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Elkstone, North Cerney, Rendcomb and Stratton**



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Pastoral Letter - *from the Revd Dr Janet Anderson-Mackenzie*

Preparing to write this letter I have found myself asking, what is my favourite story about working together being better than staying as an individual?

There's the story of the vision of heaven and hell with the soup and ridiculously long spoons. I quite like that one, where heaven and hell are the same except that in hell everyone is starving and in heaven people are feeding each other with the spoons.

Then there's the story of the enormous turnip, where everyone has to work together to get it out of the ground.

But I think still my favourite story is that of the stone soup, told in various guises where there is a starving village which receives a visitor. They explain to him that there is no food, and he says that's fine, please can I have a pan full of water? So, he sets the pan of water over the fire in the centre of the village and puts in a stone. After a while he tastes the soup and says, '*it's lovely but I think it could just do with a carrot*'. Someone has one carrot which they bring. Then someone finds an onion, and another half a cabbage, then another a handful of barley, and someone a pinch of salt, and so on. Before long they have a lovely stone soup which they can share out with the whole village.

Then when the stranger packs up to continue the villagers say to him, '*Please come again and make your lovely Stone soup*.' The stranger smiles and then just walks away.

Jesus talks about working together, about loving each other and caring for each other. Then Paul transfers this into our understanding of church community by using the image of the church being the body of Christ. All of us being one part of the body which needs each other, not able to function properly without sharing with each other.

Perhaps the most famous bible passage about this is 1 Corinthians chapter 12 and my favourite verse is 21: *The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'* It seems such a good example of interdependence.

Many of you know that my job is not just to work in the most Northern part of the Churn Valley benefice. Nor is it just to help David Minns out across the whole group. I have a three-year contract to work on building benefice cohesion and mission. I don't yet know what this is going to look like precisely. There isn't yet a plan, but the aim is to have a much more detailed plan by the

end of September. In some ways I have brought the stone for the soup, and I am just asking around to see what people have that we could put in the soup. My aim is that in three years' time I won't be leaving with a wry smile, but you will all know how to make the soup together.

David and I have talked about asking people about my role and we have come up with a series of questions which will help inform the action plan to begin in September.

I'm hoping that we can gather answers to these questions from as many people as possible, certainly churchwardens and PCC members as well as other people who are part of our church community here in the Churn Valley. Below are the questions, which may come to you again in a different way, by email or by paper, but please do get the answers back to me if you possibly can.

What is the best thing for you and your church about being part of the benefice?

What do you think my job is?

What do you hope I will be able to achieve or facilitate in the three years of my post?

What would be the one best thing you think I could do in my time here?

What aspects of spiritual growth do you hope to see in your church community and the benefice in the next three years?

What thing do you wish the church community could stop doing?

What thing do you think the benefice could do better together than it is at the moment?

If you don't see an email or paper copy of these questions anywhere else, please do just get in touch with your answers by phone 07821 474711 or email: janet.cv@anderson-mackenzie.co.uk

Fourteen years ago, I went to an Archdeacon's visitation, where the sermon was based on the feeding of the five thousand. The Archdeacon said, 'You have all you need, God has given you all you need.' I very much didn't feel that way at the time, and often in small rural parishes we don't feel that, but it's true. We just need to pray and work out how to put it all together.

I want to say thank you so much to everyone for your warm welcome to the benefice, and your patience while I am still finding things out because I'm new. My prayer is that over the next three years we can all work together to grow as the body of Christ here in the Churn Valley.

Janet

Thank you...

From Gill Keen.....

I would like to express my grateful thanks to all those who surprised me on Easter Sunday with such a lovely bouquet of flowers, delicious birthday cake and kind gift of tea at Cowley Manor. It was so generous, and I feel very blessed to be part of such a caring church family. Having my family there and with the beautiful sunshine outside plus Bishop Robert taking the service certainly made it a birthday to remember! I would like to say a special thank you to Margaret, Lesley and Cwy for organising and serving the refreshments.

With my love and thanks to you all. *Gill.*



To our departing Treasurers...

I would like to express my thanks to Alan Lowe, who recently stepped down from his position as Stratton PCC Treasurer, for all that he has done not only for Stratton Church but also for our Benefice as Treasurer. Over a number of years, he has kept Stratton's accounts in a clear and sensible way and has been excellent at explaining the finances in easy-to-understand terms. He has taken a lead in the benefice to set up the benefice account, making it easier for us to work together across the benefice. He has also looked after the finances for the *Parish Link* magazine and helped to set up and administer our Benefice hardship fund and even the choir funds. Above all he has been excellent at understanding the wider needs of the church here in Stratton and across the Churn Valley benefice. I am very grateful for all Alan's work and support and wish him well as he steps down from this significant role.

Our thanks are also due to Amanda Morgans, who steps down at the end of June as Treasurer of Cowley and Coberley. We are most grateful for everything that she has done and contributed to the benefice.

Revd David

Benefice News

New Churchwarden at Stratton

A warm welcome to Patrick Coleman, who was appointed as a new Church Warden of St Peter's, Stratton, at the recent APCM, held in St

Peter's on Thursday 5th May. Patrick will be work alongside longstanding Stratton Church Warden - Beth Hamid.

Do you have a skill to offer or an itch to scratch? - Jan Moore

Emerging from Lockdown has left some of us needing a change of outlook, or perspective, or a need for some new bit of fun in our week. Maybe a new hobby or new engagement with new people? I have two such things to suggest.

Firstly, Churn Valley Community Choir in North Cerney Village Hall on Tuesday evenings from 7.15 - 8.45pm. It's only been running since September so we're all new! Some have never sung in a choir before, and you don't have to read music or do homework! You just arrive. The leader is a very experienced voice practitioner: excellent teacher. She also plays the keyboard and produces the words on her laptop to project on to the wall. So, no bits of paper either. There's tea/coffee in a short half-time social break. Current members are from all villages along the Churn Valley, so sharing transport might be possible. We sing a wide range of stuff! Something for all tastes. There are currently about 20 of us, but people just come when they can, so sometimes numbers are lower, and we really hope to increase our numbers. If you want to get a flavour of it, come and hear us sing at Elkstone Open Gardens in Elkstone Church on 19th June at 3.45pm. Or just pitch up at North Cerney Hall at 7.10pm one Tuesday evening. Trust me - it's fun!

My second suggestion is to help out with one of our *Open the Book* teams which support Stratton, North Cerney and Coberley Primary Schools. Stratton, North Cerney and Coberley teams all visit their schools on Thursday mornings. Being with kids is always fun and keeps us from ageing too fast. This involves presenting Bible stories in an assembly forum in line with a coordinated 3-year plan, which is used widely across the country and overseas. You could be a reader, act out a part, help with costumes or props or, in Stratton's case, help to supervise Year 6 children on the IT desk, who take on sound and screen projection for the song of the day and any backdrop pictures needed for scene setting. Again, it's fun.

And if you know of someone who may not read this but might be pleased to know its contents... please pass on the message. More details needed? Call me - The Revd Jan Moore on: 01285640077 or email me at: therevjan@gmail.com

The Celtic Church and Celtic Worship (Part 1 of 2)

By Mark Venn

A number of our churches in the CVB have now experienced Celtic worship, so it seems appropriate to explain a little of how it differs from “normal” Anglican worship, and how these differences came about. While written descriptions of the early Celtic church may be limited, there are other sources that allow reasonable conjectures to be made. However, this can only be a brief introduction of the topic. The terms “Celtic church” and “Roman church” will be used here to distinguish the two main strands of Christianity, though in reality there would have been considerable variation in religious practices.

Christianity came to Britain during the second century (100 - 200AD) from two principal directions. The first probably involved Celtic missionaries arriving from Ireland. They established a number of religious centres, especially on the West side of the country, spreading the Gospel from there. Iona is probably the best known of the centres of the Celtic church, with Lindisfarne being another. Certainly, these first efforts at mission bore fruit; the early Christian author Tertullian writing around 200AD, noted that Britain

had received and accepted the Gospel.

The second direction was from the continent. Undoubtedly, converted Roman soldiers may have evangelised at a low level, but the main thrust of mission would come after Emperor Constantine had adopted Christianity as the official Roman religion in 312AD. The influence of the Roman church was short-lived however, since pressures in Europe caused the withdrawal of Roman forces and society from Britain by around 400AD. The two strands of Christianity probably then had little contact for 200 years and evolved separately.

Around 600AD Pope Gregory dispatched a mission under Augustine of Canterbury to evangelise the Anglo-Saxons and assert papal authority over the indigenous (Celtic) church. Augustine was to be the bishop over the whole of Southern Britain. He held a series of meetings with the Celtic elders in which he attempted to assert his authority and reform certain aspects of Celtic worship that differed from the Roman pattern.

The Northumbrian cleric Bede recorded an account of the

meetings, and related how the Celtic elders, unsure of how to treat Augustine, consulted a wise hermit. The hermit said that their response should reflect how Augustine met them; if he rose to greet them, he was a humble man, and they should listen to him and accept his authority. If, on the other hand he remained seated, he was a proud and arrogant man and should be rejected. In the event, Augustine remained seated. In the subsequent discussions, all of Augustine's demands were rejected, particularly his claim of authority.

One of the differences that caused problems between the Celtic and Roman churches was the way Easter was calculated. Roman and Celtic churches used different methods, such that the date of Easter could differ between the two by as much as four weeks. The Synod of Whitby was convened in 664AD to resolve this (and other) issues.

For various reasons King Oswiu of Northumbria (which was then the principal kingdom in England and whose territory included much of Yorkshire) adopted the customs of the Roman church. The Celtic church did not, at the time, change their practices and withdrew to their centres, particularly Iona. The decision fostered the separation of the two strands and saw the consequent decline in the importance of the Celtic tradition. At this point the centre of church administration in the North of England also moved from Lindisfarne to York.

The Celtic tradition has seen a revival of interest in recent years. Iona has become a major destination as a place of Christian retreat and the community publishes considerable quantities of worship resources. In Part 2 of this article, the differences in the approach to worship between Celtic and Roman traditions will be examined.

Part 2 of this article will appear in the July edition of 'Parish Link'.

News from around the Benefice

Colesbourne: special tree chosen to mark the Platinum Jubilee

Colesbourne is looking forward to some village celebrations during the Platinum Jubilee weekend. A very special tree in the Colesbourne Arboretum has also been selected by The Prince of Wales' QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY initiative as one of only 70 trees in the whole of Great Britain to be dedicated to Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. A great honour for Colesbourne and the Churn Valley.

Celebrating HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Bagendon

The Celebrations begin on the evening of Thursday 2nd June with....

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Any bonfire material, or volunteer bonfire builders, please contact Caryl or Peter: carylbarefoot@icloud.com

We will aim to light the bonfire at 8pm, with an extra "flare" at 9.45pm for the beacon.

Need more information? Ask Caryl, Ghislaine or Sue Tinder.



And then, on Sunday 5th June....

Feel like a FREE CREAM TEA?

Then why not come and enjoy the peaceful setting of St Margaret's churchyard between 3pm and 5pm? Tickets not required. There will also be a commemorative Tree Planting in the churchyard.

Any queries, please contact Alison Saunders on 01285 831352.

Cowley Platinum Jubilee Village Fete, in aid of the Church


Cowley's 2022 fete is nearly here! Don't forget: *Saturday 4th June from 2 - 5pm*. You won't want to miss this unique, traditional country fete, which hasn't been seen for two years! Come along and enjoy all that a traditional fete has to offer in the stunning grounds of Cowley Manor Hotel. Designated parking available.



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Cotswold Gardens at Elkstone Open Day

Sunday 19th June 2022, 2pm - 6pm

Please come and join us for this event which is organised and supported by villagers to raise funds for the upkeep of St John's church and our Village Hall. During the afternoon you can amble through a selection of beautiful private gardens. You can browse the stalls, enjoy cream teas, homemade cakes or ice creams, play garden games, follow a village history trail, and enjoy a tractor ride through farmland with sensational views!

The church is known for its unusual dovecote above the chancel and its quite exceptional Norman arches in the chancel and sanctuary bathed in golden light. It boasts a wonderful Norman tympanum above the south door. Those who know, say that it is well worth taking a detour to explore the church and its striking collection of Norman arches and decorative features. On the afternoon of 19th June soak up the atmosphere, made more special with glorious flower displays, and see the bell tower where the working medieval bell frame has recently been identified as of national historical significance. Our bell ringers will be there to tell you more and to bring to life the story of bell foundries from 1657 to 1977. At 3.45pm the Churn Valley Community Choir will be performing in the church.

Elkstone looks forward to welcoming you!

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More details: <http://www.elkstonevillage.com>

Rendcomb invites you to a Picnic afternoon in Wrens Orchard

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3pm - 6pm on
*Saturday 2nd July 2022***



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which can be transported to the centre.

If it's wet, there is a barn on site.

At 4.30pm: Songs by the Centre Fir Tree.

COME AND ENJOY THE WOODLAND!

Rendcomb Roundup - Ruth Edy



At the College the boarders returned on April 20th, the summer term started on April 21st and then we had the Bank Holiday weekend! There was an Open Morning on Friday May 6th when the sun shone, and the college was looking at its best.

On May 19th there is the Summer Concert at the College, with the premiere of a specially commissioned choral piece by John Wright – ‘Welcome the Spring’ to mark the centenary. Then May 27th is Founder’s Day, with centenary celebrations in the evening. A wreath will be laid on the grave of the founder - Noel Wills - at Miserden the day before.

[Photo on right is from May 2021 when, due to Covid, the chaplain - Revd Bob Edy - was the only one at the wreath-laying ceremony].

During the school half term break, there is an Old Rendcombians’ lunch - all ex Rendcombians who were here, up to and including 1970, have been invited to return for a lunch, served with some nostalgia!

As advertised on page 14, on Saturday JULY 2nd, Geoff and Carol Bailey’s wood on the Whiteway [at Wrens’ Orchard, GL7 7DF] is open from 3-6pm: the invitation is for everyone to come and bring a picnic and enjoy discovering the wildflowers and butterflies, as well as some stunning scenery (weather permitting!). The plan also includes some community singing and giving donations to support the people of Ukraine. Wet weather plans are in place and there is always plenty of parking.



Rendcomb College and St Peter’s Church are planning to take part in Heritage Open Days on Sunday September 18th - a joint venture between the College and the church. Watch this space!

Stratton: Songs of Praise, Bibles and new Big Breakfast Bash!



Do come along to St Peter's and join with us to celebrate

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with

"A Songs of Praise"

on Sunday 5th June at 3.30pm



with hymns of praise and thanksgiving for the long life and dedication of our Queen



The service will be followed by tea and cake

Our "Flower Ladies" will be decorating the church with red, white and blue flowers and colourful artwork by local children will be on display.

The Church will be open throughout the long Bank Holiday, every day from 9.30am to 4.30pm. So do take the opportunity to pop in and admire the floral arrangements even if you cannot make the Sunday service.

*There will be **no** Morning Service in St Peter's on Sunday 5th June.*

Instead, everyone is invited to attend the...

PENTECOST SUNDAY SERVICE IN CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH AT 10AM *Organised by Churches Together in Cirencester*

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Do come and join with our brothers and sisters of other traditions to share in this service of thanksgiving for the gift of God's Holy Spirit. All welcome!

Bibles for Stratton School Leavers - donations welcome

Our *Open the Book* Team have fortunately been able to go back into Stratton School since September with just an odd break now and then due to Covid. We are all most grateful to Jan Moore and Alison Lowe who have taken over the leadership of our group and have initiated a new arrangement of OtB stories that highlight and reflect the School Values for each half term.



We are very glad that the children in Class 6 have been able to enjoy hearing God's story in their final year before leaving for secondary school and hope that they will be able to receive a Youth Bible to take with them as they set out on their next step in life. St Peter's has always covered the cost of the Bibles but, as in the past two years our church finances have been reduced by the pandemic, any donations would be most welcome.

Donations can be made by cheque to the **PCC of Stratton** and sent to: **Beth Hamid, 37 Cheltenham Road, Stratton GL7 2HU**. Or by bank transfer to the PCC of Stratton's Account: **Lloyds Bank: Sort Code 30-92-06; Account No 00244900**; Ref: *Youth Bibles*.

After the ups and downs of the past two years we thank the staff very much for all their hard work and dedication during these unsettling times and continue to keep them and all the children very much in our thoughts and prayers.

Gill Keen, Stratton Open the Book Team

Fund to support Stratton C of E Primary School

Stratton PCC continues to build up a fund to help the school by supporting them with resources for RE, Collective Worship and the related training. This is due to all the difficulties that have arisen surrounding education and COVID, recent alterations to Church School inspections and Collective Worship, and to the ongoing pressure on school budgets. Anything you feel able to give would be much appreciated and can be paid into the Church account: PCC of Stratton, Sort code: 30-92-06, Account number: 00244900, with the reference 'School Fund'. Thank you.

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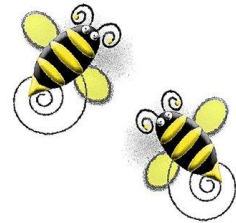
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- A friendly and informal place for all ages to get together



Come and join us!

Breakfast is served from 9.30am along with some fun craft and activities. Then at 10.15 Scuffy the Dog takes over and leads us through a packed programme finishing at around 11am.

Can't wait? It all begins on *Sunday 19th June* at Stratton Church of England Primary School!

Get the **B**uzz - make a **BEE BEE BEELINE** FOR THE **BIG B**REAKFAST **B**ASH!
See you there!!



*'The Big Breakfast Bash' is part of the activities of the Church of England in Stratton Parish. For more information call 01285 655199 or e: beneficeoffice.cv@gmail.com
This activity is provided entirely free of charge as part of the ministry of the church.*

Events at Stratton Court Care Home in aid of St Peter's

On *Friday 3rd June*, as part of the Jubilee weekend, Stratton Court Care Home is hosting a *Street Party* to which you are all invited. Bring a cake! Live music from 3 - 4pm. Donations to St Peter's Church.

Sunday 24th July is the *Aura Fest Open Day* at Stratton Court from 2 - 4pm. There will be live music and stalls including an ice cream man! Everyone is welcome. Again, any donations from the afternoon will go to St Peter's Church, Stratton.

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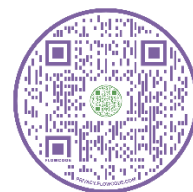
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Coberley C of E Primary School

Life continues to have its special moments at School. We continue to focus on educational experiences and discovery learning during our weekly forest school sessions and plethora of school trips. This term children are going to Westonbirt, the Living Rainforest, the Three Counties Show, a three-day residential in the Forest of Dean and an Internet safety show, in addition to two large plays, a Jubilee celebration and an abundance of PTA activities!

Last week the school had its enterprise day; every child made or baked goods to sell for charity, thus allowing creativity in addition to



entrepreneurial skills and practice using money. This is yet another example of how small schools can thrive with whole school events and experiences.

The school is buoyant, and we look forward to welcoming another cohort as we prepare to begin the school cycle again. We have been pleased by the amount of interest our school has received and we are pleased to have taken a Ukrainian child into our community. We have limited spaces next year in Year 1 and Year 4; please contact the school if you would like to arrange a visit.

Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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It has been a very busy term filled with learning activities both in the classroom and outside.

The children particularly enjoyed the Easter Bonnet parade and receiving their chocolate eggs!



Reception and Year 1 pupils also enjoyed planting out some lovely violas during their forest school lessons. The plants were donated by the village. Thank you so much, they look beautiful!

Stratton C of E Primary School

This term, Class 1 have been very excited to begin their Forest School sessions in our school's woodland area. We began by using our observational skills to identify insects and minibeasts. We looked closely around the school grounds to see how many of these we could find. We had to be very careful when moving the bugs into the viewing pots and after we had looked at them through the magnifying glass, we carefully put the bug back where we found it.



In our next session, we needed to think about where bugs like to live and where we found the most bugs on our bug hunt last week. We worked as a team to begin collecting sticks ready to build a bug home. We then shared ideas in our group about which location and natural materials would attract the most minibeasts. We showed great collaboration when building our bug homes and listened well to each other's ideas and opinions. The end products looked amazing, and many had bugs already moving into them.

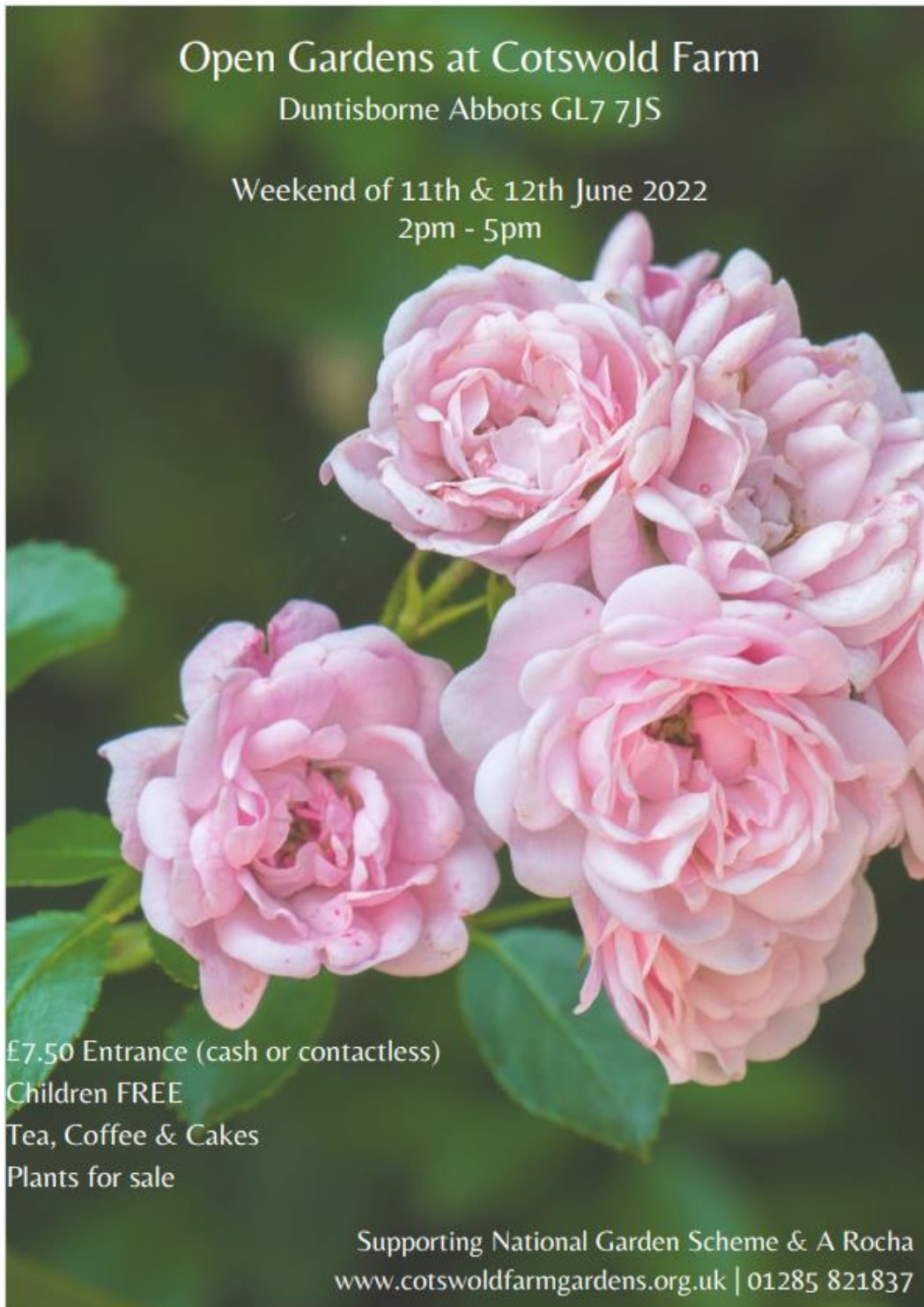


Can you spot the snails who were very happy to settle into their new home right away? We are really looking forward to our next Forest School session!

Many thanks to Charlotte Gates - Class 1 Teacher - for this update.

Community News and Events

Open Gardens at Cotswold Farm this June



Open Gardens at Cotswold Farm
Duntisborne Abbots GL7 7JS

Weekend of 11th & 12th June 2022
2pm - 5pm

£7.50 Entrance (cash or contactless)
Children FREE
Tea, Coffee & Cakes
Plants for sale

Supporting National Garden Scheme & A Rocha
www.cotswoldfarmgardens.org.uk | 01285 821837

A beautiful Arts & Crafts Cotswold Garden in a stunning location, overlooking a quiet valley on descending levels with terraces designed by Norman Jewson in the 1930s. Enclosed by Cotswold stone walls and yew hedges the garden has all year-round interest.

Directions: 5 Miles North-West of Cirencester on the A417; Cotswold Farm, Duntisbourne Abbots, GL7 7JS.

Powell's School's Summer Fete in Platinum Jubilee Year



The Tuesday Group - *Judith Wood*

Dr Ray Wilson gave us a very interesting talk on May 3rd about the forgotten manufacturing companies which used to operate in the Cotswolds, some of which are still working but on a smaller scale. He also showed us some wonderful photos of the area.

On 7th June **Lyn Hilditch** will be giving a talk on '*a Woman in a Man's World*'. This is sure to be an interesting talk, so we hope you'll be able to join us.

Regrettably the Summer Outing to Windsor, originally planned for 5th July, has had to be **cancelled** due to lack of support.

Please do come and join us though on 7th June at Stratton Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm.

Admission is £2.00 and includes light refreshments.

For further details about the Tuesday Group please contact Judith Wood: 01285 652713 or email: wood.judith@yahoo.co.uk

Winstone and District WI - Christine Whitaker

Our Spring Fair was blessed with beautiful weather and great enthusiasm from our members. All the stalls were full to overflowing with delicious cakes, books to keep you reading for a lifetime, wonderful crafts, pre-loved clothes to fulfil your 're-use/re-cycle' ambitions, fascinating bric-a-brac and plants to keep you busy planting for a week. The prize exhibit on the plant stall was a 5-foot tall Yucca plant on sale for just £25. Unfortunately, it wasn't sold, though much admired, as no-one present had a suitable place to put it. So, it is still available if anyone reading this is interested in buying it. With the sun shining and tea and cake to consume sitting outside at the Fair was very

popular. We hope all visitors enjoyed themselves. All members present went home tired but happy and the funds raised will restore our coffers to a safer level.



At our meeting the following Tuesday we had an inspiring talk from Chris Evans of the [Butterfly Garden](#). He told us about his family background running the plant nursery near Staverton airport which he joined as a young man and eventually took over. He was asked by a small family with autistic children to introduce them to gardening which he did with great enjoyment. By dint of always saying 'yes' when anyone



asked him to include someone, or a group of people of any age with whatever disability or vulnerability, this has grown to the present large organisation. The Garden has many volunteers who teach or help with cooking, woodwork, sewing, and a recycling enterprise as well as gardening. The project now takes up most of Chris' working day and he has two employees. He loves the work. No charge is made for any activity but funds flow in as people see what a huge difference the 'garden' makes to the lives of the many

disadvantaged people who attend. To find out more, see: www.thebutterflygarden.org .

For our June meeting we are having a garden party and Jubilee celebration in a member's spacious garden in Elkstone. Then, in July, we will hear about a member's visit to *Socatra* - the most alien-looking place on earth. Visitors would be very welcome at both meetings, for a small fee of £4.50 to include light refreshments. For more details, please contact our Secretary, Chris, on: 01285 821261.

Scrubditch Care Farm - *Emma Costley-White*

Family fun on the farm - This morning, held on 23rd April, was a huge success! We had over a hundred children with their families! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was a wonderful atmosphere...lots of piglet cuddling, stroking of chicks and hugging of lambs! The fairy trail in the woodland was a big hit with children having to find 14 fairy doors hidden along the route. We raised over £500. So, thank you to everyone who supported us. *We are planning another 'fun on the farm' day in August...so please look for details later on Facebook / Instagram.*

Plant Sale - Our plant sale on 7th May was incredibly popular again. We raised over £700 towards the first phase of our landscaping project. Huge thanks to Jo and her team who gave up their time to help out, and to our loyal plant buying supporters. We were so lucky with the weather for both the latest fund raisers...lovely sunshine with a bit of a breeze - perfect.

Our next Community Coffee Morning: *Friday 27th May (not 20th) from 10 am to midday*

NATIONAL OPEN FARM SUNDAY 12th June. We are taking part in this annual event again and the farm will be open to the public from **10am to 1pm**. Come along and see all the animals and enjoy a cuppa at our magical site. We will have plants and produce on sale too.

Big Health and Wellbeing Open Day: *Friday 17th June*, Oxstalls Sports Park. In its fourteenth year, this event aims to help people with learning disabilities, those with complex physical and health needs, and people with mental and physical health needs to stay healthy and active. 120 stall holders (organisations and teams) and static display vehicles will be there. The day will again demonstrate the wealth of amazing organisations and services we have in Gloucestershire and partners in surrounding counties, that can make a difference in reducing health inequalities and improving quality of life. We normally take some animals along with us, and lots of flyers to hand out with something interactive to do/show! To get a flavour of this fantastic day, please take a look at the YouTube 5-minute summary of highlights with subtitles. You can access the link here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8pptJoyG4E>

Sheep News - All the ewes have lambed - 27 in total, and they are grazing happily on the bank.

Pig News - Mabel farrowed a couple of weeks after Tigger and has 6 lovely piglets. Sadly, our poor Tigger never rallied, so she was quietly put to sleep. The vets weren't sure why she was so ill, and we tried everything to help her, but it was the kindest option. Very sad for us all...that's farming for you. We have 6 lovely piglets that we are feeding and will shortly start on their 'creep' feed. We may well put them all together with Mabel's once she is weaned. We have orders for several already, which is good news. We are still waiting for Lucky and Nemo to be scanned....

Veg and plant plans - We are putting out some vegetables and flowers along with rhubarb at the end of the drive as and when they are ready in our 'pop up' shop at the entrance. There's an honesty box or you can pay by BACS.

Hens & Ducks - We are selling our Duck eggs at *Jolly Nice* again now that they are nearly all laying, but we sell our hens eggs from here. So, if you would like a regular order do get in touch on: 01285 895790.

Corporate volunteering - If you would like to know more about corporate volunteering / 'giving back' days please get in touch with us via: www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

Group Visits - If you know a Care Home / School / College that would like to bring a group to visit do contact with us at: info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

Hiring our facilities - We have wonderful facilities available for birthday parties, meetings, workshops, and events. Do get in touch if you're interested in hiring our facilities: info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

Dementia Sessions - If you know someone who is living with dementia or Alzheimer's our sessions run every *Tuesday from 11am - 1pm*. They are very informal and it's an opportunity to get out in the fresh air with likeminded people in small groups. Please get in touch if you would like to know more about these sessions: gerry@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk Or have a look at our website: www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

Talks via ZOOM - If you know a group that would like to hear about the work we do here, our talks last about 40 minutes, and we give a fun and informative overview of the Care Farm. Get in touch either via the website www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk or: info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 27th May, 10am to midday: **Community Coffee Morning**

Sunday 12th June, 10am to 1pm: **National Open Farm Sunday**

Friday 17th June: **14th Big Health Check Day**, Oxtalls Park, Gloucester

Friday 22nd July: **End of term.**

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram, Facebook & Twitter and look at our website:
<http://www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk>



From the Benefice Registers

Funerals:

22 nd April '22	Edith Mary Hanna	St Giles, Coberley, Burial of ashes
29 th April '22	Edna Muller	St Giles, Coberley, then Burial in Churchyard
30 th April '22	Michael Roberts	St Giles, Coberley, Burial of ashes
3 rd May '22	William Minett	Kingsdown Crem. then St Peter's, Stratton
16 th May '22	Gillian Elizabeth Andrews	St Mary's, Cowley then Burial in Churchyard
17 th May '22	Nick Goodrum	St Giles, Coberley, Burial of ashes

Baptisms:

24 th April '22	Wilbur James Valentine	St Peter's, Rendcomb
1 st May '22	Cooper Lennon Ford	St Giles, Coberley

Weddings:

23 rd April '22	Lois Georgia Angilley & Benjamin Andrew Balmain Sawers	St Giles, Coberley
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7 th May '22	Olha Serhyiyvna Nimak and Steven John Barnes	St Peter's, Stratton
8 th May '22	Karen Rachel Baker and Daniel Stephen Turfrey	All Saints, North Cerney
14 th May '22	Julie Abraham and Martin Andrew Niblock	St Mary's, Cowley

Recipe: The Original Coronation Chicken!

Why not celebrate the Queen's Platinum Anniversary by going back in time 70 years and enjoying the original Coronation Chicken created by Rosemary Hume for Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation lunch on 2 June 1953?! It was later included in the Constance Spry Cookery Book, first published in 1956. This recipe serves 6-8 people.

Preparing the meat - Poach two young roasting chickens with carrot, bouquet garni, salt and peppercorns in water and a little wine, to barely cover, for about 40 minutes or until tender. Allow to cool in the liquid. Joint the birds, remove bones with care.

To serve - Mix a small amount of the sauce (enough to coat the chicken) with a little extra cream and seasoning. Mix the chicken and the sauce together, arrange at one end of a dish, coat with the extra sauce. At the Queen's Coronation an oblong dish was used with a rice salad at the other end of the dish. The salad was made of rice, peas, diced raw cucumber and finely chopped mixed herbs, all mixed in a well-seasoned French dressing.

Ingredients for the Cream of Curry Sauce:

- 1 tbsp oil
- 50g/2oz onion, finely chopped
- 1 dessert spoon curry powder
- 1 good tsp tomato purée
- 1 wineglass of red wine
- $\frac{3}{4}$ wineglass water
- A bay leaf
- Salt, sugar, a touch of pepper
- A slice or two of lemon and a squeeze of lemon juice
- 1-2 tbsp apricot purée
- 450ml/ $\frac{3}{4}$ pint mayonnaise
- 2-3 tbsp lightly whipped cream.



To make the Cream of Curry Sauce:

Heat the oil, add onion, cook gently for 3-4 minutes, add curry powder. Cook again for 1-2 minutes. Add purée, wine, water, and bay leaf. Bring to boil, add salt, sugar to taste, pepper, and the lemon and lemon juice. Simmer with the pan uncovered for 5-10 minutes. Strain and cool. Add by degrees to the mayonnaise with the apricot purée to taste. Adjust seasoning, adding a little more lemon juice if necessary. Finish with the whipped cream.

Source: Association for Church Editors

Crossword

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD BW81 (May 2022)

ACROSS:

1	HOLE	10	NEAT	17	DRAB	23	BEES
5	SAIL	12	WEAR	18	SKUA	24	ONLY
7	TRIDENT	14	INSTANCE	19	DISTANCE		
8	MOTHBALL	16	DISMAYED	22	TURNOUT		

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1	HELM	6	LIST	18	SNUB
2	ETCH	9	OBELISK	19	DARK
3	VITALITY	11	ARCHAIC	20	ALTO
4	FELL	13	RAMPARTS	21	EDGY
5	STANDARD	15	SIDE SHOW		

JUNE CROSSWORD: BW82 - by Ben Woods

CLUES ACROSS:

- 1 SEA NYMPHS (6);
- 4 O.T. BOOK (6);
- 7 BULWARKS (9);
- 9 GOD OF LOVE (4);
- 10 STARCH (4);
- 11 REVOLT (5);
- 13 LONG SCARF (6);
- 14 HAPHAZARD (6);
- 15 CONDIMENT (6);

- 17 APPALLED (6);
- 19 TREE (5);
- 20 METAL (4);
- 22 EAGER (4)
- 23 YORKSHIREMAN, FOR
EXAMPLE (9);
- 24 SECURE (6);
- 25 TUBE TO DRAW LIQUID UP
TO A HIGHER LEVEL (6).



CLUES DOWN:

- 1 THOROUGHFARE (6);
- 2 DINES (4);
- 3 CLANDESTINE (6);
- 4 RUBBER (6);
- 5 KNOTS (4);
- 6 IMPROVE (6);
- 7 ITEM OF CUTLERY (4,5);
- 8 RUB DOWN (9);

- 11 FEND OFF (5);
- 12 CHUCKLE (5);
- 15 HEDGE PLANT (6);
- 16 ROOF TIMBER (6);
- 17 ADMISSION (6);
- 18 SINEW (6);
- 21 ARK BUILDER (4);
- 22 RETAIN (4).

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News from our NHS Trust - *Anne Davies*

I have frequently referred to the problem of ambulance delays resulting from hospitals' inability to discharge patients. This month, our Chief Executive Deborah, became lop sided and unable to speak. Her husband, having heard her lamenting ambulance delays, drove her directly to the hospital. She recovered after initial urgent treatment followed by a trip to Oxford to have a clot removed. The following day she tweeted thanking those who cared for her but also saying: *'but I can't get one thing out of my head. What if my husband hadn't been there and my daughter had called for an ambulance, and I'd been put in the Cat 2 "stack"?'* The thread, insightful and honest, and typically 'Deb's' attracted national interest.

'You've turned a heartening message of personal recovery into a powerful call to arms.'

'The call to arms around ambulance services & hospital 'back door' inc. Social Care so desperately needed too. NHS needs more CEOs demanding Govt action.'

'Ambulance response times are a whole system issue including primary, acute, community & social care. A proper funded plan to develop the social care workforce would be top of my list too!'

Released this week was the disturbing news of an avoidable baby death in the trust three years ago. I was reassured to read the trust response: *'The Trust acknowledges that there were failures in care, which were fully and independently investigated by the Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch (HSIB). "We have fully accepted and implemented the safety recommendations made by the HSIB in their report to ensure that all possible lessons are learnt from Margot's tragic death."'* It was further confirmed at the recent board meeting I attended that all the seven requirements of the Ockendon report were being addressed.

A positive to celebrate this month is a successful research study - *"Childhood Cancer survival is a global postcode lottery²*. The study investigated the impact of the pandemic on childhood cancer across 39 Countries during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr Noel Peters from the trust was the chief investigator for this jointly led project between the trust and the University of Oxford. It has been highly recognised including receiving an award from the *American Association for Cancer Research*.

Anne Davies (Public Elected Governor Cotswolds)

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June Services listing

There will usually be a Service of either *Holy Communion* or *Morning Prayer* at St Peter's, Stratton, at 10am on a Wednesday morning.

Parish Church of St Margaret's, Bagendon			
Sunday	5 th	9.30am	Matins (MG)
Sunday	12 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] (Revd Canon Margaret Bettis)
Sunday	19 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] (MV by ext.)
Sunday	26 th	9.30am	HC [CW] (DM)

Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Baunton

Sunday	5 th	9.30am	HC (JA-M)
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Parish Church of St Giles, Coberley

Sunday	5 th		<i>Service at Cowley</i>
Sunday	12 th	11.00am	MP with Baptism (JA-M)
Sunday	19 th		<i>Service at Cowley</i>
Sunday	26 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] (MV by ext.)

Parish Church of St James, Colesbourne

Sunday	5 th	10.00am	Matins (MV)
Sunday	12 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] (JA-M)
Sunday	19 th	9.30am	Matins (CP)
Sunday	26 th	9.30am	Matins (MG)

Parish Church of St Mary, Cowley

Sunday	5 th	11.00am	HC (DM)
Sunday	12 th		<i>Service at Coberley</i>
Sunday	19 th	11.00am	MP (CP)
Sunday	26 th		<i>Service at Coberley</i>

Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Elkstone

Sunday	5 th		<i>No Service (Jubilee celebrations)</i>
Sunday	12 th	10.00am	MP (RE)
Sunday	19 th		<i>No Service due to Open Gardens</i>
Sunday	26 th		<i>Service at Rendcomb</i>

Parish Church of All Saints, North Cerney

Sunday	5 th		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	12 th	11.00am	HC (MV by ext.)
Sunday	19 th		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	26 th	11.00am	Matins (MG)

Parish Church of St Peter, Rendcomb

Sunday	12 th		<i>Service at Elkstone</i>
Sunday	26 th	11.00am	HC (BE)

Parish Church of St Peter, Stratton

Sunday	5 th		<i>No Morning Service</i>
		3.30pm	Songs of Praise for the Jubilee (DM)
Sunday	12 th	9.30am	Celtic Worship (MV)
Sunday	19 th	9.30am	New All Age 'Big Breakfast' Service in Stratton School (DM and JA-M)
Sunday	26 th	11.00am	HC (DM)

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