



*The Vicarage
Great Bedwyn*

All you ever need is love . . .

There is a natural human desire to be loved. Babies have it, adolescents agonize over it, adults can never escape it. Even governments want to be loved. Jesus' temptations in the desert remind us of three classic fallacies.

Hungry and thirsty, He heard a voice saying, "make these stones into bread". In a land where most of the populace lived on the edge of starvation, it must have been very tempting – simply provide food for the hungry But as time goes on, free handouts produce dependency, which robs people of the will to fend for themselves. Cats, it is said, will only love humans until someone invents a tin-opener that can be worked with a paw!

Wondering about the immensity of the task ahead of Him, He heard a voice saying, "a couple of legions of muscular angels would put you in charge in Jerusalem". In a land occupied by a foreign power and ruled by a corrupt elite, it must have been very tempting – simply take over and sort things out But bully-boy tactics induce fear - the antithesis of love.

Pondering how to get people to listen to His message, He heard a voice saying "just jump off the top of the temple, and float down". In a world of hardened attitudes, it must have been very tempting – a couple of simple stunts would really grab their attention But such spectacles quickly become mere entertainment. Soon people's appetites become jaded, and then they will want more and more daring acts.

Jesus was able to turn his back on those temptations. He knew there is only one sure way to be loved, and that is - to love.

Rodney

Your Church in March

'It is religion that helps a person to maintain the awareness that he or she is separate from nature. And nature in turn helps us to become closer to God.

Mata Amritanandamayi, *Indian Writer*

Name and Date	Time and Service	Sidesmen	Readers & Readings	Prayers		Cleaner
4 th March Lent 2	6pm Evensong	David Vikki	John B – Phil 3:17- 4:1 Vikki – Luke 13:31-35	Amanda	No flowers in Lent	Chris & Vikki
11 th March Lent 3	11am Village Comm.	Chris Carolyn	Carolyn – Isaiah 55:1-9 Lesley – Luke 13:1-9	Chris		
18 th March Lent 4	11am Mothering Sunday service	Mary Amanda	Eileen – tba Mary - tba	Mary		Spring Clean on Sat!
25 th March Lent 5	9.30am Holy Comm.	Vikki Carolyn	Vikki – Isaiah 43:16-21 Carolyn – John 12:1-8	ME		

Sunday Club - Sunday 4th March –10-11.30 in the Village Hall for 4-10year olds.

Choir - Rehearsals on Wednesdays 14th and 28th in the church
7.30-9pm

Lent has now started! The chosen Lent course is 'A Journey of the Heart' by Kate Hayes (£3.99). It has a wide appeal and will be helpful in preparing to celebrate Easter next month. The Lent courses will be open and friendly, and do please consider coming along (Ring Amanda on 730233 if you would like more information and/or to book in for lunch).

Evening Lent Course – Tuesdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March, 7.45 coffee for 8pm – 9.30pm in the little room at the Village Hall.
Lent Lunches – Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 1pm at Providence Cottage. We will be looking at the same course over soup, bread, cheese and fruit.

Parish Walk - Saturday 10th March, starting at 11.30pm from Scots Poor, to have lunch at the Shears with other walkers from the Collingbournes. It would be helpful for the sake of numbers at the pub (but not essential) if you could let Amanda know if you plan to join in. We hope you do!

Saturday 17th March from 10am onwards – Spring Cleaning & Posie-Making

We would like to **Spring Clean** the church half way through Lent in time for Mothering Sunday. We do hope as many as possible will come and help; even if you only have a little time to spare, it is usually quite good fun!

Saturday 17th will also be the time for **Posie-Making in the church**. We'll provide the flowers if the children would like to come and put them together in time for the service at 11am the next day.

Churchyard care We wondered if we could make a start this month to keep the churchyard under control?! Perhaps sometime over the week-end of 24/25 March would be suitable? I will ring the heroes who helped last year to see if it can be arranged. If anyone else would like to lend a hand, please ring 730233 to find out when to join us!

Following the Annual Meeting on 4th February, a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts are on the notice board in St Nicolas' and will remain there until Easter.

Chute Parish Council

Parish Council Elections – Become a Councillor!!!

HOW? Kennet District Council (KDC) promise that, by the time you read this, I will have supplies of what they call 'nomination packs' to give to any person who is interested in standing for election : containing advice on how to set about standing and the forms you need to submit to the election officer. Give me a bell any time if you want one of these

WHEN? I plan to display the official notices of the election around the Parish by the 20th March and candidates can then submit the application forms to KDC up to the deadline of noon on the 4th April.

WHO? Advice on qualifications is in the nominations packs but, again, give me a bell if you have any queries. A personal comment here: how about some more female candidates? Becki Withers is currently our sole female Councillor and I get the feeling she sometimes needs some moral support.

WHY? I can't really answer this – it's a personal thing. I can say that it's the only way in which you can guarantee that the community has a voice – no small matter this. It gives you a direct say in matters that affect the Parish and the number of things on which you have direct authority is likely to increase. I can't guarantee that you will have any more success in 'getting things done' than your predecessors, but as a Councillor you have the opportunity to try and you may have the dubious privilege of being accosted in the street. On the other hand, perhaps you are content to let someone else decide how your life and community should be run.

Planning Applications

There is 1 application to record:-

56029/F Chute Collis Cottage. Resite access to property. Under consideration by PC

There is 1 application outcome to record:-

55669/F 5 New Bldgs, Cadley : Change of use from agricultural to garden. No objection by PC. Now approved by KDC

Kennet: Have your say in Planning for the Future

How should Kennet develop over the next twenty years? Do you have a view? During March and April Kennet's residents will have the opportunity to voice their views on Kennet District Council's Local Development Framework and influence the nature of changes and improvements in the district over the period to 2026. Questionnaires on various specific issues on which you may express your views, are available to view on Kennet's web site (www.kennet.gov.co.uk),

Donations to the Bobby Van Trust and St John Ambulance

The Parish Council has received appeals for donations to these good causes. It has decided to maintain the principle that local taxation should not be raised for this purpose but have asked me to publicise the appeals. I have contact detail if anyone wants them.

Next Meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for 7.30pm on Thursday 15th March 2007. Venue: Village Hall.

David Clark, *Chute Parish Clerk (Tel 730782)*

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**Downsizing Barn Sale , Sunday March 18th,
Lowerhouse Farm, Lower Chute.**

A miscellany of objects I won't be able to take with me when I move!

T/V; computer [windows XP]; Portmerion tableware; large ham kettle and other kitchen goods, bookshelves, including one made for my mother in 1940 by Laurence Olivier and Ralph Richardson, old painted cupboard, the odd Painting and print and unframed art work, stone carving tools, large three piece suite of ancient origin [almost antique and sound as the day it was made] and of course lots of knick-knacks and various bits and pieces which have accumulated over seventy years of my life.

Virginia Chambers, Tel 730217

Chute Parish Meeting

The 113th (Annual) Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 5th April 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

First key point about this meeting is that, although chaired by the chairman of your Parish Council, it should not be confused with those of the Parish Council. It is the Parishioners of Chute meeting and, provided you are on the electoral roll for the Parish, you have the right to be there and to speak. It is a great opportunity to hear about and discuss many things that have been happening in the Parish recently and an opportunity to influence the Parish Council. It's been happening for 113 years, so its also a chance to take part in a bit of Chute Parish history.

In recent years we have tried to arrange brief reports on a wide range of subjects and activities in the Parish. It's a bit too early to confirm availability of busy Chute folk but it is hoped that representation as shown below will be possible and it is hoped that Peter Veasey your Kennet District Councillor, and Robert Hall your Wiltshire County Councillor, may be able to attend and field questions on what is happening at their levels in Local Government.

Report from the Chair of Chute Parish Council.
Statement by your local (Tidworth Section) Police.
Statement by the King George Playing Field Committee.
Statement by the Chute Fete Committee.
Statement by the Link Scheme Committee.
Statement by the Chute in Need Charity.
Statement by the Village Hall Committee.
Statement by the Community Emergency Volunteer

Please come along and take part. Make a note in your diary!

David Clark
(David Clark, Chute Parish Clerk)

Chute Forest Parish Council.

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 15th March at 7.30pm, Chute Village Hall.

Date of Annual Parish Meeting:

Thursday 19th April at 7:00pm, Chute Village Hall

Date of Local and Parish Elections:

Thursday 3rd May – Procedural details and information on how to stand for election are available from the Clerk.

Philip Gill

Clerk to Chute Forest Parish Council

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Welcome

A warm welcome to the Ralph and Hicks families who have recently moved into Highcroft in Upper Chute and Well Cottage in Cadley, respectively.

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Village web site

After many years of inactivity, there are renewed discussions as to whether there should be a Chute web site. In this electronic age, the intention would be, hopefully, to create a repository of information on Village activities, contacts, clubs and associations, etc If you have any views on this, please e-mail chutechronicle@yahoo.co.uk – please note that this is NOT a Chronicle venture, rather that we are happy to promote an initial umbrella / sounding board.

Chronicle editorial team

Hawking Days from The Cross Keys Inn

Have an amazing experience with Andy Sloan watching and learning to handle, fly and hunt with hawks and falcons. Days include Hawk Walks, Falconry Courses and Hunting Days.

Contact Andy on 01264 730652 or 07775613073



Wireless Broadband Internet

There is now free access to Wireless Broadband internet at the Cross Keys. Bring a laptop, buy a pint & settle down!

Guest Ales for March

Gales - HSB (4.8%), Butts - Traditional (4.0%) Hopback – Entire Stout (4.5%), Otter Bitter (3.6%)

The Cross Keys has just been awarded the 'Cask Marque' for outstanding quality of its real ales.



Events

Friday 16th March – Live Music from Swan Song – 9.00pm
Sunday 18th - Mothers Day Lunch

Village Diary

Saturday 3 rd	Evening	Reopening anniversary	Cross keys
Sunday 4 th	10am	Sunday Club	Village Hall
Sunday 4 th	pm	Private function	Village Hall
Monday 5 th		Fete Committee	Cross Keys
Wednesday 7 th	pm	Private function	Village Hall
Wednesday 7 th	7.00pm	Community Area awards Presentation	Chute Club
Thursday 8 th	7.30pm	Chute Conservatives AGM	Village Hall
Thursday 8 th	8.00pm	Chute Cricket Club	Cross Keys
Saturday 10 th	11.30pm	Parish Walk	Scots Poor
Tuesday 13 th	8.00pm	Village Hall Committee meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 14 th	7.30pm	Choir practice	St Nicolas
Wednesday 14 th	8.30pm	Skittles	Chute Club
Thursday 15 th	7.00pm	Chute Parish Council	Village Hall
Thursday 15 th	7.30pm	Chute Forest Parish Council	Village Hall
Friday 16 th	8.00pm	Barn dance	Village Hall
Friday 16 th	9.00pm	Swan Song	Cross Keys
Saturday 17 th		Spring clean / posies	St Nicolas
Tuesday 20 th	7.30pm	Gardening Club	Village Hall
Wednesday 21 st	7.00pm	Wednesday Club AGM	Village Hall
Wednesday 21 st	7.45pm	Whist Drive	Chute Club
Saturday 24 th	8.30pm	Fish & Chip Supper	Chute Club
Wednesday 28 th	7.30pm	Choir practice	St Nicolas
Wednesday 28 th	8.30pm	Skittles	Chute Club
Friday 30 th	10.00am	Rural Needs Initiative	Village Hall
EVERY			
Monday	7.30pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall
Tuesday	7.30pm	Lent Course	Village Hall
Tuesday		Quiz night	Hatchet
Wednesday		Mothers & Toddlers	Village Hall
Wednesday	1.00pm	Lent Course	Providence Cottage
Thursday		Curry night	Cross Keys
Thursday		Curry night	Hatchet
Friday		Fish night	Cross Keys

Village Hall

We have an excellent, well used village hall but because it is an old, listed building, it is expensive to maintain. Our new maintenance plan, based on a surveyor's report, means we will have to spend in excess of £50,000 on repairs to the roof, chimneys, windows, walls etc over the next 5 years.

We have applied for grants but they need to be matched by local fund raising such as the Table Top Sale (21/4) and Spring Flower Walk (29/4) mentioned in last month's chronicle.

We will keep you informed about fund raising plans, and the money raised. Do contact myself or Chris Stock (730613) if you have any fund raising suggestions or would like more information.

Tim Curran (730216)
Village Hall Committee

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Chute Cricket Club

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Chute Cricket Club will be held in the Cross keys, 8pm on Thursday 8th March.

While we do need to hold an official meeting to facilitate fund raising, etc, the prime objective is to meet up, do some planning, and look forward to the forthcoming cricket season.

If you are interested, or would like to take part, do come along, or contact me.

Chris Stock, 730613, chris.stock@upper-chute.com

Devizes Constituency Conservative Association

The Annual General Meeting

Of

The Chute & Chute Forest Branch

Will be held in

Chute Village Hall

Thursday 8th March 2007 at 7.30pm

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
- (6. Election of Officers)
7. Any Other Business

J.D. Buchanan
Hon. Secretary

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Chute Club

A number of events are included in the Village diary.
A function room is available
New members welcome.

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Bourne Valley Movies

The great Alan Bennett comes to Bourne Valley in March. His smash hit play, "The History Boys" has converted perfectly to a fine film, certificate 15. It stars two of our favourite actors, Richard Griffiths and Frances de la Tour, trying to handle an unruly but clever group of six-formers, pushed towards qualifying for Oxbridge places. Very funny in that wry Bennett fashion – at the same time, written and produced with great sympathy for the characters. Some strong language and an "adult" content.

The showing will be at the Vernham Dean Millennium Hall on Wednesday, 14 March 2007 at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm). Tickets, priced at £4.50, can be purchased in advance at Hurstbourne Tarrant, Vernham Dean post offices, Pat Caddick on 730730, or £5 on the door. We hope to see you there but get your tickets early.

Your film group is deciding on the remaining films for the season. Looks like "Miss Potter" (Rene Zellweger) and "Venus" (Peter O'Toole) are favourites. If you have been watching the BAFTA and Oscar events, then you will know we have some treats in store!

Pat Caddick

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Save our frogs, toads and newts!

The annual slaughter around Chute Cadley has begun early this year, I suspect prompted by the 'warm' weather (something else to blame on Gordon Brown). Bodies are already building up, and Vikki has been out most evening with her bucket.

I am, of course, referring to the death of frogs, toads and newts migrating to our pond to spawn.

By the time this article appears we will have 3 purpose made signs attached to cones, up on the verges warning of the amphibians.

Prior to their arrival, Paul Bolen of Wiltshire Highways at Marlborough is lending us temporary signs, so a thank you to him is in order. The 3 signs, which we can use every year from now on and will be stored in our shed when not needed, have been brought by us for just under £100, so any contribution towards their cost will be most gratefully received.

Finally, can everyone driving to or through Chute Cadley, especially in the evening, please be extra careful, they are not just around the pond but on all approach roads as well, as the dead and injured ran into dozens PER DAY last year.

Mike & Vikki Alderson 730388

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Chute Wednesday Club

Yet another season begins with the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Chute Village Hall on Wednesday, 21st March 2007 at 7.00pm.

It is hoped that at many members as possible attend to support your Chairman and Committee. It is the opportunity for members to express their views and to elect the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee for the new season. New members will be very welcome. It is to be recommended that the Annual Subscription be held at £2.00 per head. The new list of proposed outings has been drawn up and a copy available to paid up members. It should prove to be a very enjoyable and interesting year.

After the business proceedings have been completed free refreshments (cheese & wine) will be provided and there will be a raffle organised by Mr Ken Yelf. Prizes would be most welcome

John Burden

Chute Gardening Club

The next talk from the gardening club should be good,

Foxgloves, Euphorbia and Campanulas. Lyn Miles

8.00 p.m. Tuesday 20th March

Chute Village Hall

Annual Membership Subscription a bargain at £5, Non members welcome,£1.

The Plant Sale – 20th May 2005

Forgive my repeated call for you to remember the plant sale but we have a fantastic standard of plant sale to maintain. If you are busy splitting your perennials or have left over seedlings you are happy to donate please do let Eileen Soper know. Eileen is kindly taking the main responsibility for organising this event, though obviously all members of the committee are happy to accept donated plants.

A Trip to Exbury.

Friday 25th May

Exbury Gardens are famous for the Collection of Rhododendrons and Azaleas. These should be at their most spectacular in May

£20 excluding Garden entry, £7 Garden entry

(Members of Chute Gardening Club – Free Garden entry)

Please contact John Wood for further information.

01264 730685

Potato Competition - 7th July 2007

Seed potatoes are now available for the Potato Competition. As usual there are three classes:

- a. The heaviest total weight of potatoes,
- b. The heaviest individual potato and
- c. The greatest number of potatoes retained on the sieve

All to be grown in a pot not exceeding 12” diameter. Seed Potatoes will be available at the next meeting of the Gardening Club. There could have been a potato look alike competition with one of the potatoes looking just like a spaniel – maybe next year! Good Luck.

Sally Tweed, Secretary Chute Gardening Club, 730365

DAFFODIL SUNDAY

1st April 2007

2pm – 5pm

**in BINLEY
near ST MARY BOURNE**

**two glorious gardens with woodland
walks**

**home made teas,
plants, cakes, bric-a-brac & raffle**

entrance £2.00 – dogs 50p – (to be kept on leads)

*the gardens will be well sign posted
from **Stoke & St Mary Bourne***

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