

Village News

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Village Diary– June

Monday 7th : Parish Council Meeting 7.30 – 9.30pm

Saturday 19th : Swindon Village Society. Morning visit to
Crickley Hill. (See SVS article for details)

Friday 25th : Bar re-opens



St. Lawrence's Church

Back by popular demand!
Helen, Lizzie and May's



Cake Sale

**Saturday 3rd July at 10.00am at the Church
Gate**



Lots of cakes and other baked items for
sale to raise funds for St. Lawrence's
Church.

If you can bake something for the stall
please bring it to one of us on the Friday



SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE AND GROUP

Please join Swindon Parish Council's Facebook page and group for local information and discussion. If you do not have access to the internet you could ask a friend or relative to join on your behalf and share highlights with you.

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Ring 101 (you may be charged for this call)
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Get an incident number and let the parish council know about it. If the police are not made aware of a problem **THERE ISN'T A PROBLEM**".

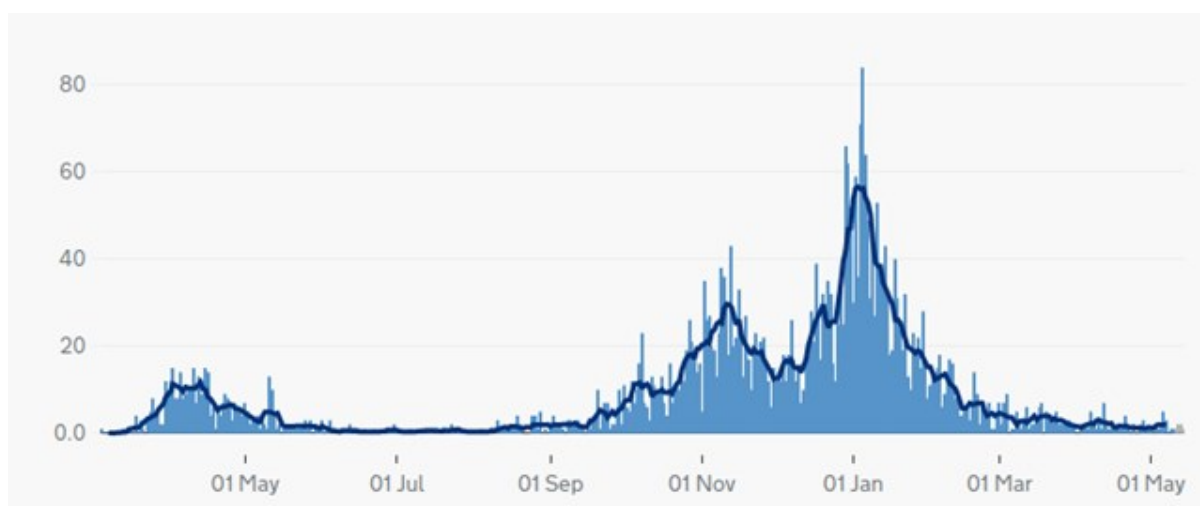
SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

We held the Annual Parish Meeting (remotely) on the 4th May, and were pleased to welcome some local residents. The Annual Parish Meeting is not a Parish Council meeting. It is called by the Parish Council Chairman, but the other councilors attend simply as parish residents. For the benefit of those thinking of joining the Parish Council, our current councilors ran through what is involved in their role. We have five vacancies so we need people to get involved.

On the 11th May we held the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. This is a normal Parish Council meeting except that the meeting elects the Parish Council Chairman- I'm making this sound far more complicated than it is! Anyway, we were delighted to welcome Sharon Collicutt to the meeting. Sharon was interested in taking part and was co-opted onto the Council. A big thank you and welcome to Sharon.

The meeting on 4th May was the last we were able to hold virtually. The law had temporarily been changed to avoid councils having to meet in person, but for the 11th May meeting we were back to meeting in the same room (with suitable protocols in place). Lisa joined the council in November, but this was her first opportunity to meet some of her colleagues face to face

The graph of COVID cases in Cheltenham makes interesting viewing.



We thought the first wave was bad, the second was worse and the peak after the Christmas relaxation of the rules was terrifying. Hopefully we are through the worst of it and lives will start to return to “normal”. Our thanks to the Village Hall for all the work they have done to enable the hall to start reopening in a safe, compliant way.

The government is considering dramatic reforms to the planning system that could again place our Local Green Space under threat. The Parish Council is considering how the land will be managed and used in the future to ensure that it remains protected from development.

In Prestbury, Hitchens have put in a planning application for 250 houses on land that is not designated for housing in the Joint Core Strategy or the Cheltenham Plan. It is also an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We cannot be complacent.

Once again we have been victims of morons fly tipping their rubbish, apparently in broad daylight, in the Amenity Area behind Manor Court. Local resident Julia, together with Parish Councillors Lisa and Helen, voluntarily cleaned up the area. A massive thank you to them. Getting contractors to do the job would have cost the parish money. If you are considering becoming a Parish Councillor don't worry- this level of commitment is above and beyond the call of duty! Please report these people to the police (not Julia, Lisa and Helen of course).

I receive lots of road closure notices from the County Council. I don't normally receive sufficient notice to publish them in the Village News. For example, I was informed that Mandarin Way and Seneca Way would be resurfaced during the period Monday 24th May to Tuesday 1st June. As I write this the work is in the future but, if all goes to plan, it will be complete by the time you read this. Our website and our Facebook page are good ways to keep up to date with these happenings.

We have received a notification from Persimmon that, following discussions with Gloucestershire County Council (Archaeology Officer), they are going to be carrying out some archaeological investigation at Swindon Farm, Manor Road. This is the site of the planning application for 265 dwellings. Again, by the time you read this the activity should be over, but at least you now know why people were digging trenches and staring pensively into the depths.

I met with the Site Manager of the Festival Trade Park development (the former Vibixa site). It is never ideal to live close to a building site but the developers (Barnwood Construction) are keen to engage with the local community and minimise disruption. If you have any queries or concerns let me know and I will try to get answers.

Elsewhere in this issue Borough Councillor Flo Clucas has mentioned an initiative “No Child Left Behind”. This is a fantastic programme to support local children in disadvantageous circumstances. Please do anything you can to support this. If your browser isn’t busy, point it at <https://nclbcheltenham.org.uk/laptops-for-learning>.

A while ago I was delighted to report that the gates stolen from the entrance to Dog Bark Lane had been found. The County Council claims that they were unable to find them despite their location being described in detail. Some two months later, the gates have still not been rehung or at the very least secured- we are pursuing the matter.

A stone conservator has examined and reported on the war memorial in the churchyard. It is generally in good condition, but we will probably get it cleaned and refurbished.

On a lighter note, every so often reviews of boundaries between parishes, counties, and even countries take place. There was a recent story that a farmer in Belgium, annoyed by a stone getting in the way of his tractor, decided to move it a few feet. Apparently it was no ordinary stone but marked the boundary between France and Belgium. In moving it he had accidentally made Belgium bigger. Perhaps we can grab a piece of Prestbury?

And, because this article had a few rants, here is another lighter item. Every year a British Town Crier Championship is held. Due to COVID this year’s competition was held in silence. Makes it tough to pick a winner I’d have thought!

Shaun Cullimore

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

Cheltenham's "Can Do" Attitude During Pandemic

Yes, we can.

Pride, yes, Pride is what I feel when I look at how Cheltenham has battled Covid. Not just the disease, but the effect of it on families and communities. Hunger, poverty and lockdown have affected so many, so badly.

But, Cheltenham's communities, communities like Swindon Village, have come together to make a difference. They have helped to keep families, older people and those most in need, fed. It has been wonderful to see. Food deliveries and pantries where people can choose their own food have kept families together. Household essentials and clothing too have been available. The homeless have been housed. Now, a new opportunity to help is on the go.

For many of our children who didn't have access to computers, life has been tough. The Council's No Child Left Behind (NCLB) project is doing something amazing.

Unwanted laptops, ipads and tablets and phones are being donated, collected and, thanks to a local charity, are being cleaned, renovated and restored. They are being given, through our schools, to children who do not have a computer at home. Not only that, vouchers for internet access are also being given.

Now, some 51 schools, organisations and businesses are supporting NCLB. We have apprenticeships coming on stream for young people and, this summer, a project to keep youngsters from falling into crime, is being run by the Council, with help from Parish Councils, Health Service and communities.

The sun is shining, lockdown is eased and holidays beckon. After the last year or so, it feels like a breath of fresh air. But, the challenge of last year is not going to disappear soon. Some need help. Children need IT equipment.

How can you help? That's simple! You can contact No Child Left Behind at Cheltenham Council (<https://nclbcheltenham.org.uk/>) if you want to donate an old laptop, tablet or phone.

If you need help, just ask. We make no judgement. We are here for you; here to listen, hereto help.

This is Cheltenham, together.

Borough Councillor Flo Clucas

Save the Countryside

Save the Countryside and supporters had a lovely day on Sunday. We were lucky that the rain stopped just in time for our walk, so despite the muddy challenges, a great afternoon in our beautiful countryside was enjoyed by a wonderful bunch of friends and neighbours. After 14 years, it has morphed from the original protest and publicity, into a lovely community event.

Thanks so much to everyone who joined in , it was great to see you.

Helen Wells



Cheltenham Is Growing

What's new?

Cheltenham Is Growing is an innovative organisation created to promote food sovereignty and resilience in the town by supporting growing Initiatives, such as Community Supported Agriculture (C.S.A.) and local neighbourhood vegetable patches, where people can learn to grow and skill share. This will also assist in biodiversity, having a positive effect on balancing natural ecosystems and sequestering more carbon, lowering CO2 in the air, towards Net Zero targets. The C.S.A. can provide veg boxes to the local community, as well as locally grown fruit and veg to Indie cafes and restaurants. It may also include providing fresh produce to a Community Canteen/Food Table.



What is it?

C.S.A. has been an expanding network internationally and is growing in the UK. There is a national website describing the initiative (<https://communitysupportedagriculture.org.uk>). Locally, Stroud already has several locations <https://www.stroudcommunityagriculture.org>. Just imagine a weekly veg box filled with food grown only a mile from your home, reducing of carbon footprint on travel, increasing biodiversity of the land, improving quality for wildlife, carbon sequestering by a variety of plants and supporting the local economy, as well as encouraging the Community to take part in learning new skills and connecting with their food.

What do we need?

For our venture we need a few acres of land around the periphery of Cheltenham that we can lease or buy to grow vegetables and fruit in the ground, room for a large poly tunnel and access to water. If you know of anywhere available or someone who can help, please contact us, Cheltenham is Growing, on email feedinguk@gmail.com or phone 07974 790060.

Karen Wilson

The Editor(s)

When Katie and I started this project, I had vague ideas of what my Editorials might include; silly tales, family news- and what they definitely wouldn't, namely politics. Never in my wildest dreams, did I think they would include trains!

But here we are, and for the third month running, we have a train article. This one is about an earlier Flying Banana – who would have thought there was more than one?

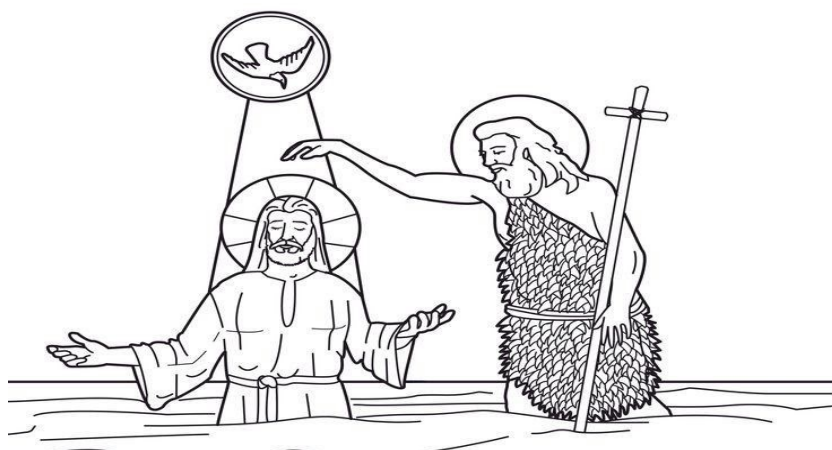
Now I like a train, and these pieces have been very interesting, but to mis - quote a phrase, “Other modes of transport are available”, so if any of you are passionate about cars, motor bikes or just bikes, let's hear about it. Variety is the spice of life and all that.

Karren

P.S. I have heard on the grapevine that there is another train epistle that we have been promised in the future. Obviously, all submissions are gratefully received and we look forward to that one.

St. Lawrence

This month we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist. Though John is known for a few things, (like eating locust and wild honey, Urgh!) he is markedly known for his relationship with his cousin, Jesus; his journeying and contemplation in the wilderness and his call to repentance. His biggest claim to fame is probably in the famous scene of him baptising Jesus at the river Jordan. Baptism being a sign of new beginnings, it's probably not altogether strange that the month of June should mark the birth of John, as liturgically we have already become witnesses of the ascension and receivers of the promised gift of the Spirit.



Baptism, as a fundamental sign of Christian initiation and unity throughout the ages, takes on many guises based on our cultural, social and ethnic understandings, and where we hail from in the World. Different approaches to baptism are also what, in a way, contradictorily unites us as well, because our individualism is celebrated while the doctrine of being 'one' under God is maintained.

If our differences cannot be celebrated in baptism, then I believe we lose out on a very important idea. When an individual is baptised, I think it is such a beautiful thing to think that that person has been uniquely and wonderfully made for a relationship with all that surrounds her or him. In our multicultural and diverse modern day living, where many rub shoulders with one another from differing backgrounds, baptism takes on an even greater importance and significance in unifying and celebrating what can, at times, divide us.

The importance of baptism is referred to in an historical document by the name of 'The Didache', discovered in 1873. It is otherwise known as '*The teaching of the Lord to the Gentiles through the Apostles*' and it dates back to the 1st or 2nd Century in Syria. In short, it was like a manual for the early Christians designed to offer direction for worship and the life of the early Christian community.

At St Lawrence, we are fortunate enough to have many who come to us to be baptised; and for varying reasons. However, again what is wonderful about baptism is its function in drawing us together despite, and in spite, of our individual reasons and individualism on the whole. As St Paul simply puts it in his letter to the Ephesians, “One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.....into this great fellowship of love”, there is a radical unity which in a way becomes counter-cultural in our baptismal faith in Christ.

This mirrors our own understanding of who we are as a Church in Swindon Village and especially in our continued welcoming of ALL people, the sharing of God’s love and teaching and also in our baptising and encouraging of the faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rev George.

‘BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY’
ST LAWRENCE CHURCH CELEBRATES:
‘FATHER’S DAY’

On Sunday 20th June 2021
@ 9:15am & 6:30pm services.

If you’ve not attended St Lawrence Church for a while or even if you’ve not been before, we very much look forward to welcoming you back to Church and giving you a warm welcome this Father’s Day.

Enquiries about baptisms or weddings

If you would like to enquire about baptism (also called christening) or would like to book a wedding in St Lawrence’s church, please contact the Team Office, which is open Monday to Friday from 9am until 12 noon. The office is based at St Nicolas’ Church in Swindon Lane. Contact the Office on **244373** or **admin@northchelt.org.uk**

You can contact the clergy by email:

Revd. George Davis (Team Vicar) fr.georgedavis@hotmail.com

Revd. Nick Bromfield (Team Rector)

nick.bromfield@northchelt.org.uk or via the office.

Services and Events in June

2	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
6	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
9	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
13	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evening Prayer
16	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
20	Sunday	Back To Church Sunday and Father's Day 9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer
23	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
27	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer
30	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer

From the registers



Interment of ashes

We gave thanks for the life of
Frances Mabel Franklin 5th May

Helen, Lizzie and May's Cake Sale

We have been asked again to organise a Cake Sale as last year's event was such a great success.

We are asking friends and villagers if they will make cakes (small cakes, biscuits or tray bakes) which we can sell to raise funds for St. Lawrence's Church. Due to Covid restrictions our church income has been down for over a year and we need to boost the funds. You can make cakes or give a donation. It will be very much appreciated.

The sale will take place outside the church gate on Saturday 3rd July, starting at 10.00am and will continue until all the produce has been sold.

Your cakes can be delivered on Friday 2nd July (not Saturday) at any time to either:

Helen Harris at 2 Manor Court (tel. 01242 239239), or

Lizzie Attwell at "Serica", Quat Goose Lane (tel. 01242 692483).

If required, we can arrange to pick up the cakes from you.

Thank you for your support.

Helen, Lizzie and May

The end of lockdown- all about endings

1. “They think it’s all over... it is now...” was said in response to which player scoring the fourth England goal in the 1966 world cup final?
2. Which American rock band sang about “The End of the World as We Know it” in 1987?
3. Although not his actual last words, on which comedian’s grave-stone would you find the line “I told you I was ill”?
4. If you were to place all the world’s countries in an alphabetical list, which would come last?
5. Which well-known children’s book series ends with the seventh book titled “The Last Battle”? The series began with “The Magician’s Nephew”.
6. The Battle of Bosworth field was the final significant meeting in which long-lasting conflict of the 15th century?
7. What was the name of the twelfth and final album released by the Beatles in 1970? Its title comes from the single of the same name, which tells of the “words of wisdom” received by Paul McCartney in a dream.
8. Also called “The Apocalypse of John”, what is the final book in the **Bible**?
9. Which famous historical figure “finally” met his end in December 1916, after surviving several assassination attempts over the course of a few days- including cyanide poisoning and several gunshot wounds?
10. It begins in Los Angeles California, and continues for 2448 miles. But in which major US city in Illinois does the famous “Route 66” end?

Village Hall

The beckoning summer and its longer, warmer days are certainly lifting my spirits, (and yours too, I trust) and with the continued Covid-19 vaccine rollout, things are beginning to look brighter all round- with improvements across nearly all measurable factors. Here at the Village Hall, we're starting to welcome everyone back and our diary is filling up fast.

Gemma, Helen, Jana and Karren have been busy introducing a new booking system allowing you to see which days are available, which should make everyone's lives easier. The new system also generates invoices automatically, so the payment process should also become much simpler. We've managed to keep our charges low, but dates are filling up fast, so if you have a party or function in mind then you might want to get a move on.

I made reference to our grant application last month, and I'm very pleased to report that our latest one has been approved by Severn Wye from their Target 2030 fund. Severn Wye are a local charity who administer energy saving grants, and the fund to which we have applied promotes the reduction of the environmental impact of community buildings. One of the projects we completed in 2019 was the fitting of smart Nest thermostats and, during the last winter, they highlighted just how poorly the Village Hall's heating system was behaving (a damn good thrashing didn't help). For instance, on particularly cold days the main hall couldn't even be heated to 20c (68F for those stubbornly refusing to adopt SI units!) despite being on constantly for up to 16 hours! Clearly something was amiss and it was soon discovered that there is next to no insulation in the void above the suspended ceiling. Thanks in part to our Severn Wye grant, during the summer we will be fitting insulation in the roof space to keep the heat in (and out during the summer) and possibly a pair of destratification fans.

If you've never heard of these fans then you're in good company as we hadn't either! If you can remember back to your science classes at school, you should know that warm air rises (actually it becomes less dense and is displaced by colder, denser air but the result is the same). In tall rooms then, the warm air firstly gathers at the ceiling and eventually accumulates enough to be felt down at ground level. The main hall is 330 cubic metres in volume (11,650 cubic feet for the SI-challenged) so a lot of heating is required to feel that warmth down at ground level. Combine this with an uninsulated roof and we can see why the heating was on so much during the winter to little effect.

The destratification fans recirculate the air in the hall and push it down to the ground, mixing the warm air at the ceiling with the cooler air at ground level and almost eliminating the thermal gradient that naturally develops. The net result will be a room that is quicker to heat up and requires less energy to do so, eventually saving 10-20% on our heating bills with less natural gas burnt as a result. I can foresee a day when natural gas boilers are withdrawn from use altogether (a recent IEA report has called for them to go from 2025) so other technologies may need to be fitted when our old gas boiler needs replacing.

Finally, we're planning to reopen the bar again on **Friday 25th June** and have regular bar nights every Friday thereafter (all dependent on restrictions being sufficiently lifted and having enough volunteers to run the bar of course). It feels as though normality is within reaching distance and I'm sure most of us are going to make up for lost time. As we take our steps back to the life we once had, it's worth remembering that some have seen their lives change beyond all measure this past year; bereavements, job losses, financial stresses and mental health issues have affected most of us to varying degrees so we should all look out for each other and give help where we can.

A hug and a proper chat over a cuppa (or cake or wine or beer - or all of them!) can be the greatest medicine - the doctor will see you shortly!
Take care of yourselves.

Ben (not a real doctor)

The Swindon Village Society

The Kraken Wakes! Well maybe not a Kraken, more a lightly mottled pussycat. The Village Society is trying to stir itself. In fact, we now have a first event scheduled! We have heard from the Village Hall that, unless the world turns upside down again, they will be able to accommodate Society meetings from July. However, we don't have to wait until then, because we normally have one or two outside events during the year. This means we can meet up in June. So, on Saturday 19th June, John Heathcott will lead us on an expedition to Crickley Hill. Crickley is one of the most excavated sites in the country and so there is plenty of archaeology for him to tell us about. It also has ancient woodland and unimproved grassland, so we should be able to throw in a bit of natural history. It was also a favourite place for Ivor Gurney, a First World War poet and a poet of the Gloucestershire countryside. How we are going to fit him in I am not sure; maybe a recitation before we go for tea at the café?

We will meet at 10am in the car park. The walk should be about two miles and take two hours so if you want to join us, please do pay for three hours parking so there is time for a cuppa afterwards. For those who don't have transport but are happy to accept a lift, I will try to arrange transport from the Village Hall starting at 9.30. If you would like a lift, please give me a call on 01242 521723 in the week before. Leave a message if I don't answer. Or you can e-mail me at barry_simon@hotmail.com. If you are happy to offer a lift- please do likewise.

Then, we hope to have a programme of talks as in the good old days. These will take place on the evening of the third Wednesday of the month in July, September, October and November. Negotiations are only just opening but we hope to have talks on Pittville Park, Cheltenham at War, The Gloucester Regiment at Waterloo (the battle not the station) and something else.

That leaves August free for our usual Village Society Garden Party. This is a member's only event held this year in the garden of number 3, Swindon Hall- in anything between a slight drizzle and a downpour. Or inside if that bloke in London who has not yet found out how to use a comb permits. (Date to be decided.)

Non members are always welcome at our meetings for a derisory sum. Better still join us! Annual membership is not much- we need a committee meeting to decide just what constitutes not much in this truncated year. If you do want to join us, do so soon, then you are eligible for the two glasses of tepid white wine and a crisp at the Garden Party. Anyone who was a member last year will not need to renew membership this year.

I will also repeat the message about Heritage Open Days from last month's article. We hope to conduct a HOD event in the Village this year. We have done this before. This entails opening the village to visitors, giving the village history presentation in a suitable location, and then conducting walks around the core of the village. The likely date is Saturday 18th September. Heritage Open Days are a national event when many buildings or places of interest which are not normally open to the public able to be visited. The dates this year are 12 to 19 September.

(Oh, OK, The Kraken, a mythical sea monster described in a poem by Tennyson while the Kraken Wakes was an early Sci-Fi book by John Wyndham)

Barry Simon

Playgroup

Congratulations to us!!!! We took over the playgroup 20 years ago (4 April 2001!!). We know what you are thinking - we don't look old enough. We were of course very young when we started. The staff have really spoilt us with personalised glasses, prosecco, balloons and a voucher to go and enjoy some cocktails. We look forward to using this when it is a little warmer to sit out. Playgroup is all about teamwork- we are proud of all our staff and our achievements.

Well, what a mixed bag of weather we have all been enjoying! One moment, we are enjoying water and sand play on the terrace, and making good use of the sunshine with shadow drawings; the next moment we are enjoying welly walks and making mud pies with the rainwater that has collected in pots and pans.

We have been looking at rhyme and story sequencing- with lots of opportunities for mark marking with chalk, rice, salt; line tracing and water play with brushes etc...

For maths, we have taped shapes onto the floor and encouraged and supported the children to follow the shapes by placing Duplo blocks on the outline.

We have created a large group 'seaside' themed wall display and the children have had the opportunity to play with lots of different techniques and use lots of different media.

The children have enjoyed physical play with the large apparatus and with a daily wake and shake and/or exercise class. We are delighted that we have been able to invite Jo Jingles back into the group to support the children with music and movement and enjoy an array of instruments. We have also planned a Rugby Tots session which we are hoping we can hold on the playing field.

We have had wonderful support from Sally and Peter Piff, along with Ben and the rest of the village hall committee.

Kind regards
Sally & Debbie

Flying Banana—Take Two!

Last month's article by Sandra Edgington, which described the 'flying banana' train, caught my attention as I thought somewhere in my memory I'd heard of it before...

A little research confirmed that there have indeed been a number of trains/locomotives that have been nicknamed the 'flying banana'. One of the first was an early diesel railcar introduced into the UK by the Great Western Railway (GWR) in 1933, that had a couple of local connections.

They were nicknamed, apparently, due to their modern streamlined appearance. It is probably difficult now, when most trains (locally) are diesel railcars/diesel multiple units (DMU), to understand how groundbreaking these were when introduced- compared to traditional steam-hauled trains, which required a separate steam locomotive and carriages.

There were a number of these early railcars built by, and for, the GWR over the next few years, including some built by the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Company (formerly situated where The Peel Centre and J D R Karting now are in Gloucester).



When first introduced, they were regularly used on the Cardiff to Birmingham service, which used to run on the now-closed Honeybourne line through Cheltenham, (the one that Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway now operates north from the Racecourse). This was the first long-distance diesel-powered express train in the world.

Matt Parsons

Do Your Best

My earliest memory of Scouting was as a Cub hearing Akela shout, “Cubs, do your best”. To which we replied, “We will do our best”. For all that has changed in Scouting since then, doing our best has remained at the core of our values.

The last 14 months were no exception and our Scouts, Cubs and Beavers have done their best despite everything that was thrown at them.

Scouts have been meeting online since March 2020 – and have still doing odd things like spaghetti pioneering and making cheesecakes!



Cubs started back online in October 2020 and Beavers started online meetings in April 2021 – there will be pictures from them soon.

Our shiny new Beaver Leader, Becca, moved up from London last year and got in touch with us. She has been through all stages of Scouting from Beavers to Explorers and has now become a leader. She has been helping out in the Scouts but also joining her old Beaver Colony online down in London. She has now kicked off online meetings for Beavers in 1SV – things are looking up!

We have a nice bunch of Beavers, plenty more on the waiting list and a whole load of great ideas. If you want to help out at Beavers, please let Becca know at beavers@1sv-scouts.co.uk.

Finally, after months of “Will we? Won’t we?” the Scouts are back meeting face-to-face. So far, we have plans to hike around the village; tie knots onto broom handles and run around the playing field with our maps. The Cubs are heading back after half-term (hopefully) and we might even see the Beavers before the end of the Summer Term!

We expect things to be very different in Scouting when we return. Some of the things we take for granted (or even live for) such as camping, campfires and camp cooking might take a little longer to get back to normal. We have, instead, spent the last year preparing our Scouts to be more independent, self-sufficient and supporting.

You may see them around the Village on a Monday night; they are not lost, they are learning to find their own way. They have learned enough first aid to get themselves out of trouble. They have learned to use their phones to navigate and keep themselves safe.

They are looking out for each other, taking care of each other and doing their very best.

Mike Leeson
Scout Leader

Quiz answers

1. Geoff Hurst
2. REM
3. Spike Milligan
4. Zimbabwe
5. The Chronicles of Narnia
6. The Wars of the Roses
7. Let it Be
8. Revelations
9. Rasputin
10. Chicago



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