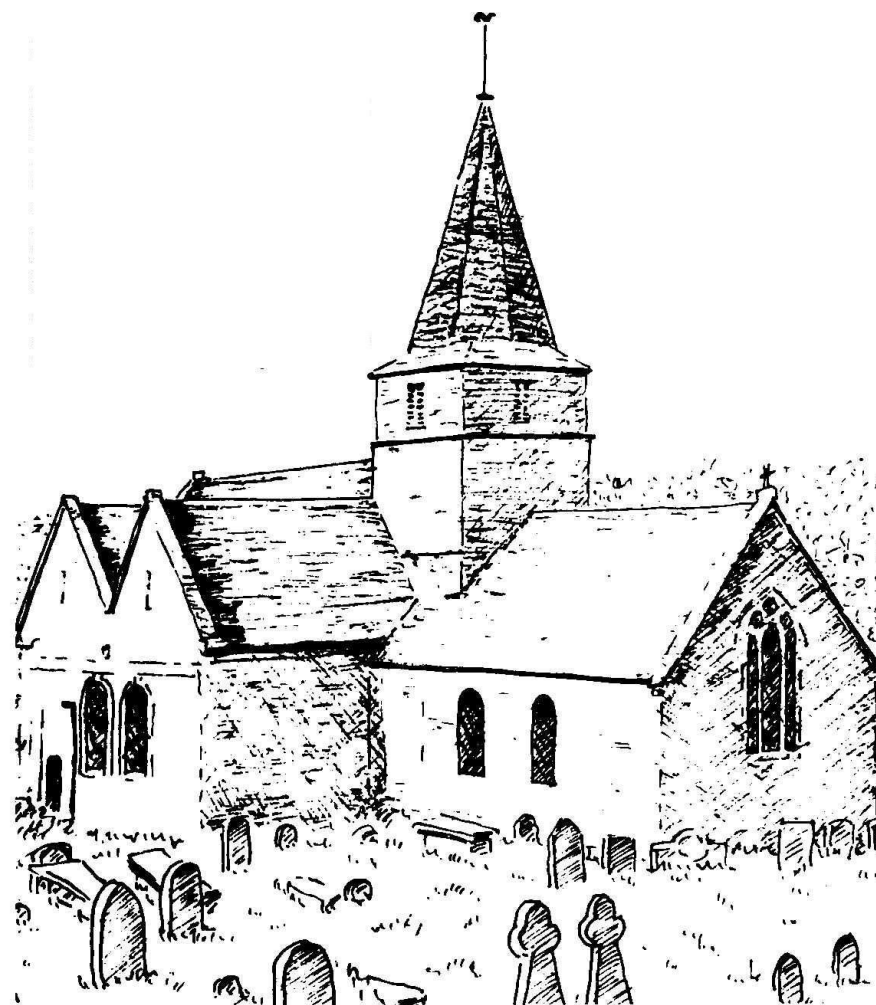


## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MARCH

Tuesday 5	11am	Service and Coffee at Woodstock, Frampton Mansell
Wednesday 6	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in St Peter's Court, Ashcroft Road, Cirencester
Thursday 7	7.30pm	Coates Gardening Club meeting
Saturday 9	7pm	Rodmarton Race Night
<b>Monday 11</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Coates Parish Council meeting</b>
Tuesday 12	11.25am	Mobile library visiting Coates
Tuesday 12	3pm	Coates Intercession Group
Tuesday 12	7pm	Sapperton & Frampton Mansell Parish Council Meeting in Sapperton
Wednesday 13	10am	Frampton Mansell Creative Group
Saturday 16	7pm	<i>Spring is in the Air</i> , Rodmarton Village Hall
Tuesday 19	10.30am	Coffee, Cake and Chat
Tuesday 19	7.30pm	Frampton Mansell Film Night <i>Bohemian Rhapsody</i>
Thursday 21	2.30pm	Good Companions meeting
Thursday 21	7pm	Kemble & Ewen WI meeting
Saturday 30	2pm	Messy Church at the Watershed RDA in Coates

# THE WATERSHED MAGAZINE



### MESSY CHURCH EVENTS FOR 2019

Most take place at Kemble School at 3.30pm. Those planned so far are:

**Saturday 30 March** - Activities for Mothering Sunday at Coates Riding for the Disabled stables 2 - 3.30pm

**Good Friday 19 April** - All Saints Church Somerford Keynes 2 - 3.30pm

**Sunday 19 May** - Kemble school

**Sunday 16 June** - Kemble school



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**March 2019**

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## MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

The visits for the next two months will be on Tuesday 12 March and 9 April between 11.25am and 12.25pm outside Coates village hall.



## 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](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 March at the latest for inclusion in the next month's issue.**

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE THIS MONTH

<b>Sunday 3 March</b>	<b>Sunday before Lent</b>
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
<b>Wednesday 6 March</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
19.30 Kemble	Imposition of Ashes
<b>Sunday 10 March</b>	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>
9.30 Kemble	Family Service
9.30 Coates	Family Service / Morning Prayer
9.30 Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
11.00 Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
11.00 Frampton Mansell	Morning Prayer / Family Service
11.00 Rodmarton	Family Service and APCM
<b>Sunday 17 March</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>
9.30 Kemble	Family Holy Communion
9.30 Coates	Holy Communion
9.30 Poole Keynes	Family Service
11.00 Somerford Keynes	All Age Service
11.00 Rodmarton	Holy Communion
11.00 Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion and APCM
<b>Wednesday 20 March</b>	Filling Station with Laura Mears
19.45 RAU	
<b>Sunday 24 March</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>
8.00 Tarlton	Holy Communion BCP
<b>10.00 Benefice Service at Rodmarton</b>	
15.00 Kemble	RBL Women's Section 75th Anniversary
<b>Saturday 30 March</b>	Mothering Sunday Messy Farm Club
14.00 Coates	
<b>Sunday 31 March</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>
9.30 Kemble	Family Service for Mothering Sunday
9.30 Coates	Breakfast
10.00 Coates	Short Mothering Sunday service
10.45 Somerford Keynes	Mothering Sunday service
11.00 Poole Keynes	Family Service with baptism
11.00 Rodmarton	Holy Communion + choir
11.00 Frampton Mansell	Family Service for Mothering Sunday

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

Hopefully Spring will really get steam on this month. I have never been fond of February; I think perhaps it just seems a long time since it was warm and that for a long time it has been damp. I really look forward to the lengthening of the days and the colour of spring flowers with all the promise of summer that comes with it. Hope springs eternal!

I think that is why the church has its festivals arranged the way it does (and yes I do know about the pre-Christian festivals that our many times ancestors held). Christmas brings light into the depth of winter and Lent falls in the hungry gap before the new growth brings fresh food and people survived on what was left of winter stores. Lent and Easter though, are the only celebrations we couldn't easily move because scripture tells us that Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and resurrection fall at the ancient Jewish Passover; the festival that celebrates the escape of Israel from slavery in Egypt. Both, therefore, fulfil the same purpose – freedom.

I would argue that there is no accident in that, of course, because Jesus' purpose is to fulfil the promise of God. Moses and Aaron bring Israel from slavery in one country to freedom in another and to reach it they have to cross an unknown wilderness. Jesus comes to lead us from slavery to ourselves to freedom with him and to do so he crosses the wilderness of death. I think for many the greatest stumbling block to faith is that our natural desire as human beings is to believe we are the authors of our own story, the controllers of our own destiny and perhaps most importantly the authors of our own criticism. Who is God, after all, that he might have an opinion on our choices and actions?

In our modern democracies, we are told everyone's opinion or choice is as valid as another's. It's a nice idea but it just isn't true. For example, on matters of astronomy, my opinion is not as weighty as that of an astrophysicist professor because, quite simply, I haven't studied the subject to the same depth. Likewise if God is, then his opinion or action is the only one that ultimately matters in describing truth.

Obviously as a Christian I believe in God, that the universe has purpose and intention given to it by that God who creates it and that he actually cares and has the capacity to be interested and active within his creation because he cares about it. Easter's story is a direct consequence of the nature of a God who cares.

Hope is at the heart of faith, for hope is about looking for the action of God and wanting to work with it. Faith is about believing that we are not all that is, however special God may have called us to be, and



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## LENT COURSE

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Tuesdays at 33 West Hay Grove, Kemble, GL7 6BE. (Liz Collins’s)

Wednesdays at The Rectory, Coates, GL7 6NR

Thursdays at ‘Caldicott’, The Street, Somerford Keynes, GL7 6DW (Dunn’s).

If you would like more information, please contact David Austin on 770654 or [revdavidAustin@gmail.com](mailto:revdavidAustin@gmail.com)

### LITTLE FISHES

meet Monday afternoons 2 - 4pm in term time. Open to all pre-school children and their carers. This is a good opportunity for fellowship and time to be supported and ‘mothered’ by the group of volunteers that run Little Fishes. It is a real time of joy and refreshment. Contact Pat Ferris on 770756.

### TIME OUT

The Time Out Bible discussion group for mothers of school age children in the benefice meets a couple of times each month at 10am on a Thursday.

For more details please contact Julie on 770123 or email [julieallen47@btinternet.com](mailto:julieallen47@btinternet.com) or [juliepaulmorton@onetel.com](mailto:juliepaulmorton@onetel.com)

### FILLING STATION

The Cirencester Filling Station meets next on Wednesday 20 March at the Royal Agricultural University at 7.45pm in Room 7, the Emrys Jones Building. We are looking forward to welcoming Laura Mears



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- ◇ 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)

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## NEWS FROM COATES

### NEW VILLAGE BAR

After months of refurbishing we now have a fantastic, modern, new village bar.

It is a cosy place to meet up with friends and neighbours, available to all residents on Friday and Saturday evenings and during village events. If you're new to the village, come down and join us for a drink.



- **Early opening Friday 1 March @ 6pm – Gin tasting - Come and try locally sourced gins.**
- **ENGLAND 6 NATIONS rugby games live at the village bar**
  - Saturday 9 Mar 16:45 - England vs Italy
  - Saturday 16 Mar 17:00 - England vs Scotland

We're looking for a few more volunteers to help run the bar. If you're interested, please email Joel at [coatesclubrota@gmail.com](mailto:coatesclubrota@gmail.com).

Our well stocked bar is open from 8pm to 11pm Friday and Saturday so don't be shy, we'd love to see you there. We also have a comprehensive wine list, a local guest ale each week, and a range of soft drinks.

For details of last minute events, join our email list by emailing [coatessocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:coatessocialclub@gmail.com). If you have any questions about forthcoming events then please contact Tara Davidson, or follow the **Coates Village** Facebook page.

## Coates Produce Show 2019

Save the date!

**Saturday 7 September at Coates Village Hall**

The schedule is on the **Coates Village** Facebook page and the Coates Parish website (<http://www.coatesparish.org.uk>) and has something for everyone including exciting new categories!

To receive it via email or print, please contact Tara Davidson  
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## BRISTOL TEXTILE RECYCLE BANK (BTR)

We have made a great start this year. Already in January, BTR has collected twice. Let's see if we can surpass the £400 raised in 2018! All funds from this project go towards the maintenance of Coates village hall. With spring around the corner, many of you will no doubt be doing some sorting out, and BTR accepts clothing, soft toys, pairs of shoes and bedding (but not duvets or pillows). The BTR Textile bank ('the clothing bin') is beside the other recycling bins near the village hall. Please remember to place all donations in a bag – paper or plastic.

Thank you.

## THANK YOU FROM DEE PERKS FAMILY

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that helped our mother's funeral to be so special; she would have been so proud. And due to your generosity we have so far raised £430 for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Thank you again.

Our thanks also go to those who couldn't be there because of the icy conditions on the roads but who held us in their thoughts on the day. Kim, Leigh and family x



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## NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

revise their beliefs. This child is a fighter, and may yet play rugby (any level will do, including Gloucester).

Grandparenthood is a joy, because one can escape – make some excuse about needing to get home to feed the cats, and then go and nod off in front of Call The Midwife. I try to help by doing the washing up and putting things away in the wrong place so that they are never found again. To date, my main achievement has been sending a grumbly lad off into a deep sleep, so that his mother could conk out upstairs for a couple of hours. That was easy, I recited the first twenty lines or so of Milton's Paradise Lost: the baby's eyes glazed over and off he went, dreaming no doubt about scoring between the posts at Twickenham – and I don't care who for.

Matthew Oates

## KEMBLE AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

### Invitation to past and present members

A very warm welcome as well to all the RBL members. The branch will hold a service to acknowledge its 75th year of formation on Sunday 24 March in All Saints church Kemble at 3pm followed by an anniversary tea in the village hall. There will be a display of the many photos of events that have taken place during those years as well as National and County certificates awarded to the branch.

Sadly Dee Perks, a member who would have been 90 this year, passed away and her funeral was held in Coates Church on 2 February. Dee was a valued member coming along to meetings regularly and in the past willingly collecting for the poppy appeal.

If you would like to join us and become a member do get in touch.

Pat Ayres - Secretary 770385

## KEMBLE & EWEN WOMENS' INSTITUTE

All welcome to Kemble village hall on Thursday 21 March at 7pm when Jacky Robertson speaks on '50, Bald and One Breast. Come along as a visitor you would be most welcome and you may get hooked!

Pat Ayres secretary 770385





## NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

and nutrients. The advantage of using this organic approach is continuous use of the ground for growing.

During dry, settled sunny days check garden furniture for maintenance, an application of teak oil to wood or paint to metal items adds many future years of use.

Garden birds will be nesting from now on, so wait until next autumn or winter to prune large shrubs, hedges and trees.

The most important element for good growing is the longer day length; very soon we will back to Summer Time!

Sally Oates

### ADVENTURES WITH GRANDPARENTHOOD

Becoming a grandparent is not something one can plan. Nonetheless, that stage in life has now been achieved for us, but in highly challenging circumstances. Our first grandchild was coming into this world, or into Brexit Britain to be precise, quite easefully, until it was found that the umbilical cord was wrapped around his neck and that the poor chap was in danger of being strangled at birth. This necessitated a panic transfer from Cheltenham to Gloucester hospitals mid-labour, with blue lights flashing through the inevitable contraflow roadworks. Gloucester sorted him out, with forceps, though being born there precludes the lad from playing rugby for his maternal grandfather's club, Bath.

A few days later it was discovered that the baby's heart was malfunctioning; the pulmonary veins were misconnected, so that oxygenated 'blue' blood was bypassing the heart. I don't quite understand how he was still alive but he was. In such situations all one can do is pray, harder. More flashy blue lights, this time into the very epicentre of traffic gridlock, Bristol. The staff at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children were utterly amazing, though they seemed rather blasé about the situation, as they are used to dealing with far worse. Within a week he was back home, having inadvertently qualified to play rugby for Bristol.

He has been discharged, and is now doing all the things which little baby boys normally do: keeping his parents awake all night, over-indulging at the breast and regurgitating vehemently, pooing immediately his nappy had been changed, and peeing into his dad's eye. We don't care: He's alive, and that's all that matters! And he's thriving. Will those who don't believe in miracles, or the NHS, kindly

### COATES GARDENING CLUB

The programme for 2019 will begin on Thursday 7 March at 7.30pm in Coates village hall when Philippa Moore will describe to us the making of her recently published book, *Coates, the Story of an English Village*. This beautifully produced publication is the result of her many years of detailed research with contributions, memories and photographs from villagers past and present. It will be fascinating to hear how it all came together. After her talk Pippa will be very happy to answer questions and discuss any points we care to raise.

This event is open to all for only £3, so do feel welcome to come along. There will be refreshments and a raffle, and we can promise an excellent evening about the history of our village.

Margaret Reynolds

### COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY

The February draw for the Coates village lottery was held at the monthly coffee morning. Our prize winners were:

First prize	£50	No 20	Peter Bond
Second prize	£30	No 57	Bob Merrill
Third prize	£20	No 05	John Mixture

This year's lottery profits will be split equally between the funds we are gathering for improvements to the club room and kitchen.

New members are welcome to join at any time: the cost is £4 per month, with a minimum stake of £12 for 3 months.

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## THE GOOD COMPANIONS

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N Vizer



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## NOTES FROM CULKERTON

### GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH

A very exciting month, in horticultural terms, being ready to start the new growing season with new plantings, some protected with extra heat inside and others in the garden plots. As we experienced last year, winter can have a finale of cold, unpleasant weather. It can be best to err on the cautious side; don't get over excited and plant too early. Seeds can wait until early April if need be. Some of the hardier seeds for sowing when conditions permit are parsnips, broad beans, round seeded spinach, peas, carrots, turnips, cabbages, Brussels sprouts, and leeks.

Inside the house, a warm windowsill, a heated propagator or my favoured location our airing cupboard, can be used to start germinating tomatoes, peppers and aubergines. These seedlings must be given good light as soon as the shoots appear to avoid leggy stems; shorter and strong are best.

Have all you need for successful growing ready. Plots need to be cleared of weeds and compost added, either as mulch or gently forked into the ground. Seeds, bulbs or tubers need to have been chosen, and a basic plan made of where these will be sown or planted out to grow. Seed trays, small pots and heated propagators must clean and checked.

It can be easy to get carried away with quantities of plants and space available. In the veg plot it is possible to work out how many of each variety are likely to be needed for the kitchen. Baby salad leaves are grown in a small area, cropped early and replaced with successional sowings, cut and come again crops like salad bowl lettuce, chard or kale give useful amounts from only a few plants. Bulb onions need a larger plot for sets, however they will only be in the ground from end of March to an August harvest.

As hedges, soft fruit and roses come into growth with new leaves, apply a liquid plant food, my preference is diluted seaweed feed. Home made nettle compost tea, diluted 1:10 can be used in the same way. Collect rainwater whenever possible for garden use. Last year's dry hot summer showed the value of doing this.

Much as I prefer to grow perennial plants, the bindweed has become too invasive in some parts of the garden, the best solution is to grow only annuals in these areas for a few seasons. By cultivating the ground several times during the year, bindweed roots and shoots are more effectively removed, denying the deep roots energy from sunlight

## RODMARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Easter is coming early to Rodmarton School this year with Acorn class pupils hatching their very own Easter chicks in the classroom! As part of the ethical Ready to Hatch programme, the chicks will hatch during the first five days and the children will be responsible for looking after them for the first few weeks of their lives.

Meanwhile, Sapling class continues its study of the Victorians with a visit to Tetbury Police Museum and Courtroom which is dedicated to the history of the Gloucestershire Constabulary, founded in 1839. And Oak class is focussing on art and DT in its studies of all things South American. This month the children will be designing and making their own Mayan masks.

As part of last month's Children's Mental Health week, the children took part in activities to help promote good mental health and, in line with this national initiative, the school has developed both a nurture and sensory room for all pupils to use.

Nurture groups are a short-term, focussed, intervention for children with particular social, emotional and behavioural difficulties which might create a barrier to learning within a mainstream class, while the sensory room provides a unique and stimulating learning environment that allows pupils, including those with specific learning needs, to thrive.

Once the development of the rooms –which has been funded by several grants - is complete, we will have a grand opening. The local authority has already recognised our resource and would like us to showcase our provision to other local schools.

Our sporting achievements continue with year 5 pupils Charlotte and Mary finishing 4th and 10th in the Cirencester District Cross Country meaning they now go through to the county finals. And pupils are practicing hard for an upcoming netball competition.

Later this term, pupils will be taking part in litter-picks around the village and surrounding area between 22 March and 23 April as part of the Great Big School Clean 2019.

Our little school continues to grow and thrive and, once again, we are oversubscribed this year with 30 applications for our 2019 Reception Class. We look forward to hearing which children will be joining us in September.

And finally, there are still a few tickets available for our Race Night on Saturday 9 March which, as well as a night "at the races", includes a fish and chip supper, auction, raffle and bar. Tickets are £10 and available from the school.

Nutty xx <https://www.rodmartonschool.co.uk/> 01285 841284

## NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

### TWO REFLECTIONS ON LOVE AND CARE

Resolution for 2019 *Less about 'Me' and more about 'We'*.

Children remind us to laugh and be joyful; their excitement is infectious. I am sure you witnessed some of this over the Christmas season. I was reminded when I went to visit 2 year old twins this week. Their story is remarkable and I am sure it is echoed throughout the world but it is good to see it up close. Mum and Dad working round the clock to earn enough money to afford their home and needs. Granma working full time and coming to help with the bedtime routine each day as Dad is working. She also baby sits so that the young couple can have a night out. God bless Grandparents, there are so many wonderful stories of how they are caring and loving towards their children and grandchildren.

An additional part to this story is that Great Granny of 95 came to visit but ended up in hospital. When she was due to return to her home before Christmas, the mother of the twins could not bear for her to go home alone, so insisted she stayed. As if there wasn't enough to do with twins AND working. She loved her Granny so much. She told me she was a beautiful, peaceful addition to the house and she loved being with the children. She would read to them and sing their songs with actions!

Hearing this story and witnessing these lives up close for a day made me experience the joy and laughter with the children but the caring and loving was the key to it all. The love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

### SERVICE AND COFFEE

We hold a said communion service, followed by coffee normally on the first Tuesday of the month at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell.

**This month we will be meeting on Tuesday 5 March.**

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 & FRAMPTON MANSELL PARISH COUNCIL

The next meetings of the parish council will be as follows:

- Tuesday 12 March - Sapperton Village Hall
- Tuesday 9 April - Frampton Mansell Village Hall

The meetings start at 7pm.

Contact details for the clerk are Barbara (Babs) Maloney on 760276 or 07958 116794 and email [sappertonFMPC@gmail.com](mailto:sappertonFMPC@gmail.com)

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections to Cotswold District Council (CDC) and every town and parish council within the Cotswold district will take place on 2 May 2019. All seats on Sapperton parish council will be subject to the election process. Nomination papers will be available from the CDC website from Monday 18 February. Anyone wishing to stand as a candidate must submit a completed nomination paper to the Returning Officer at CDC by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 3 April.

The process of putting yourself forward for the role of parish councillor is quite straightforward and we would urge any eligible person in the parish to consider nominating themselves and supporting their community in this way. For more information, please contact Babs Maloney, Parish Clerk, on 760276 or visit the website <http://www.sapfmpc.uk/> in the lead up to the election date for further details.



## Needles and Pins

The Creative Group will be meeting again on **Wednesday 13 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](mailto:thowes51@gmail.com)



# SPRING FUNDRAISER & RODMARTON RACE NIGHT

A charity Fish and Chip Supper, Auction, Raffle and Race Night  
in support of the Friends of Rodmarton School



Come and enjoy a fun evening with friends with the excitement of the races. Don't miss out and get under starter's orders by booking one of our racehorse themed tables.



Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm – 11.00pm Rodmarton Village Hall.



Tickets are available from the school office and are sold in tables of 8 costing £10 per person. Price includes entry and a fish and chip supper. If you are unable to fill a table please let us know and we can join you with others.



Bets on horses are placed at the event and cost £1 each. There will be a paying bar and Charity Auction. Only cash payments accepted, credit card services are not available.

This event is proudly sponsored by



For further information contact  
[alexbransby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alexbransby@hotmail.co.uk)

# CIRENCESTER CRICKET CLUB



## Cricket for Women and Girls 2019

Women's cricket has had a massive boost since the success of England women's cricketers. Many of us have watched play on TV, perhaps you have helped at All Stars cricket introducing our young children to cricket or supported friends or family who play.

You may never have played cricket or maybe played a little but not sure if you are any good. You may find you have a talent for bowling, batting or fielding; you don't have to be the next Anya Shrubsole to play, it is enough that you enjoy it. If all this still does not grip you, what about **learning to Score**, or **Umpire**? We have training for women and girls available this spring at Cirencester Cricket Club and we would **love** you to come along and join us.

**We are looking to recruit all ages from the All Stars to Women's**

**No previous experience necessary  
If you think you might be interested  
please email me.**

**[annrmccurdy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annrmccurdy@hotmail.co.uk)**



## FRIENDS TAKE ON THE BATHALF FOR RODMARTON SCHOOL

An intrepid seven-strong team of parents from Rodmarton Primary School will be taking part in the Bathalf marathon later this month to raise funds for The Friends of Rodmarton School.

The team, which includes Rodmarton's Kate Tingle, and Alex and Ross Bransby, Bryher Grimes from Tarlton, and Samantha Blomfield-Smith from Sapperton, has spent the last few months training hard around the lanes of our villages.

The runners (who have a combined age of 324!) hope to raise thousands of pounds for Rodmarton school by taking part in the 13.1 mile race on Sunday 17 March.

To sponsor them, please visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/rodmartonfriendsbathalf> or contact the school on 841284.

## FRAMPTON MANSELL VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 30 April at 7.30pm

The Village Hall Committee invites you to this year's AGM. Your views on how we run the village hall are always important and more so this year as we have reviewed the governance document by which we operate within the Charity Commission.

Our existing Trust Deed was written in 1954 so it is a little out of date in terms of the current Charity Commission procedures and guidelines. The amendments we are suggesting will be posted on the village hall website in early April.

**Join us for Cheese and Wine from 7pm**



**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**

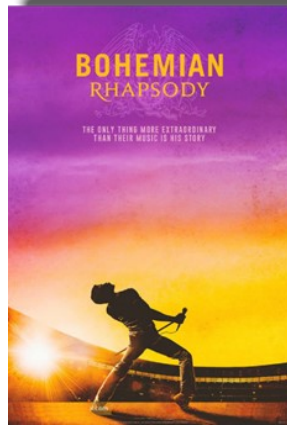
# FRAMPTON MANSELL

VILLAGE HALL  
Tuesday 19 March

at 7.30pm

## Bohemian Rhapsody

Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Freddie defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound. They reach unparalleled success, but in an unexpected turn Freddie, surrounded by darker influences, shuns Queen in pursuit of his solo career. Having suffered greatly without the collaboration of Queen, Freddie manages to reunite with his bandmates just in time for Live Aid. While bravely facing a recent AIDS diagnosis, Freddie leads the band in one of the greatest performances in the history of rock music.



Tickets £3.50 per person

Doors open @ 7pm. Film starts @ 7.30pm

Tea, coffee, homemade cakes and ice creams available

## NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON

### RODMARTON CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Forthcoming choir services are:

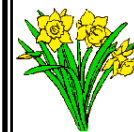
Sunday 31 March at 11am      Mothering Sunday

### BENEFICE SERVICE

The Benefice service will be held at St Peter's, Rodmarton, on Sunday 24 March. This will be a celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation so do please come and join us.

### RODMARTON QUIZ NIGHT

What a great success this evening was, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. And it raised a goodly sum for the Rodmarton PCC as well, and so many thanks to all who came and so generously supported us, and also to those who helped so willingly behind the scenes to make it such a success. Thank you!



### Spring is in the Air

Celebrating the art of singing and dance by

**BelCanto Voice Studio**

and

**Ballyhoo Dance & Theatre School**

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

In Rodmarton Village Hall at 7.00 pm



(Doors open 6.30 pm)

Tickets £6.00 --under 16s free

Refreshments available

In aid of the

**PIED PIPER APPEAL**

Making a difference to sick and disabled children in Gloucestershire by providing equipment for hospitals and schools and also resources for respite care and mental health.



For tickets & enquiries

01285 841452 or 654591 or 770230



### RODMARTON & TARLTON FIESTA Saturday 15 June 2019 at Rodmarton Village Hall

Our annual Fiesta in aid of the churches of St Peter's and St Osmund's will be held on Saturday 15 June. Cricket Match, Dog Show, BBQ, Pimms, and many activities (old and new) for all the family. All to be confirmed, but please put the date in the diary now.



## Frampton Mansell Village Choir

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



MONDAYS 7pm - 8:30pm

at Frampton Mansell Village Hall

£2.50 per week

No previous experience necessary

Songs are taught by ear, no music reading skills required

Open to ALL ages, male & female

BE PART OF IT!

Interested? Please get in touch with Lucy!

W: [www.framptonmansell.uk](http://www.framptonmansell.uk) E: [choir@framptonmansell.uk](mailto:choir@framptonmansell.uk) T: 07866 447725