

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JULY

- Monday 3 7.30pm Coates Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday 4 Mobile library visiting Coates  
Tuesday 4 11am Service & Coffee at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell  
Wednesday 5 7.30pm BEAT meeting in St Peter's Court, Ashcroft Road  
Thursday 6 7.30pm Coates Gardening Club  
Tuesday 11 2pm Sapperton School Play  
Wednesday 12 7pm Sapperton School Play  
Tuesday 18 10.30am Community Coffee, Cake and Chat in Coates Village Hall  
Thursday 20 Kemble & Ewen WI Barbecue  
Sunday 30 11am Pet Service at Rodmarton

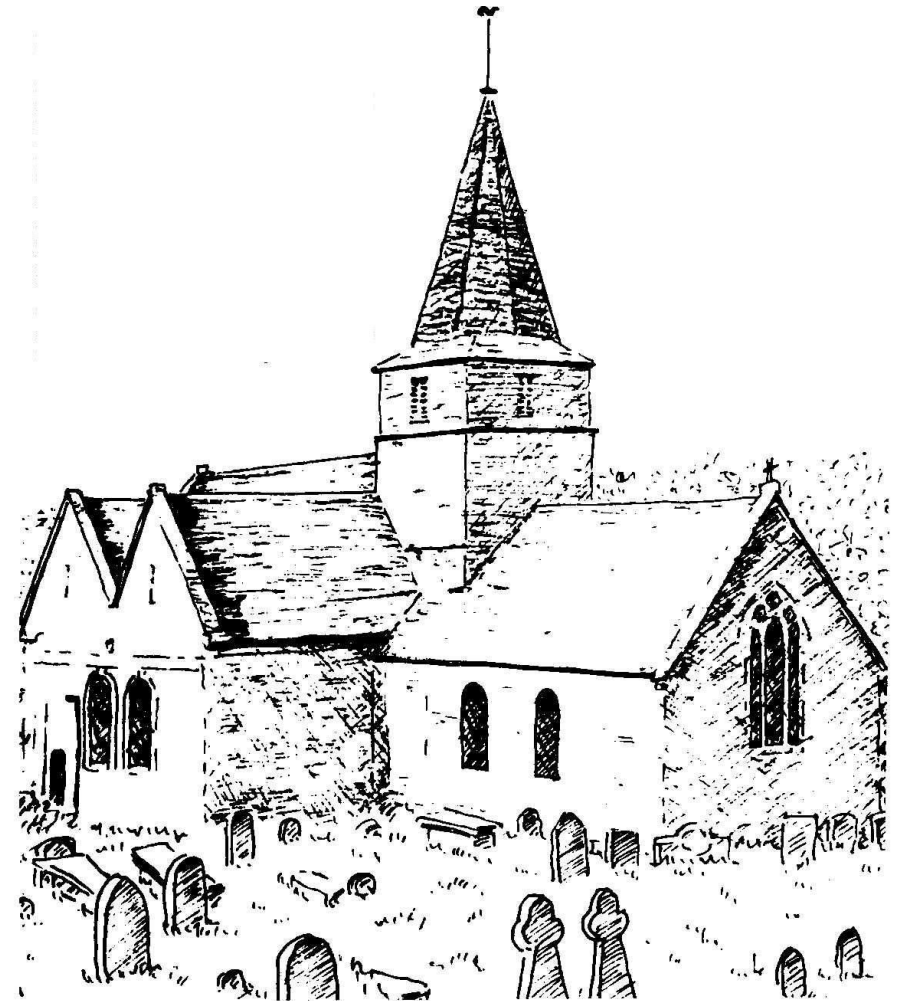
### AUGUST

- Tuesday 1 Mobile library visiting Coates  
Tuesday 1 11am Service & Coffee at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell  
Wednesday 2 7.30pm BEAT meeting in St Peter's Court, Ashcroft Road  
Tuesday 15 10.30am Community Coffee, Cake and Chat in Coates Village Hall

### SEPTEMBER

- Thursday 7 7.30pm Coates Gardening Club Sunday 10 11am Harvest Festival at Rodmarton  
Saturday 16 3pm Coates Country Fayre & Produce Show  
Thursday 21 Kemble & Ewen WI meeting

# THE WATERSHED MAGAZINE



**St Kenelm's Sapperton  
July/August 2017**

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## CLOSING DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 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 August at the latest for inclusion in the next issue.**

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

<b>2 July</b>	<b>Third Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.30	Coates	Holy Communion & Sunday School
9.30	Kemble	Holy Communion
9.30	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
11.00	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
11.00	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
6pm	Kemble	The Source
<b>9 July</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.30	Coates	Family Service/Morning Prayer
9.30	Kemble	Morning Prayer
9.30	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
11.00	Frampton Mansell	Family Service
11.00	Rodmarton	Family Service
11.00	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
<b>16 July</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30	Kemble	Family Holy Communion
9.30	Poole Keynes	Family Service
11.00	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
11.00	Somerford Keynes	All Age Service
<b>23 July</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
8.00	Tarlton	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00	Somerford Keynes	Benefice Service
<b>30 July</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	
		At 10.00 in Kemble <b>Relax in the Sun</b> , an informal service for all ages in the garden of The Old Forge, Kemble followed by swimming or tennis or just enjoying fellowship with friends and including a BBQ.
11.00	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

<b>6 August</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30	Kemble	Holy Communion & Sunday School
9.30	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
11.00	Sapperton	Holy Communion
11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
11.00	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
18.00	Kemble	The Source
<b>13 August</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.30	Coates	Informal All Age Service
9.30	Kemble	Songs of Praise
9.30	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
11.00	Frampton Mansell	Family Service
11.00	Rodmarton	Family Service
11.00	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
<b>20 August</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30	Kemble	Family Holy Communion
9.30	Poole Keynes	Family Service
11.00	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
11.00	Somerford Keynes	All Age Service
<b>27 August</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	
8.00	Tarlton	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00	Coates	Benefice Service
<b>3 September</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30	Kemble	Holy Communion & Sunday School
9.30	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
11.00	Sapperton	Holy Communion
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## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

Summer is a time to make space, to reflect and to prepare. Autumn and spring are both times of strong growth while the weather is mild, winter finds us resisting the cold and the dark but long hot summer days offer more space and time and we naturally feel more relaxed. This change and movement in the seasons is, I think, good for us and part of the blessing of a temperate climate.

In the modern world we no longer have to respond to the seasons but can forge our own way. There is much that is good about that but the problem is we are often so busy there seems to be no time to slow down let alone stop which is why holidays become so important. They are an artificial season, although often it is rather like a crash, when we rush to be sure we can be as up to date as possible before we take a break and then suddenly stop, expecting to be relaxed straight away, though we struggle with the sudden transition.

Life is full of seasons, some short and others longer, but I think all of us share that experience. As Solomon said in Ecclesiastes ‘for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.’ I don’t know if it is a modernist perspective but it seems to me that in our present culture often we want to deny this truth. We think that life should always be summer, always relaxing and full of the good things of life. For many the pursuit of ‘things’ becomes a consuming passion, even where the only thing left to desire is a larger bank balance. Ecclesiastes is a wisdom book and full of interesting verses to guide us to the greater meaning of life. We all know that in the end material things will fail us or that however many possessions we have we will still die and leave it to another who may or may not deal wisely with our legacy. There is, as Solomon says, ‘nothing new under the sun’; every excess and every path to wisdom, they have all been tried by someone somewhere before.

So which season do you find yourself traveling at the moment? Is everything rosy in your garden, is life rich and varied and good? For some this will be a time of tears or worry or hurt or conflict or stress for all sorts of reasons. Take for example Brexit, I make no secret of the fact I was a remainer and, whilst disappointed at the choice made, nevertheless am confident Brexit can offer a good way forward for our nation and the EU. To judge from the reactions of some, one might imagine a cataclysmic failure of British and European society is the only possible result.

There is a time to break down and a time to build up, a time to plant and a time to reap the harvest. Some things in life we are better able to determine, influence, control than others so how do we view them and what is our perspective on what is truly important and what is not? Of course if you believe the universe is a random and purposeless result of chance then such philosophy will have no purpose. But if you believe in something beyond the present, then how does that shape your interpretation of the present and your aims for the future? At the end Solomon concludes that when every argument and perspective has been investigated we should fear (that is honour him as Creator) God and keep his commandments because, in the end, every deed, good or not and every secret, bad or not, will be brought into the light of God's presence and judgement where justice and wisdom prevail.

With love and prayers

Trevor Kemp

Rector

### PRAYERS IN THE BENEFICE

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

### THE GOOD COMPANIONS

Our next meetings will be on Thursdays 20 July and 17 August at 2.30pm in Coates village hall. In July we will be entertained by the Westbrook Singers who are a new group to us. The in August we will be entertained by singer and crooner Bill Eteson who you all know and like. Tea, biscuits and a raffle will follow the entertainment.

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### TIME OUT BIBLE DISCUSSION

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

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## NEWS FROM COATES

### COATES GARDENING CLUB

Our last meeting before the summer break will be held on Thursday 6 July in Coates village hall at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Norman Jeffery, County Organiser for the National Gardens Scheme (gardens open for charity which are all listed in the Yellow Book each year). He will be able to point us to lovely gardens to visit in Gloucestershire and beyond. There will be a raffle and refreshments. All will be welcome, and as always visitors pay £3.

When we resume meetings on Thursday 7 September, Tricia Lawrence will have as her theme 'Gardens for Life'. She will describe how poor rural people in sub-Saharan countries can become self-sufficient if they are helped initially by a gift of livestock, seeds, tools and training. Their challenges may make our grumbles about slugs, aphids, wind, rain and drought seem relatively minor! It promises to be a very enlightening evening.

Margaret Reynolds 771354

## The Village Club COATES

Open from 8pm to 11pm on Fridays and Saturdays so don't be shy, we'd love to see you there. Membership is only £5pa for individuals and £10pa for the whole family. These small fees help us to put on free

things like BBQs and Fireworks night throughout the year. We are also looking to start a regular Pub/Club Quiz in the coming months in the bar area so keep your eyes and diaries open for those nights as we're sure they will be great fun.

Events taking place:

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 7 July -     | Family night from 6pm.                                    |
| 21 July -    | Schools out end of term BBQ.                              |
| 16 September | Produce show - club will be open for refreshments all day |
| 31 October   | Early opening for Halloween                               |
| 4 November   | Fireworks celebrations                                    |

Any questions about forthcoming events, please contact the Village Club Secretary Annabel Crapper.

## COATES COUNTRY FAYRE AND PRODUCE SHOW

**Saturday 16 September 2017 3pm onwards**

The schedule is now available, contact Liz Allen [lizallen@hotmail.co.uk/771229](mailto:lizallen@hotmail.co.uk/771229) if you haven't yet received a copy. We are looking for donations of food and drink items to be made into hampers for the raffle, any donations can be left at Anvil Lodge or can be collected.

Newsflash!! Entertainment will be provided by one of the top rocking ukulele bands in the country, The Ukey Dukes.

## COTSWOLD SHOW - ROADS IN COATES

Roads in Coates will have traffic restrictions on Saturday 1 July and Sunday 2 July 2017. These are to help ease traffic congestion during the Cotswold Show. As last year it will be one way from the junction of Trewsbury Road and Tarlton Road past the path to the church and up to the junction with the road coming in on the left from Coates Lane. There will also be a set of four way temporary traffic lights at the junction of the A433 and Trewsbury Road and a three way set at the junction of the A419 and Trewsbury Road.

If you require any further information regarding this closure, please contact the office on 08000 514514.

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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 July & 15 August**



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## NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

By mid-June it was clear that our house had been blacklisted, and that next door had gone out of vogue too. A pair of birds inspected one of the surviving nests above my bedroom window in late May, made loud and seemingly ecstatic speeches, but then (I can't write 'b\*\*\*\*\*d off' in the parish magazine so I won't) departed. They haven't been back, and it's too late now. Worse still, the vacant nests haven't even been taken over by House Sparrows, as happens, or even Tree Bumblebees, as also happens. We are utterly bereft and vacant. The best we can hope for now is a grumpy wasp nest.

Moreover, the farm has reinstated the old village pond, opposite. This has created a wonderful feeding site for martins and swallows, and an excellent source of mud for nest building. At times there's a veritable cloud of these birds swooping over the new pond.

Perhaps our martins got wiped out by a storm somewhere between here and deepest Africa? Either that, or they are being thoroughly ungrateful birds. I'm not sure which is worse. Whatever, I remain Disappointed.

Matthew Oates

## KEMBLE AND DISTRICT RBL WOMEN'S SECTION

The committee is planning another Thinking of Others event which will be discussed at the next meeting together with the rest of the events already on the calendar. If you would like a programme please give me a call. Look for details of all events as they come up in the weekly column in the Wilts and Glos Standard under Kemble newshound.

Contact Pat Ayres on 770385.

## KEMBLE AND EWEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In July the members are planning a barbecue to be held in Ewen either at Jane's or Caroline's. If you would like to come along as a visitor on Thursday 20 July and see what we get up to then contact the secretary for more information. There is no meeting in August.

Do join us as a visitor at our meeting in Kemble village hall on Thursday 21 September meeting when we have an excellent speaker lined up.

Ring me for further details about our group.

Pat Ayres secretary 770385



## NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

depending on the type. I grow colour forms and hybrids of the wild yellow Iris pseudacorus, 'Creme de la Crème' with that name unsurprisingly cream in colour, 'Holden's Clough' a finely striped purple over a golden yellow base and 'Holden's Child' finely striped in blues. Iris versicolor 'Kermesina' purple and 'Gerald Darby' with blue flowers are both very reliable. Later flowering water irises include the modern hybrid and rather exotic looking Iris pseudata which are available in a wide colour range.

To me gardening is not just about growing but it is part of a bigger whole and I love to share my passion with people and fellow creatures.

Sally Oates

### MIDSUMMER BLUES

I'm cross, and for once it's not with the poor / wretched government or with my beleaguered county cricket team. I don't often get cross, or disappointed, with nature but in this instant I am.

For the last three summers House Martins have adorned our humble dwelling, with their population increasing annually. Last summer there were nine nests under our eaves, all of which produced at least one brood. So, some 150 birds departed from our house last September. Even more left from next door, which boasted 16 nests, some of which also produced two broods. Listening to them chattering away at night – telling bedtime stories and burbling in their sleep – was utter delight. I was entranced, in paradise. I didn't want anything else from life.

So, their return was eagerly awaited this spring, especially as I'd signed up to monitor nests closely for the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), as part of a nationwide scientific study into why this lovely bird is declining in the UK. Better still, most of our 2016 nests had remained intact during the winter.

But April was dominated by northerly winds, which meant that many migrant birds from the far south got badly held up. A posse of House Martins arrived in the village mid-April, after a journey of some five or six thousand miles (it's still not known where they pass the winter). However, they completely ignored our house and made straight for the eaves of the big old house diagonally opposite. Others arrived in May, and also went elsewhere.

Hat competition Produce show

COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY

Games

BBQ

Stalls

Bar

When: 16<sup>th</sup> September

Where: Coates village hall

Time: 3pm onwards

Entertainment

Raffle

Dog fancy dress Refreshments

### COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY

The June draw for the Coates village lottery was held at the coffee morning. Our prize winners on this occasion were:

First prize	£50	Bob Crawford
Second prize	£30	Shelagh Harrison
Third prize	£20	Bob Merrill

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

## NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

### TALKING TO MYSELF

As I write this so much seems to be going on in our world. Only a week ago there was the horrible attack at the Manchester Arena when people were killed, many injured and hundreds left in a terrified shock. Looking forward just over a week and we have a General Election, the politicians are revving up trying to persuade us to vote for them. Life is so confusing we find it difficult to know which way to turn! What is happening? Why is there so much misery and unhappiness?

Many years ago Roger Whittaker had a radio program, during which he asked people to submit lyrics which he would set to music. The winning entry was called *Why?* The second verse begins with these words:

**Someone's lost the plan for the brotherhood of man  
and no one's trying to find it anymore  
and the wind's become a sigh  
for those who hate and those who die  
and the waves are black and slow across the shore.**

And last words of the song are:

**Will the last word ever spoken be why?**

It is a question which we will all find difficult to answer. We look at a world where there's conflict, where some have it all and others have nothing. We see cities which have few buildings left standing; massive refugee camps where people are queuing for food and water. Perhaps we all ought to be asking "Why?". I don't know the answer.

But then I go walking in the fields and woods and I see the wonders of nature, wild animals, wonderful flowers, a pyramidal orchid thrusting its head to the light; nothing to hear but the songs of the birds and the rustle of the wind in the grass and again I ask myself "Why?" Why should I be so privileged to live where I do? Why should I have food in the cupboard a warm bed each night? The world does not seem a 'fair' place.

Most of us have no real understanding of what others must suffer. And where does God come into this? Why doesn't He step in and say,

## NOTES FROM CULKERTON

### GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY & AUGUST

Well, well, well, I knew hedgehogs were gardener's friends, but after all these decades of having hedgehogs in my gardens, I have made a further discovery, they need completely undisturbed areas to make nests to have their little hoglets. A mother and baby hoglets really do eat huge quantities of slugs, much more efficient than any other organic method I have tried in the past. The population of pesky molluscs has fallen very quickly in a week, even with heavy rain, as the hedgehogs kept up with their harvest.

Contributing factors which make the difference to acquire this new status. Firstly of course, hedgehogs need an abundant food source; my garden at Culkerton has always had huge quantities of slugs and snails. Secondly, they need water to drink; they regularly go for a swim and drink in our pond probably finding a few more snacks as well - invertebrates of all sorts. Also, essential, is a good supply of nest making materials of large dry leaves and dry long grass. The nest site is just off our main path, but crucially this border is under trees and shrubs with a thick planting of ferns and ground cover and has been left undisturbed from tidying up for the last three years, due to several bouts of ill health on my part. I only discovered the nest by chance, when I spotted a very heavily pregnant hedgehog carrying a final large dry Judas tree leaf in her mouth and placing it carefully inside. So very cute.

If I had been up to my usual fitness the above border was to be revamped with some choicer shrubs and extra ferns. The plants had been purchased so these are now in temporary beds and pots until autumn planting. Established gardens could do with a long rotation of undisturbed areas which offer shelter along 'no dig' and permaculture lines. Needless to say, slug pellets are fatal to hedgehogs.

This job is rather appealing in very hot weather, when cool water beckons; if ponds have become very congested with certain plants, now can be an appropriate time to do some propagating and thinning out. Try to keep disturbance to a minimum. Check that young froglets have moved to the garden, sort out plants on the edge of the pond so that any small creatures like dragonfly larvae or beetles can make their way back to the water or better still in shallow bowls of pond water which can be returned gently within a short time. Water irises are very attractive and make a fine display from late May through to September

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

All services are at 11am

**30 July** - Pet Service at St Peter's, Rodmarton. We have decided to hold a pet service on the fifth Sunday in July. Please put the date in your diary and bring your children and pets and help to make it a lovely service. All welcome.

**10 September** - Harvest Festival at St Osmund's, Tarlton. All are welcome to this delightful family service. All harvest produce goes to Paternoster House in Cirencester for the residents.

## RODMARTON CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHOIR

Forthcoming choir services all at 11am are:

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“Enough is enough”? Many people have tried to answer the questions about suffering but it never seems to stop. All I know is that we see God at work in so many ways when there is a disaster; people caring for one another, even giving up their lives for others.

What lies in the future? We don't know. Will the last word ever spoken be Why? Who knows? The only thing I do believe is that God will be there with us.

## CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you to everyone who supported Christian Aid this year. With the money from our Easter cake sale and the envelopes we have raised £358. Thank you to those who helped and all who gave.

## FRAMPTON MANSELL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme has now been set up. Many thanks to those who have joined - a great response!



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## SERVICE AND COFFEE

We hold a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month, 4 July and 1 August, 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

## SCHOOL TIES - SAPPERTON SCHOOL NEWS

Schools Out!

And in spite of the weather! Yes, whatever the elements have delivered and despite spending much of the last few weeks under bare poles and with hatches battened down, the school has been surprisingly active! Firstly, there was the Cotswold Highland Games – now in its 6th year - in which contestants battled under leaden skies and driving rain at a range of events spanning Archery, Bungee Running, Air-Rifle shooting and Welly Wanging - while the ever popular Dog Show held a dedicated group spellbound at the main arena. Various other animal demonstrations ranging from bee keeping and wool farming to otter and reptile shows were also on hand while, the teas and cakes stalls, the burger stand and licensed bar did a roaring trade all afternoon (probably due to visitors escaping the rain). And throughout all this, a very determined tractor driver continued to offer farmyard trailer tours all afternoon! But the sun eventually came out, people were reluctant to leave and the event ended in traditional style with the famous Tug of War! (Score to date: Boys 5 Girls 1 (I think)).

Then there was the Siberian District Sports where pupils competed in near-zero temperatures at a range of athletics activities in the Deer Park tundra, the permafrost relenting sufficiently to allow the event to proceed. Elsewhere on the high seas, the first water sports after school event of the season got under way at the Cotswold Water Park – much enjoyed by all but, again, not quite in Mediterranean weather. And as we go to print the first cricket tournament is underway at Cirencester cricket club – results to be reported next month.

And elsewhere there have been all the other activities that make up the school month: The infants gardening club is proving very popular and the results of their green fingered efforts can be seen in the cloche outside the Blue room (no chance of anyone catching scurvy on this voyage); a non-uniform day was held (in which children made donations to a Chocolate Tombola Stall); and of course preparations continue for the play. As revealed last month, The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan – will be held with matinee (2pm on 11 July) and evening (7pm on 12 July) performances in Sapperton village hall. See you there!

**Molesworth**



## NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON

### FABULOUS FIESTA

Thank you to everyone involved in the amazing success of this year's Fiesta; what a brilliant day it was. The cricket match was a hoot to watch and great fun to play in. Again Rodmarton won but watch out next year when our small but very accomplished country U13 Tom will have grown. Well deserved Man of the Match Tom.

The dog show was fantastic, we had so many entries and a great time was had by all. The competition was fierce, but all the dogs were well behaved and seemed to have a wonderful time. The vet enjoyed herself so much and has asked to be involved again next year. Thanks especially to Jean whose idea it was, the event ran like clockwork!

As ever the tractor rides were reported as being the best of fun, all the stalls were popular thanks to all those of you who ran the stalls. Special thanks to Tony for building the Human Fruit Machine which was a great favourite and much fun was had by the human fruits.

People certainly hung around for the barbecue as we sold out! Thank you to Rod, Mark and David for manning it and to all the ladies who brought salads and the fried onions.

Thank you to everyone. I hope you all enjoyed being involved as much as I did, I would like to say a special thank you to Peter our compere, the band who played for free and as ever, Jane, for your support in helping me to chair the Fiesta this year.

Very well done one and all.

Ann McCurdy

I would also like to add my thanks to all who came or helped in any way, shape or form. In particular, Ann, for masterminding the day so efficiently with meetings, minutes (not to mention a glass of wine or two) etc. It was a real fun day and a great village get together. And the weather was kind to us even if a bit blowy. Not only that but it is a vital annual fund raising effort to enable the continued running of the churches in Rodmarton and Tarlton. Many thanks to all concerned.

Simon Biddulph