



# the **PYDDI** digest

November—576

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

Bonfire Night celebrations at Didmarton Village Hall

**Saturday 4th November**



## Rubbish Dates

All Bins: 9th & 23rd November

Food Waste: 5th & 19th October

Download Dates

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

## Diary Dates November

**1st— Welcome on Wednesday (WOW)**

**4th—Bonfire & Fireworks**

9th — British Pudding Day

9th —World Adoptions Day

9th— Emergency Services Day

**11th—Remembrance Day**

12th—Diwali

**15th— Welcome on Wednesday (WOW)**

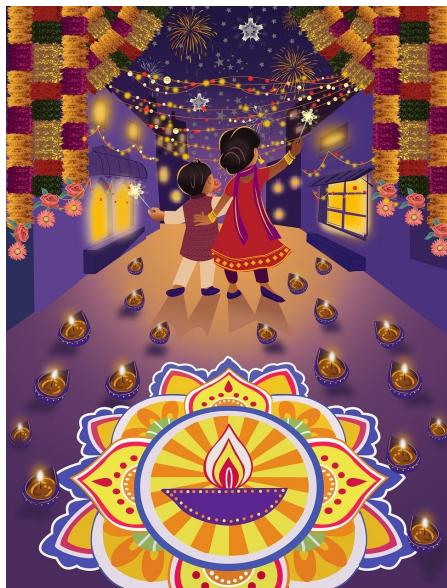
24th — Black Friday & Buy Nothing Day

28th—Full Moon (Hunters Moon)

29th—World Cat Day

**29th— Welcome on Wednesday (WOW)**

30th —St Andrew's Day



## Local Places to Stay

Didmarton - Self-contained 1 bedroom annex with parking for one car.

Contact Emma 07702 693100 (Photos <https://abnb.me/ZmWzKKHPIBb> please call to book).

Didmarton - The Kings Arms, 01454 238245 <https://butcombe.com/the-kings-arms-gloucestershire/>

**To include your property email details to**  
**[editor@dyddi.co.uk](mailto:editor@dyddi.co.uk)**

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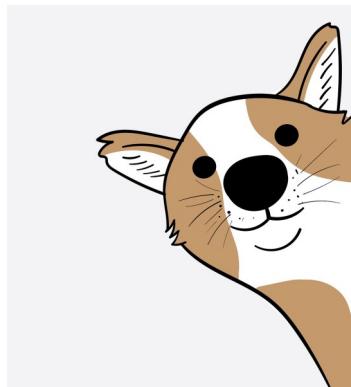
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## DIDMARTON WALKING GROUP

The next outing of the walking group will be on Thursday November 30th, 10 am at the KA car park. Followed by coffee/other refreshments for the adults and a lovely biccy for the wee pooches ....et moi! (As moi is a definitely not a wee pooch).

Woof woof Martha'



## SAVE OUR SURGERY

If you haven't already then please sign the petition to save Tolsey Surgery in Sherston from closure. You will find lots of information on the village hall including a link to sign online and a form to download. The Parish Council have also outlined other action that can be taken.

<https://www.didmartonvillagehall.co.uk/#Surgery>

Now, while it still isn't Christmas (Didmarton Bonfire & Fireworks first please!!). Please do save the date for the Didmarton Christmas Fair, details on pages 6-8. Leighterton are also holding a Christmas Fayre on the 3rd (p12), so we are quite spoiled for choice!

At the point of writing this, I have just spent 45 minutes in the rain with escapee cattle on the Sopworth bi-way. The cattle escaped as someone had disconnected the electric fence! This beggars belief to me. Why would anyone disconnect a fence that especially one not even on a public right of way? If there was a reason why didn't they re-connect it or contact someone? I am told by a number of local farmers that this is a regular occurrence. So a kind reminder, stick to the footpaths and leave as you find.

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

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The village Act of Remembrance will take place following the 11.15 service on November 5th.

If you have received a wooden cross from the Royal British Legion and would like this to be included in a small Field of Remembrance, please drop it in to 45 The Street.

### Christmas Services

Carol Service Sunday 17th December 6pm  
Midnight Mass Sunday 24th December 11.30pm

DIDMARTON'S ANNUAL  
**BONFIRE NIGHT**  
**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**A SHOWSTOPPING ROCKET FILLED**  
**FIREWORK DISPLAY**



**DIDMARTON VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELD**  
**GATES OPEN – 6PM**      **BONFIRE LIT – 6.30PM**  
**FIREWORKS – 7PM**

**BURGERS, HOTDOGS, BAR, MULLED WINE, CAKE STALL, RAFFLE,  
SPARKLERS FOR CHILDREN, LOTS OF PARKING**

**£6.00 ADULT**

**£2.00 CHILDREN UNDER 16**

# Didmarton Christmas Fair



Saturday 2nd December - 2pm  
Details inside!

Save the Date for the Magical Didmarton Village Christmas Fayre  
2pm on SATURDAY DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>

Join us for a festive extravaganza as we transform Didmarton Village Hall into a winter wonderland. The village is buzzing with excitement as we bring together an incredible lineup of attractions and activities for the whole family to enjoy.



Meet Santa in his Enchanting Grotto:

Bring the little ones to experience the true spirit of Christmas as they meet Santa Claus himself in his whimsical grotto. It's sure to be a magical encounter filled with joy and wonder.



Delight in the Sounds of the Season:

Let the melodies of the season captivate your heart as our charming choir and lively brass band fill the air with holiday spirit. Get ready to sing along and embrace the joyous atmosphere.



Explore a Winter Wonderland of Shopping:

Discover unique treasures and delightful gifts from our talented vendors. Here are just a few of the amazing pitches awaiting you:



Doodling Lucy: Get mesmerized by the artistic wonders of Doodling Lucy.

Her creations will ignite your imagination and make perfect holiday gifts.



Christmas Bits n Bobs: Find that special something at this colourful table,

brimming with festive trinkets and decorations to add cheer to your home.



Leighterton PTA Tombola: Try your luck at the Leighterton PTA Tombola

and win exciting prizes while supporting a great cause.



Christmas Food Tables: Indulge in mouthwatering treats and delectable delights at our Christmas Food Tables. Taste the flavours of the season and bring home unforgettable culinary experiences.



Brewery Table: Discover the finest local brews at our brewery table, where you can purchase a range of refreshing brews at low, low prices to take away and enjoy at home.



A Butchers table: We have a great treat in store for you at Artisan Jacks butcher stall, where you'll find premium cuts of meat and gourmet Christmas delights.

The bar will be serving beers, ciders, wines and soft drinks as well as teas and coffees. AND Mulled Wine with mince pies of course!



And so much more to explore, with surprises around every corner!



Mark your calendar, gather your loved ones, and join us at Didmarton Village Hall for a day of festive excitement and community spirit. This is an event not to be missed!

Stay tuned for updates and more exciting announcements as we draw closer to the most magical time of the year. Look out for updates on the Dyddichat app for the latest news and information.

Let's create cherished memories, support local businesses, and celebrate the joy of Christmas together at the Didmarton Village Christmas Fayre. See you there!



**Friday 17th November**

**Where the Crawdads Sing (2022) Drama,  
Mystery & Thriller**

From the best-selling novel comes a captivating mystery. Where the Crawdads Sing tells the story of Kya, an abandoned girl who raised herself to adulthood in the dangerous marshlands of North Carolina.

**Cert: 15 – Run time: 2 hr. 05 min.**

**Rotten Tomatoes audience rating: 92%**

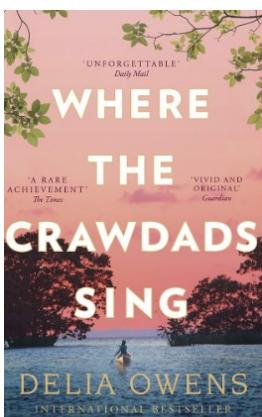
**Starring:** Harris Dickinson, Daisy Edgar-Jones, Taylor Smith

**Director:** *Olivia Newman*

**Trailer:** <https://www.filmbankmedia.com/films/archive/details/33623-where-the-crawdads-sing#/video>

Doors open at 6.30pm for the Bar with Film starting at 7.30pm

If you can let us know if you're coming beforehand as it helps with chairs



Thoroughly recommend both the book and the film. I promise, you will be transported to the swamps by this powerful and captivating narrative.

This is a do not miss film.

Rxz

## What's Happening at Badminton

### Giant Knitting with The Chunky Needle

Sunday 12 November

11am-1pm



### Cocktail making with The Bar Bros

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November

7pm-9pm and 6pm-8pm



### Christmas Wreath Knitting

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

11am-1.30pm



### Christmas Wreaths with The Flower Hut Tetbury

2<sup>nd</sup> December: 3pm-5pm

3<sup>rd</sup> December: 11am-1pm and 3pm-5pm



### Christmas Mince Pies Class with Julie Jones

Saturday 9 December

10am-12pm



### Whisky Tasting with Cheese and Chocolates

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

7pm-9pm



### Christmas Canapes and Edible Gifts with Chef Valentina Harris

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December

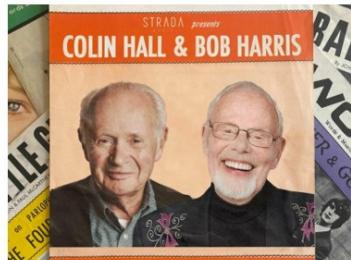
10am-3pm

Book at [www.badmintonestate.com](http://www.badmintonestate.com) or join our mailing list for updates:

# TETBURY GOODS SHED

## ARTS CENTRE

### HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER AT THE GOODS SHED



#### November 4

**Bob Harris and Colin Hall:** Whispering' Bob Harris, OBE has been at the very heart of UK music scene for the best part of fifty years and this evening he and Colin Hall present "The Songs The Beatles Gave Away", music they wrote but never recorded. Tickets £20. 7.30.

#### November 12

**Honey and the Bear:** The British folk and roots duo Jon and Lucy Hart are joined by guests Evan Carson and Toby Shaer. Tickets £14.50/£10 for under 25. 6pm

#### November 18

**Swing From Paris:** Described as the finest gypsy jazz in the Cotswolds they are influenced by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli and present music from Edith Piaf to Gershwin and the Hot Club de France. Tickets £15/£10 under 25. 7.30

#### November 24

**The Goldberg Variations:** Harpsichordist Nathaniel Mander will be playing one of Bach's most enduring masterpieces, which he has recently recorded on the Chronos label. It will be a magical evening. Tickets: £20/£15 for under 25s. 7.30

**To buy tickets and for more details of films, talks, exhibitions and afternoon music visit our website:**

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

# Leighterton Christmas Fair!

**Sunday 3rd December 2023—2pm onwards**

It has been agreed that this year all profits will be split equally between village projects and Great Western Air Ambulance.

What will be going on? - Cake Stall — I am looking for people to bake cakes etc for this - Santa's Grotto — I am waiting for Santa to confirm he is around on the date needed! - Treasure Hunt - Bar - Hot Food - Raffle — any help with prizes would be greatly received Stalls will be available at no cost (but a small donation would be appreciated) to any one who would like to run one — The more stalls the better the event. So if you or someone you know has something they would like to sell, demonstrate or provide entertainment please get in touch.

## **Finally; A Boxwell with Leighterton Calendar.**

Don't worry...no one is required to hide behind a strategically positioned tractor!! Its not that sort of calendar 2024 calendar featuring photos around Boxwell and Leighterton. The calendars will be £10 each and are available to pre order NOW! (Unfortunately there won't be any extras on sale on the day) All profits from the sale of these calendars will go to our two causes.

For any stall requests, calendar pre orders or anything else please contact me on:  
E: [christmas@force8.me.uk](mailto:christmas@force8.me.uk) T: 07875 277283



## Estate News

Badminton Estate have recently advised us that Active Learning Group (Bushcraft) are looking to increase the number of camps within Hinnegar Woods that they hope to hold next year and in the following years.

Bushcraft have operated in Hinnegar Woods in the past, but they now wish to operate for more than the currently permitted 60 days a year so are applying for consent via South Glos Council (as the woods are in Hawkesbury Parish).

The plan is to hold 8 camps with an average of 40 children per camp (age range 7 to 14 year-olds) between 2nd May and 25th July and between 1st September and 5th October. The camps are 2 to 5 days in duration, during weekdays, and are pre-booked in advance. Children will arrive by coaches accessing Hinnegar Woods via the A433/Ragged Castle junction.

There will not be any permanent structures in the woods, but there will be moveable structures such as yurt tents and timber clad cabins (which will be used for office/storage).

As background, Bushcraft operates camps and activities to encourage children to enjoy the outdoors and learn new skills, promoting a back-to-nature educational experience. The camps provide outdoor education and recreation for children from schools within Gloucestershire as well as from further afield. Should you wish to know more about Bushcraft their website is [Outdoor Adventure School Trips | The Bushcraft Company](http://www.outdooradventureschooltrips.co.uk)

John Hammond

on behalf of Didmarton Parish Council



The October draw took place on September 23rd at the DVHCC meeting held at The Village Hall. The prize winners were:-

1st Prize	£20	Sue Ellis	2nd Prize	£15	Kenny Crewe
3rd Prize	£10	Paul Body	4th Prize	£10	Steve Fry

**Sue and Sue**

## From CDC District Councillor—Tony Slater

**At CDC:** The leader confirmed that CDC was currently in a good financial position, but in the coming years difficult decisions would mean some non-statutory services would change and some would cease, to avoid problems recently seen in Birmingham. This is somewhat ingenuine for several reasons, but I don't want to be political in this article.

A motion was presented on how to improve water saving measures in new build houses – this was unanimously approved, but I suggested it should be made even stronger.

Issues within the planning department have been confirmed, especially in the Enforcement team – a new officer has recently been appointed to help, but there are several vacancies.

A review has been commissioned into public toilets. A report will be presented to the Overview & Scrutiny group into locations and usage, and I have volunteered to lead a piece of work on the future of these assets. My aim is to ensure the Cotswolds retain and improve these essential facilities.

**Banking in Tetbury:** In a previous update you may recall that I formally approached Link with a view to establishing a banking hub in Tetbury. Following their thorough review, they responded 'the current level of access to cash provision being assessed as being suitable for the community and therefore a new solution is not considered to be necessary in this location'.

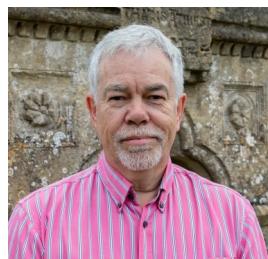
**Didmarton:** It is pleasing to note that the Badminton estate have kept their word and advised the community of some forthcoming camping events. These shouldn't impact residents to any great extent, but dog walkers should be aware and take extra care if using the estate.

### 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





## LEIGHTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Leighterton Primary School is becoming increasingly popular, and in September, we were able to open another class. This means that the children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 are all taught as separate classes and Years 5 and 6 are taught together. Our largest class has only 20 pupils.

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 classes are called Apsemore, Barnhill, Boxwell, Haymead, Ozleworth and Ridge.

We have a well-stocked library right in the middle of our lovely school and children are able to borrow books to take home to read and for research in their classrooms.

Our classrooms are all spacious, light and airy and have access onto our beautiful school grounds, where, as well as a large playground, we have two fields, a super outdoor classroom and a purpose- built forest school area.

We use our school fields all year round for both learning and play. Our children keep a pair of wellington boots in school to change into at playtime and lunchtime and this means that they can use all of our grounds.

The whole school uses the outdoor space each morning when we either run the daily mile together or skip. This is great fun and we build up our stamina which is reflected back in the classroom with greater concentration in lessons.

Our wrap around care is very popular and children can come to Breakfast Club each morning from 7.30 am. They love taking part in a variety of activities provided and enjoy social time whilst eating breakfast. After School Club runs daily until 6.00 pm from Monday until Thursday. The children love using both the outside and the inside space and enjoy a substantial snack.

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On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding an Open Morning from 9.30 am until 11.30 am for prospective parents and their children. This will be a great opportunity to see Leighterton Primary School in action and there will be a chance to meet the teachers too. If you would like to come along, please contact our school office at [admin@leighterton.glos.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leighterton.glos.sch.uk) to reserve a space.

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 convenient time to come and look round.



Above—We enjoy testing our models

... and creating Volcanoes >



We love learning outside,  
recording information

## Wilts & Bath Advanced Motorcyclists

We are a local bike group affiliated with the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) offering guidance and mentoring on motorcycling on behalf of the IAM. We are all volunteers with a passion for motorcycling and helping other riders become safer on the roads.



We offer free taster sessions where you can experience our mentoring approach and decide if you'd like to sign up for the Advanced Rider Course. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

For further information visit our website [www.wabam.org.uk](http://www.wabam.org.uk) or [www.iamroadsmart.com](http://www.iamroadsmart.com) in the meantime, as the hours of daylight decrease and we'll soon be travelling to and from work in the dark, here are some tips to help you have a safe journey.

### **The weather**

It may be sunny when you set out but what about later in the day? Check your weather app before setting off. Severe weather can present different challenges and it's not just winter weather which can wreak havoc on the roads, for motorbikes and bicycles, wet leaves are a particular hazard in Autumn.

### **Wear the correct gear**

Once the first drop of rain gets into your motorcycle clothes the rest will follow. It's worth investing in the right clothing to protect you in all weathers.

### **Prepare for the glare**

The sun is still quite bright and this can make journeys challenging when the sun is low. If you have a flip-down visor within your helmet use it. Don't forget to clean and check your visor regularly, minor scratches can become problematic in the dark with rain and headlight glare.

### **Check before you travel**

Remember to check your vehicle over before each journey; it's crucial to keep your vehicle well maintained throughout the year so spend a few minutes checking the basics (tyres, fluid levels) to help prevent those unexpected breakdowns.

### **Staying seen**

Wear fluorescent/reflective gear (pink works best). This added piece of clothing may load the dice in your favour. The low sun can make motorcyclists and cyclists almost invisible to other road users so take a second look for motorbikes and cyclists.

## Prepping your boiler for winter

Be honest, when did you last have your boiler serviced by a Gas Safe or Oftec registered engineer? If your answer is “I can’t remember” then it’s probably not an annual occurrence. To prepare for the winter, this is the first thing you should look to be booking. Not only does it help keep the appliance running efficiently, it will help keep you and your family warm. If your boiler is working well this can save on future potential repair costs and your energy bill.

Before it gets too cold, run your boiler for an hour and check it’s firing up and that your radiators are warming. A large percentage of our breakdown calls come when the weather drops in temperature, boilers have been dormant and suddenly aren’t working. Get it done in good time so you’re not shivering and opting for cold water therapy.

Check your pressure gauge – is it between 1 and 1.5 bar when your boiler is off? This is a normal pressure reading when the radiators are cold and when they’re hot, it should be around 2 bar. If you have an oil boiler then make sure you have enough oil supply for the winter, checking the level via your gauge. We can replace your oil contents gauge if it is hard to read or, if you fancy, we could upgrade you to a remote contents gauge.

Air can sometimes find its way into the system over time which will reduce heating performance and again add more costs to your heating bill over time. It’s a good idea to bleed your radiators to help disperse any trapped air and if the inefficient heating continues you will know to call in an engineer to take a look at what the problem could be.

If you would like help with any of the above please do not hesitate to give us a call. We are a Tetbury based, family owned business with decades of experience in the field. We are not limited to heating, service and repairs but also specialise in bathroom renovations and water treatments solutions for your home or business.



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## Facts About Bonfire Night

The Gunpowder Plot of 1605 was meant to kill the Protestant King, James I and replace him with a Catholic Queen.

It was actually Warwickshire-born Robert Catesby who led the Gunpowder Plot, not Guy Fawkes. There were also 13 other people involved.

The job Guy Fawkes had in the Gunpowder Plot was to guard the 36 barrels of gunpowder that had been placed in a basement underneath the House Of Lords.

The alarm was raised after an anonymous letter was sent to Lord Monteagle, warning him to stay away from the House of Lords.

Explosive expert Fawkes, who had been left in a cellar to set off the fuse, was subsequently caught when a group of guards discovered him at the last moment on the 5th November. He was then taken to the Tower of London.

As he awaited his grisly punishment on the gallows, Fawkes leapt to his death to avoid the horrors of torture that awaited him. He died from a broken neck.

King James I announced that the 5th November should be the day that people always celebrate that the Gunpowder Plot didn't happen.

The cellar that Fawkes and the gunpowder plotters used was damaged in 1834 by fire. When the Palace of Westminster was rebuilt in the 19th century, the infamous cellar was destroyed.

St Peter's School is the only place in England that does not celebrate bonfire night as a show of respect for their former pupil, Guy Fawkes.

The Houses of Parliament are still searched by the Yeoman of the Guards before the state opening (where the reigning Monarch visits parliament each year) held in November. It is ceremonial rather than serious and is performed with lanterns.



## YOUR MIND & BODY MATTERS

I feel I should apologise as yet again I'm going to talk about how important our health is and yet why should I? We know how important it is, but why is it then that we choose to look after our cars better than we look after our bodies?

We wouldn't dream of putting the wrong fuel in our cars and if and when we do which is normally by accident we panic as we know we can't run our cars on the wrong fuel and yet we constantly put the wrong fuel into our bodies.

We add oil to our cars when needed but we don't take the correct oils for our bodies.

We add water to our cars but very rarely are we drinking enough water.

We pump up our tyres to get the best mileage but do we pump up our bodies to get the best out of our hearts, lungs and muscles?

We get our tracking done to keep us in a straight line, the food and / liquid we digest doesn't always do this and can make us feel foggy, confused, tired.

I hope when reading this we start to value ourselves more than our cars and start looking after ourselves even better than our cars.

Avoid the wrong fuel i.e. processed meals or any other foods that are processed.

Drinking the recommended 2 litres of liquid a day preferably water but teas and coffees count

Even if you can only manage 10 minutes of exercise a day and slowly increase this will be helping to get the best out of our hearts, lungs and muscles.

Cut down on the foods and liquids that don't give us anything except wasted calories.

We may go off piste occasionally, but why not aim to be your best and cherish what is dear - we only get one body and it deserves the best.

**Thank you again to all who baked to help support MacMillan coffee morning and a big thank you to those who donated. I was able to pay in the grand total of £599.44 - just fantastic.**

Ruth x



## SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

Next Meeting  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023:**  
Speaker is Garden Designer  
**Laura Holmes**

*'Creating your own Garden Space'*

### **Cuttings**

Over 50 members packed into the British School Room last month to hear Lucy Bowles-Lewis give an excellent talk about Whatley Manor's beautiful gardens. Only eight months into her role as Head Gardener, she has ambitious plans for conserving and extending the flower borders and kitchen gardens. She talked about growing sustainably and answered lots of questions from the audience.

New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are always welcome. The cost remains the same as last year: £15 single, £25 joint, U18's free. For membership form and full programme contact our Secretary: [sherstongarden-ingclub@gmail.com](mailto:sherstongarden-ingclub@gmail.com)

Club meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at the British School Room, Cliff Road, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tasty refreshments, test your knowledge with plant ID, plant sales, raffle, queries answered (mostly!) and useful tips passed on. It is always a relaxed, sociable and enjoyable evening.

### **Connections**

Check out the SGC Facebook group for photos, questions, answers (where possible!) and news of meetings and events. You can post photos of your own garden or a favourite one visited.

### **Community/Blooming Sherston**

As you will have spotted, the Post Office trough has been cleared of its exuberant summer plants and has adopted more autumnal hues. Dozens of spring narcissi and tulips have been under-planted and should start appearing from February onwards. The village seems to appreciate this addition to our High Street; there were lots of compliments throughout the year! We also have some extra bulbs for community planting so let us know if you want to brighten up your patch.

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## **Calendar**

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

9<sup>th</sup> November Coach trip to RHS Wisley (subject to numbers)

5th December: 'Seasonal Floral Arrangements with Julia Armstrong leads a Christmas Workshop

2024

2nd January. –'No dig polyculture in your garden' with Nicola Hope

6th February. - Piers Lavan of Hortico TBD.

5th March. –'Rosemary Verey, her legacy to C20th gardening' with Margie Hoffnung

2nd April. - 'Four Seasons Cotswold Style' with Mandy Bradshaw

7th May or 4th June. - 'Clematis Growing with Andrew Jeans (TBC)

7<sup>th</sup> May or 4<sup>th</sup> June 'Gardening in Pots' with Mandy Bradshaw (TBC)

Visits to Highgrove, Lackham Campus of Wiltshire College are also in the pipeline.

### **Concluding...jobs to be getting on with this month:**

Clear up leaves from lawns and borders. If you've space, bag them and make leaf mould

Plant tulips this month or December. Your narcissi should already be in but never too late!

Prune roses to prevent wind rock

Plant out any winter bedding

Insulate vulnerable containers from frost. Bubble-wrap works well

Put out bird food to encourage winter birds to visit



## J.J's Gardening Blog

It has been so mild that some plants have carried on flowering much longer. Not as strongly as earlier but enough flower to make a small arrangement to lift the spirits.

Because it has been fairly wet, pulling out weeds has been very easy and satisfying.

You may not have found time to take any cuttings. It's rather late, but just give it a go, nothing ventured.....nice gritty compost, a light position, may be on a window sill. Don't expect to see much sign of life until about May, and be mean with the watering or they will rot. Plectranthus, with grey slightly velvet leaves and insignificant purple flowers is a good plant to try with. Remember that most grey leaved plants are Mediterranean, so whatever you have that fits that description, will not survive outside in winter. You could also try some geranium cuttings, particularly if you have some that you especially like. Talk to them regularly.

Collect and store seed. Get some envelopes, and write the name of the plant you are collecting on first, or you will have wriggly writing, and the date too. Some seed can be viable for years, like an acorn and others only for a month or two. Storage is important too, a lidded tin or ice cream container to keep seeds dry and away from mice are good and keep in the dark.

If a plant needs re positioning and the soil is still warm, this is not the best moment, but sometimes you just have too. So give it a go, think about nice soil and maybe a stake for a year.

Sometimes a tiny plant or a cutting is offered by a friend at the wrong time. Plant it up and you could have a star.

Have you planted lots of bulbs? Perhaps some new to you. Hold back on planting tulips until after the first frost, which will kill off tulip blight. Have you got space to plant more bulbs for picking to bring indoors?



## SUDOKU by Neil Fozard

For the uninitiated

Each row, column and 3x3 box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9

**EASY !!**

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

**NOT SO EASY !!**

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Answers to the October quizzes:

‘Easy’

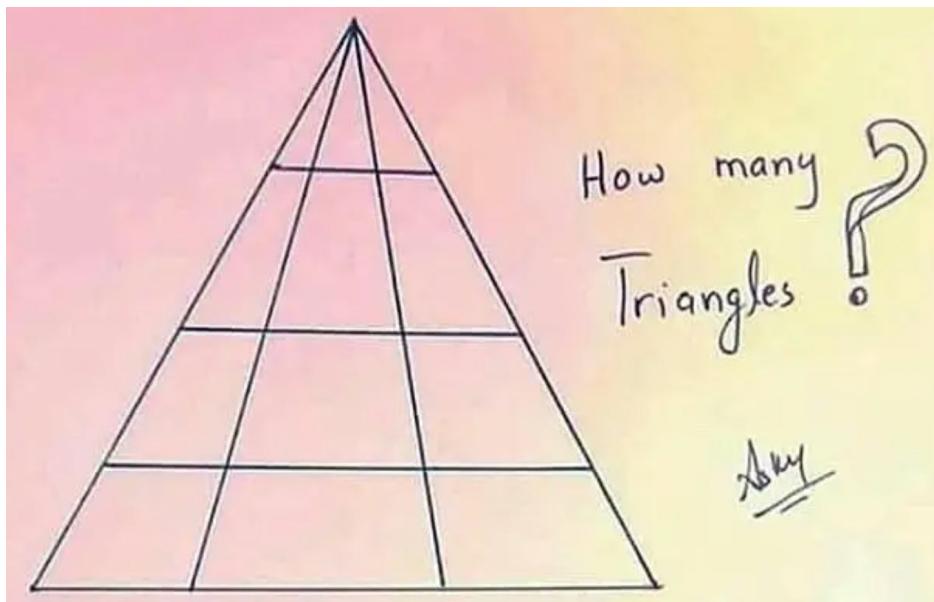
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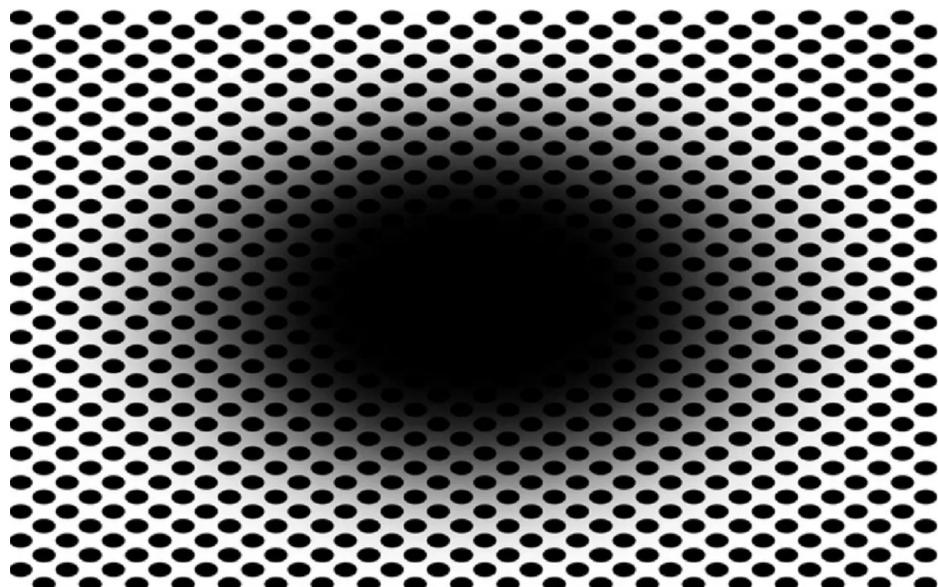
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7	9	4	1	6	5	3	2	8



How Many Triangles?



First Colour—Now Movement! (Hope this works in print!)



## VICAR'S LETTER July 2023

Dear Parishioners,

The nights have drawn in and Christians around the world are celebrating our first major winter festival, which is All Saints, 1st November.

It is a demonstration of the success of secularisation that in many parts of the Western world, the Eve of All Saints features more prominently, than All Saints. Better known as **Halloween (All Hallows Eve)**. Children dress up as demons, vampires, Frankenstein, ghosts and everything that is scary in their spiritual imagination.

What is this all about? Is it a harmless exorcizing of those fears and terrors of the night, that haunt children? Or is it a celebration of something more sinister?

For sure, Halloween should be trounced by All Saints. The saints come marching in and cast out all the evil from society. But where are the saints?

The white garments of the Saints are nowhere to be seen after the the ghoulish costumes of Halloween. Instead we must wait till December when the lights of the coming of Jesus, light up our houses and streets.

Perhaps we should not wait so long, but take away our pumpkins on All Saints Day, and in their place, light candles for **All Saints Day** and thank God that evil really has been judged by God in Christ, and its days are numbered.

Because that is our faith. We shall certainly be doing so in church on the first Sunday after All Saints Day, 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Have a good November,  
Richard

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CHURCH SERVICES	Nov-23 All Readings and updates of services on website: <a href="http://badmintonbenefice.com">badmintonbenefice.com</a>			
Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
5th November	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	<u>Lay led</u>
	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Parish Communion CW	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Didmarton	Remembrance Matins	Rev R Thomson
	3pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
	<b>1050 am</b>	<b>Great Badminton</b>	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>	P Cheeseman
12th November	9.30am	Lasborough	Service by the War Memorial	Ecumenical
	11am	Hawkesbury	Short service by War Memorial	Lay led
	11am	Sopworth		
	<b>1050 am</b>	<b>Great Badminton</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday service</b>	Rev R Thomson
	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Didmarton</b>	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>	Rev R Thomson
19th November	10am	Hawkesbury	Family service Advent theme	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Great Badminton	El Gubi Service RGH	The Dean of the Cathedral, The Reverend Canon Andrew Zihny, preaching.
	3pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	M Butler
	9.30am	Lasborough	HC CW	Rev R Thomson
	11am	Leightonton	Patronal Matins	Lay led
26th November	1115 am	Sopworth	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	5pm	Hawkesbury	Advent Service	Rev R Thomson
<b>2nd November</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Hawkesbury</b>	<b>Quiet service of reflection for loved ones</b>	Rev R Thomson
<b>All Souls Day</b>				
<b>11th November</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Hawkesbury</b>	<b>FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE</b>	Rev R Thomson
<b>Saturday</b>				

### Diwali

Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights with its variations also celebrated in other Indian religions. It symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance"



**Hitherto Has the Lord Helped Us!**



This month we have the opportunity to reflect with gratitude on the events which have influenced our lives for good in the past, giving thanks to Almighty God for the great and the marvelous works of his hand on our behalf, borne of His grace and compassion.

The Psalmist reminds us in PS111 vs 4 'He has made His wonderful works to be remembered'.

It pleases God when we pause our busy lives to focus our minds on and appreciate the wonderful works he has done for us and continues to do for our nation and its' people, for without him we can do nothing. He has made His wonderful works to be remembered not taken for granted or attributed to man's ingenuity or power.

We should remember his wonderful works for our good in creation! It is he who formed Earth and made us to experience the beauty of his handiwork. The Bible tells us to 'Remember your creator' while we have the opportunity, for life on Earth is brief and God's hand is sure and good.

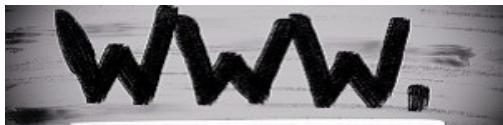
We should remember His wonderful works in provision. Our trust should not be in uncertain riches, but in the living God who has given us richly all things to enjoy. Day by day he has provided us with the necessities of life and His power has preserved us from our enemies.

Not only has he provided for this life, but by his redemption we can now experience freedom from sin's dominion over us and a future for us. To this end our Lord is the work of grace which has provided this and is offered to those who will repent of their sins and turn to Jesus in faith for forgiveness and the victory he provides for us.

Let us remember also our Saviour's promise that he would return in power and great glory to take his people to be with him and bring judgment on those who now reject him.

Let us be ready for him as we 'Take the cup of salvation he offers and call on the name of the Lord' in repentance and faith.

Royston Pick



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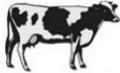
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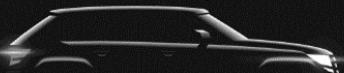


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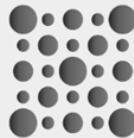
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