driving and speeding on Trewsbury Road and asked councillors what may be done to reduce the dangers for horseriders, cyclists and pedestrians. It was confirmed that evidence of speeding needs to be logged (either by council representatives or members of the public) on the GCC website for road traffic accidents. Councillors and other village residents are undergoing speed camera training in order to assist with evidence gathering. It may also be possible to erect signs to remind drivers to slow down as they enter the village.
- Litter problems have also been reported; it was agreed to arrange a village litter pick in the spring.
- The meeting was informed of the proposed village event (Coates Village Grande Fiesta) which is scheduled to take place at Trewsbury Farm on 17 June 2017.
- Accounts / Spending for January - February 2017 were noted and approved.
- The meeting was informed that an interview for the clerk's position had taken place and a candidate has been offered and accepted the position. The new clerk will commence work for Coates parish council at the beginning of May.
- Councillors were invited to consider John Dobson's application to fill the vacant position of councillor (co-opted) on the parish council. His co-option was agreed by all present.
- The village clock has now been restored and will be returned to the village on Friday 10 March.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7.30pm on 24 April 2017; the next meeting of the parish council will take place on Tuesday 2 May 2017 at 7.30pm in the village hall. Please do come to these meetings.

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

## **COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY**

February's draw for the Coates village lottery was held on 21 February at the coffee morning. There were 63 participants. The winners were:

First prize	£50 to no 5
Second prize	£30 to no 51
Third prize	£20 to no 43

Last month's draw was held on Tuesday 21 March. The winners were:

First prize	£50 to no 30
Second prize	£30 to no 2
Third prize	£20 to no 29

The final draw of the year will be held at the Community Coffee morning on the 18 April at around 11am. There will be six bumper prizes and next year's lottery will be launched. We hope we will be able to attract even more participants than last year. Both the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 receipts will go towards our forthcoming purchase of new double-glazed windows and exterior doors to replace the present windows and doors of the hall which are now in very poor shape. Look out for the new leaflet which will be circulating in the near future.

Diana Crane 770976

## **WATERSHED RDA**

A group of 6 Watershed RDA riders took part in a dressage competition at Cotswold RDA at Cheltenham Racecourse on 4 March and did extremely well. We managed to come away with a first, three seconds and two third places, which was excellent considering three of our riders had never competed in a competition before.

A very entertaining evening was enjoyed by a full house at Coates village hall on 10 March which raised £330 towards our new building. The speaker was Bernard Tidmarsh and he gave us an insight into his life as a working farrier. Thank you to all those who came along and supported the evening.

Lorraine Hackett

## **CALLING ALL COATES RESIDENTS!**

### **Coates Annual Parish Meeting**

**in Coates village hall**

**on Monday 24 April 2017**

**commencing at 7.30pm**

Apart from the normal business of the meeting there will be presentations on;

- ***Watershed RDA***
- ***RAU Beagles***
- ***Coates Village Hall Trust***
- ***Gloucestershire County Council during the last year***
- ***Cotswold District Council during the last year***
- ***Watershed Magazine***
- ***Coates Parish Council Website***

*The parish meeting is an opportunity for parishioners on the electoral roll for Coates to raise any matters of concern to them that relates to their local community. If you wish to raise an issue at the meeting, please contact the clerk at [clerk@coatesparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@coatesparish.org.uk)*

### **COATES GARDENING CLUB**

On Thursday 6 April at 7.30pm in Coates village hall, Ann Cooper will speak to us about growing flax and about the many ways in which it can be used to make useful and decorative things. This promises to be a fascinating subject. All will be welcome. Visitors pay £3 for the evening, and this includes refreshments. If you would like to find out more about flax do visit Ann's website at [www.flaxland.co.uk](http://www.flaxland.co.uk)

We are not able to have the village hall on 4 May but will meet at 7.30pm at 10 Quaker Row for a spring social evening with a relaxing glass of wine and some gardening-related activities.

We will hold our annual bring and buy Plant Sale on Saturday 20 May from 10am until 12 noon This is always a popular event and an opportunity to meet friends over coffee and cake, with more cakes to buy.

Please make a note of all these dates!

Margaret Reynolds 771354

# COME AND JOIN US!

At Kemble Primary School

Monday - Friday 8.45am – 12.45pm  
(with an option to collect at 11.45am)

Now also open Wednesday and Thursday  
afternoons from 12.45pm – 2.45pm

Open to all children aged 2 – 4

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[info@kembleplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:info@kembleplaygroup.co.uk)

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## COATES PRODUCE SHOW – 16 SEPTEMBER SAVE THE DATE!

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](mailto:lizallen@hotmail.co.uk)

Any help would be very much appreciated!

## THE GOOD COMPANIONS

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20 April at 2.30pm when we will be entertained by Bill Eteson, the singer, followed by tea and biscuits and a raffle.

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Community Coffee, Cake and Chat  
 On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month  
 from 10.30am -12 noon



in Coates Village Hall. All welcome.



**Tuesday 18 April**

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.

Hat competition

Produce show

COATES

Games

BBQ

COUNTRY

Bar

FAYRE

Stalls

**When: 16<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Where Coates village hall**

Raffle

**Time: 3pm onwards**

Entertainment

Dog fancy dress

Refreshments

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

### **TALKING TO MYSELF**

As I write we have just celebrated Ash Wednesday. I wonder if anyone has given up something for Lent. I usually do. Last year my grandson persuaded me to give up cups of tea. It was so difficult. I could drink tea any time of the day – suggest putting the kettle on and I'll be there! On Easter morning never mind chocolate eggs just bring me gallons of tea. I should add I am not giving up tea this Lent!

But Lent is a time I want to take seriously. I expect that on Shrove Tuesday most of us had our fill of pancakes. Originally the idea was that on the Tuesday before Lent one cleared the larder of 'all temptation' and semi-fasted for the next forty days – as Jesus did in the desert where he was tempted by the devil. 'You must be terribly hungry, why not change these stones into bread'!

Lent is a time of preparation. A time when we pause to consider what Jesus suffered for us. Have you ever wondered why anyone should be prepared to undergo torture and death on a cross for you? And yet there are examples of such sacrifices. What parent would let their child suffer if they could exchange places with them? I know I have often thought – I'd rather cope with 'that' than see my son having to go through these problems.

Easter is coming. It is the time of year when I like to celebrate spring's arrival and all creation as well as God's love not just for me but for everyone. I do hope you have a joyous Easter.



### **SERVICE AND COFFEE**

We hold a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month, 4 April, 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

# Sapperton and Frampton Mansell Parish Council Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on

**Tuesday 9 May at 7pm**

in

**Frampton Mansell Village Hall.**

Residents are warmly welcomed. The agenda for the meeting can be found on the parish council website: [http://](http://www.sapfmpc.uk/)

[www.sapfmpc.uk/](http://www.sapfmpc.uk/)

The website contains information about the parish council and minutes and agendas of meetings. We also post these on the village notice boards.

For further information or to raise an item on the agenda, please contact Kath Sanderson [sappertonandfmpc@btinternet.com](mailto:sappertonandfmpc@btinternet.com).

## Cotswold Highland Games & Dog Show

**Saturday 20th May, 1pm**

Activities for all the family

**Have a go at the games:**

air rifles, archery, golf  
challenge, tug of war,  
welly wanging and more.

**Enter the dog show (2pm):**

loveliest lady, most fabulous fella,  
best trick, best brace, best young  
handler, waggiest tail

**Plus** BBQ and bar, teas and cakes, live music and more.

**Park Corner Farm, Nr Sapperton**



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[www.cotswoldhighlandgames.org](http://www.cotswoldhighlandgames.org)



# **FRAMPTON MANSELL RURAL CINEMA**

## **A United Kingdom (12A)**

Based on a true-life romance, the inspiring story of Prince Seretse Khama of Botswana who defied family, apartheid and governments when he married a white woman from London in the 1940s.

**Tuesday 18 April at 7.30pm**

**Adults: £3.50, under 16: £2.50**

**Home made refreshments available**

### **KEMBLE AND DISTRICT RBL WOMEN'S SECTION**

The annual Anzac Service will be taking place on Sunday 23 April at Leighterton near Tetbury. The service commences at 3pm in the Cemetery after the usual parade through the village. VIP's and representatives from the Australian and New Zealand services usually attend. All welcome to observe this most moving of services in a quiet corner of the English countryside.

On Monday 24 April in Gloucester Cathedral at 7.30pm the annual St. George's Day service will be held. Representative from the Royal British Legion and standard bearers will be attending. The selling of buttonhole roses before the service takes place outside. Everyone welcome to attend the service.

The annual national conference will be held in Eastbourne on 25/26 April when a representative from the local women's section will be attending.

For further details about the Gloucestershire RSSG contact Pat on 770385.

### **Cakes for Sale**

**There will be a cake sale after the Easter morning service at St Luke's on Sunday 16 April. All proceeds will go to Christian Aid. They'll be delicious!**

## SCHOOL TIES - SAPPERTON SCHOOL NEWS



Schools Out! And it's that season of the year when thoughts are turning to spring and outdoor activities. Although judging by the muddy state of children returning from the recent spate of Cross-Country Events at Deer Park, Farmors and Kingshill schools, you would be forgiven for thinking that spring has yet to be sprung. No matter, the Cape has been rounded, the sun will be soon be at its zenith and topsails are being unfurled for the run up into warmer waters.

Mind you, the great outdoors have already seen much use already this year with regular playground hot chocolate sessions, the bacon booty breakfasts and, of course, the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake eat-in (choice of Nutella or Lemon and Sugar), both by the Friends. Beyond that, the Archery Club will soon be getting underway and, once again, the school is expecting county level results.

Many thanks are due to everyone who has used Waitrose in Cirencester as the retailer has very kindly sent us a cheque for £468 to go towards the fitting out of our Promenade Deck – or 'Outdoor Classroom'. This comes as a result of public voting via their Community Matters green token scheme and will be a great asset when the warmer weather arrives.

On the subject of assistance, we have also received offers of help with the school Allotment and Gardening Club which will start up in May - but there is still room for more support (remember - the allotment was mentioned in Tatler which, as far as the media is concerned, is only one-step removed from the Blue Peter Garden. All aspiring A-List Wannabees please note: Fame is tantalisingly within your grasp).

Elsewhere, and to great acclaim, the Magic Maths after school club has just concluded and was much enjoyed by all. In fact, over 40% of the school attended the various age group sessions and, so your correspondent is reliably informed, this exciting learning opportunity might be returning at a later date. Meanwhile, and for those who cannot wait, the year 6 maths club can offer an instant fix for absolutely dedicated number-crunchers.

Finally, some dates for your diaries: The juniors will be visiting Hogwarts, on Friday 31 March, the school's ever popular Music Concert will be taking place in Sapperton village hall on Tuesday 4 April at 2pm and the Voyage (Term) ends on Friday 7 April. Enjoy the Easter holidays everyone and see you next term! **Molesworth**

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

## **EASTER SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF RODMARTON**

### **9 April PALM SUNDAY**

**Liturgy of Palms.** Meet at the village hall for an 11am start followed by a short procession to St Peter's, Rodmarton (weather permitting) where the service will continue. ALL WELCOME - (including dogs).

### **14 April GOOD FRIDAY**

**Compline at 7pm at St Peter's, Rodmarton**

### **15 April EASTER EVE**

**Easter Even Reflection and Lighting of the Easter Candle at St Osmund's, Tarlton at 6pm.** All are welcome to this reflective short service suitable for all ages.

### **16 April EASTER DAY**

**8am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Osmund's Tarlton**

**11am Holy Communion with children's choir at St Peter's, Rodmarton**

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at St Peter's Rodmarton at 11.30am on Sunday 30 April, immediately after said matins at 11am.** All are welcome, and anyone already registered on the church electoral roll is entitled to vote in the elections.

**ROGATION SERVICE Sunday 14 May at 11am at St Osmund's Tarlton.** Please note that there will be no service at Rodmarton on this Sunday.

Please bring your children, dogs and other animals as we process around the village blessing the crops, the animals and the homesteads. ALL WELCOME.

## **RODMARTON CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHOIR**

Forthcoming choir services all at 11am are:

16 April

Easter Day



Cirencester Housing for Young People

**Come and Play**

**BINGO**

Saturday 29 April

**Rodmarton Village Hall**

**In aid of Cirencester Housing for Young People**

Bring your own food—bar available

Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start

Contact 841601/654591/841452 for details & booking  
*(Rodmarton and Tarlton Children's Charity)*

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Our next meeting will be held in Kemble village hall at 7pm on Thursday 20 April when the speaker Gary Selwyn will give

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Pat Ayres secretary 770385

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## **NOTES FROM CULKERTON**

### **GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL**

Here we are at last in Spring! The parade of beautiful and colourful of early flowering bulbs continues, complimented with blossom. With a little thought, this delightful combination of prettiness, high and low, can continue for four months, starting in February and becoming more abundant through to May with fragrance too!

The scented narcissus has come into season; these beauties bloom later season and go through May as well. The smaller flowered varieties such as Pheasant's Eye, Cheerfulness, Bridal Crown are favourites. I have also started growing the larger flowered double types in white and peach shades, Delnashaugh, Acropolis and Replete.

April is also a very busy time in the garden; frenetic time spent now cultivating, weeding sowing, and planting will be rewarded for the rest of the growing season. So we can all look forward to many occasions sitting down with a relaxing pot of tea and afternoon cake enjoying the aesthetics of your piece of the universe on sunny days, pure enjoyment.

As the soil becomes very workable and a fine tilth raked through, direct sow beetroot, chard, lettuce, turnips and early carrots. In dry weather water the drill first and then sow your seeds finely. As the odd frost or several very cold nights are still a reality, I find French and Runner beans are better planted in individual small pots to plant out in late May as larger plants, their roots will suffer less disturbance and if well hardened off be less susceptible to being eaten by slugs and snails. Ash from the winter fires spread around the young plants like chorister's collar will also deter these pesky molluscs; the added potash is a good plant food for fruit.

Another group of vegetables are courgettes, patty pan, pumpkin, squashes, cucumbers and melons to sow under cover or indoors, to plant out when all possibility of frost has passed in late May. These are better sown in late April to avoid leggy seedlings. Check all your seedlings during warm weather and make sure they have constant moist growing conditions to prevent the compost from drying out and stunting growth.

Hardy annual flower seeds can either be direct sown or into seed trays. The latter is useful if the space in the garden is not yet available (full of spring bulbs) or yet to be prepared; germinating in trays will

## **NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)**

allow several more weeks of time.

My garden pond is looking very healthy now with plenty of lush marginal and aquatic plants including duckweed thus blocking light to and preventing masses of blanket algae, so it has taken two growing seasons to overcome the 'New Pond' syndrome. Although the newts seem to be present, our population of frogs and toads has crashed, which is rather a concern.

Will there be apricots for picking this year? My tree has overcome a leaf disease resulting in severe dieback; after carefully removing all fallen leaves each autumn and summer pruning out the dead and dying wood, I now have a large and shapely tree with masses of fruit buds and blossom. Last year the blossom had a good set but a late frost destroyed all the little fruits...so fingers crossed for this year!

Sally Oates

### **THE GOLDEN VOICE**

I shouldn't begin by claiming that my cock blackbird is better than yours, but he probably is, so I will. Actually, there are two of them: Percy Bysshe, who rules the top garden and sings primarily from the old Bramley apple tree, and Samuel Taylor whose citadel is the lilac clump in the lower garden. They are named after the Romantic poets Percy Bysshe Shelley and Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Both have attracted mates, who single-handedly built nests while their husbands were too busy singing and, after some initial male stimulation, are doing all the practical work – at least, until the eggs hatch and the endless chore of feeding four or five ravenous youngsters begins.

Technically, all cock blackbirds are equal; it's just that some are more equal than others, in that they sing with greater resonance and meaning. These alpha choristers may well be older birds who are less experiential than first year songsters, and have successfully fine-tuned their art. Percy Bysshe was, I strongly suspect, with us last spring, and is a master of matins and choral evensong. The song sounds familiar and he uses the same perch. He may well be three years old, a fair age for a blackbird. Samuel Taylor, on the other hand, shows all the characteristics of being a first year bird, offering some twiddly bits which are over-elaborate and simply over the top. He may even be Percy Bysshe's son, though they clearly hate each other's

## NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

guts and squabble endlessly. The only thing that has united them is their deep loathing of winter immigrant blackbirds, those dark-billed invaders from Scandinavia which left us when spring started to push in in early March.

All through the winter there were daily tussles between resident and immigrant blackbirds, with the incomers being chased around endlessly. They were only after food, not territory. Then, the birds that remained battled to establish territories. This involved much jumping up in the air together, sparring, and an awful lot of irritating pink! pink! pinking! at dusk.

Eventually spring settles them down, and they do what they do best, most notably at dawn and dusk but, when spring takes them, all through the day.

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The Barnwood Trust has just granted the group £250 to put towards an event to mark the 15th Anniversary of the formation of the group thus raising the awareness in a meaningful way. Both the Royal Agricultural University and Cirencester college promoted the work of Beat during the recent national awareness week in doing so they raised some funds and had some fun too. Further details about the group in confidence can be obtained from Pat on 770385.



## The Library

### MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

The visit for next month will be on Tuesday 11 April between 11.25am and 12.25pm outside the village hall.

### CLOSING DATE FOR THE MAY MAGAZINE

Contributions should be sent to Bob Merrill at Glebe House, Coates, GL7 6NU. Telephone 07866 972389 or by e-mail to the Watershed magazine at [watershedmag@gmail.com](mailto:watershedmag@gmail.com). Articles should be in Arial font at 11 point with **formatting kept as simple as possible**. The editor reserves the right to edit any articles. **Articles should be submitted by 12 April at the latest for inclusion in the next issue.**

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### APRIL

Sunday 2	10.30am	Bears Croquet Club Open Day
Tuesday 4	11am	Service & Coffee at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell
Tuesday 4	2pm	Sapperton School Music Concert
Wed 5	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in St Peter's Court, Ashcroft Road
Thursday 6	7.30pm	Coates Gardening Club Meeting <i>Flaxland</i>
Saturday 8	7.30pm	Cirencester Choral Society Concert <i>St John Passion</i>
Tuesday 11		Mobile library visiting Coates
Tuesday 18	10.30am	Community Coffee, Cake and Chat in Coates Village Hall
Tuesday 18	7.30pm	Frampton Mansell Rural Cinema <i>A United Kingdom</i>
Thursday 20	2.30pm	Good Companions meeting
Thursday 20	7pm	Kemble & Ewen WI Meeting
Sunday 23	3pm	Annual ANZAC service at Leighterton
Monday 24	7.30pm	St George's Day Service in Gloucester Cathedral
Monday 24	7.30pm	Coates Annual Parish Meeting in Coates village hall
Saturday 29	7pm	Bingo in Rodmarton Village Hall
Sunday 30	10am	Café Church in Kemble Village Hall

### MAY

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Tuesday 2	7.30pm	Coates Parish Council Meeting
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