



# the **DYDDI!**

digest

August — 585

Didmarton's local magazine incorporating  
Leighterton, Boxwell and Sopworth



## RUBBISH DATES

All Bins – 2nd, 16th & 30th **FRIDAY**

Food Waste— 9th & 23rd **FRIDAY**

2024 Calendar now on line

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## DIARY DATES

1st— Lamas

**7th—WOW**

10th—Lazy Day

12th—Tisha B'Av

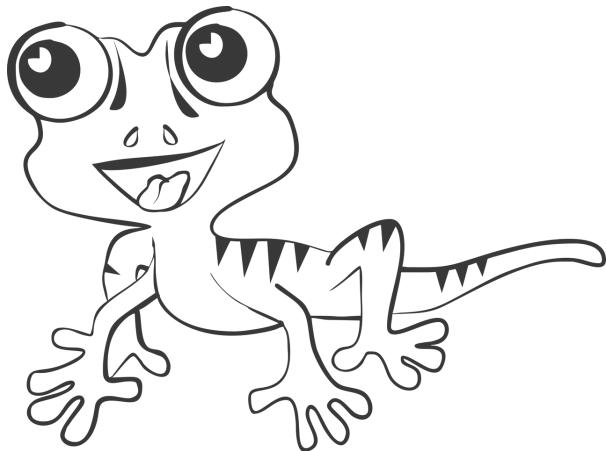
14th—World Lizard Day

16th National Rum Day

**21st—WOW**

22nd—Be an Angel Day

26th—National Dog Day & Summer Bank Holiday



The full moon in the UK is on August 19, 2024 at 2:26 PM and is called the Sturgeon Moon. It will also be a supermoon, which means it will appear larger and brighter than other full moons because the moon will be at its closest point to Earth, called lunar perigee. The Sturgeon Moon has also been called the green corn moon, the grain moon, and the red moon because it can take on a reddish hue in the summer haze.

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## WHY IS IT CALLED AUGUST

The month of August is named after Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor, who was born Gaius Octavian but adopted by his great uncle, Julius Caesar. In 8 BCE, the Roman Senate renamed the month Sextilis, which is Latin for "sixth month", to Augustus in honor of Caesar. The name Augustus comes from the Latin word *augustus*, which means "consecrated" or "venerable"

Or.....

Augustus made adjustments to the calendar since the extra day that was supposed to be every four years was actually every three years. He also named August after himself since Julius Caesar named July after himself.

## HERE COMES THE SUMMER SUN..... ISH

Looking out of my office window to see ducks sitting in a giant puddle is not how I envisioned July to be, but there we have it. Let us all send out bright sunshine thoughts to encourage August to be spectacular! On the plus side everything is looking lush and green on the not plus side, our poor farmers become grim and red, not with the sun but with frustration.

As we now have a new government I thought we should have a look at economics, so turn to page 11 for enlightenment!

So stack the fire or crank up the heating, wrap yourself in a nice blanket with a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy August!

**All contributions should be sent before the 15th of each month—anyone can offer a contribution, be it a story, notice or joke, all contributions are welcome.**

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**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**





The July 100 Club draw took place on July 14th at the Worcester Lodge Village Open Event. The prize winners were:-

**1st Prize** £20 Mark Wallington

**2nd Prize** £15 Vivian Clare

**3rd Prize** £15 Marina Chittle

**4th Prize** £10 Emil Lansdell

**Sue and Sue**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 10am—12am**

**49 The street**

**Ruth x**



## SPEED WATCH

### Speed watch w/c 10 June 24 Summary of results

Our latest speed watch sessions took place from June 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. We were able to complete all 8 of our planned sessions.

The results seem to follow the pattern of those seen over the last few months with relatively small numbers of people caught speeding, although there was an increase of 9 from our last session in April with the number of vehicles passing through being almost identical.

However many of those who do speed are still significantly exceeding the limit, with speeds recorded in excess of 40mph or even over 50mph.

Our early evening session again proved to be productive and we will continue these for as long as the light permits.

### Sue Hammond & the Speed Watch Team



Date	Site	Total Positive IDs	Highest Speed & Time	Comments	Total Vehicles
10/6 am 8:00 to 8:30	Village Hall	4	43mph @ 8:11	also 1 @ 41 @ 8:30	166
10/6 pm 17:30 to 1800	Church	6	46mph @ 17:40	also 1 @ 41 @ 17:44	216
11/6 am 8:30 to 9:00	Church	5	39mph @ 8:33		193
11/6 pm 18:30 to 19:00	Village Hall	6	<b>51mph @ 18:48</b>	also 1 @ 42 @ 18:37 and 1 @ 40 @ 18:39	91
12/6 am 8:35 to 9:05	Village Hall	7	43mph @ 8:47	also 1 @ 40 @ 8:40	98
12/6 pm 16:30 to 17:00	Village Hall	3	42mph @ 16:57	Vehicle with highest speed flagged as possible false plates	96
14/6 am 8:15 to 8:45	Village Hall	9	<b>50mph @ 8:35</b>	also 1 @ 43mph and 1 @ 45mph @ 8:19 and 1 @ 40mph @ 8:41	101
14/6 pm 16:15 to 16:45	Church	5	37mph @ 16:28		200
<b>Totals</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>Highest 51 and 50mph</b>	<b>14 vehicles @ 40mph +</b>	<b>1161</b>

## BOULES AT DIDMARTON

### SAVE THE DATE : SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7th 2024

It's on again for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row at The Kings Arms, Didmarton.

This event is for NOVICES ONLY.

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.

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.

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.

## WORCESTER LODGE OPEN DAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY

After much organisation by a dedicated team from our village, Badminton Estate Office opened up Worcester Lodge on Sunday for the villagers of Didmarton to enjoy for a few hours.

It is an impressive building with a very interesting past, and we were very grateful to Matthew Butler -the Badminton Estate official historian- for two most informative talks explaining briefly the story of how the Beaufort family came to the area to establish the estate, and reasons why the Lodge was built in the first place.



Looking around the interior one was amazed to consider a estate worker's family of up to four may have lived in just two rooms on EACH side of the entrance archway. And in the top room the vaulted ceiling with extraordinary, detailed plasterwork relief is considered one of the most significant architectural examples in the country.

And how many of us know that in the 1980's someone managed to get into that top room and steal the magnificent dining table and almost priceless set of chairs without the family living below, hearing a thing. It is thought that they were stolen 'to order' and to this day their whereabouts remain a mystery.

Our lovely volunteers organised and served over 60 delicious cream teas to raise a significant sum to boost the DVHCC funds. We must send warm thanks to Sarah Bugg for volunteering to create all those scones, freshly baked on that morning, and to those who donated the jam and cream.

And the weather behaved as well! We had lovely sunshine with just the slightest small breeze and everyone enjoyed a perfect English afternoon.



# THE MUSICAL GARDEN

## CHILDREN'S CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOPS

Children's Creative Arts Workshops combining drama, singing, drumming, dance, storytelling, yoga, nature crafting & cookery!

Children will spark their creative side with themed arts projects whilst nurturing their wellbeing and enjoying lots of outdoor play.

Small groups led by music & drama DBS trained teacher.

Based in the countryside location of Sopworth, your child will feel right at home, enabling them to explore, learn and make new friends.

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### SUMMER CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOPS

#### Tuesday 20th August- The Magic Tree

Join us as we head outside and discover the hidden world of the magic tree and its slightly crazy and magical inhabitants. Children will take part in nature hunts, restore with Garden yoga, make minibeast masks, create soundscapes, devise with drama and of course have lots of outdoor play!



9am-4pm  
Suitable for Ages 5-10  
£50 per day



### SUMMER CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOPS

#### Thursday 22nd August- The Dreaming

In this exciting foot stomping workshop, we will make, bake, move and create, exploring Aboriginal dreaming stories. Expect lots of face paint, masks, art, dance, and storytelling as we head down under for a day of adventure.



9am-4pm  
Suitable for Ages 5-10  
£50 per day

FOR BOOKINGS & MORE INFORMATION VISIT:  
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OR CONTACT NICI ON 0791916075



### SUMMER CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOPS

#### Thursday 29th August- Tales of the Sea

In our last workshop of the summer, we will dive underwater to explore tales of the sea. Expect lots of drumming, storytelling, sea shanties, shipwrecks & rock painting as we get creative inspired by coastal folklore.

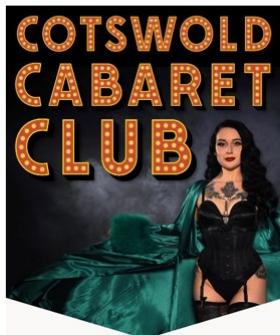


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# TETBURY GOODS SHED

ARTS CENTRE

## AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS AT THE GOOD SHED



August 10 Cotswold Cabaret Club: Local entertainer The Magnificent Mr Kai brings you a mishmash of circus, theatre and burlesque acts. Mr Kai's blend of stand-up comedy, juggling and audience involvement pulls it all together. Tickets £17.50. 8pm

August 16 Willy Tea Taylor: Singer-songwriter Willy hails from Oakdale, California and is touring the UK with his Album "The Great Western Hangover", in a solo performance. Tickets £12.50 under 25 £10. 7.30pm

August 17 The Tempest: The Festival Players return to The Goods Shed for an open-air performance of Shakespeare's last and great play – a mixture of intrigue, magic and humour. Tickets £17, under 25 £10. 7pm

September 1 Off The Rails: Our family fun day celebrates live music, activities for the children and, of course, a selection of food and drink and our Whistle Stop Café. Adults £10 under 18 free! 11-6

**For more details of our other events including film, talks, exhibitions, and afternoon tea concerts and to book tickets visit our website:**

**[www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk)**

## THE 'BOOTS' THEORY OF SOCIOECONOMIC UNFAIRNESS.

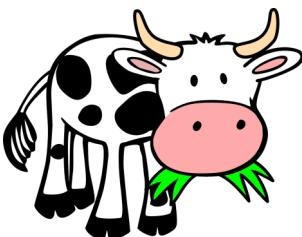


"The reason that the rich were so rich, Vimes Reasoned, was because they managed to spend less money.

Take boots, for example. He earned thirty-eight dollars a month plus allowances. A really good pair of leather boots cost fifty dollars. But an affordable pair of boots, which were sort of OK for a season or two and then leaked like hell when the cardboard gave out, cost about ten dollars. Those were the kind of boots Vimes always bought, and wore until the soles were so thin that he could tell where he was in Ankh-Morpork on a foggy night by the feel of the cobbles.

But the thing was that good boots lasted for years and years. A man who could afford fifty dollars had a pair of boots that'd still be keeping his feet dry in ten years' time, while the poor man who could only afford cheap boots would have spent a hundred dollars on boots in the same time and would still have wet feet."

**Captain Samuel Vimes as written by Terry Pratchett in Men at Arms**



## ECONOMICS EXPLAINED WITH THE COW MODEL—YOU HAVE TWO COWS

**Socialism:** The government takes one cow and gives it to someone else

**Communism:** The government takes both cows and gives you some milk

**Fascism:** The government takes both cows and sells you some milk

**Nazism:** The government takes both cows and shoots you

**Bureaucratism:** The government takes both cows, shoots one, milks the other, and then throws the milk away

**New Dealism:** The person shoots one cow, milks the other, and then pours the milk down the drain

**Capitalism:** You sell one cow and buy a bull

## CONGRATULATIONS



Local boy loan Jones part of the England U20's team was in South Africa playing for England in the World Championships. The final was played on the 19th July at 18:00 BST.

This is the future of England's senior rugby and they have been on top form throughout this tournament. Well done loan (and team) - what a performance!

## YOUR MIND & BODY MATTERS

Do we, our children and older grandchildren understand the phrase "knowing your true values?"

Living by our values we help to live our life in alignment. If we aren't living our life congruent with what we believe, then there will be disharmony and unrest. Some of us know our core values straight away and try to live our lives by them others live their lives by their beliefs, which aren't necessarily a value such as; money will make me happy. A good exercise is to google core values and see what speaks to you, make a list of maybe 10 then make another list from that 10 of 5 and put them in to your top priority. By doing this it helps to get your life back on track and identify an area where you don't feel aligned. This is really helpful in jobs, home life, retirement and for young adults choosing uni's, colleges, job and places to live.

Values can change throughout life but understanding your values is really important and some may call it a life skill. When looking for a new job you need to be really clear on your core values. It's surprising how many people cruise through life not knowing what their values are, some are lucky but others have gone through life bouncing from one bad job to another and making wrong or poor decisions however to know your core values is like having a light to show you your path.

Why not try this exercise you may be surprised. Encourage your children and young adults to have a go to, it can only help and inform.

Ruth x



Please do pop in on Friday 27th September for coffee in support of  
MacMillan Cancer Support 10am—12am at 49 The Street.

Ruth

## August 1976 AS 'TWAS 48 YEARS AGO

### Didmarton as it is recorded in the 'Diddy-ditty' No.11

(This magazine has been published every month since No. 1 in October 1975.)

Didmarton was preening itself for the Bledisloe Cup Competition for 'best kept village': "Didmarton's entry ...certainly had an effect on many residents. Villagers were seen to be cutting grass verges, weeding walls, generally cleaning the pavements, etc., all of which was good to see. The War-Memorial 'touch-up' by Mrs Margery Hills, the Milestone by Mr Robert Hawes who has also been doing an excellent job painstakingly cleaning and repointing the stonework of the Lock-up. The children, too, have become very litter conscious, putting their sweet and ice-cream wrappers in the litter bin. ... we must continue to keep it up as the judging has not yet been completed."

'Funday Monday' "We are planning a 'fun' evening for August Bank Holiday Monday starting at about 6pm. ... We hope you will turn up to watch or join in the Rounders, Tug-o-War, 'Crockers'\* competitions, Children's Sports and many many sideshows. ... We are inviting neighbouring villages to enter teams for the events ... We need volunteers from Didmarton both for the teams and to run the various events and stalls."

Reading Room: "The Joint Committee of the Reading Room and Playing Field wish to thank Mr Bill Blanden for the excellent job he has achieved with the Reading Room plumbing. Another fine achievement was the knocking through of a doorway and concreting of the kitchen floor by Andrew Snell, ably assisted by Pete White and the best cement mixer in the West, Sue Snell."

Sunday Times Colour Magazine - Frederick and Henrietta Sargeant: "Does anyone in the village remember Mr and Mrs Sargeant, featured in the Sunday Times ... both being centenarians (he is 101 and she is 100) and celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary. 'Fred was born at Oldbury-on-the-Hill. He was the youngest of 11 children. "My father was a groom in Didmarton. He drove a four-wheel carriage and a landau. He also did a bit of gardening." Henrietta was born at Stapleton in Bristol, the youngest of eight children. Her father was a carpenter who lived to 97.'"

Gas: "The Gas Board say it would be too costly to bring a low-pressure gas main from either Tetbury or Wickwar. (...£25,000 per mile!)"

\*Before my time - any readers' ideas what these were? D.

-The above 'digest' of a previous edition is taken from the Village Archive of Dd-



## SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

September

Speaker is Rachael Emous-Austin

### **Cuttings**

At our July meeting, we enjoyed a fascinating glimpse into various gardens (including his own) designed and landscaped by Chris Frost and his team at Sage Design. Chris is a local, an SGC member and a proper hands-on gardener who is as happy discussing plant suitability as he is patio construction. He is happy to welcome us to his lovely garden so we'll work out a suitable date.

There will be no August meeting as even hard-working gardeners need to switch off occasionally. We'll resume on 3<sup>rd</sup> September with a presentation entitled 'Garden Design for Nature and Wellbeing' by Rachael Emous-Austin of Austin Design Works. More on this next month.

### **Clippings**

Club meetings will remain throughout 2024 on the first Tuesday of each month at the British School Room, Cliff Road, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Plant ID, plant sales, raffle, gardeners' question time, jobs in the garden for the month and friendly chat over homemade refreshments. New members are always welcome. Cost is £15 single, £25 joint, U18's free. We communicate with members via a monthly newsletter, on the [sherston.net](http://sherston.net) website and on our SGC Facebook page. Our Secretary can be contacted at [sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com)

### **Calendar 2024**

August—No Meeting but possibly a garden visit tbc

3<sup>rd</sup> September—'Garden Design for Nature and Wellbeing' with Rachel Emous-Austin

1<sup>st</sup> October—'Growing a Cut Flower Garden' with Rachel Golding Barrett

3<sup>rd</sup> December—'The Victorian Gardener' (with Christmas theme) with Francis Burroughes

Enjoy the month of August (more sun, less rain please) and see you all again in September.

## J.J'S GARDENING BLOG

If you have annuals that are going over, and even worth doing with short perennials, cut them down and give them a liquid feed. Some will flower again and everything will be tidy. If pots need rejuvenating go to your local nursery and get something new. It's not too late, perhaps choose something different, a variegated plant,

an evergreen. Even something which will be too big for the present container, but which can be planted into the garden next season or later. Snap dragons, nemesia and sweet Williams will often flower for two seasons, if you try 'cut and feed'.

If you are looking for a tall herbaceous plant, Thalictrum Elin has nice foliage with white or mauve fluffy flowers and grows to about five foot high.

It's time to carry on garden visiting. You will get ideas and the opportunity to talk to the owners, about what works for them.

Keep deadheading, cosmos, roses etc, even plants with strap like leaves such as sisyrinchium are attractive and give a different profile after flowering.

There are lots of sun flowers, cream, bronze, yellow, some tall some smaller. Save some seed for next season, named and dated in envelopes and stored in a tin or plastic box.

Enjoy hydrangeas, newly planted ones may take two years to developed into the plant of your dreams. Water, their name gives you a reminder.

Prune back any long whippy growth on wisteria. Get someone agile to go up the ladder. Cut yew.



## THE DYDDI DIGEST TEASER NO.6

### The Dd Brain Teaser No.6

Given the initials and number of letters,  
what do they stand for?

T 4

P 10

BAGS

C 7

W 8

C 5

A D 10 7

H 7

SPRAYS

P 7

C 6

S 6

UTE534

F 9

BOWS

H 4

C 4

V 6

F 6

R 4

Answers to DdBT No.5 July 24

A 7

O R E Edinburgh(A1) Portsmouth(A3)

TSE353

Holyhead(A5) Carlisle(A7) Thurso (A9)

MATS

B 4

S C Tetbury Saint Mary Redcliffe Salisbury

D 4

Boston Stump Chesterfield

J 4

C Red Savoy Sweetheart Durham Early

C 4

Crackerjack S Lemon Sole Cockles

M 5

Plankton Silver Darlings Laverbread P Tent

SHOPS

H 7

Clothes Square Teeth Tuning

(Compiled by David Michel)

# SUDOKU by Neil Fozard

For the uninitiated

**EASY !!**

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2	9				6			
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	2		5					

**NOT SO EASY !!**

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Answers to the July quizzes:

‘Easy’

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4	8	2	5	3	7	6	9	1
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6	2	8	1	7	5	3	4	9
5	4	3	8	9	6	2	1	7
2	5	1	3	8	4	9	7	6
8	7	4	9	6	2	1	3	5
9	3	6	7	5	1	4	8	2

‘Not so Easy’

2	4	5	1	9	7	8	3	6
3	6	7	4	5	8	9	1	2
1	8	9	3	2	6	7	4	5
7	1	3	6	8	4	5	2	9
9	2	8	5	7	1	3	6	4
6	5	4	9	3	2	1	7	8
4	9	6	8	1	3	2	5	7
5	3	2	7	4	9	6	8	1
8	7	1	2	6	5	4	9	3

## VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I was interested to read that there is a Chaplaincy at Glastonbury festival. It got me thinking about our Badminton Horse Trials chapel. Michael Eavis the founder of the festival, is a practising Methodist and has always given a large marquee for the local churches to operate in. Just as the Horse Trials Office is run mainly by practising Christians and they kindly allow us a marquee here at our big event, to use as a chapel.

At Glastonbury, the Bishop of Bath and Wells is given a five minute slot to speak on the main stage, the chapel has a prayer tree with prayers written on strips of fabric, and they offer an oasis of peace amidst the madness of the festival. I think we could copy the prayer tree idea next year, but we already have big names preaching most years, the Dean of Gloucester this year and the Bishop of Gloucester next. And our chapel is a place of rest and peace, amidst the interest in the event itself and the ancillary stands packed with all kinds of merchandise.

At Glastonbury, the chaplains perform blessings of relationships, renewal of wedding vows as well as baptisms. We also have had a Baptism at Badminton, but could offer blessings of relationships, if requested.

It strikes me as important that the church is present at such events, offering a quiet place and sharing the peace and love that God gives us.

With my best wishes

Richard

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CHURCH	Aug-24 SEE website for Readings: <a href="http://badmintonbenefice.com">badmintonbenefice.com</a>			
SUNDAY SERVICES				
Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
4th August	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	lay led
Trinity 10	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Parish Communion	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Didmarton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	3pm	Acton Turville	Family Service	Rev R Thomson
11th August	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion Prayer book	P Cheeseman
Trinity 11	1115am	Little Badminton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
18th August	9am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	Rev R Thomson
Trinity 12	1000 am	Hawkesbury	Family service	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Sopworth	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Acton Turville	Evening Prayer	Rev R Thomson
25th August	9.30am	Lasborough	HC CW	Rev R Thomson
St Bartholomew	1115am	Little Badminton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Sir I Macfadyan



## PRIDE

We live in an age of moral and spiritual darkness, when people are calling evil good and good evil, being proud to celebrate the evil darkness in which they live and whose glory is in their shame.

When Jesus Christ came into the world he rightly said "I am the light of the world" bringing God's light to us and saying "This is the condemnation that he brings that light has come into the world and men loved darkness rather than the light for their deeds are evil" Scripture says 'God has given such over to a debased mind, being proud boasters having vile passions. While knowing righteous judgment of God, they approve of those who practice them' (Rom 1 v5 26-32)

However, all is not lost, for Jesus says to us today "I am the light of the world, he who follows me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life". He reminds us of our need of spiritual light in a spiritually dark world which he gives to all who embrace Him and so become children of God by faith in Him. Jesus tells us that it is out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, wickedness and pride and all these things defile a man. The apostle Paul had much of which he could boast humanly speaking until he saw the light of God in Jesus Christ and then he forsook his pride and humbled himself before Jesus and was able to say "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ"

Has the darkness been dispelled in your life as the light of God has come to dwell in you and illuminate the path ahead, that you might not be blinded by the evil one and fall into the patterns of a fallen world?

God calls us to humble ourselves before him and repent of our sin and darkness and turn in faith to his light in Jesus, who by his death on the cross has taken our sin and paid the price to set us free from bondage to it, that we might live in the light of his righteous and holy life.

Will you turn from the evil of pride to Jesus the true light of the world?

Royston Pick

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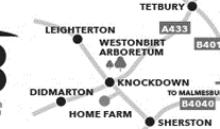
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