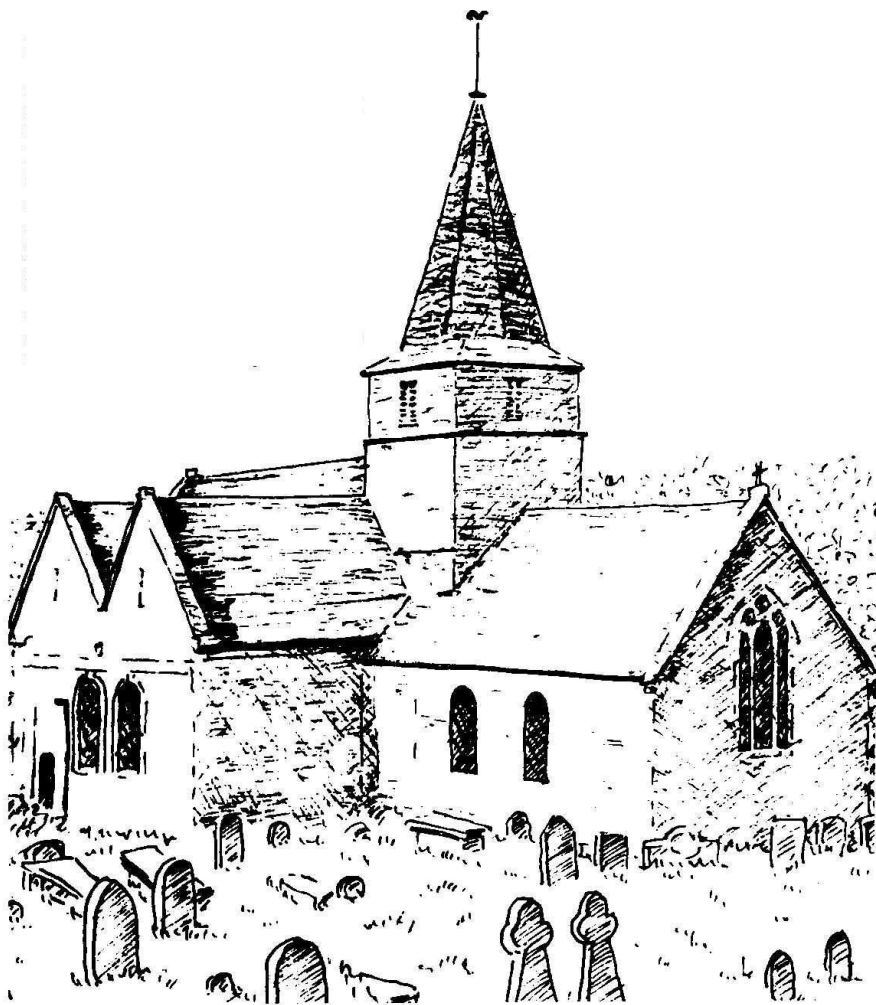


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For those with access to the internet the following links will take you to our website pages:

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

For an outline of all our Sunday services: <http://www.thamesheadchurches.org.uk/services/>

The Thameshead Benefice

St. Matthew, Coates: All Saints, Kemble: St. Michael and All Angels, Poole Keynes: St. Kenelm, Sapperton with St. Luke, Frampton Mansell: St. Peter, Rodmarton with St. Osmund, Tarlton: All Saints, Somerford Keynes with All Saints, Shorncliffe

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

7 July		Sixth Sunday after Trinity
10.00	Kemble	Communion (streamed) + Children's Church
10.00	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
11.00	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
11.00	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer
14 July		Seventh Sunday after Trinity
9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
11.00	Kemble	Source Garden Service
11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
21 July		Eighth Sunday after Trinity
10.00	Kemble	Morning Prayer (streamed)
10.00	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
11.00	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
11.00	Frampton Mansell	Morning Prayer
11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer
28 July		Ninth Sunday after Trinity
8.00	Tarlton	Holy Communion BCP
10.00	Frampton Mansell	Benefice Service
4 August		Tenth Sunday after Trinity
10.00	Kemble	Communion (streamed) + Children's Church
10.00	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
11.00	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
11.00	Sapperton	Holy Communion
11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer
11 August		Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
10.00	Kemble	Morning Prayer
11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
18 August		Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
10.00	Kemble	Morning Prayer (streamed)
10.00	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer

FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

18 August (cont)	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
11.00 Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
11.00 Frampton Mansell	Morning Prayer
11.00 Rodmarton	Holy Communion
25 August	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
8.00 Tarlton	Holy Communion BCP
10.00 Kemble	Benefice Service
1 September	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.00 Kemble	Communion (streamed) + Children's Church
10.00 Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
11.00 Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
11.00 Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
11.00 Rodmarton	Morning Prayer
18.00 33 West Hay Grove	Evening Source

TIMES OF TRANSITION

Dear Friends,

Summer is a time for many to relax, to watch sports and to spend time with family and friends. It can also be a time of transitions.

Across our Benefice, year 6 students are preparing to finish primary school and transition to secondary education. Year 11 and older students have been taking exams and preparing to finish Secondary School, College, or University. There may, too, be some who are looking forward to retiring from work.

For myself and my family, this summer will mark a transition in where we live, work, and play as my time serving the 6 parishes that make up the Thameshead Benefice comes to an end in July. We will then move so that I can begin serving the people of Hucclecote in Gloucester from early September. There will be a special service there, and it would be lovely to celebrate with you if you can make it.

As we reach these points of transition, it's natural to look back as well as forwards. What have been your highlights over the past 18 months? What have been the moments of joy, and what have been the difficult moments? Do they seem different now than they did when you were in the thick of it?

Back in February 2023 as I introduced myself to you, I took the opportunity to share the Methodist Covenant Prayer:

Lord God, I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,
Praised for you or criticized for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to your Glory and Service.
And now, O wonderful and Holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
you are mine and I am yours.
Let the covenant which I have made on earth also be made in
heaven. Amen.

Reflecting on time with the Benefice, there has been plenty of doing and working, a little in the way of suffering, praising and criticism. Times of being both full and empty, of celebrating God the Creator and all creation, Jesus the Redeemer and what it means to be redeemed, of seeking and being sustained by the Holy Spirit.

In all of that, God has been faithfully at work, even when I couldn't see or understand at the time. It has been wonderful to get to know so many children and adults across our different communities and to share this part of the journey with you.

It has been a privilege to be your Curate, and it will not be easy leaving. I am excited to see where the next step of your journey will take you, even if it will be from Gloucester. Thank you for everything, or in the words of Douglas Adams "so long, and thanks for all the fish".

God bless,

Joe



NEWS FROM COATES

TEXTILE BANK DONATIONS

TIME TO BRING OUT THOSE SUMMER CLOTHES

The month of June heralds the start of summer and time to put away those winter woollies.

The **C & G (Care and Giving) Coates Textile Bank** positioned with the other recycling bins opposite the village hall offers a convenient way to donate items no longer used.

Such items include: **paired shoes – clothing – handbags and belts – bedsheets – duvet COVERS – soft toys** to name but few.

By donating for recycling (rather than going to landfill) this offers an environmentally friendly option as well providing clothes for third nation countries.

Importantly it also raises well needed funds for the ongoing improvements to your village hall and benefit to our community.



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**NEXT: Tuesday 16 July & 13 August
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**10.30am to 12 noon Coates Village Hall
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**£4 Two bakes of your choice + bottomless tea/coffee
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Well behaved dogs welcome



See our notices on the village hall notice board & Coates parish website or contact us on 770596 / 07794 678 928

COATES CINEMA CLUB



We are very excited to announce changes to **COATES CINEMA** which are happening for the start of our new season recommencing in September.

Our first year has established Coates Cinema movie nights firmly on the social calendar under the Rural Cinema scheme.

The committee has decided to take the next step forward to expand our choices of films with the purchase of a special movie license. *This will offer to you a much wider selection of film choices from Netflix, Disney, SKY, Paramount, Prime in addition to live steaming including the latest film releases as well as classical older films.*

To bring this about we plan to make COATES CINEMA CLUB a membership organisation from September 2024. Membership will be £40 per annum (2024 – 2025) showing at least 10 films during that time. This means that you pay only £4 instead of £5 previously and see more films. Members will be able to sign in a guest for £5 per film screening.

We will welcome suggestions of film choices from members and strive to access these from the film production companies ***BUT this can only be possible if we have sufficient people becoming members and the committee needs your active support.***

In financial terms this means that instead of having to pay 40% of previous sales tickets to Rural Cinema, monies saved and accrued will allow us to not only purchase top quality films for you the viewing public but will also be directed to the ongoing improvements to your village hall.

We are pleased to say that the same format will continue in terms of welcome refreshments on offer from the village hall kitchen and the village club on arrival and during the intermission. Complimentary chocolate/s too!!

There will be no film screenings during the for the months of July and August

For further information or to find out how and when to become a member please contact either:

SIMON LARGE on 220558 or simon.large@sky.com

JAN EDMONDS on 07506061248 or janedmonds27@yahoo.com

The Village Club

— COATES —

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Open 8pm to 11pm, Friday & Saturday evenings
First Friday of the month

Monthly QUIZ night

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Bar opens at 6.30pm with the quiz from 7pm

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20 July

Cocktails

10 August

Gin Tasting

14 September

Table tennis tournament

(Call Jo to enter 07837 261676)

Bastille Day Boules Tournament - 14 July @ 2pm

Adults: £5 per team of 2 (includes baguette and
cheese)

Free for Children

Please submit entries to Paul Atkinson by Friday 12
July paulophotonut@gmail.com

Keep an eye on the Village Newsletter and the Coates Village
Facebook page for last minute event details...

Please email coatesvillageclub@gmail.com for more info

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information.

Coates Christmas Fair In aid of Cobalt

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Save the date - Saturday 23 November 10am-4pm

Find your perfect Christmas gift with art and craft stalls, children's Christmas activities and a raffle.

Refreshments available throughout the day

Anyone interested in running a stall (£10) or helping organise the event please contact Alison 07941 377383 or amaydom@hotmail.com

CIRENCESTER EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

The next meetings in Coates Village Hall are on Wednesday 3 July and 7 August at 7.30pm.

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NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

HOLIDAYS/HOLYDAYS?

Suddenly half the year has passed and the summer holidays are upon us, where did that time go? Or where did the tradition of holidays come from? We all love a holiday; a Bank Holiday, a visit overseas or a stay-at-home break is always welcome. Many of us enjoy revisiting favourite holiday spots over and over again and make regular pilgrimages without realising the significance of this practice.

Deeply rooted in religious traditions is the need to take time to visit places of significant experiences, and this happens across all faiths and none. It is natural for us as human beings to connect with the encounters of our fellow humans or pilgrims on our journey through life. From the stories of Creation we know that a day of rest – a holy day - is given for our wellbeing, to reflect on all that we have and all that we are and rejoice in it.

For those who hold a belief system, different days are held as Holidays, but we all benefit from the Christian holydays since they are part of our national calendar. Christmas is a prime example of this as is Easter, marking the birth of Jesus and his death and resurrection respectively. But the Whitsun Bank Holiday also came to us through acknowledgement of Ascension Day and Pentecost, sometimes referred to as White Sunday and the birthday of the Christian Church.

We have already enjoyed two holidays this year, the first was an official Pilgrimage to the island of Iona where St Columba brought Christianity to Scotland. Our second break took us to County Durham where we shared a house with longstanding friends and enjoyed walking and fellowship and revisiting familiar places. Both trips gave very similar experiences even though in different places and with different people. Perhaps it was the expectation that made them so alike? The intention was to have “time out” to just “be” rather than “do” and allow the days to carry us rather than feel driven to fill the days with too much.

However or whatever the holiday season brings for you, may you be blessed, feel rested, find peace with loved ones, enjoy the places and people you meet. May you feel “whole” once more, refreshed and ready to return to the everyday again, that is what a Holyday is all about!



Thameshead
Ladies
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Come & Join our us for a relaxed evening in the gardens at Kemble House
ALL WELCOME
-
PIMMS AND STRAWBERRIES

Wednesday 17 July 2024

7.15pm to 9pm

Venue:

Kemble House, Kemble, Cirencester, GL7 6AD

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Contact:

Lucinda Turner 07881 825895

Aileen Shaw 07807 199602

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SERVICE AND COFFEE

We hold a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month. The next one will be on **Tuesday 2**



July 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?

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Village Craft Groups

10am - 12pm...

2nd Wednesday of the month at Frampton Mansell Village Hall

NEW 4th Wednesday of the month at Sapperton Village Hall *NEW*

Whatever your craft: Knitting - Crochet - Embroidery - Felting - Tapestry - Sewing

Whatever your skill level - From beginners to professional crafters

Do please come along with your crafting project and join us! Share ideas and knowledge, and have a chat and a laugh over a cup of tea or coffee with home-made cakes and biscuits... and hopefully make some new friends and progress on your project too!

Cost: £3 - Includes refreshments

For more information please contact...

Teresa - Frampton Mansell - Email: thowes51@gmail.com

Jill - Sapperton - Email: allawayjill2780@hotmail.com





Entry Schedule

Saturday 7 September
2024

Entries to hall 11am - 12noon

Produce Show from 3pm onwards
with stalls, bar, refreshments,
games, raffle and BBQ

ENTRIES

Entries are free and can be made in writing to Tara, 24 May Tree Close, Coates *or by email to tara@tarajaniceramics.com* stating your name and section numbers you wish to enter.

Please submit your entries by Saturday 31 August.

RULES

1. All exhibits with the exception of flower arranging **must have been made or grown by the exhibitor.**
2. All exhibits are to be put in place between 11am and 12 noon.
3. No exhibitor is allowed more than one entry in any section.
4. Exhibitor's names must not be visible on the exhibits.
5. Children must enter their entire section to be eligible for a prize.
6. In section 8, children's ages and school year must be displayed on all exhibits.
7. If children compete in adult sections 1-7, then ages must not appear on exhibits. *(Points from these entries will not count towards the Family Cup.)*
8. No exhibits to be removed before 4.30pm
9. The judge's decision is final.

TROPHIES

Family Cup	most points in show by one family (parents and children). Please refer to rule 7.
Flower Cup	most points in section 1
Fruit/Veg Cup	most points in section 2
Domestic Cup	most points in section 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

Section 1 - Flowers

1. One single stemmed rose
2. Vase of 6 dahlias
3. Vase of garden flowers – 6 of one variety
4. Sweet peas - 6 stems in a vase
5. A flowering pot plant, max pot size 10” diameter

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. 3 courgettes
7. A plate of 5 different vegetables, one of each.
8. 3 apples of the same variety
9. 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 Coffee & Walnut cake
4. 4 sausage rolls
5. 6 shortbread biscuits
6. Victoria Sandwich cake (MEN only category as per the recipe provided.)
7. 1 bottle of homemade liqueur
8. 1 bottle of homemade beer

Section 4 – Flower arranging

1. An arrangement in a Tea cup or Mug
2. A button-hole arrangement

Section 5 – Crafts

Any item of craft using any method e.g. knitting, card making, patchwork, tapestry, cross stitch, ceramics, stone carving, leatherwork, sugar craft, woodwork, pyrography, felting, ...
(This is not a complete list. If in doubt, please ask if your entry will be suitable)

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 one or more animals max 7”x5”

Section 8 – Children: Reception to School Year 11

8 a) Reception to School Year 2

1. Bake and decorate 5 homemade cookies.
2. On A4 size – paint a picture of an animal.
3. Decorate a face mask.

8 b) School Years 3-6

1. Draw or paint your favourite meal on a paper plate.
2. Bake and decorate 5 homemade cupcakes
3. A photograph of a ‘Vehicle’ - max 7”x5”

8 c) School Years 7-11

1. A photograph of ‘Trees’ - max 7”x5”
2. Bake 5 homemade brownies
3. An A4 poster for the perfect holiday

Section 3.6 Men-only Recipe

Victoria Sandwich

225g (8oz) softened butter

225g (8oz) caster sugar

4 large eggs

225g (8oz) self-raising

flour

2 level teaspoons baking powder

For the filling and Topping:

4 tablespoons jam of your choice

a little castor sugar

for sprinkling

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/Fan 160°C /Gas 4. Grease 2 20cm (8in) sandwich tins and line the base of each tin with baking parchment.
2. Measure butter, sugar, eggs, flour & baking powder into a large bowl & beat until thoroughly blended. Divide the mixture evenly between the tins & level out.
3. Bake in pre-heated oven for about 25 minutes or until well risen. Leave to cool in the tins for a few minutes, then turn out, peel off the parchment and finish cooling on a wire rack.
4. When completely cold, sandwich the cakes together with the jam. Sprinkle with castor sugar to serve.

SAPPERTON SCHOOL

Another month has passed – and what a month it has been at Sapperton School. It began with a successful morning at Deer Park with everyone in Key Stage 2 competing in the District Sport athletics event. There were so many wonderful individual achievements, as well as our relay teams doing incredibly well. Three of our children managed to win their events and so qualified for the finals coming up really soon. Well done to them and good luck!



In amongst all our learning at school, we have broadened our understanding by getting out and about, and seeing and doing things in other settings. We went on residential for a week to the Malvern Hills. This involved an overabundance of giggles, a plethora of excitement and a deluge of new experiences. Maple and Beech class visited Kemble Airfield, going onboard a jumbo jet amongst other planes and looked at the science how planes fly. This support their learning about the Wright Brothers and how they have changed how so many people travel around the world every day. Rowan class are visiting the Corinium Museum to support their topic on Settlers in Britain and will be archaeologists for the afternoon, using local graves to make inferences about the people lived nearby.

Our PTA Summer Fete was amazing. Elder class held a Young Enterprise competition and we had to design and create our own way of making money on a stall. Izzy carried out a silent auction and raised over £100 profit! We loved being giving this opportunity to explore ideas and loved working together to be as successful as possible. This was not the only fun on offer! There was a fire engine that we could climb in; a bouncy castle that kept the younger children bouncing; delicious burgers and endless beverages to choose between and a “splash the teacher” stand that seemed the most lucrative. We managed to raise a huge amount of money and we are so pleased to have played our part. We would like to thank those who helped put it on because what they do makes an enormous different to the experiences we have at school.

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KEMBLE & DISTRICT RBLWS

Gloucester City RBLWS are holding a 90th anniversary 'Remember Me' ball in Robinswood Hill Hotel 7pm to 12 midnight on Saturday 20 July please contact me for more details.

Our members will be getting together very soon to discuss the way forward and considering our options. A speaker will be invited and we shall have our usual afternoon tea.

Pat Ayres chair/sec

NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON

RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON NEWS

Forthcoming services at St Peter's Rodmarton and St Osmund's
Tarlton

30 June 11am St Peter's Patronal Festival: Holy Communion

7 July 11am at Rodmarton: Morning Prayer with Baptism

14 July 11am at Rodmarton: Holy Communion

21 July 11am at Rodmarton: Morning Prayer

28 July 8am Holy Communion BCP at Tarlton

6pm Evening Prayer at Rodmarton

4 August 11am Morning Prayer

11 August 11am Morning Prayer

18 August 11am Feast Of St Mary The Virgin: Holy Communion

25 August 8am Holy Communion BCP at Tarlton

6pm Evening Prayer at Rodmarton

BIG SUMMER LUNCH

THANK YOU! What a fantastic feast in glorious sunshine; a delicious lunch, accompanied by Pimms and Rosé, to the sounds of the Avening Brass Band and a very entertaining dog show and agility course. Thank you so much to all those who helped so generously in any way to make this such a fun and successful day immensely enjoyed by all and we raised almost £2,000 for the upkeep of our two beautiful churches. Thank you all and thank you too for those who came and entered into it with such enthusiasm and made it such a wonderful day.

GHCT RIDE+STRIDE

Rodmarton and Tarlton will be raising funds again this year for the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust through a sponsored tour of churches on Sunday 14 September. GHCT is a wonderful charity, which benefits church buildings in Gloucestershire through grants for restoration and preservation, including our own here in this parish, and looks more favourably on churches that give them support through fundraising. One half of funds raised by us for GHCT will be returned to Rodmarton PCC for our two churches. If you would like to be sponsor us, please contact me: janemarlowe1@gmail.com; I will be setting up a JustGiving page for GHCT shortly. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

The school is looking beautiful with our new outdoor classroom being used, our vegetable plots blooming and the sports track in place for forthcoming sports days. Speaking of Sport, this term has been filled with it!



Back at the beginning of May a group of Year 3 and 4 children spent an afternoon at the Kingshill School Quadkids event – they worked as a school team, collecting points in a variety of disciplines involving running and throwing. The team did really well and some individual scores also falling within the top 10 in the entire tournament.

Despite being the holidays, a brave group of Year 5/6 children entered as a team at the local Woolsack races in Tetbury. The children run up hill against 2 other local Primary schools and gained second place both times. Particularly impressive as they were the only school to do the race two with the same children.

The summer cricket season is in full swing with several teams from Rodmarton – from years 3 to 6, playing against other local schools at Cirencester Cricket Club.

Perhaps the biggest Athletics event of the year is the District Sports, held at Sir William Romney school. This year we had all children from Year 2 to 6 taking part – a super morning of fun and competition – we await the results and potentially some children qualifying for Area Sports later in the year.

Two children from Year 5 and 6 made their way to the Knex final, having won their round at school back in March. Our STEM experiences didn't stop there however, as the whole school took off on a trip to Cheltenham Science Festival, following the Half term holidays. Each class enjoyed the freedom of exploring the festival site where they met engineers from aerospace, computing and forensic industries to name a few. The classes also had a chance to take part in a workshop run by a scientist – Acorn Investigating the science behind Fairly Tales and Sapling and Oak consider where they are really from with author and geneticist Adam Rutherford.

Alongside this event, a team of Year 5/6 children took part in the Mock Trial, at Cheltenham Magistrates Court. They won their case but did not win the entire event – needless to say the children were thankful for the acquittal!

News of many more events and activities at school to come next time!

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

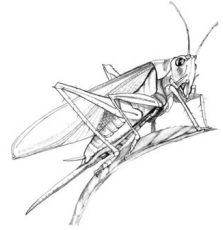


SAPPERTON WILDER

Please join us for a **Summer Walk** on **Thursday evening 15 August at 6pm** to hear about the changes happening at Sapperton Wilder. Please email us info@sappertonwilder.co.uk if you are keen to join. This will help us gain an insight on numbers.

Meet Point GPS & What 3 Words location:

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St Matthew's Church Coates

Churchyard Tidy Up and Open Church Sunday 21 July 10am to Midday

Come and lend a hand tidying up the churchyard or just come along to see the church and learn more about its history.

Refreshments will be provided.



NOTES FROM CULKERTON

GARDENING TIPS FOR JUNE

Summer is here, so the most important gardening tip is to enjoy being outside with beautiful flowers, gathering harvests, or having friends and family around for social gatherings.

This summer I have the most beautiful display of Canterbury Bells (*Campanula medium*), tall, multi branched and long lasting cut flowers. These are biennials and are usually available as mixed colours, white, pink, and purple shades. If seed is set, it will be ready to sow this autumn for next year's flowers.

Wildflowers included with cultivated are the wonderfully airy cow parsley, as soon as these set seed I start thinning the plants out keeping some to show off the green seed heads, more are removed or cut to the base as the seeds mature leaving only a handful of plants to self-seed in selected areas to follow on from spring flowering bulbs. Another dainty wildflower allowed to mingle is pink campion and is treated much the same way as the cow parsley with a few plants left to self-seed. Alternatively ripe seed can be harvested and sown where desired.

During the summer I start taking stock of how the garden is looking and if there are any design updates or tweaks, fine tune to plan for the autumn planting. Some herbaceous perennials are short lived and they are missed when they disappear, so order these for autumn. Probably no bulbs to order this year; there are plenty and deeply planted make many happy returns.

After so much rain, almost continuous from last summer until March this year, one plant family in particular responded with vigour, the roses. Although I have heard some professional garden designers say they will no longer be using roses, as amateur growers we can give a little more attention and TLC. Roses do not like the dryness climate change has brought over many previous years; their improved care is in the soil. Look after the soil with lavish top dressings of good organic matter to improve soil quality, moisture retention and increased soil micro-organisms, including our good friends the earth worms.

Keep up with spot watering when needed and weeding. Do not let undesirable weeds flower and set seeds, especially the tall grasses this year, chop the tops off if you are time short and dig out the roots in your next gardening session.

Growing tomatoes outside has been difficult. At the time of writing cold nights are the problem, and the Blight Resistant Tomato Trial is indeed

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a trial. Warmer weather will turn this around dramatically, which may happen during July and August, fingers crossed.

During the next two months sow vegetable seeds for the autumn, radicchio, beetroot, carrots, fast maturing peas, cabbages, kales, cauliflower, chard, coriander, spinach, Florence Fennel, salad rocket, dill, land cress, lettuce, and spring onions.

Clear spent plants and compost these mixed with grass mowings. Sow green manures in any vacant spot or plot to keep the ground covered. Dead head and feed repeat flowering roses to encourage further flushes of blooms.

Sally Oates

METEOROLOGICAL BLUES

There are lies, damn lies and statistics. Then there are party manifestos. Then there is the Met Office's assessment of our inglorious spring of 2024. It was, according to Met Office analysis, the UK's warmest spring on record. More incredible, the assessment informs us that May was the UK's warmest on record, in a data set going back to 1884.

Our recollection here, untainted by manifestos or statistics, is of a decidedly indifferent May (albeit with a pleasant second week), a wet then cold April, a despicably wet March: overall, a horribly wet spring. The Met Office states that the mean temperature for the entire UK in May was 13.1C. The problem here is that large chunks of the country felt like that, by day, when it should be have warmer - but also by night, when it should have been cooler. Night and day temperatures are starting to merge...

The Met Offices' assessment for the three-month period was skewed by two things. First, the fact that Scotland, and The Highlands especially, enjoyed a particularly warm spring – that's where the good weather was. Secondly, blankets of dense cloud ensured that, overall, nights were unusually mild UK-wide. So, this spring wasn't, for once, characterised by days of stratocumulus cloud that dissolved away into cool, clear nights – that pattern developed instead in early June, at the start of summer.

Tucked away within all this statistical analysis is the Met Office's admission that the UK experienced (or rather, suffered) its sixth

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wettest spring on record. Now, that's more like it! My garden rain gauge recorded 82mm of precipitation during May, following on from 100mm in April and a flood-inducing 124mm in March: that makes a meteorological spring total of 306mm. Also, the Met Office admits that the spring was unusually dull. It was!

The net result is that the grass, and other thuggish vegetation like brambles and nettles, grew like mad, 'No Mow May' turned into 'Mow All May' (or at least until the mower broke down), and insects were notable for their absence. Early June saw the deepest trough in winged insect numbers I've ever noted – not just the butterflies, but just about everything else. Visits to the Stroud Commons, where favoured insect plants like Horseshoe Vetch were flowering profusely, recorded a dearth of winged insects other than a paltry few hive bees – pollinators, as they are now called.

Ask yourself how many times you had to clean your windscreen of squashed flies, then ask what on earth our swallows and martins were feeding on, poor things? Then ask yourself whether you've got any sunscreen, and where it might be?

Seldom before has Summer needed to redeem a year more. Next time: Heatwave Blues.

Matthew Oates

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - KEMBLE AND DISTRICT BRANCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 24 October - Our Annual General Meeting will start at 7pm, following the RBL Women's Section AGM. The talk following the AGM will be "In the Footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia", where Jamie Bowden will present an expedition he undertook during his military career.

Membership of Kemble & District Royal British Legion is open to active members in the Services, those who have served and those who haven't been in the Services and wish to support Services personnel. If you have served, please join this local RBL branch.

If you would like more information, please contact me for details or check out the British Legion website:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership/become-a-member>

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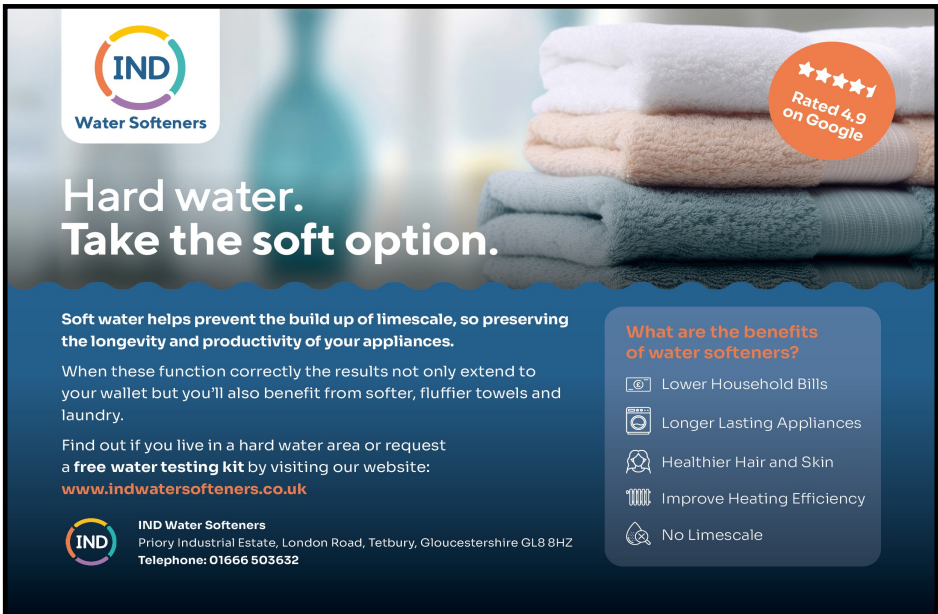
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Did you know that local medical charity Cobalt is celebrating 60 years of providing support and innovation to the people of Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire?

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We are also holding events through the summer to celebrate our anniversary and to raise money for the work we do from Open Gardens on 23 June or our Gala Party on 5th July. Visit our website to find out more at www.cobalthhealth.co.uk/support-us/.





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JULY

Wednesday 2	10am	Frampton Mansell Coffee Morning
Wednesday 2	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in Coates Village Hall
Saturday 6	10am-4pm	Flower Festival Cirencester Parish Church
Wednesday 10	10am	Village Craft Group in Frampton Mansell Village Hall
Sunday 14	2pm	Coates Boules Tournament
Tuesday 16	10.30am	Coffee, Cake and Chat Coates Village Hall
Thursday 18	3pm	Kemble & Ewen WI 60th Anniversary Garden Party
Sunday 21	10am	Coates Church Tidy Up
Wednesday 24	10am	Village Craft Group in Sapperton Village Hall
Saturday 27	10am	Thameshead Ladies Connection

AUGUST

Wednesday 7	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in Coates Village Hall
Tuesday 13	10.30am	Coffee, Cake and Chat Coates Village Hall