

the **DYDDI** digest

Taken from what is thought to be the 7<sup>th</sup> century origin of Didmarton's name  
Dyddimaertun, believed to mean the boundary (maere) farm (tun) of a Mr Dyddi

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**Didmarton's local newspaper incorporating  
Leighterton, Boxwell and Sopworth**



## Rubbish Dates

All Bins: 3rd, 17th & 31st August

Food Waste: 10th & 24th August

2023 Collections Dates are now available for download on the website [www.didmartonvillagehall.co.uk/](http://www.didmartonvillagehall.co.uk/)

## Diary Dates — August

4th August—International Beer Day

9th August—National Book Lovers Day

9th August—Beaufort Horse Show

9th August—WOW 3-5pm The Kings Arms

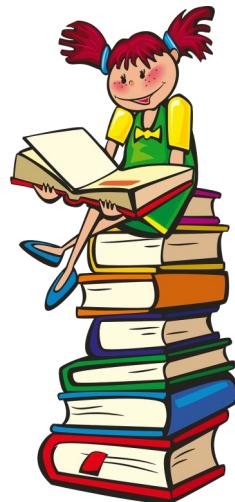
10 August—Lazy Day

10th August Didmarton Walking Group

12th August—National Bowling Day

23rd August WOW 3-5pm The Kings Arms

28th August—Summer Bank Holiday



### **SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 9.30 - 6PM - SEPTEMBER MUST MEAN BOULES!**

If you would like to put a team in please contact Richard 07966 294214

As per the previous years - teams of up to 6 players at £30 entry fee. Mix the team around as needed.

Sausage and bacon butties being served all morning and tea and cake in the afternoon.

Any cake donations and raffle prizes welcomed - please contact Ruth 07745 024021

As usual this fun day is held in the Kings Arms car park with the Kings arms open all day for food and drink as well as the Pizza oven being open.

Come along and join us and have a go if you haven't tried it before, if you would like to join a team then we can arrange that as well. More info p8.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Phoenix, Tetbury Surgery – 01666 502303

Police – to report incidents – 101

Tolsey Surgery, Sherston – 01666 840270

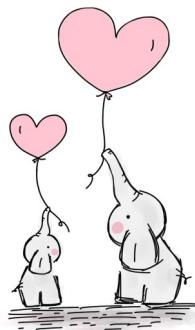
Tetbury Hospital – 01666 502336

Oldbury Garage – 01454 537016

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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS – didhallbookings@gmail.com



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## DIDMARTON WALKING GROUP

The next outing of the walking group will be Thursday 10 August. Meet 10 am at KA car park as per usual. More dog biscuit destinations await

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Woof woof Martha



## DELIVERY DILEMMAS

I must apologise for the lateness of delivery. We have changed printers who print in colour and deliver to the door at a fraction of the price; however, the delivery driver seems to have a soft spot for our little magazine and refuses to leave it safe! Fingers crossed this is resolved for this month. Should it not go to plan both the Kings Arms and the garage have kindly offered to be a delivery point which is gratefully appreciated.

Regarding delivery, a huge **THANK YOU** must be said to **Barry Hunt**, who has dutifully delivered the Dyddi to Oldbury for many, many years and has had to retire.

Full points to anyone who spotted the piece about AI, written by AI, last month. I know that tech and how fast it progresses worries some of us, the thing to remember is that a real person is in charge of all tech including AI, which may not make you feel so reassured, but hey—we can always pull the plug—right?

There is a special book review this month so have a look at page 20 and Pizza will never be the same again.

So here's me crossing my fingers that you are actually reading this is August and praying that the sun is shining!

P.S—If delivery continues to be late I may run a sweepstake on the next delivery date!

**All contributions should be sent before the 15th of each month—anyone can offer a contribution, go on, express your inner writer even more online:-**

**[www.didmartonvillagehall.co.uk/#Dyddi](http://www.didmartonvillagehall.co.uk/#Dyddi)**

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**Didmarton Village Hall & Community Committee**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Committee  
Held at 7.30 pm on 13 June 2023**

**Present:** Sarah Riches, John Hammond, Sue Hammond, Helen Russell, David Russell, Brian Cook, Sue Cook, Jenny Body, John Early, Trish Early, Mike Hewlett, Sally Hewlett, Josh Batterham, Emel Lansdale, Alan Townsend and Antonia Whitbread

**Apologies:**

1. Welcome.
2. MINUTES of the previous AGM were approved and the Chair authorised to sign the same without amendment.
3. THE Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 were considered. Income for the year £16.8k (£21.6k y/e 2022).

Biggest spend was pathway and patio.

The accounts were **approved** subject to no further changes.

Hall rentals – down by nearly £1000. Advertising up. Village hall fuel costs down.

4. Nomination of co-optees – all existing co-optees were re-appointed.

5. Election of Officers:

**Chair:** Josh confirmed that he would stand down. Thanks to Josh for all he has done as Chair.

**Secretary:** AW agreed to stand for a further year. Proposed (HR); seconded (SC).

**Treasurer:** SR agreed to stand for a further year. Proposed (HR); seconded (AW)

It was noted that to date no one had put themselves forward for the role of Chair.

6. AOB  
Meeting closed at 7.55 pm

..... **Chairman**

## From CDC District Councillor—Tony Slater

**At CDC:** I attended my first Overview and Scrutiny committee which was very interesting as it gave me my first insight into the workings of the council. The committee has responsibility to highlight any issues on reports that are going to the cabinet for their approval. On the finance report I queried why income from car parking was almost £500k lower than forecast, and did it have anything to do with removing the ability to pay by cash? Another report highlighted a new Rural England Prosperity Fund that will open for applications in September/October – this grant scheme will enable local organisations and businesses to request funds for improvements to local facilities such as village halls and energy efficiency improvements. I'll let you know when it is open, but it would be advisable to make plans now. It will need a 20% matched fund from the project.

You may have seen elsewhere that the new 'Changing Places' toilet facility is now open in the Abbey Grounds in Cirencester.

I have already been to several PC meetings this month, and its interesting that there are common themes in the villages – mostly around speeding and parking. It's a very difficult subject to resolve but I have been able to recommend actions to work with GCC Highways to get data before deciding on a course of action.

It is also apparent that attracting new councillors is difficult, with several parishes short of volunteers.

I have been reading that Link, the organisation that runs the UK cash machine network is opening shared hubs to provide a banking service in towns where all banks have left. The idea is that individual banks have their own staff on duty one day per week, but general banking can be carried out every day. I have made early enquiries if such a hub could be opened in Tetbury.

### **Didmarton:**

Unfortunately this article had to be prepared before attending my first Parish Council meeting at Didmarton, but I'm looking forward to meeting the team. I understand that the Badminton concerts didn't cause too much inconvenience and were well organised, but I'm sure there will be a full report at the PC meeting.

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### **Guided walk:**

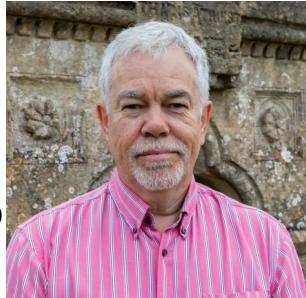
The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens will be hosting a walk on Friday, 25th August – Start: 10:00 am Sherston; Difficulty: MODERATE Duration: 5.5 HOURS Distance: 10.0 MILES. Start point: Outside the Sherston village shop and post office in the village square. From Sherston they will walk along the Sherston branch of the River Avon to Didmarton before returning via Sopworth and Luckington.

### **Councillor Tony Slater**

Cotswold District Council,

Representing Grumbolds Ash with Avening

email: [Tony.slater@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:Tony.slater@cotswold.gov.uk) Tel: 07793669930



### **Race Night Thank You**

Martin Barrett kindly organised a great race night on the 8th July which was not only great fun but raised £1000 for the cricket club. He would like to say a big thank you to:-

Mike Eldridge and Ollie Hathaway in the kitchen and on the bar.

Paul Johnson for on the microphone

Jess Dixon, Sarah Nightingale and Richard Bryant for doing the betting

Sam Harris and Connor Tuck for sourcing beer / food

Stu Tettmar, Tiff West, Chris Hathaway, Alan Townsend and everyone else that helped setting up and cleaning up.

A big thanks to everybody that turned up and supported the village cricket Club.

## BOULES AT DIDMARTON

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9th 2023

It's on again for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row at The Kings Arms, Didmarton. Let us hope that the sun shines down on us like last year and we can have another fabulous family day.

This event is for NOVICES ONLY.

No team nor player who has played regularly, in a league or not, in the past is eligible to play ----- we will happily take your money and disqualify you on discovery. This is a family fun day for residents and the friends of residents of the Didmarton area.

Team reservations - call Richard 07966 294214 NOW ..... most teams from last year will want to play again but we have had a few new interested parties, so book your place soon.

Payment - £30 per team -please pay Richard/Ruth or Alan upon presentation of your info pack or -at the latest -registration on the day.

Registration - from 9.30am on the day. Please arrive around 20 minutes before your first match to keep waiting time to a minimum.

Your team leader MUST sign in at registration as early as possible.

Team time sheets will be available prior to the day so you can plan your attendance. Please arrive in plenty of time for your game.....sometimes the previous one ends earlier than expected.

There are 4 pistes and 4 leagues of up to 6 teams - therefore each team will play 5 matches before the quarter or semi finals later in the day. Depending on the time of the last match Umpires will decide if there can be quarter finals (in which case the top 2 from each league go forward) or if there is only time for semi-finals (in which case only the top team of each league goes forward).

A team consists of a 'pool' of up to 6 players from which any 3 can be chosen to play any of the matches in their league. Teams can include our young people but there are steel balls being thrown around – so responsibility for these youngsters remains with their adult owners!

Please research the rules for the game if you have not played before.

For each piste there will be an umpire whose decision is final - regardless of any other rules that different competitions may have.

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The matches are played on a thinnish layer of grit sand laid onto the tarmac of the car park, so please wear appropriate footwear.

There will be a 'breakfast' bar earlier on providing tea/coffee, bacon/sausage sandwiches/baps.

During the day/ afternoon there will be teas and cakes available.

Of course, the pub is open as well, so drinks, pizzas and other food will be there all day.



### WE DID IT!

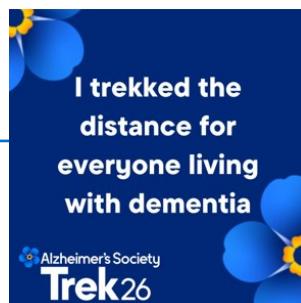
On Saturday 15 July we completed the Cotswold Trek26, walking 26 miles in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

The weather was awful at times but all our team crossed the finishing line with only 1 sprained ankle, a few sore knees and a couple of blisters!

We would just like to say a massive thank you to all those people who supported us and donated. We are very grateful.

Our team has raised a wonderful £4,368 for the charity so far ... with donations still coming in!

Thank you so much  
From Arthur, Sian, Amy & Beth





**Monday 25th September**

Macmillan Coffee Morning

From 10am—12.30pm

49 The Street

Cake donations welcome (please contact Ruth)



The June 100 Club draw took place on June 13th at the DVHCC meeting in the Village Hall.

The prize winners were:-

1st Prize	£20	Emma Kay	2nd Prize	£15	Oli Kay
3rd Prize	£10	Chris Barski	4th Prize	£10	Vivien Clare

**Sue and Sue**

# LEIGHTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



In September, we are really excited to be opening another class at our small, but growing Leighterton Primary School. We will teach our Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 cohorts in separate classes and our Year 5 and 6 children will be taught together as a small class.

Several years ago, we had a competition about choosing a theme for naming our classes. One family suggested naming our classes after thickets of trees in the local area and, after voting democratically, our children decided to use this theme.

Our youngest children in Reception are in Apsemore Class and our Year One Class is called Barnhill Class. The Year 2 children are in Boxwell Class. Until recently, our Year 3 and 4 children have been together and we are just about to split them into two classes. This has given us the opportunity to choose a new name so we voted for class names again. Our Year 3 children will be in Haymead Class and our new class will be called Ozleworth Class and will be for our Year 4 children. Students in Years 5 and 6 will be in Ridge Class.

We are really lucky to have had new classrooms built about five years ago and they are purpose built, light and airy, with access straight on to our playground and school field. Our reception classroom has bifold doors that we are able to open to make a huge learning area for our youngest children to use.

All of our classrooms are large and as the number of children in each class is small, there is plenty of space in every one of them.

Forest School has a base in school, where there is a large, stone, circular stone wall. Our Forest School Leader sometimes lights a fire in the centre for the children to use for cooking and sometimes this area is used for stories. All of our children have opportunities to use power tools (under supervision) and they have built a story telling chair and a tree house for us all to use. Although we have a Forest School base, the children are able to use the whole of our extensive and beautiful grounds for their learning.

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Our outside classroom provides another learning space for the children and it is often used as a base. We try to learn in the fresh air as much as possible and each morning the whole school begins the day by running the Daily Mile together. Everyone takes part and we all have fun. The stamina the children build up in their running is reflected back in the classroom with greater concentration and perseverance.

We do have some spaces in some of our year groups and if you would like to find out more, please have a look at our website at: [www.leighterton.com](http://www.leighterton.com) or contact Claire, in our school office (01666 890273), to arrange a time to come and look round.



# TETBURY GOODS SHED

ARTS CENTRE

## HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST



**August 13** **Romeo and Juliet:** Sun and Moon Theatre Group present Shakespeare's best loved comedy in a bold outdoor production. The story of the war-torn Montagues and Capulets has been updated to a feud between two family-run movie studios in the 1930s. 6pm Tickets £12.50

**August 16** **Music for Miniatures:** This month's baby friendly concert features a Musical Circus with oboe, clarinet and piano for you and your baby to move to! 10.30-11.15 Tickets £6 adults, £4 children Family of 4 £15

**August 18** **Fretless and Friends:** An evening of Jazz with easy listening music from the American song book and some shades of Swing and Latin interludes. 7pm. Tickets £15

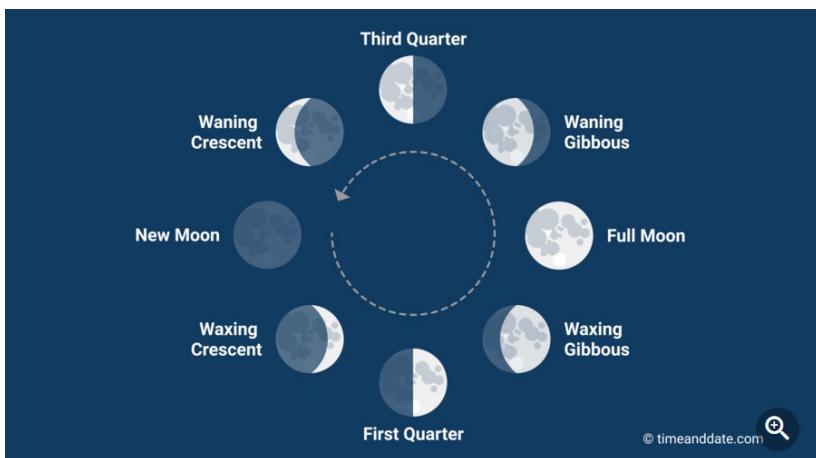
**August 30** **Piano Club:** a chance to listen to beautiful music played by accomplished performers while eating tea and cake from our wonderful café! 2-4 Tickets £5

For further information and to buy tickets visit our website:

[www.shed-arts.co.uk](http://www.shed-arts.co.uk)

# The Phases of the Moon

The Moon changes its apparent shape with four distinct phases depending on the Moon's position as it orbits around the Earth, and the Earth's position as it orbits around the Sun. There are four main Moon phases, also known as Lunar Phases: First Quarter, Full Moon, Last Quarter and New Moon. An additional four intermediate phases make up the combined eight phases that comprise the Phases of the Moon in the following sequential order: New Moon, Waxing Crescent, First Quarter, Waxing Gibbous, Full Moon, Waning Gibbous, Last Quarter and Waning Crescent.



**Lunacy?** - Happily, there are no known links between the full moon and madness, so sorry everyone we need to take responsibility for our moods. This said many groups of people do believe that an awareness or connectivity with the phases of the moon can bring awareness to other cycles and rhythms within your own body, mind, heart and spirit. Although we obviously know the moon is always whole it is rather the connection of Sun, Earth, Moon and ourselves as a holistic pattern that is the route of these beliefs.

**No Moon?** - What would happen if we didn't have a moon? Tides would be tiny, the Earth's rotation would speed up making days shorter, the tilt of the Earth may become unstable resulting in no seasons or extreme weather. Best not Google it—it gets a bit scary!

## TECH TALK - Passwords

With the onslaught of biometrics it's fair to say that passwords are dying out, but many applications and websites still ask for them. With so many Phishing emails and scams out there choosing a good password is essential. So here are a few tips on choosing a great password:-



**Make it long.** A good rule of thumb is to use at least 16 characters (I know you mainly use 8).

**Use a variety of characters.** But don't make it obvious

**Avoid using common words, phrases or number patterns.** Amongst the top 10 most common are—Password / Qwerty / 123456 / Qwerty123— anyone running to the laptop to make some changes??.

**Use a memorable phrase.** But don't be obvious

**Don't use the same password for multiple accounts.** I bet you do! Hackers delight.

**Change your passwords regularly.** I bet this is one we are all guilty of NOT doing.

Now, I am sure I do not have to repeat myself as we are all tech savvy here; however... please, please do not answer personal questions by randoms on Social Media, you know—what was your first car? These are usually hackers harvesting your data.

Examples of some random passwords (none are mine or anything like them!)

**Youare1thirdDaffodil?**

**204ArthritiCtomatoeS@7pm**

**BADGlidings4Te@**

Get the message make them quirky, long and with little personal information. Do not respond to random Social Media posts and this is a tough one...

**Don't write them down** (best avoid the three above then!)



This month's Meeting is  
**Tuesday 5th September 2023:**  
Speaker is Penny Jones of Westonbirt  
Arboretum

## SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB "Propagation" (with an expert propagator!)

**Clippings** Following Penny Jones's interesting talk in June on plant hunting, we're now having a summer sabbatical in July and August. However, members have met up to enjoy a couple of events: firstly, a special visit to the charming Zen Garden at Scots Farm in Pinkney, courtesy of Lawrence Jiko Barrow; and our Summer Social at The Garden House, Westonbirt, when we were blessed with perfect weather for wine and canapes on the terrace. Special thanks to Clare and James Turner for being such generous hosts!



**Cuttings** Our September speaker will be Penny Jones who will share tips and advice as well as practical demonstrations, based on her expert knowledge of 20+ years as Chief Propagator at the National Arboretum at Westonbirt.

**New members** from Sherston and surrounding villages are welcome. It will also be a good opportunity to renew membership, if you haven't already! The good news is the cost is exactly the same as last year: £15 single, £25 joint, U18's free. For membership form and full programme contact our Secretary:

[sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com)

**Club meetings** are on the first Tuesday of each month, British School Room, doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 start. Tasty refreshments, plant id and sales, raffle and questions answered.

**Connections** Don't forget to join the SGC Facebook group for photos, questions, answers (where possible!) and news of meetings and events. Anyone can join the group and post tips, hints and pics. It's an under-used resource so please click on and share your ideas.

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**Community/Blooming Sherston** The planter outside the Co-op is proving very popular and there have been many positive comments. Gardening club members are ensuring regular watering and we hope to secure funding for a second trough. A small group of volunteers has expressed an interest in helping (thank you!) following the article in the June Cliffhanger. After the new village gate posts have been installed, Blooming Sherston will create attractive plantings around them.

We have also been asked to order bulbs to plant around the village in the autumn.

## Calendar

No August Meeting! We're all still on holiday, gardening or relaxing with a G&T.

5<sup>th</sup> September: Penny Jones on Plant Propagation.

3<sup>rd</sup> October: Lucy Bowles, Whatley Manor's new Head Gardener

7<sup>th</sup> November: Garden Designer, Laura Holmes on 'Creating your own space'

5th December: Julia Armstrong leads a Wreath Making Workshop

## Wine Myth 1

### Great wines have great 'legs'

You know those clinging dribbles of wine that ooze down the inside of the glass once you've swirled? They're often called 'legs' 'curtains' or 'tears' and some believe their appearance indicates the quality of wine. This is not the case - in reality, they usually indicate a higher alcoholic strength, colour intensity or sugar content, but not its quality. Swirl, smell and taste, if you like it it's a nice wine regardless of the price.

### To swirl or not to Swirl?

The swirling serves a purpose: it aerates the wine, opens it up, and allows the flavors to come alive. You release literally hundreds of unique aroma compounds, which attach themselves to the oxygen in the air. This helps separate the aromas in the wine, enriching the smelling and tasting experience. So it's fine to swirl your glass, just don't be a snob about it!

## YOUR MIND & BODY MATTERS

Arthritis pain! As a suffer I'm always interested in what one can do to alleviate the discomfort from arthritis. I've written about this before but thought I'd visit it again.

**Avoid: Trans fatty acids** - These fats are found when oils are turned in to solids such as margarine and often found in a lot of processed food and they are linked to chronic inflammation.

**Sugar** - Science has discovered refined sugars (those added to foods rather than found in fruit and vegetables) are connected with elevated levels of inflammatory chemicals in the blood.

**Alcohol** - Causes more inflammation and can also cause an overgrowth of bacteria in the gut which will destroy our good bacteria. The bacterial waste increases including endotoxins which are chemicals which activate the proteins and immune cells which will promote inflammation. Alcohol induced inflammation causes changes in the entire body and puts us at greater risk for various different health conditions - by cutting down our alcohol we can reduce inflammation and let our body heal.

So with the above in mind we need yet again to think of **food as medicine** and eat as healthily as possible. The following foods help with fighting inflammation:-

Ginger, Turmeric, blueberries, water melon, pineapple, dark leafy greens, mushrooms, avocado, hemp seeds, beetroot.

Treat yourself.

Ruth x

### Thinking of trying Pilates?

I'm thinking of setting up another Pilates class for people new to Pilates or who have a little experience. I'm aware my existing classes may not suit people with the times so am looking at a Monday evening at 7pm in Didmarton Hall from September. **Sorry for the confusion around the new start date for the new Pilates class it is in fact the end of September - Monday 25th September @ 7pm** Please get in touch if you would like to reserve your place or ask any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ruth [ruth@bodymatters1.co.uk](mailto:ruth@bodymatters1.co.uk)

## J.J's Gardening Blog

Looking ahead, the autumn is a good time to take hardwood cuttings. Choose a pencil thick woody shoot from this year's growth about eight inches long and cut just below a bud. Make another cut just above a bud on the other end. Insert the cuttings into a slit in the ground leaving one third above ground. It may be advantageous to take several cuttings. Water and ignore until the following autumn. Make a note of which herbaceous plants will need dividing then too. Now, onto some things that are flowering now.

Fremontodendron, California Glory which needs a warm, south facing wall and will flower from May until October. Evergreen with a slightly odd flower, bronze at the base becoming yellow.

Geums, perennials, blooming from May to August, even in hot weather. Agapanthus, also drought tolerant. Alstromerias, sun or shadeier places. A nice combination is eryngium and orange californian poppies or Totally Tangerine dahlias. Astrantia Shaggy is a calm and interesting plant, as is Trifolium Ochroleucon. After a strong colour, something quieter, like an evergreen or perhaps a grass will enhance each other.

Keep deadheading for more flowers, but if you would like some berries for the birds or for autumn colour, put the secateurs away. Give a gentle feed to the roses. The wisteria have flowered and could do with a tidy up. Cut off all the wispy shoots now to tidy them up and plan to prune them properly in February.

Lots of different hydrangeas are flowering now. And also a pretty rose called Bonica, perfect for a posy. For a drier position, what about a Santolina?

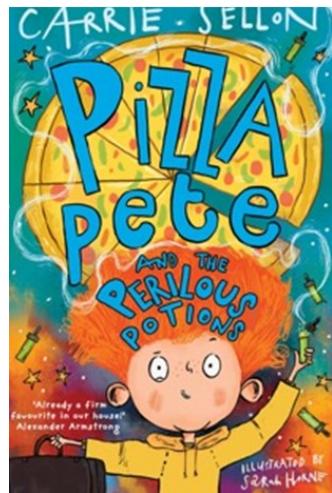
Have you got a place for a slow growing, small tree. Like a Japanese Maple? They are suitable for most sized gardens and have attractive leaves in a range of colours.

Keep that notebook close by.

## BOOK FOR KIDS—FEATURED

### Pizza Pete and the Perilous Potions by Carrie Sellon (Times Childred's Book of the Week)

Twenty-five days ago, something awful happened, and I made a promise to myself. Never to leave home again. Pete loves the pizza shop, where he lives with his dad, and is terrified of the outside world. But when a new restaurant steals their customers, Pete and his friend Anna have to come up with an INGENIOUS plan to sell more pizzas, otherwise he'll be forced to move. When they find a mysterious briefcase in the attic, they create the most extraordinary magical pizzas, and soon a queue of customers snakes down the road. But can they make enough money in four days to save Pete's home? Throw in an exploding headmistress, a fire-breathing dog and a vengeful bully and Pete's life soon ramps up from Margherita to Spicy Pepperoni!



#### Why is this book so special? - it has a local connection!

Carrie Sellon, author of *Pizza Pete* is daughter of a Didmarton resident, so naturally the Dyddi wanted an exclusive.....

#### Note from the Author

The idea for *Pizza Pete and the Perilous Potions* came to me in lockdown. We built a pizza oven in the garden, and started eating a LOT of pizzas. The kids decided they were bored with the usual mozzarella and pepperoni, so we got everything out of the larder and started experimenting. We tried fried bananas, marshmallows, cashew nuts, Nutella, anchovies... and it got me thinking. What if toppings could give you superpowers? What if chilli powder could make you breathe fire? What if prawns could turn you into a mermaid? The next day I scribbled down some ideas for a picture book, and then wrote a few lines, and a few more, and suddenly I'd written ten thousand words and it definitely wasn't a picture book any more. I sent it off to a competition for unpublished writers, set up by Guppy Books, and was amazed to come second! They offered me a publishing contract for a trilogy. I'm currently working on the second book, due to come out next summer.

# SUDOKU by Neil Fozard

## For the uninitiated

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Answers to the July quizzes:

'Easy'

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'Not so Easy'

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**42** is the number of galactic years that the Sun-Earth system will survive before it's destroyed. And 42 is the expansion rate of the entire Universe, in miles-per-second-per-megaparsec. It really could be the answer to the ultimate question about life, the Universe, and everything. (The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams, this is page 21, so it's probably only half right).

## VICAR'S LETTER July 2023

Dear Parishioners,

I wish you all a very August wherever you may be, whether on holiday or at home or working. It is a great month if the weather holds good, for weekends, seeing friends and spending some time out of doors.

There is a tendency for us to find it difficult to draw breath amongst all the hustle and bustle of life. The Bishop in her recent book Encounters, speaks of living a 'full' life and the danger of living a 'busy' life. She argues that we all need time to recollect ourselves before the day begins, no matter how much we have to do, so that we enter into each moment fully, rather than in a rush. She speaks of living in the strength of God's spirit, rather than trying to go it alone.

I think we could all do with a bit more time spent in prayer, in whatever way seems appropriate at any particular stage of our life. I find Scripture (particularly the psalms) are a wonderful way to help me press the pause button. Sundays offer time out too, in church. Taking an hour out of our lives to worship God, is seldom a wasted hour. Even if the sermon is not great, we can sit and reflect on our lives, in community with others.

I wish you a month full of pauses,

With my best wishes,

Richard

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6th Aug Transfiguration	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Lay led
	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Parish Communion with Baptism	Rev M Maslen
	1115am	Didmarton	Said Matins	Rev M Maslen
	6pm	Sopworth	Said Evening Prayer	Lay led
	6pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev M Maslen
13th Aug Trinity 10	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion Prayer book	P Cheeseman
	9.30am	Leighterton	Holy Communion Prayer book	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Little Badminton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
20th Aug Trinity 11	8.30am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	Rev R Thomson
	1000 am	Hawkesbury	Family service pet service	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Sopworth	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
27th Aug Trinity 13	9.30am	Lasborough	HC CW	Rev R Thomson
	1100am	Hawkesbury	Songs of Praise	Rev R Thomson

### Wine Myth 2

**Red wine should never be chilled** -One of the first things many people hear is “only keep white or sparkling wines in the fridge” and “reds should be always served at room temperature”. Although in many cases red wine characteristics are best expressed at warmer temperatures than whites, there are some exceptions. The best red wines to try chilled are usually light- to medium-bodied with low levels of tannins, such as wines from Beaujolais and those made from the Pinot Noir grape. Don’t be afraid to try experimenting, or to ask your restaurant wine server what temperature they would recommend!

**White wine should be served ice-cold**. As above same with white. If the wine is good you will achieve the best results from both red and white wine served above ice cold and below room temperature. The cold ‘flattens’ a lot of the delicate flavours in white wine while a slightly higher temperature (not too hot unless you are mulling!) brings them out and too warm a red can also cause it to taste flat.

**Top tip:** ‘room temperature’ is probably cooler than you think. Ideal serving temperatures for red wines range from 13°C-18°C.

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How marvellous are your works O'Lord & your ways past finding out. He gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell, how great is God Almighty who has made all things well.

The Psalmist calls us to "Sing to the lord, for he has done marvellous things!"  
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God's marvellous salvation plan has been revealed & accomplished in the ministry of Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Jesus himself (having healed the sick) said "His father would show greater works through him that we might marvel" (John 5 vs20).

"truly I say to you, he that heareth my words & believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death to life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotton son that who ever believes in me should not perish but have everlasting life, for God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved"

It was through the death and the resurrection of Jesus that God's marvellous plan was achieved, for jesus gave his life a ransom for many!

May you come to sing of the marvellous salvation God offers you, as you humbly repent of sin and trust in Jesus alone for salvation.

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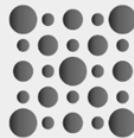
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