

# 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



Thank you Mr Hatherall for planting these beautiful  
Tulips and making the Church look so welcoming.

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



## Rubbish Dates

All Bins: 8th & 22nd June

Food Waste: 1st /7 15th June

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

## Diary Dates — June

- 3rd—World Bicycle Day (see last months Bodymatters!)
- 3rd—Full ‘Strawberry’ Moon
- 4th—National Cheese Day (what an excuse!)
- 8th—Corpus Christi
- 11th—Sopworth Open Gardens
- 10th Global Wellness Day
- 15th—Beer Day Britain (One for the King’s Arms!)
- 18th—International Picnic Day
- 27th—PTSD Awareness Day
- 30th—Bring Your Dog to Work Day (I will!)



Biologically speaking, strawberries belong to the Rosaceae family and the subfamily Rosoideae, which also includes roses. Plants that belong to the Rosoideae subfamily have at least two pistils that are not connected and develop into achenes, a feature that roses and strawberries share.

You might think that an orange has the most vitamin C out of any fruit, but strawberries actually contain more. One large sweet red berry contains 10.5 mg, compared to 70 mg of vitamin C in an orange.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Phoenix, Tetbury Surgery – 01666 502303

Police – to report incidents – 101

Tolsey Surgery, Sherston – 01666 840270

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Theoretically, between 1843 and 1867, a samurai could have sent a fax to Abraham Lincoln.

The fax machine was invented in 1843, the Samurai were formally abolished in 1867 and Lincoln was assassinated in 1865.



## We Are Now in Glorious Colour!

As you can see we are now in full colour, which you would think would cost more, but it has actually reduced the costs by roughly a third, thank you to the Beaufort Horse Show for their recommendation.

Sopworth now has its defibrillator installed in the phone box, which is great news.

Check out the 2 for 1 ticket offer for Didmarton and Sopworth residents on page 6. The first concert is July 2nd—we await it with bated breath....

Apologies for the lateness of the May issue. Although happy to produce the Dyddi I need to fit it in around the day job. We originally hoped someone would come forward to help distribute to our wonderful delivery people—still looking! Basically they are delivered to me and I batch them up and drop off at each delivery point, so if you can help with this that would be great. In the meantime, you will get the Dyddi but maybe after the 1st!

I am very keen to hear about what you like / don't like / would like to see in the Dyddi—so do get in touch on the email address below.

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

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

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## Quick Questions—Answers

The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it? - Darkness

If you're running in a race and you pass the person in second place, what place are you in? - 2nd

What three numbers, none of which is zero, give the same result whether they're added or multiplied? 1,2 & 3

**Didmarton Village Hall & Community Committee**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Committee**  
**Held at 7.30 pm on 05 July 2022**

**Present:** Ed Hardy (EH), Sarah Riches (SR), John Hammond (JH), Sue Hammond (SH), Helen Russell (HR), Brian Cook (BC), Sue Cook (SC), Jenny Body (JB), John Early (JE), Sarah Nightingale (SN), Emma Kay, Mike Hewlett, Josh Batterham, Emel Lansdale and Antonia Whitbread (AW)

**Apologies:**

1. Welcome by the Chairman who read out his report detailing the year's activities and challenges.
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 2022 were considered. Income for the year up at £21.6k (£14.8k y/e 2021). It was noted that DVHCC received £2,325.00 in donations/ fundraising. The accounts were **approved** subject to no further changes.
4. Nomination of Co-optees – all existing co-optees were re-appointed.
5. Election of Officers:

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

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

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

It was noted that to date no one had put themselves forward for the role of Chair. Josh Batterham agreed to stand for one year on an interim basis.

6. AOB  
Sarah Nightingale confirmed her intention to step down from her role as bookings officer and the responsibility for the hall cleaning. Special thanks to Sarah for all her efforts over the years.

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

..... **Chairman**

## DIDMARTON VILLAGE HALL & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

("the DVHCC")

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Annual General Meeting of the DVHCC will be held at Didmarton Village Hall  
on: Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 7.30 pm.**

Meeting open to all residents of Didmarton aged over 18.

#### AGM AGENDA

- To approve the Accounts for the y/e 31.03.23
- Approval of minutes of 2022 AGM
- Election of Officers
- Appointment of new Chair
- Re-election of Treasurer
- Re-election of Secretary
- AOB

Please note:

Members of the DVHCC are representatives from active clubs or groups within the village and nominated co-optees. The first meeting of the new DVHCC will take place immediately following the AGM.

#### Concert Tickets 2 for 1 Didmarton & Sopworth

Following the residents meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May, any residents in Didmarton and Sopworth can request for 2 for 1 tickets for the Music Concert at Worcester Park. Every household can have 2 or 4 tickets, for one concert, depending on how many people are in each household. In order to gain access to your code please reply by answering the following:

Which concert do you wish to have tickets for, Rod Stewart on 2 July or The Who on 16 July? How many tickets do you need 2 or 4? What are the full names of everyone who will be attending? You will also need to send through a proof of address. E.g. a scan or photo of your Council Tax, Water, electricity, gas, telephone, or Internet bill. Credit card bill or statement. Bank statement (do not include any bank details)

[katie.harris@badmintonestate.com](mailto:katie.harris@badmintonestate.com)

## From CDC District Councillor—Tony Slater

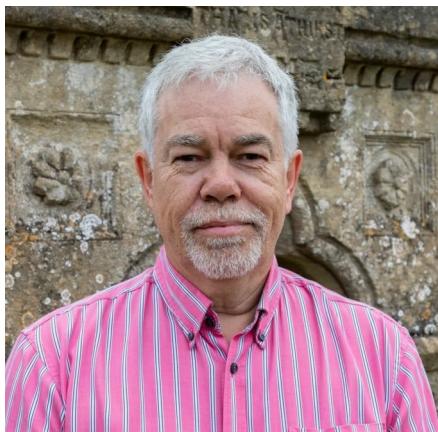
I am very proud to have been elected as your District Councillor, and humbled to have increased the number votes.

I look forward to working with officers and other councillors to achieve the best possible outcomes for the parishes and residents Grumbold's Ash with Avening.

With the editor's blessing I will publish regular (brief) updates here on what's happening at Trinity Road – So far:

- I have been receiving my induction at CDC and getting to know my way around and meet senior officers.
- I have several parish council AGMs to attend around the ward villages, and I look forward to meeting all the Parish Councillors and clerks.
- I have been selected for the Overview and Scrutiny committee, an important role in holding the Cabinet to account and in contributing to policy development.
- I have reported the potholes along Starveall Lane and will be chasing Highways to complete repairs before the events take place.
- I am also working with Cllr Julia Judd to submit a motion at Council to amend the protocol regarding to the Event Special Advisory Group. Currently there is no provision for elected representatives (members) nor residents to make representations to the group, which includes representatives from highways, the police, ambulance, food safety etc. This is a serious omission and needs to be addressed.

Tony Slater, CDC District Councillor, Grumbolds Ash with Avening





The May 100 Club draw took place on May 3rd at the WOW meeting at the Kings Arms. The prize winners were:-

1st Prize      £20      Tiff West      2nd Prize      £15      Helen Russell

3rd Prize      £10      Mac Templeton      4th Prize      £10      Sue Cook

We also made a special draw to celebrate King Charles' Coronation. The winners were:-

1st Prize      £20      Mark Wallington      2nd Prize      £20      Elaine Motley

3rd Prize      £10      Sue Hammond

This was the first draw of our 100 Club 'year'

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for another year and welcome to those who have joined for the first time.

We, along with the DVHCC, value your support a great deal as the money raised goes towards a range of projects in the village.

Many thanks also to our collectors who give up their time to collect your subscriptions.

Here's to a successful winning year ahead for many of you.

**Sue and Sue**

The Heath Fritillary, one of the UK's rarest butterflies which has been brought back from the brink of extinction.





## DIDMARTON'S RURAL CINEMA

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Doors open at 6.30 for cash bar and film show starts at 7.30

**Mrs Harris Goes to Paris (2022) – Comedy, Drama**

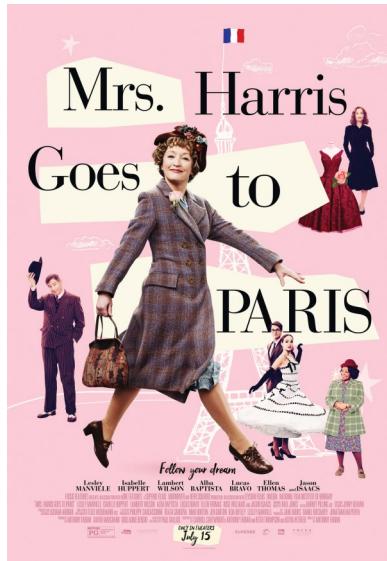
**Cert: PG – Run time: 1 hr. 56 min.**

**Rotten Tomatoes audience rating: 93%**

**Starring:** Lesley Manville

**Director:** Anthony Fabian

'Mrs. Harris Goes To Paris' tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own.



**Trailer:** <https://www.filmbankmedia.com/films/archive/details/33649-mrs-harris-goes-to-paris#/video>

£5 on the door – we now have a card machine!

Please advise if attending as helps for set up of chairs etc

During the World War II, Christian Dior's sister, Catherine Dior, was a member of the French Resistance against the Nazi occupation. She was captured by the Gestapo and was sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp in Germany where she stayed imprisoned until her liberation in 1945. As a tribute to her sister, Dior named one of his perfumes as "Miss Dior". The essence of the fragrance is very floral, in reference to the time they spent in the South of France, in Grasse.

## RACE NIGHT at Didmarton Village Hall

**8th July 2023 from 7pm**

Come and join us for a fun night at the races - none of which you will have seen before (we think!).

There will be 8 horse races of various types and each could be from some random country/continent at some time in the last 60 years or more. AND all the horse's names have been changed!

All you have to do is buy a £1 ticket (or more if wanted) for your chosen horse after watching the video preview of the parade ring. If your horse wins then you share the prize money for that race along with any other winning ticket holders. The prize money is 50% of the whole amount collected for that race with the other 50% being a contribution to the Didmarton Cricket club square maintenance fund.

Before each race from 1 to 7 you could own a horse by buying it for £5 (first come first served) - if it wins you win a bottle of wine.

Before race 8 there will be an auction for ownership of each horse - if you win the bidding AND your horse wins you will collect 50% of ALL money raised during the bidding process.

Snacks, Beer, Cider, Lager and Wines will be available at the bar - only tap water is free but prices will be silly compared with .....!

**TICKETS ARE ONLY £5 PER PERSON AND INCLUDE A HOTDOG OR BURGER AT HALF TIME.**

Contact any of the following for tickets: Ruth Carnaby, Sarah Nightingale, Alan Townsend, Martin Barrett.....you know who they are!



# TETBURY GOODS SHED

ARTS CENTRE

## HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE

**June 2** **Bill and the Belles:** Bill and the Belles is a Johnson City, Tennessee -based band known for combining a string band format with their signature harmonies, candid song-writing, and pop sensibilities. Tickets £14 £10 under 25. 7.30-9.45

**June 4** **Gardeners' Questions:** Join our expert panel to sort out your horticultural hassles! Tickets £5. 2-4

**June 10** **Purple Zeppelin:** Come and experience the excitement of Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin in one mesmerizing show! Paying tribute to the two greatest Rock Bands of all time, Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin!!! Tickets £22.50. 7.30-10

**June 17** **Julian Bliss:** Celebrating Benny Goodman, the 'King of Swing', The Julian Bliss Quintet brings you the exciting sound of swing from the 30s and 40s. Tickets £25. Under 25 £16. 7.30 – 9.45

**June 25** **Gloucestershire Youth String Orchestra:** The GYSO is made up of amazing young musicians drawn from across the county's schools, as we aim to host more and more young performers. Tickets £5, free for under 18s. 3pm

**For details of other events including cinema, afternoon concerts and talks please see our website, where you can also book tickets for all events**

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

# Malmesbury Singers Concert

## A Summer Celebration of

# *Choral Favourites*

**Concert Ticket Price (strawberry treat included)**

**£20 Adults**

**£5 Students/ Children**

**Available from:**

<https://malmesburysingers.co.uk>

**Via the Abbey or Choir Member**



We will mark the retirement of Musical Director Iain Duffin after over 30 years. Works by Handel, Haydn, Brahms, Dvorak, Fauré, Bach and Verdi.

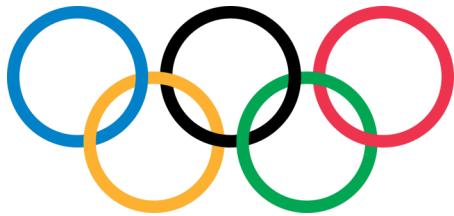
**7:30 PM MALMESBURY ABBEY**

**SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 2023**

# Children's 'Olympic Day'

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July,**

**Sherston Rec**



The Friends of Sherston School's well-loved summer event 'Olympic Day' is back on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July (11am-3pm, Sherston Rec)

It's a fun-filled day for all the family with a mini-Olympics open to children from pre-school to year 8. There's also a BBQ, bar & refreshments, tombola and more! The Olympic activities include everything from the traditional long jump and running events, to archery, obstacle course events and a nerf gun range!

If you'd like to join the fun just contact the Friends of Sherston School on [fss@sherston.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:fss@sherston.wilts.sch.uk) to purchase your child's Olympic passport ticket (£5 each).

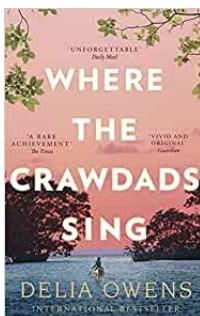
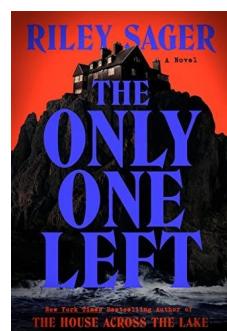


## Summer Reading List



This beach read will make sure you *never* want to buy a beach house. When Kathleen Deane's husband Tom decides to leave their 30-year marriage and safe-but-drab Kansas life to find himself, Kathleen does him one better and buys a little beachfront cottage in Whidbey, an artsy seaside community. But when she gets there, she discovers a monstrosity of a McMansion going up next door, and goes on the offensive against its many code violations (and eyesores) with her busybody neighbor Rosemary. In this hilarious farce, we realize that paradise really is anything but when you actually live there.

If parents want their kids to stay away from steep cliffs, just hand them this summer's Sager blockbuster. It's 1983 and in-home caregiver Kit gets assigned to care for the notorious Lenora Hope, who massacred her entire family one bloody night in 1929, as the lore goes. But they were never able to prove it, so Lenora has been cloistered in her cliffside mansion ever since. Rendered mute by a series of strokes, she can only communicate to Kit by painstakingly typing on a typewriter. But when Lenora starts to trust Kit enough to tell her what really happened that night, things take a dark turn toward one of Sager's signature gasp-inducing twists.



Owens juxtaposes an exquisite ode to the natural world against a profound coming of age story and haunting mystery. Thought-provoking, wise, and deeply moving, Owens's debut novel reminds us that we are forever shaped by the child within us, while also subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

## TECH TALK

### Selling on Facebook—Don't get Scammed!



I recently put my car up for sale on Facebook Marketplace, within 1 hour I had 15 messages offering me £350 less than I advertised and asking for my phone number. Naturally alarm bells started ringing, so I investigated and this is what I found:

#### **Phone Number Requests**

A “buyer” wants to speak to you or send a text to arrange an immediate pickup of the item. That’s an attempt to get your phone number, at which point the scammer could register quickly for a Google voice number, which will trigger a verification code sent to your phone. The scammer will ask you to send the code — just to verify you are a real person.

In reality, that code will unlock the Google voice number, which can help the scammer to perpetuate more scams, including stealing your identity.

#### **Don't communicate with buyers outside of the Marketplace.**

So the first thing I started to do was check their profile (click their picture next to the message they have sent and then click on View Profile), this is a 3 figure car we are talking about so why would a buyer come all the way from Birmingham? I even had one from Italy. Ask the question, just in case, one buyer had just moved to Stroud but do not engage with anyone who cannot offer a legitimate answer, most won't.

Be wary of new profiles and those with very little information / activity.

If they accidentally overpay—it's a scam, they've probably used a stolen card.

Make sure you get paid before you release goods, be wary of pre-paid labels and don't use Paypal Friends & Family as this offers no protection.

## YOUR MIND & BODY MATTERS

For a long time the expression "you are what you eat" has been repeated - now we can see the outcome as obesity is an epidemic, the problem though isn't just a weight, it is so much more. Metabolic Syndrome is the (new) medical term that is being used for a collection of problems, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity. These problems bring a greater risk of heart disease, stroke and other conditions affecting the blood vessels. Of course one doesn't have to be obese to have these problems. Not eating a varied diet, including a high range of fruit and veg, keeping it colourful and keeping bad fats to a very minimum will help to keep cholesterol balanced along with blood pressure.

Our microbiome is so important for keeping us healthy physically and mentally so eating more fermented foods and drinks which are easy to make or just buy. We need to keep talking about this especially as the NHS is in crisis which means they are spending more time and money on problems brought on from unhealthy living where the outcome is obesity and other related conditions. People are having a harder time just getting an appointment. We all have a responsibility - I know I've mentioned this several times before, our lives are in our hands.

Making small changes will lead to bigger changes, taking more exercise, the country side is looking wonderful - time to go out and connect and take time for yourself. Think about the changes you can make. Once your microbiome is in balance your mental health will improve and you won't be tempted to reach for the fatty foods and foods high in sugar all of which are addictive.

Summer is around the corner with warmer weather which is always a time where we can eat lighter and more colourful foods, putting our health first should be our top priority - a little like being on a plane, we are told to reach for our own life jacket and mask first then we can help others, surely this applies to our health as well.

Here's to the crazy hazy days of summer.

Ruth x



## J.J.'S GARDENING BLOG

I have to mention this lovely combination I saw, which I will note in my Gardening Book so I don't forget, dark red or maroon tulips with sharp green euphorbia wulfenii.

The bluebells are show stopping driving around. Not a plant for a flower bed as they multiply readily, but lovely for a woodland. If you are captured by a super plant in Devon or Cornwall while on holiday, plants that thrive there, will be growing on acid soil, we have alkaline soil. One way around this is to plant your treasure in a pot and to use saved rainwater. If you need a fix to see azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias visit the woodland garden at Bowood for a fantastic display. Or buy a soil testing kit to see what the ph is of your garden.

How are your salvias? Are they showing some bits of green? Maybe with some TLC they will recover. At least give them a chance, recall not all salvias flower at the same time. The light blue one Cambridge Blue, is in flower quite a bit later. Those that survived those horrible really cold days last winter, may be naturally hardier or you have found them a warmer/more protected spot in the garden. Worth remembering.

This is a lovely month in the garden. Lots of buds and promises of colour. Visit gardens, specialist nurseries, pick up a magazine and get some tips.

There is a new evergreen escallonia "showstopper", which is approximately a metre high, a rounded shape, can cope with wind and temperature of minus 8. Sounds like a useful plant and pink flowers too.

You can plant something growing in a pot at any time of year. So don't be anxious, just keep an eye on the watering. Water at replanting and as a guide, weekly until well settled in. It's a great time to enjoy peonies, like Sarah Bernhardt, which has masses of pale pink petals. And there are plenty of others too.

Another Euphorbia, oblongata. There are a number of vinca which are useful. Low growing, though the variegated one likes to escape upwards, with blue flowers. For a boggy spot try Iris Sibirica. Aquilegia, very easy and charming plants, though they can throw their seeds around a bit: various colours and nice foliage. Also called Granny's bonnet.

Pots, group them in odd numbers, turn them around sometimes to even the growth. If they are looking tatty, give them a feed and move them to a less conspicuous place to recover. Look out for wayside plant sales. Nurture these young treasures. They will probably need time to get their roots down for a few weeks before planting out.

If you have had aeoniums inside, they can spend the summer outside.



This month's (AGM) Meeting is Tuesday 6th June

Speaker is Penny Jones

## SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB The Art of Plant and Seed Hunting

### Clippings

Our May speaker, Leif Bersweden, gave a wonderful talk based on his book, "Where the Wildflowers Grow". His passion for wild plants and their importance to the natural world was infectious and his talk was informative and thought-provoking. It was also very funny as his 'eyes down, bottom up' approach to nature has got him into a spot of bother in several places around the country whilst conducting his research!

RHS - Members had a jolly day out at the RHS Malvern Spring Festival later in May. The weather kept fine and the coach luggage locker was well stacked with plant purchases on the way home. The Malvern show is always popular (a lovely setting without the Chelsea hordes) and we may repeat next year.



Thanks also to Piers at Hortico who treated us to a fascinating 'behind the scenes' tour last month. Late May is slap bang in the middle of their busiest season so the plant centre is brimming with summer colour. Yet again, members left with their arms full..!

### Cuttings

Our June speaker is Penny Jones. Penny Jones is Head Propagator at the National Arboretum at Westonbirt. There is nothing Penny doesn't know about plants after 20 plus years growing and caring for their magnificent tree collection. Her illustrated talk will be based on her frequent plant hunting trips around the world and comes highly recommended. Visitors and new members also welcome. It will be a good opportunity to renew membership, if you haven't already!

New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are welcome: £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.

### **Connections**

Don't forget to click onto the SGC Facebook page for photos, questions, answers (where possible!) and news of meetings and events. Anyone can join the group and submit tips, hints and pics.

### **Community**

#### **BLOOMING SHERSTON**

Following the public meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> March at the Angel and the subsequent Parish Council AGM, ideas have emerged to move this initiative forward. You can read more about the plans on pages.....

### **Calendar**

June 6<sup>th</sup>: 'The Art of Plant and Seed Hunting' by Penny Jones, Chief Propagator at Westonbirt Arboretum.

July 7<sup>th</sup> SUMMER SOCIAL at The Garden House, Westonbirt (with thanks to our hosts, Clare & James Turner) Prosecco & Canapes, £10 members, £15 non-members, booking required

No August Meeting! We're all on holiday or gardening.....

### *Sopworth open Gardens*

**Sunday 11th June 2pm—5pm**

A well stocked plant and produce stall

Tea & Cake in the Village Hall

Raising money for a family garden at the Swindon Women's Refuge &

Sopwoth Village Hall

Satnav: SN14 6PS

Entry £5

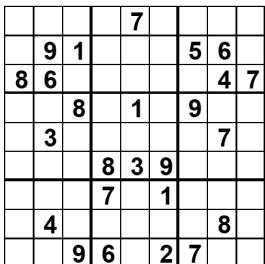
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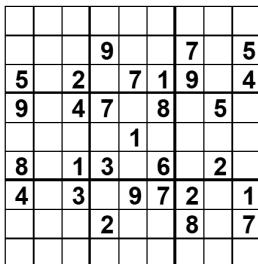
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### EASY !!



### NOT SO EASY !!



Answers to the May quizzes:

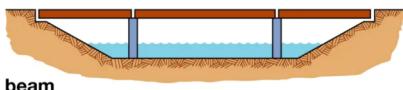
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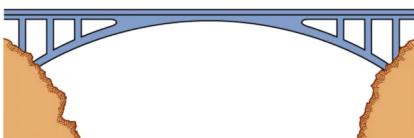
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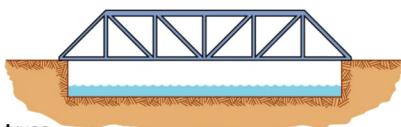
## Know Your Bridges



beam



arch



truss



suspension



cantilever



cable-stayed

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## VICAR'S LETTER June 2023

Dear Parishioners,

There is always plenty of wind around, where we live up on the Cotswold escarpment.

Our wind mostly originates in the warmer tropical areas of the Atlantic—brought here by the Gulf stream. Similarly, the rocks upon which we stand were formed 150 million years ago in the Caribbean and have been brought here by tectonic plates over that vast period of time.

We are surrounded by a changing world and by warm air. As is Jerusalem which sits on a tectonic plate which is moving North Eastwards and is colliding with European/Asian Continent, resulting in terrible earthquakes as we saw in Syria and Turkey a few months ago. As for the wind, it is mainly North-South. And the average speed of the wind is a mere 10.5 mph at this time of year.

So, how the wind that blew through the house in which the disciples were staying for the Pentecost Festival, is a bit of a mystery. This was a feast which was celebrated at the time, called the Feast of weeks. It occurred 50 days after the Sabbath which followed upon the first sheaf of corn being harvested. Fifty is seven weeks plus one day. So, it was a Sunday.

This feast has been carried on by the church and is traditionally known as Whitsun, this is when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Church in wind and fire. It galvanised the first disciples into action, and they took the message and gospel of Jesus to far off cities around the Mediterranean.

We remember that tectonic plates Cotswold stone that resides beneath us, the gulf stream brings the warmth in the wind that comes from Florida, and the early missionaries brought our faith, fired up as they were by the Holy Spirit.

Our corner of the world is part of a history which is inter-related has originated in warmer other parts of the world. We may live on an island, but we would have no Christian faith much colder winters and hotter summers, and no Cotswold stone unless they had been brought here from other parts of the world.

So let us thank God for all the good things that God brings to our little corner of England. And may we resist becoming fearful and insular.

With my best wishes for a Happy June,  
Richard

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CHURCH SERVICES	Jun-23 All Readings and updates of services on website: badmintonbenefice.com			
Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
4th June Trinity Sunday	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	lay led
	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Parish Communion	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Didmarton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Sopworth	Evening Prayer	LAY LED
	6pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
11th June Barnabas the Apostle	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 J Wilson
18th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	Rev R Thomson
	1000 am	Hawkesbury	Family service Father's Day sunday theme	Lay led
	1115am	Sopworth	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	3pm	Acton Turville	Family service Father's Day Sunday theme	Rev R Thomson
25th June Birth of John the Baptist	9.30am	Lasborough	HC CW	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Little Badminton	Matins with HC	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Preacher Rev Mieke Gaynor

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On May 6th, we as a nation had the joy of witnessing the inauguration of King Charles to the throne of the United Kingdom. What a wonderful service & celebration of thanksgiving & commitment to almighty God & his holy word the Bible, the most valuable thing this world has to offer. It was a special time of rejoicing for the nation.

On May 18th we rejoiced at the remembrance of the Glorious Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ the King of Kings back to the realm of Heaven, to take up his place on the Throne of God, having finished the work of purchasing salvation it was, as myriads of the heavenly host welcomed him back to his seat of authority to reign over the universe & people he had made with goodness, righteousness & justice. Today he continues to receive the worship, adoration & praise from the host of heaven gathered before him.

How many of us have entered into the joy of experiencing the Inauguration of Jesus Christ onto the throne of our hearts, to reign as Lord of our Lives? If not, then who is in control of your life? It is either Self or the Saviour! For when we are living. God has said 'Thou shalt have no other Gods before me'

When Self rules over our lives we are controlled by the love of the ways of this world; the desire for the things of the flesh, the lust of the eyes & the pride of life. Jesus said 'You cannot serve God and money at the same time' he also said 'If any comes after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross & follow me' There has to be an abdication of the throne, before Jesus can be inaugurated in his. Do you love Jesus enough to abdicate the self from the throne?

We need to recognise our need of King Jesus to save, guide & bring our lives the satisfaction for which we long & turn to him repenting of sin & by faith invite Jesus to rule on the throne of our lives. If we do, we will share in the joy of the heavenly host for all eternity. As the Hymn writer writes:

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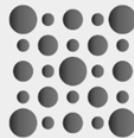
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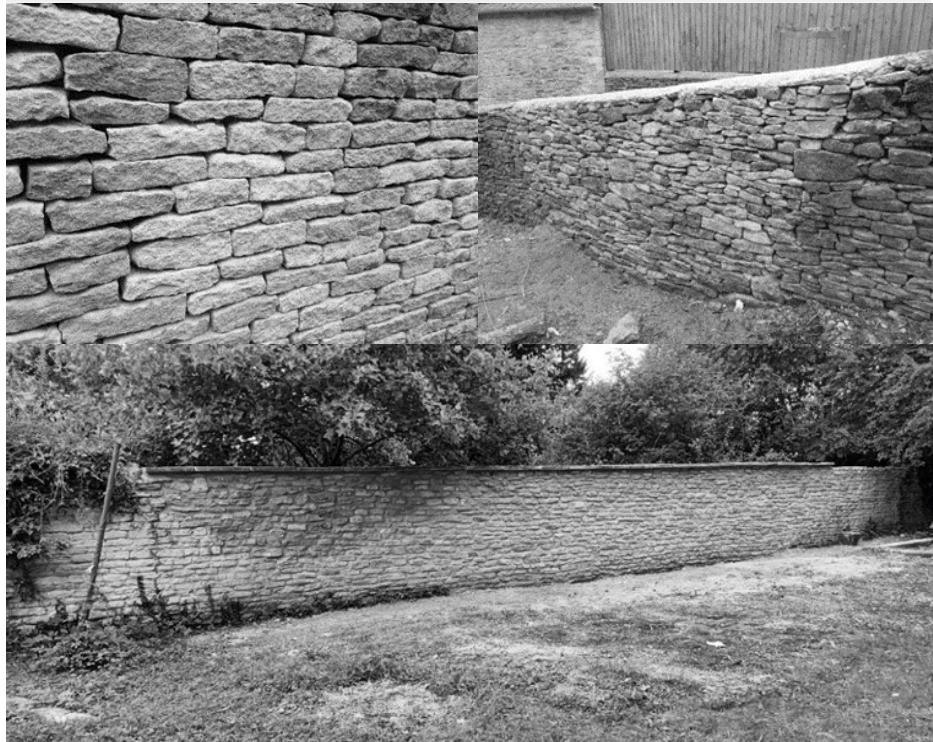
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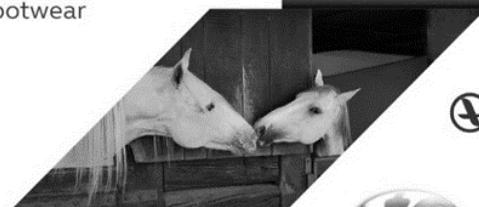
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