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Parking on double lines outside Schools

I am writing this article as the County Council Cabinet Member with the responsibility for Parking. Recently double yellow lines and school parking restrictions have been provided outside Quedgeley schools. Despite this the Town Council and your local councillors continue to receive complaints that parents are ignoring the restrictions both in the morning and after school.

I have instructed the Enforcement Teams to increase their presence over the coming weeks and penalty notices will be issued and enforced. I have also asked the Constabulary to deal with those who park on or adjacent to residents properties, causing obstruction.

The restrictions are there to help with road and pedestrian safety. I know that all the schools in the area will join me in requesting that parents and carers observe the lines, by parking safely as well as being sensitive to residents in the vicinity.

Cllr. Dave Norman MBE
Cabinet Member for Public Protection, Parking & Libraries
Gloucestershire County Council
The best supported Quiz Night to date was held at the Thatch with 20 teams taking part. Teams from lots of organisations took part. Excellent facility and great food. The Questionmaster was Adam Kear a former Chairman of the Youth Council (part of Quedgeley Town Council) who is now a teacher.

The Quiz was won by Kim’s Team who were well rewarded with the prize.

Richard Graham MP

Good news for Quedgeley and Kingsway parents: the Government is giving an extra £1.35m for 2019-20 and 2020-21 for children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) in Gloucestershire. This comes after the five Gloucestershire Conservative MPs met with Schools Minister, Nick Gibb.

The Government awarded the council with up to £630k of investment, to provide homeless hubs in both Cheltenham and Gloucester.

This will help identify what help a person needs to get back to a life of purpose. The Social Impact Bond has helped house 88 vulnerable people in Gloucester in its first year.

Lastly, all parents will be pleased so many primary schools did well in their recent Key Stage 2 tests. In total, 14 local primaries in Gloucester hit the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics.

For more news on Quedgeley and Gloucester do follow me on Twitter (@RichardGrahamUK), Facebook (@richard4gloucester) or have a look at my website www.richardgraham.org.
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With the start of the new term, we were ready to begin the new programme which has been introduced by Girlguiding UK. There are now six themes, which are the same through all the sections of guiding. So girls will begin the themes as Rainbows, and then develop their skills as they move up through Brownies and Guides to when they become Rangers. At the same time, the themes and the activities within them are equally appealing to those who join without previous experience of younger sections.

For our first theme, the Brownies selected 'Express Myself'. We have therefore been working on our Communicate Skills badge. We have acted out living postcards, created a dance in small groups, and told a story by taking it in turns to add a sentence. In addition, a number of Brownies have already earned badges in Baking or Performing, by taking part in activities outside Brownies.

Apart from activities from the new programme, we also held a Brownies Got Talent, where the girls were able to demonstrate their various different talents: dancing, singing, gymnastics and even puppets. Of course, not everyone likes to be on the stage, and whilst our performers provided the entertainment, others became designers and created costumes suitable for entertainers to wear.

Then on Thinking Day we were able to join with the rest of Severn District at the Thinking Day service in Hardwicke Church.

If you would like to sign your daughter up to a local unit, please register via the website girlguiding.co.uk.

Severn Vale W.I.

We arrived at our February meeting to learn that we would not be hearing about "History of Hats" as our speaker was unwell. Instead, we had a social morning, ending in a quiz on the subject of "sweets" - yes, the tasty morsels. Very enjoyable!

During February, we will craft, knit-n-natter, and lunch at Miller & Carter. There are also outings and a short autumn break in the offing. If you would like to join us, ring Lorraine (721763) for more information.
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January was pretty quiet. Our Branch meeting was a mix of business and social. On the 19th two Branch members and the Branch Standard attended the County Conference at Severnvale School.

The February meeting saw our speaker Nikki Nash for JCCC based at Imjin Barracks give an enlightening talk on the many re-burials of fallen servicemen around the world and how the process works to find any family members so they are able to attend the funerals.

We are also looking forward to our March meeting when our speakers will be from the Cotswolds Orders and Medals Society giving a talk about HMHS Uganda in the Falklands. He will give an illustrated talk with medals and photo’s of the event. That will be on Wednesday 13th March 7 30pm all welcome.

Dates for your Diary:

Friday March 22nd - Poppy Awards Night 7 for 7 30pm
Tuesday March 26th - Tuesday Club 1200 midday
Wednesday April 10th - Dementia Awareness Talk
Tuesday April 30th - Tuesday Club

Looking ahead to July Branch meeting we will be having a Quiz Night and BBQ, All teams welcome.

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Golden Age Club

The first Tuesday in January fell on New Year’s Day so our only meeting that month was held on the 15th and at that meeting, as usual at the start of the year, annual subscriptions were paid. Then followed quizzes compiled and presented by our now regular quizmaster, Joe Blewitt, a member of the Club. The majority of members look forward to quiz days and this one seemed to be more enthusiastically received than ever. Thanks and appreciation goes to Joe for all the time and effort he puts into arranging them.

In February, in an almost full Village Hall, members were given a talk by Colin Powell. Colin had worked for I.C.I. as a First Aider and also for fifty years with the British Red Cross at weekends. He related several incidents that had arisen during that time. He had successfully performed four resuscitations and had saved three people, who would otherwise have died, from choking. He won a British Royal Society award for saving an 11 year old girl who had been buried in the sand at Dawlish Warren. He told us in detail of these serious situations but was also able to act out and include a very humorous side to his work.

Members had obviously enjoyed this very informative and amusing talk - in fact some members said that they felt his talk was among the best ones the Club had experienced.

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Qudgeley Village Hall at 1.30p.m. For more details please contact Laura Tremble on 01452 690976 (mobile 07774200191) or Sue Lovell on 01452 724620.
February is always a month for us to look forward to because it is when we celebrate our WI’s birthday and this year it was our 94th. We had our usual Birthday Supper that always consists of some lovely food and several scrumptious puddings but we had to wait a little while as we had the usual business to go through first. We welcomed one visitor and one new member and heard that skittle players are wanted to form a team, hopefully some expert ones! We hold several competitions throughout the year and the winners were announced with Iris Bates, Brenda Drinkwater and Pat Spiller runners up to me, Christine Bentley. We all received cash prizes and I had the honour of taking home the silver trophy for another year. At our March meeting we will have a talk by Tracey from Dixie Dot crafts shop in Kingsway and there will be a competition to reflect this – make a greeting card.

Throughout the year we will be charity collecting for Marie Curie, having monthly Coffee Mornings, attending the WI Centenary Village Show in Cirencester, exhibiting at a Centenary Exhibition at Gloucester Cathedral as well as hosting a Group Party with a 60’s theme so we will be kept very busy but are sure to enjoy it all. If anyone would like to come along to a meeting on the second Wednesday of every month at Quedgeley Village Hall they will be made very welcome. Further details can be found on our website www.quedgeleywi.co.uk or on facebook.com/quedgeleywi.
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We’ve had a busy few weeks. The weather hasn’t deterred us and we’ve been busy doing both craft activities and helping to raise money for our charities.

In January we helped raise money for Scoo-B-Doo the neonatal unit at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital.

Deb one of our helpers at Chatterbox, along with her husband Keith and daughters Aimee and Katy are trying to raise £10,000 for the unit. Deb’s grandson Alfie, passed away last year, but thanks to the neonatal unit the family was able to spend precious time with him.

The coffee morning held in January raised over £600.00. Currently Deb and family have managed to raise just over £8,000. If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile cause their just giving page is: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/grh-nicu-aaw

Our craft activities continue to thrive under the direction of Lin Norman and the youngsters have taken home over the weeks, paper animals, door hangers and puppets! Thanks go to all our volunteers and especially to our new volunteer who has just joined the area as well as our group. – Caroline.

Do pop in and join us on a Tuesday morning. We welcome new faces!
Welcome to your March edition of the Town Council News. We begin by putting out a plea to all those residents who do the school run either in the mornings or afternoons. We know that parking is difficult and that actually finding somewhere to park can provide pressures of their own, however we really do urge you to consider the following when parking outside all of our schools in Quedgeley:

• Park and drive considerably, think about the children around you and also how you would feel if you returned home and could not access your drive/parking space. We have even received complaints regarding people parking on people’s driveways. This is totally unacceptable.

• Adhere to the double yellow lines. These are in place for a reason and if not already will soon be patrolled so if you do not want to incur a ticket then do not park on double yellow lines.

• Please remember that even if you think you will only be 5 minutes dropping off, during this time someone could return home from night working or need to gain access to the highway so please do not block people’s driveways.

• And finally, and probably the most important point to note is that in the case of an emergency with the parking as it currently is, it would be impossible for an ambulance or any other emergency vehicle to gain access and this could be life threatening.

This plea goes out on behalf of those residents who are affected by anti-social behaviour and irresponsible parking around all our local schools. We do recognise that this does not apply to everyone and there are those who do take time to park considerately, however unfortunately this is a problem which appears to be increasing and is making life for some intolerable. So next time you are in a rush or running late, before you park, just take a moment to think how you are impacting on those around you.

Your Town Councillors and council office staff have arranged a Seminar during which parking will be discussed with a view to tackling this problem. Please remember that Quedgeley Community Centre Car Park is available to anyone who wishes to park and walk. It is only a short distance from 3 of our local schools so please use it.

We also need to mention that recently and disappointingly, flowers were stolen from the Quedgeley Memorial Garden. This doesn’t happen very often however now and again it does. Please keep your eyes and ears open because stealing flowers from a memorial or grave is just unacceptable.
Moving onto something lighter, March is all about our annual events to make sure that we provide our community with some fun, family and free events. The first one to mention is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt which will be held at the Local Nature Reserve on Easter Monday. This event is free of entry, always a guaranteed great event for families with young children and starts at 10.00am but be prompt because there are only so many Easter packs and eggs to win and once they’ve gone, they’ve gone!! This is a very popular event and we look forward to seeing all our young eager Easter egg hunters once again.

We would like to welcome newly elected councillor, Mrs Janet Weston who will be serving the Kingsway Ward. Janet has been a councillor before so luckily she already appreciates and understands the importance of this role and doing what’s best for the community. We are sure that Janet will very soon feel like she’s never been away!!!

The Budget has now been set for the new financial year 2019-20 and we are pleased to say that during a time where we are sure you are subject to ever increasing taxes, we have remained committed to our community by ensuring that once again there will be no financial increase to our average tax payer.

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Kingsway Residents Association

Are holding their first public meeting of 2019 on Tuesday 26th March at the Kingsway Community Centre at 8pm. Come along and find out what they are planning for this year, and how you can get involved in the committee for the coming year to help your local community.

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Treasure Seekers met Wiggly Worm, a bold and exciting charity achieving life-enhancing outcomes through food, at a number of events and through having conversations realised that we shared the same frustrations and that we both had the vision of what could be achieved in people’s lives. Wiggly Worm has the expertise to be able to teach the skills needed and deliver practical results and Treasure Seekers has some reach to the vulnerable, so in September last year the two organisations came together in partnership to be able to teach those skills to those vulnerable people.

One of the rooms at the Treasure Seekers' building at 52 Westgate Street underwent a transformation and is now an amazing community kitchen so we now have the facility to impart this knowledge in a practical way. We are now in a position to offer courses in this community kitchen.

The courses take place over 4 weeks and the next courses are in March and April on the following dates: Tuesday 12th March to Tuesday 2nd April inclusive, Wednesday 13th March to Wednesday 3rd April inclusive and Tuesday 9th April to Tuesday 30th April. The courses are currently free of charge and some of the lovely food people will learn to cook includes bread, soups, Italian dishes and there are vegetarian options too. Plus a real bonus is that those learning to cook get to eat and enjoy the food they've made! If you are aware any vulnerable people who would benefit from learning how to cook for themselves and understanding more about nutrition, please sign them up either via our website www.kftseekers.org.uk or by ringing 01452 307201 extension #019
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With nine new inspirational and immersive wildlife experiences and exhibits opening at Slimbridge over the next few years we’re looking to recruit a number of new volunteers to help support the growth of our visitor attraction. We’ve got lots of new volunteer opportunities both visitor facing and behind the scenes.

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You don’t need any expert knowledge to volunteer at Slimbridge, just a keen interest in people and wildlife, a flexible approach and a ‘can-do’ attitude. A detailed induction and full training and support is provided for all new volunteers and with so many existing volunteers on site, there will always be someone on hand to help.

Join us at one of our open days to find out more about our volunteering opportunities. Our teams will be on hand to answer all your questions and you’ll be able to join a short guided walk or listen to an introductory talk on volunteering with WWT.

Open Days take place on Wednesday 13 February and Saturday 2 March from 1-4pm at Slimbridge Wetland Centre. You’re welcome to turn up on the day or you can register your interest online.

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Dear Readers,

The whole school was very lucky to have welcomed St James’ Dental Practise to our classes. The oral hygienist spoke to The KEY all the way up to Year 6 about keeping our teeth, gums and tongues nice and clean. She explained about unhealthy sugars, healthy snacks and how to clean our mouths correctly. The children were full of excitement and remembered how many times they should visit a dentist and even went home reminding parents so they could visit the magic chair or keep those teeth healthy for the tooth fairy! A big thank you to St James’ Practise, it is lovely working with the community.

In Year 1 they have been continuing with their theme ‘Tell Me a Story’. The children have had great fun writing their own versions of classic fairy tales such as The Gingerbread Man and they even baked their very own delicious gingerbread men. We have used our creative imagination to create our own magical fairy tale lands which have included lots of geographic features such as scary mountains, rainbow rivers and mysterious forests. We are now moving onto looking at the history of castles and are very excited for our upcoming trip to Warwick Castle.

Year 2 have been busy learning about the layers of the rainforest and the animals that live there. They have enjoyed finding out about how animals adapt over time to survive. The children have also investigated how much sugar is in our favourite snacks.

Year 3 are thoroughly enjoying Forest School with Mrs Deas, learning about the great outdoors, wildlife and habitats as well as trying new skills like crafting wood. A new wooden outdoor shelter has been built and it is now ready for use with the fantastic help from Greenfields, who put the shelter together and SoKS, who raised the funds. The children now have a lovely outdoor learning space and they have come up with some lovely ideas about decorating it.

Year 4 are thoroughly engaged in their theme ‘Beans Means Money’ and have now secured an understanding about where the cocoa bean is grown and the journey it takes to our supermarket shelves. As well as this, the children are now able to identify most of the South American countries, the equator line and also the Tropics (Cancer and Capricorn). In science, the children have been furthering their understanding about sound while conducting experiments to determine how it travels in a range of contexts. The children were particularly surprised when learning about how our ears work! Year 4 now look forward to their trip to Cadbury World, where they will further their understanding about the manufacturing of chocolate and learn more about Fair Trade.

Year 5 have been creating star constellations, constellation lanterns and informative planet fans, following on from their visit to Think Tank in Birmingham. They have also been completing some amazing creative homework, producing beautiful posters, cookies and models of planets.
Year 6 had a fantastic time discovering the technology behind the magic during their recent visit to Warner Brothers Studios, the making of Harry Potter. Here they learnt all about the effects that were used to create the films and later, back at school, tried their own hand at making props that included an electrical circuit, allowing them to either move or light up.
Quedgeley & Hardwicke Cricket Club

Quedgeley & Hardwicke Cricket Club is a community club based at the Kingsway Sports Pavilion, which has excellent modern facilities.

All are welcome to join us - whether in a playing, volunteer, coaching or spectator capacity and we are an inclusive club operating under ECB direction and structure.

2018 was the most successful in the club’s history as both senior men’s teams achieved promotions. Our first team will now play in the Gloucestershire County League Division 6, after back to back promotions. The second team were Champions of Division 2 of the Stroud League last season. Both men’s teams play on Saturday afternoons and are always welcoming to new players. Winter net practice starts at Crypt School on Sunday 24th February 7.30-9pm. Please get in touch if you’d like to play cricket in 2019!

Last season was also very notable for the establishment of our ladies’ softball team which was instantly very popular and the team participated in several festivals around the county. If you’d like to have some fun and exercise in a friendly and welcoming environment, please come and join us!

Our youth and children’s cricket section also goes from strength to strength. We are a full participant club in the ECB All Stars programme for 5-8 year old boys and girls and last season we regularly hosted over 60 children every Friday afternoon having great fun at Kingsway. Details of this year’s All Stars programme will soon be advertised. We also run Under 9, 11 and 13 teams in the Stroud League under the guidance of ECB qualified coaches.

The club hosts several festivals and events during the summer months and welcomes the community to join us!

Neil Martin
Chairman
QHCC
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Update from Quedgeley County Councillor Mark Hawthorne

First up this month, as many residents will have spotted, the new yellow lines have now been installed across Quedgeley. This has been in response to resident concerns regarding dangerous parking, especially around some of our local schools.

However enforcement teams were slow to deploy! I have now secured confirmation that the new lines are on the patrol routes, and the Police are working with Highways to undertake a number of combined enforcement days. I will continue to work with schools and local residents on this, and will monitor to see if further measures are required.

Secondly the much needed resurfacing of Bristol Road by Aldi is now scheduled to take place at the end of March. This is part of my Highways local fund, and as always I’m happy to take suggestions from residents about future schemes.

While we are talking about roads, there were some concerns raised about whether Quedgeley roads were included in the salt runs during cold weather. Just to reassure residents that our local main roads have been included on the salt runs, and whenever there is a period of prolonged cold weather or snow they will be gritted. I’ve asked the council to update the map on their website to show this.

Finally, following a meeting with concerned local residents, I am working with Highways to see what we can do about speeding along Bristol Road (beyond Aldi). I’m also looking at the ongoing problem in Green Farm of lorries trying to access Elmore! Will keep everyone posted, or check out my facebook page for regular updates.

As always, any issues or concerns, please get in touch at mark.hawthorne@gloucestershire.gov.uk or give me a call at home on 309724. You can also follow me on facebook @mark4quedgeley, where I regularly update with any news in and around Quedgeley.
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Qugdeley Wanderers FC

25 years of Qugdeley Wanderers

This year sees the club celebrate its 25th anniversary. The club will be looking to arrange some special celebrations to commemorate the landmark during our annual presentation day on the 11th May.

Club events

The club are hosting a QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday 23rd February with doors opening at 7pm for an 8pm start. Tables of 8 are £25 per table and can be booked by visiting Dave or Joe in the kitchen on Saturday mornings or via your team coach. The bar will be open with nibbles provided with all welcome to attend.

Acadamy update

Our acadamy is continuing to grow in numbers with Mike Heigh as our coach. The sessions run 9.30am Sunday mornings in the hall at Waterwells. We still have spaces for reception class children with the first taster session being free of charge. Please contact Mike on 07387 093812.

Looking ahead to next season, we are looking for a coach to take on the next batch of acadamy stars. If you are interested or know of somebody who is interested please contact Ash Ward on 07815 497484 who will arrange the necessary coaching courses.

Girls update

Our girls football sessions are attracting good attendance on Sunday mornings 10am at Waterwells with one of our most experienced and most qualified coaches Dave Francis. Girls are welcome from School years 2 & 3 so feel free to bring them along to sessions.
Youth update

The Youth section continues to go from strength to strength with our under 13s and under 15s in cup Semi-finals. (Under 13s with Dave Phipps below)

Sponsors update

Our new pitch 1 dugouts are now complete with a big thankyou to Dave Webb, Lee Ingram/Flynn Group (U10 Reds) and our annonymous volunteer from the Under 10 Greens for completing the structural work voluntariliy.

Committee update

We are looking for a youth respect officer. If interested, please submit your interest to members of the committee.

QWFC Tournament

The annual 6-aside youth tournament will take place 18th and 19th May at Waterwells. All teams will be expected to provide volunteers on the day of your age group matches. Please start spreading the word.

Contact us

If interested in joining the club as a player at any age group, as a coach or as a committee member please contact the club with key contact details available via the website.

If you have anything that you would like to include something in the newsletter, then please contact Ash Ward.

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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

First I’d like to thank the Worship Team from Field Court Infant Academy for joining us at Saint James’ for Holy Communion one Wednesday morning. Revd. Jenny d’Esterre, my colleague led and adapted the service for our younger members. I’m looking forward to this being repeated next month and seeing some more new faces from the school.

Also last month the church was busy helping to raise money towards Scoo-B-Doo the neonatal unit at Gloucester Royal Hospital. This raised well over £600.00. Unfortunately, I wasn’t able to join them as both Seamus and I were enjoying a well-earned rest!

Our new venture Jamie’s Ark will be launched this month in the Kingsway Community Centre on Thursday 14th March from 1.30pm -2.30pm. It is free and we hope that as many parents, their babies and preschool children as possible will attend.

This month we begin the season of Lent. This runs from Ash Wednesday 6th March – Easter Day April 21st. Our service on Ash Wednesday takes place at 10.00am with Holy Communion. If you visit the church during this period don’t be surprised to see purple drapes over the crosses and flowers removed. It is a sombre period, a time of reflection. Many people give up their favourite foods during this period others take on new challenges. As we do so, we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us as he died on the cross during Good Friday. However, there is a short break in the season when we remember our Mothers and especially our Mother church on Mothering Sunday. Our service will be at 10.30am – do bring your Mums as there will be a treat in store for them! The church is open most days for quiet prayer and our weekly Sunday service takes place at 10.30am.

Come and join us! With every blessing
Fr. John
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Dear Readers,

As usual there has been much going on at Beech Green Primary School. We were very fortunate to have a whole school visit by David Lawrence Jones, who is a well-respected author of children’s books and producer of children’s animation.

Rock Steady is in school giving rock band lessons, which will culminate in a rock concert to parents.

During ‘Random Acts of Kindness Week’, Y6 visited our neighbours, Chestnut Court, to sing some WW2 songs to the residents and even danced a bit of a jive.

We would especially like to share with you the very exciting ‘Junior Voices Project’ which Y4 is currently taking part in. Each week the children have choral singing lessons in school with two very talented members of Gloucester Cathedral’s Music Department.

- Nia Llewelyn Jones, Singing Development Leader & Conductor of the Girl Choristers
- Jonathan Hope, Assistant Director of Music and principal organist for the Cathedral

The aim of the classes is to help the children sing to their full potential. To celebrate the children’s work, there is to be a concert in Gloucester Cathedral, when Y4 will have the opportunity to sing to an audience of proud families, relations, school staff, along with two other schools, who are also part of the programme.

The artist’s impression is by our resident artist Mrs Weinzweig – sketched the last time Beech Green held a concert in the Cathedral.

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PUPILS AND PRAYER

Pupils from Field Court Infant Church of England Academy were able to experience first-hand what happens at a Holy Communion service when they visited Saint James' Church Quedgeley on Wednesday morning.

The enthusiastic youngsters helped Revd Jenny d'Esterre during the service by reading from the prayer sheets and taking the bread and wine to the altar. It was the first time that many of the youngsters had been to this particular service. The service was led by Rev Jenny who had adapted the service sheets to appeal to youngsters. Following the service members of the congregation congratulated the pupils. Next month another group of youngsters will be chosen to attend the Ash Wednesday service.

Revd. Jenny d'Esterre said:

“It was a great opportunity for youngsters to experience first-hand what we do at the service and more importantly why we do it. The pupils were very switched on and were keen to play their part. I'm really pleased this will be a regular event and other pupils will have the opportunity to experience and celebrate the service”

Revd. Canon Fr. John Ward commented:

“We have established good links with Field Court Infant Academy. Several members, including myself are Governors at the school. It seems only natural that we should welcome the children for them to experience the church in action during the week.”
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