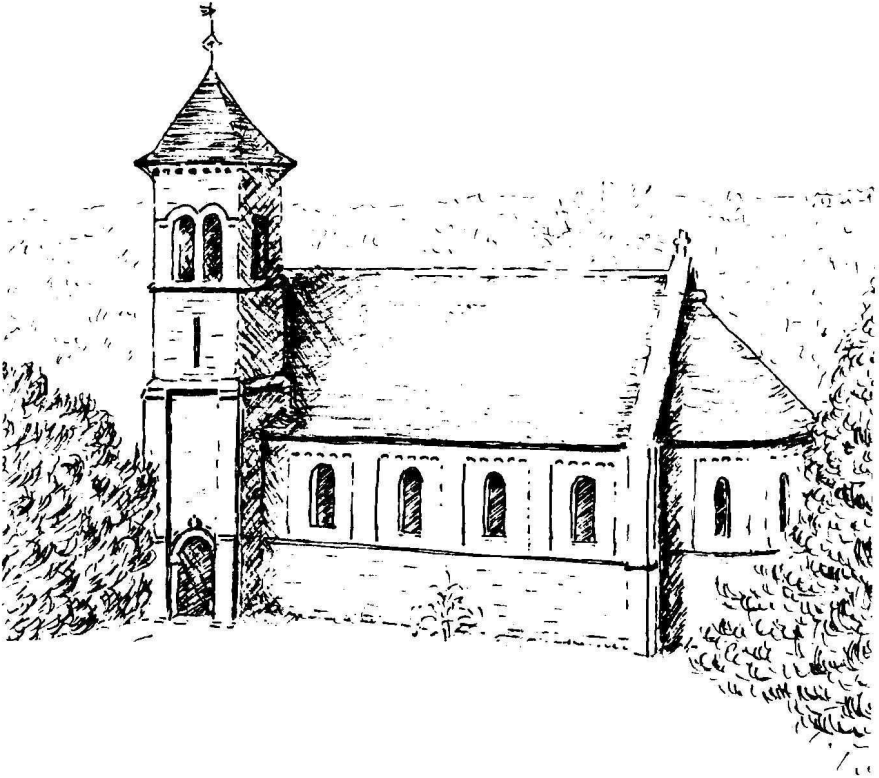


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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

4 March

3rd Sunday before Lent

9.30	Kemble	Holy Communion + Sunday School
9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
11.00	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
11.00	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
18.00	Kemble	The Source

11 March

4th Sunday before Lent

9.30	Kemble	Family Service
9.30	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
10.00	Coates	Family Service
11.00	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion + choir
11.00	Frampton Mansell	Morning Prayer/ Family Service

25 March

5th Sunday of Lent

09.30	Kemble	Family Holy Communion
09.30	Coates	Holy Communion
09.30	Poole Keynes	Family Service
11.00	Somerford Keynes	All Age Service
11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
11.00	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion + APCM

21 March

19.45	RAU	Filling Station with Tim Hughes
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18 March Palm Sunday

10.00	Sapperton to Frampton Mansell - Benefice Procession	
	Sapperton to Frampton Mansell followed by a bring and share lunch.	
11.00	Rodmarton	Liturgy of the Palms

29 March

Maundy Thursday

19.30	Kemble	Maundy Thursday service
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30 March

Good Friday

9.30	Coates	Village Procession
11.00	Kemble	Meditation
14.00	Frampton Mansell	Meditation
14.00	Somerford Keynes	Messy Easter
19.00	Rodmarton	Compline

31 March

Holy Saturday

18.00	Tarlton	Easter Eve
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EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

6.30	Poole Keynes	Sunrise Holy Communion
8.00	Tarlton	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30	Kemble	Holy Communion + choir
9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30	Poole Keynes	Family Service
11.00	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion + choir
11.00	Sapperton	Holy Communion

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

I guess as you receive this the Winter Olympics will just have finished and you may have relished your favourite sports (mine will be the Ice hockey and the ski jumps), enjoyed new ones or ignored it all entirely depending on your interests. For those who participate it is the culmination of years of preparation and training. They have sacrificed all sorts of things in order to be the best they can be and such self-control, focus and determination should be applauded and recognised whatever the sport. They have consumed special diets and contorted and exhausted their bodies physically and mentally as well as studying their chosen discipline and seeking tactical and technical advantages over their rivals in every way they can.

In contrast I wonder how many of us kept New Year resolutions to not drink alcohol, eat less chocolate, take more exercise, read more books or spend more time with our families? One of the most quoted passages of scripture must be Jesus rebuke to Peter 'Could you not even watch with me one hour?' It reflects that same human weakness. For whatever reason most of us are lazy most of the time. We find it a challenge to be motivated even when it is in our own interest. For years now governments of every colour and persuasion have been telling us to eat more healthily, to reduce fat or sugar intake, to 'eat 5 a day' or whatever the current plan is to make us more healthy.

We mostly don't though do we?

In our current secular society where eternal life is about cryogenic freezers against the great day when technology can extend our physical and mental health into centuries rather than about heaven there is a new information direction. Every day someone points out how our lifestyle choices are reducing our life expectancy. Do you smoke? It will kill you. Are you obese or eating too much fat or too much sugar? It will kill you or disease you sooner than you deserve. Don't get me wrong I am not disputing the science or its impact on

health care costs, just our willingness to respond effectively to the research which it seems is pretty clear.

Perhaps like me you have scoffed at President Trump's refusal to accept global warming and in particular the recent tweets about the East Coast and even Florida experiencing huge snowfalls as evidence it couldn't be true? He doesn't understand the science or is selective in his reading of it. That isn't though very different to my inability to have sufficient self-discipline to eat more healthily and exercise more effectively because it really will have good long term benefits for my health. All the evidence is there.

Likewise I know that as a disciple of Jesus I need to amend my life to reflect God's goodness and love and purpose for me. I know that if I seriously seek to be more Christlike, then I will experience an ever closer and more fulfilling friendship with the divine. I am just not as good at it as I would like to be. That is part of being human, being slightly incomplete and a little less than I could be.

I think God wants me to grow and experience his perfection because then the knowledge and wisdom comes from personal experience, it resides in head and heart and is all the more powerful and resonant as it grows from that engagement with God and his world. The journey is indeed worth the time and the effort we put into it both alone and together. Like Eddie the Eagle I may not be the best in the world but to fly as far as we can is what God asks us all to do and he will be cheering us on every inch of the way.

This Easter may the resurrection of Jesus bring hope to your heart and strengthen you for the journey ahead.

With love and prayers

Trevor Kemp - Rector



PRAYERS IN THE BENEFICE

- ◇ Tuesdays at Kemble at 8.30am
- ◇ 2nd 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)

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.

NEWS FROM COATES

We have a long list of fantastic events planned for the coming year.

We're open from 8pm - 11pm Friday and Saturday and from 6pm on the first Friday of every month for Family Night so don't be shy, we'd love to see you there.

The Village Club
COATES

2018 memberships are now due. It is only £5 for individuals and £10 for the whole family for the whole year. These small fees help us to put on events like BBQ's and Fireworks' Night throughout the year.

Events taking place:

- Friday 2 March - **Family Games Night** - early opening at 6pm for an evening of fun and games for all.
- 10 March - **Darts Tournament**
- 17 March - **St Patrick's day** - possible early opening for 6 Nations Rugby
- April - **Quiz night** (date to be announced)
- 19 May - **Royal Wedding** - BBQ and entertainment from 5.30 pm
- 8 September – **Produce Show** (details are on the Village Facebook and Nextdoor pages)

Any questions about forthcoming events, please contact the Village Club Secretary, Tara Davidson or follow our **Coates Village** Facebook page.



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

Tuesday 20 March

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.



COATES VILLAGE HALL



Coates Village Hall is a useful local venue to hold your next event be it a meeting, exercise class, a party or something more solemn.

Details of the hall and facilities and hiring conditions can be found on-line at:

<http://www.coatesparish.org.uk/village-hall/hiring-the-hall/>

Alternatively you can contact a booking trustee as follows:

Howard Burr 07775 686302

Phil Griffiths 771257

Lynn Vaughan 770876

To confirm your booking you should complete a booking request form available from the trustees, on village notice boards (inside envelope) or from the hall and pass to any of the trustees above.

WATERSHED RDA

The new term is well under way and despite the bad weather we haven't cancelled any classes so far. We welcome four new pupils from Chesterton School this term who have joined our Monday afternoon sessions.

Our new building is now completed and in full use. We will announce details of the official opening next month.

We will be starting to bag up well rotted manure for gardens shortly, please call 07840 739456 if you would like some.

Lorraine Hackett

COATES GARDENING CLUB

Our 2018 season got off to a flying start with the visit of local sculptor Rory Young and his memories of College Farm and Coates. He attracted a large and appreciative audience.

On Thursday 1 March at 7.30pm in Coates village hall we will have another distinguished speaker, Jo Burgon. His subject will be *The Cotswolds – England's next National Park?* We can also look forward to wonderful pictures of this Area of Outstanding Beauty. All are welcome to attend our meetings. Visitors pay £3 for the evening, which includes refreshments, or if you choose to join our club, the annual membership fee is only £10.

On Thursday 5 April we look forward to welcoming Victoria Summerley local author and gardening columnist, who will talk about her latest book *The Secret Gardeners*, a captivating photographic portrait of the private gardening passions of 25 of the UK's foremost artists, designers, actors, producers, composers, playwrights, sculptors and musicians.

Margaret Reynolds 771354

THE GOOD COMPANIONS

Our next meeting on Thursday 15 March at 2.30pm in Coates village hall when we will hold our AGM followed by an afternoon at the races then tea, biscuits and a raffle.

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Good Friday
30 March 2 - 3.30pm
All Saint's Church Somerford Keynes
Fun, Games, Craft and Worship
Tea, Squash, Cake & Hot Cross buns!
For more details contact Liz Collins

Tel: 07774 104990 email: e.collins@farming.co.uk



COATES PRODUCE SHOW 2018

Save the date! The Coates Produce Show will be returning again this year on Saturday 8 September in Coates village hall. The schedule is included in this issue of the Watershed and has something for everyone so please take a look.

For further information please contact Liz Allen at Anvil Lodge 771229 or lizallen@hotmail.co.uk

SAMARA'S AID APPEAL FOR THE RELIEF OF SUFFERING IN SYRIA

"My approach is for us to give what we can, sharing the good clothes, shoes, money and other essentials that we have, with those who have nothing. We give our best, not our cast offs, because we want the humanitarian aid we send to be a message of hope and encouragement." Samara Levy

We are supporting another collection for Syria in March with Samara's Aid. Please consider how you can help and what you can give to help those who have lost so much. For more information on Samara's Aid follow this link <http://www.samarasaidappeal.org/>

Please bring to Kemble House any new or nearly new clothes and shoes on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, March 12 – 14 where they will be sorted and boxed .

If you don't have any of the above but would like to make up a Care Pack please go to link <http://www.samarasaidappeal.org/> for further details or contact Jill Kingston on 07798 830287 or kingsjill50@gmail.com

Thank you for your support

Jill Kingston and the Thameshead Churches



**Join us for a friendly, fun
Parent & Toddler Group every Thursday
at Sapperton Village Hall (Term Time Only)**

10am – 11.30am Everyone welcome

£2 per family

(up to 2 adults, 2 children, £1 per additional child)

Includes Refreshments

Join us on Facebook

Or Contact: Sophie Moss 07867785387

Michelle Hugh 07814427839

NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

TALKING TO MYSELF

Today the sun is shining but it is still bitterly cold. At least it won't mean a wet dog walk!

Winter can be so depressing – cold grey day after cold grey day for what seems week after week. But if we go out walking there are definitely signs of spring. There have been catkins dangling from the trees for weeks now. I keep looking for the 'flowers' but haven't spotted any yet – maybe because in the wind and rain I am not looking up! In January I even found a cowslip I couldn't believe it. It was a bit wizened but it really was a cowslip. Next morning I thought I might have been dreaming so went back to find it again and there it was braving the storm. We are at that time of year when the world seems to be coming to life again. I love it!

As I write Lent is nearly here. Am I going to give up something? Should I try and 'do' or 'not do' something. Perhaps both then the first will prompt me to the second.

Lent - period of highs and lows. The pleasure of giving on Mothering Sunday; the excitement of Palm Sunday; the sadness of Good Friday and the finally the joy of Easter.

So as winter turns into spring with the joy of new life around every corner may we also go through Lent with the knowledge of Easter ahead, the wonder of the Resurrection and the promise of an amazing future.

SAPPERTON CAROL SINGING

Thanks to the enthusiastic participation of the singers and generous donations, carol singing around the village raised £132. This has been split between CHYPS and the Sapperton Village Hall roof fund.

SERVICE AND COFFEE



We hold a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month, 6 March, 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 VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 20 March at 7.30pm

Manchester by the Sea

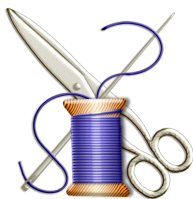
"A beautiful tragedy and Casey Affleck's finest role"

After the death of his older brother Joe (Kyle Chandler), Lee Chandler (Casey Affleck) is shocked to learn that Joe has made him sole guardian of his nephew Patrick (Lucas Hedges). Taking leave of his job, Lee reluctantly returns to Manchester-by-the-Sea to care for Patrick, a spirited 15-year-old, and is forced to deal with a past that separated him from his wife Randi (Michelle Williams) and the community where he was born and raised. Bonded by the man who held their family together, Lee and Patrick struggle to adjust to a world without him.

Tickets £3.50 per person

Doors open @ 7pm. Film starts @ 7.30pm

Tea, coffee, homemade cakes and ice creams available



Needles and Pins

The Creative Group will be meeting again on
Wednesday 14 March

in Frampton Mansell Village Hall from 10am to 12noon. Current members of the group do embroidery, tapestry, knitting, sewing - well anything with needles and pins.

Whatever your craft, whatever your level of skill, you will be most welcome. We also drink tea and coffee, eat cake, chat and laugh a lot!

Cost is £3 including refreshments and we meet every month.

For more information, please contact Teresa on thowes51@gmail.com



Cotswold Highland Games & Dog Show

Saturday 19 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



Kindly sponsored by



www.cotswoldhighlandgames.org

New Pilates Class

Rodmarton Village Hall

Thursdays 7-8pm, £7

Book your free trial class now!

emily@flexpilates.co.uk



Frampton Mansell Village Choir

A fun community choir for all those who love to sing!



Spring Term 8th January – 26th March 2018

MONDAYS 7pm – 8:30pm

at Frampton Mansell Village Hall

£3 per week

BE PART OF IT!

Interested? Please get in touch with Lucy!

W: www.framptonmansell.uk **E:** choir@framptonmansell.uk **T:** 07866 447725

FRAMPTON MANSELL VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 12 April 7pm for 7.30pm

A talk by Julie Dolphin

Behind the Scenes on Gardeners' World

Julie Dolphin took over The Nursery at Miserden in early 2016 and runs it with her husband Steve. Julie trained as a journalist on newspapers before progressing to national television news programmes and factual productions for ITV, BBC and Endemol. Later in her career she developed a passion for horticulture and completed her RHS qualifications at the University of Bristol Botanic Garden. After a period living in Holland, Julie joined the BBC's Gardeners' World programme as a horticultural researcher and filmed at Longmeadow and gardens across the country.

Tickets £5 including refreshments

**To buy your ticket, please ring
0753 9222527 or 0790 5287288**



SCHOOL TIES - SAPPERTON SCHOOL NEWS



School's Out! And its half term already! (Just where did January and half of February go?) But, as ever, its been busy with much going on in the sports scene - Flood lit athletics at Kingshill and Flight Deck Hockey (Quicksticks) at Deer Park. On this latter occasion your correspondent turned up to gain first hand information but was frustrated by not immediately spotting the Sapperton team: There was simply no troop of green-clad players to be seen. Perhaps he had got the wrong day? But then Lo! A very smart team decked out in dark blue and gold (now where have I seen that uniform before?) suddenly appeared on the field and put in a very professional and creditable performance in the frosty and atmospheric air. And I should say, this was a team fielded at a time of raging flu on the Lower Deck with many of the regular players off sick with tropical fever (flu) and the Quarantine flag flying at the Mizzen (Note to the Quartermaster: Time for a another Lime Juice ration). Next event, after half term, is Cross Country and, as ever, this paper will be first with the results!

Elsewhere, year 5 participated in the Annual Dance Festival at the Bingham Hall with a fine rendition of "Spirit of the Dance", much enjoyed by all present. Continuing the Arts theme, its time for "The Young Photographer" competition again. Regular readers of this column will recall that the school has done well in previous such events with one young person's composition being chosen for inclusion in a national magazine's annual calendar. So let's hope the lightening days will encourage some more developing talent to capture their view of "Spring time in Gloucestershire." More details of this competition and also of the forthcoming school concert next month. And talking of the lighter evenings, the After School Club programme is gearing up for outdoor activities: Thursday Sports Coaching and Archery Workshops are now in full swing, while the perennial Pulsar Multiskills activity sessions go from strength to strength. Indoors too, the traditional French and German Clubs continue to be popularly received as is "Stay and Play" – definitely something for everyone!

Finally a quick report on the Lent Service which, due to the Cold Snap, was wisely rescheduled to the school hall rather than the drafty church. Everyone, including a few parents and villagers squeezed in for a service lead by the Reverends Trevor and Pepita (and attended by the obligatory dog). Lets hope it is a little warmer for the Easter Service on Maundy Thursday 29 March!

Molesworth

ENTERTAINMENT
REFRESHMENTS PRODUCE SHOW
BBQ COATES BAR
COUNTRY
GAMES FAYRE RAFFLE

SATURDAY 8TH
SEPTEMBER 2018

AT COATES VILLAGE
HALL

FROM 3PM ONWARDS



Section 1 - Flowers

1. One single stemmed rose
2. Vase of 5 Chrysanthemums
3. Vase of 6 Dahlias
4. Vase of 3 Gladioli
5. A flowering pot plant, max pot size 10"

Section 2 - Fruit/Vegetables

1. 3 carrots
2. 5 tomatoes with stalks
3. 4 potatoes of one variety
4. 6 runner beans
5. Longest runner bean
6. Largest Marrow
7. 3 apples of the same variety
8. Soft fruit single variety displayed on a plate

Section 3 – Domestic

1. A jar of homemade jam
2. A jar of homemade chutney
3. A lemon drizzle cake
4. 4 fruit scones
5. 6 biscuits
6. A Victoria Sponge (men only recipe as per schedule)

Section 4 – Flower arranging

1. An arrangement in a vase
2. An arrangement for a table centre

Section 5 – Handicrafts

Any item of handicraft using any method e.g. Knitting, card making, patchwork, tapestry, cross stitch

Section 6 – Art

Any piece of artwork, a pen, pencil or pastel drawing or a painting in any medium.

Section 7 – Photography

A photograph of an animal max 7"x5"

Section 8 – Children - Reception to School year 11

Reception to School year 2

1. Make and decorate 5 fairy cakes
2. Veg/fruit man
3. Paint a picture max A4 size

School Years 3 - 6

1. Drawing of an animal max A4 size
2. 5 homemade biscuits decorated
3. A photograph from my holidays max 7"x5"

School Years 7 - 11

1. A photograph from my holidays max 7"x5"
2. 5 homemade brownies
3. Any piece of artwork entitled 'Nature' max A4 size

Recipe for Men's Victoria Sponge

1. 125g caster sugar, 125g margarine, 2 large eggs, 125g self raising flour, 2 tsp caster sugar, 2tbsp raspberry jam
2. Grease two 17/18cm sandwich tins and line with grease proof paper.
3. Beat margarine and sugar until creamy
4. Add eggs one at a time, beating and adding 2 teaspoon of flour to prevent curdling.
5. Fold in rest of flour and pour into tins.
6. Bake in a moderate oven Gas 5/375F/190C for 20/25 minutes until firm on top and slightly shrunk from edges.
7. Remove to wire tray to cool.
8. When cold peel off paper and sandwich together with raspberry jam.
9. Sprinkle caster sugar lightly on top.

ENTRIES

Entries are free and can be made by email to lizallen@hotmail.co.uk or in writing to Anvil Lodge, Coates stating your name and class numbers you wish to enter. Entries must be made by 8pm Saturday 1 September 2018

RULES

1. All exhibits are to be put in place between 11am and 12 noon.
2. No exhibitor is allowed more than one entry in any class.
3. All exhibits with the exception of flower arranging classes are to have been made or grown by the exhibitor.
4. Exhibitor's names must not be visible on the exhibits.
5. In section 8 children's ages and school year must be displayed on all exhibits. If children compete in adult sections 1-7 then ages must not appear on exhibits.
6. No exhibits to be removed before 4.30pm.

TROPHIES

Family cup	Most points in show by one family (parents and children)
Flower cup	Most points in section 1
Fruit/Veg cup	Most points in section 2
Domestic cup	Most points in sections 3
Art/Craft cup	Most points in section 4 - 7
Reception – Year 2	Most points in section 8a
Years 3 - 6	Most points in section 8b
Years 7 - 11	Most points in section 8c

NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON

RODMARTON CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHOIR

Forthcoming choir services at St Peter's, Rodmarton are:

Sunday 11 March	11am	Mothering Sunday
Sunday 1 April	11am	Easter Sunday

RODMARTON & TARLTON FIESTA

Our annual Fiesta in aid of St Peter's and St Osmund's churches will be held at Rodmarton village hall on Saturday 2 June: Cricket Match, Dog Show, BBQ, Pimms, Real Ale and many activities (old and new) for all the family. More details to follow. ALL WELCOME.

BELLY DANCE IN AID OF WINSTON'S WISH!

Please come and support Rodmarton and Tarlton Children's Charity evening in aid of Winston's Wish (the UK childhood bereavement charity) watching and listening to a spectacular demonstration by the very experienced and popular speaker, Anne Blagden, at Rodmarton village hall at 7 pm (doors open at 6.30 pm) on Saturday 10 March. The talk and demonstration will last about an hour followed by BYO supper (bar available). £8, children free. Please see poster for further information or call 841452.

SOUTH INDIA YOUTH TRIP 2018

23 July – 8 August (16 – 19 year olds)

Would you like to spend almost three weeks of your summer holiday:

- Working with children in schools, hostels and orphanages?
- Sharing the life of Indian Christians?
- Experiencing Indian life and culture?
- Growing in your Christian faith and discipleship?

How can I find out more about the 2018 trip (run by the Diocese of Gloucester)? For more information please contact:

The Reverend Gary Grady on 01242 511522 or by email
revgarygrady@btinternet.com

Reverend Trevor Kemp would be pleased to know of anyone planning to go. Please contact him on rev.trev@live.com

RODMARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rodmarton School is asking parents, friends and neighbours to don their running shoes later this month to help us run a marathon! The pupils have decided they want to support this year's Sport Relief initiative so, on the afternoon of Friday 23 March, we hope you will join us for the "Rodmarton Marathon" on the cricket pitch behind the village hall, starting at 3.15pm. Don't panic though – we're not expecting you to run the full



26.2 miles but we hope people will get involved by running a distance that contributes to a marathon, whether that's 10 metres or 10 miles. And, if running isn't your thing, you can still support Sport Relief by donating any sports clothes or shoes that your children no longer need for a second hand sports kit stand we will be holding at the event, with all profits going to Sport Relief. So get your trainers on - or just bring along your old ones for us to sell - and come and join in!

Following last month's Safer Internet Day, pupils have been learning how to stay safe online. At Forest School, Acorn class has been creating safety messages out of twigs and leaves, while pupils from Oak class have been learning how to be safe while using social media and how personal comments, made on social media sites, might make people might feel.

Before half term, Eliza, one of our Year 6 pupils, got through to the finals of the Primary Maths Challenge, a national maths competition for primary school children. At the time of writing we have not heard her final placing but she has done so well to get this far.

A Rodmarton team also took part in the Nature Quiz run by the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. They were narrowly beaten by Powell's School, the reigning champions, but the children did well and have really enjoyed learning about British Wildlife.

The Rainbow Theatre, which runs our popular after school Drama Club, will also be putting on a performance of the Easter Story for the children later this month. And, on the last day of term, we will be welcoming parents, friends, and people from the local community, to our Easter Concert at St Peter's church in Rodmarton with pupils performing Easter songs and re-enacting the Easter story. Please join us at the church at 3.30pm on Wednesday 28 March.

Nutty xx

In aid of
Winston's Wish
Saturday 10th March 7pm
in
Rodmarton
Village Hall



Belly
Dancing

with
Ann Blagden
founder of
Egyptian Spirit



Ann will give a
talk and
demonstration

Doors open: 6.30pm
Bring your own food. Bar available
Tickets £8 (free prize draw)
to book: 01285841452
ajbiddulph@btinternet.com

NOTES FROM CULKERTON

GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH

This early spring month is the gateway to the gardening year, with wintery weather still able to make an appearance, but with the ever-increasing day light comes the end of winter dormancy, cooler temperatures just slow down the progress. However, keep an eye on weekly weather forecasts as warmer temperatures can bring seeds into germination. The key to this month is being ready to sow seeds as soon as the ground is suitable.

At the time of writing this at Culkerton Heights we have had the sixth light snowfall of this winter and the accompanying freezing temperatures have kept me inside and off the wet ground. Signs of dryer conditions which have come and then relapsed have manifested in the most obvious; how dry the A433 road becomes or how easily we can open our front door. A week of no puddles on the A road indicates time for some serious cultivating activity on a free draining soil at this time of year, those with clay soils need to be a little more patient.

When rain is plentiful we have methods of saving as much as you can for dry weather in the future. Water butts are simple to install and use.

This winter has also been quite sunny, so using a soil covering or cloches to warm and dry the ground prior to sowing is very beneficial.

The garden centres have now stocked up on summer bulbs, so it is a good time to buy, but not plant outside. Onion setts can be stored in a cool, dark place until planting next month, potatoes on the other hand can be chitted in the light, traditionally under the staging of a unheated greenhouse, with the tubers placed upright in wooden boxes, and if frost threatened a thick layer of newspapers was laid over the top for protection. Shallots can be started in individual pots ready to plant out next month. Treat summer flowering bulbs in the same way as onion setts, store for a while and be patient. Tomato, bell peppers and aubergine seeds can all be started now indoors.

In our kitchen over the past few weeks some shoots have appeared on more exotic roots of sweet potatoes and ginger. Both can be grown in this country when our summer is exceptionally hot and sunny and as sub-tropical plants they will still do better in a green house so this is a bit of horticultural fun. Stage one is to encourage more active roots on the ginger by potting up with a good compost and warm keeping indoors with good light. The sweet potato tuber needs to grow longer shoots, known as slips, which will root quite readily in June, so place the sprouting tuber in perlite in a warm place with good light until the slips are about 30cm tall, cut away and root; keep your fingers crossed

NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

for a very hot summer to harvest tubers and seeing the ginger plant flower!

Another plant sometimes left over in the kitchen are a few stems of watercress which is very hardy and will readily make roots, I add these to my garden pond as another pond plant as it makes a very good cover for amphibians and dragonfly nymphs.

There is still time to put up nest boxes for birds, one of the earliest to raise young are Robins who favour a large open entrance. Baby birds need copious amounts of insect food, including greenfly, so one good turn is paid with another.

Sally Oates

BUTTERFLY BLUES

By the time you read this I should have seen my first butterfly of the year and the fate of the summer will have become clear. If it's a Brimstone, the golden 'butter-coloured flie', then we will have a good summer; if it's a tawny Comma or a mottled Small Tortoiseshell, the summer could be OK; but if it's a Peacock or a Red Admiral, then Heaven help us. It won't be anything else, for those five all overwinter as hibernating adult butterflies and are the first to appear on the wing. Our other butterflies spend the winter as eggs, caterpillars or pupae and consequently appear later.

The problem is the familiar red and white banded, but mostly black, Red Admiral – a symbol of death and destruction in Victorian art. It seldom used to overwinter here being killed off by snow, frost and ice (remember them?). It was first recorded successfully hibernating here in 1908, in Cornwall – in a rabbit hole, by a butterfly collector out ferreting. However, there were then very few records of early spring, ie overwintered, Red Admirals until the late 1990s, when the advent of mild winters enabled it to overwinter successfully. Now, it is the first butterfly most naturalists encounter each year, not least because it has a lower temperature threshold than the other four hibernating species, flying at around 10°C as opposed to 13°C. Also, it regularly hibernates around centrally heated buildings, and so can be seen sunning itself on the south side of buildings in cool winter sunshine.

Now, this is where I come in – and I wish I didn't. In 54 years of diligent butterfly recording the Brimstone has heralded great summers, and the Comma and Small Tortoiseshell reasonable ones. Our Small Tortoiseshell populations have collapsed, nationally – we're not sure why - so it seldom opens my season nowadays. Red

NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

Admiral populations are buoyant. The Red Admiral had a particularly good year in 2017, and has already been seen by a large number of butterfly activists this year.

I'm trying to avoid it. I'm holding out for 13°C and a golden yellow Brimstone. I owe it to the nation, as we're seriously overdue a decent summer. So I've locked myself away and will rush out into one of the Cotswold valleys, where I know Brimstones hibernate, when the temperature is about to reach 13°C.

I shouldn't be this superstitious, and don't want to be, but the dire summers we've suffered in recent years have been ushered in by me seeing a Peacock, and the broken ones – like 2017 – by me opening with a Red Admiral. It's all my fault. The only two good summers we've had this century, 2003 and 2006, were my last two Brimstone years. The weight of the world is on my shoulders...

Matthew Oates

KEMBLE AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Both Brian and I are looking forward to representing the branches when we shall be joining the Great Pilgrimage 90 to the World War I battlefields and memorials in August this year. Over two days, thousands of Legion members and representatives will recreate the 1928 Great Pilgrimage along the same route to the Menin Gate to commemorate the last 100 days of World War I.

There are funds available nationally if there are any young representatives (over 18's and/or with a guardian under 18) from organizations who would like to attend. Contact me for further details.

Pat Ayres - Secretary 770385

KEMBLE & EWEN WOMENS' INSTITUTE

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 15 March at 7pm in Kemble village hall. Our speaker will be Geoff Brown from the Severn Freewheelers who will talk on the work of the emergency voluntary service. All welcome from across the villages including members and guests who may be interested in hearing about this subject. Visitors pay £5 per meeting. If you would like to see our programme for the year just give me a call and I will gladly pop one through your door.

Pat Ayres - Secretary 770385

RODMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council meetings are held in Rodmarton village hall on the 3rd Tuesday of every third month at 7pm. The next meeting will be on 15 May and will include the AGM.

DUNTISBOURNE ABBOTS WI – NATTER AND NIBBLE

Due to illness we could not meet at Cotswold Farm in January but we did continue our Black ice and Bubbles theme into 2018! We met at Kate Beim's house for a "Natter and Nibble" – the natter was loud and continuous, the wine flowed and the nibbles were actually a feast, the tables groaning under the weight of a vast variety of delicious goodies. We voted on our resolutions and Jane Bell, our President, introduced all our enrichments groups for the benefit of several guests that we were pleased to welcome and as a reminder to our current members. We have Craft, Art, Theatre, Racing and Book Clubs and play skittles with enthusiasm but possibly not a lot of skill! After the meeting we were thrilled to welcome 5 new members.

In February we will have had a talk about Stress Management and Sleep from Janet Dowling. We will then be totally relaxed and looking forward to our March Talk – Thursday 15 March - which will be on The History of the Cup of Tea. Visitors and new recruits are always welcome- and obviously there will be a welcome cup of tea awaiting you from 7.30pm in the Duntisbourne Abbots village hall.

Our aim is to inform and entertain our members so CAMEO – come and meet each other. We welcome new members from anywhere in the surrounding area so do come along as a guest and meet us.

Kate Beim - 821102.

DANCE IN KEMBLE VILLAGE HALL

Spring into Spring with a dance in Kemble village hall on Saturday 24 March at 7.30pm.

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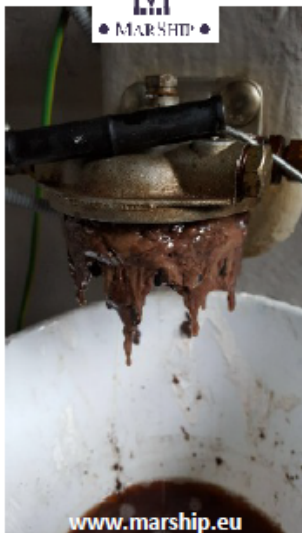
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Further details about the group in confidence can be obtained from Pat on 770385.

CLOSING DATE FOR THE APRIL 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 March at the latest for inclusion in the next month's issue.**

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

The visits for next two months will be on Tuesday 13 March and 10 April between 11.25am and 12.25pm outside the village hall.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

Thursday 1	7.30pm	Coates Gardening Club meeting
Friday 2	6pm	Family Games Night at Coates Village Club
Monday 5	7.30pm	Coates Parish Council meeting
Tuesday 6	11am	Service and Coffee at Woodstock, Frampton Mansell
Wednesday 7	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in St Peter's Court, Ashcroft Road, Cirencester
Saturday 10	7pm	Belly Dancing in Rodmarton Village Hall
Saturday 10		Coates Darts Tournament
Tuesday 13	11.25am	Mobile library visiting Coates
Wednesday 14	10am	Needles and Pins in Frampton Mansell Village Hall
Thursday 15	2.30pm	Good Companions Meeting
Thursday 15	7pm	Kemble & Ewen WI Meeting
Thursday 15	7.30pm	Duntisbourne Abbots WI Meeting
Tuesday 20	10.30am	Coates Community Coffee Morning
Tuesday 20	7.30pm	Frampton Mansell Film Night <i>Manchester by the Sea</i>
Good Friday 30	2 - 3.30pm	Messy Church at All Saints, Somerford Keynes

APRIL

Thursday 5	7.30pm	Coates Gardening Club meeting
Friday 6	6pm	Family Night at Coates Village Club
Tuesday 3	11am	Service and Coffee at Woodstock, Frampton Mansell
Wednesday 4	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in St Peter's Court, Ashcroft Road, Cirencester
Thursday 12	7pm	A talk by Julie Dolphin in Frampton Mansell Village Hall
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