

# 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

**May 2023 – no. 570**



*Dreaming of Blubells & Sunshine!*

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



Rubbish Dates

All Bins: 13th & 27th May

Food Waste: 6th & 20th May

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

## DIARY DATES

- 1st — May Day Holiday
- 4th — Badminton Horse Trials Starts
- 5th— Flower Moon (Full Moon)
- 6th — Coronation
- 7th— World Laughter Day
- 12th —National Limerick Day
- 13th —World Cocktail Day
- 20th —World Bee Day (not Bidet) / Rescue Dog Day



Why called the Flower Moon? The Full Moon of May is known as the Flower Moon **to signify the abundance of flowers that bloom during this month**. Other names for May's brightest moon are Corn Planting Moon, Mother's Moon, Hare Moon and Milk Moon, (this was because cows were milked three times a day).



## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Phoenix, Tetbury Surgery – 01666 502303

Police – to report incidents – 101

Tolsey Surgery, Sherston – 01666 840270

Tetbury Hospital – 01666 502336

Oldbury Garage – 01454 537016

Dyddi Editor – 07833 433337 /

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## May BIRTHDAYS

02/2012

Bonnie Tubbs

11/2011

Daisy Nightingale

12/2011

George Hathaway

15/2013

Rocco Bond

24/2017

Elspeth Kay

30/2010

Philippa Avery

Taurus the Bull—April 20th—May 21st

To find Taurus **use the Orion's belt asterism**. Taurus is north-east of Orion and if you follow the line of the belt you will find the cluster of bright stars that form the face of the bull.

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## SURPRISE!

All contributions should be sent before the 15th of each month—anyone can offer a contribution, go on, express your inner writer (suggest we save King et-al for October please!).

Even more on online:-

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

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How many Easter eggs? 34

Last months title, am the Passenger inspired by The Passenger recorded by Iggy Pop in 1977 covered by Siouxsie &

## BUNK BEDS FOR SALE

White wooden bunk beds with high quality mattresses. Excellent condition. Hardly used and no longer needed.

Available to anyone willing to dismantle them and take them away.

**Price £20 which I shall donate to the Dyddi Magazine.**

Please ring Val on 01454238277

### Quick Questions

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

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

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

## DIDMARTON'S RURAL CINEMA

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Living (2022) – Drama**

**Cert: 12A – Run time: 1 hr. 42 min.**

**Starring:** Bill Nighy, Alex Sharp, Aimee Wood

**Director:** Oliver Hermanus

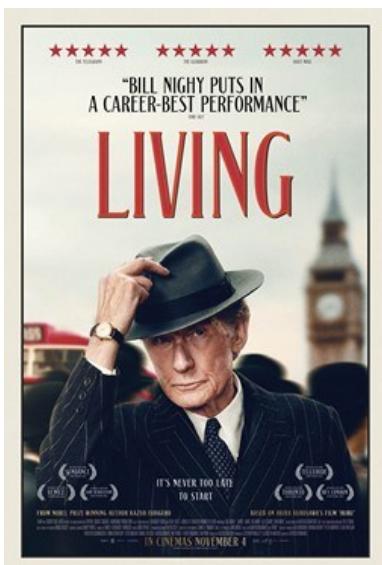
'Living' is the story of an ordinary man, reduced by years of oppressive office routine to a shadow existence, who at the eleventh hour makes a supreme effort to turn his dull life into something wonderful - into one he can say has been lived to the full.

**Trailer:** <https://www.filmbankmedia.com/films/archive/details/33779-living#/video>

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

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

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



73 year old William Francis Nighy is an English actor. He started his career with the Everyman Theatre, Liverpool and made his London debut with the Royal National Theatre starting with *The Illuminatus!* in 1977.

Bill has a hereditary health condition known as Dupuytren's contracture. Essentially, the condition causes the fingers to contract uncontrollably towards the palm, according to John Hopkins Medicine. The severity of Dupuytren's contracture can vary and there isn't a known cure.

## TECH TALK

### Email Scams

Not just the editor! If you have any specific topics you want me to cover simply email at: [editor@dyddi.co.uk](mailto:editor@dyddi.co.uk)



**Check the sender's email address.** Dodgy emails often come from addresses that look similar to legitimate addresses, but with a few letters or numbers changed. For example, an email that appears to be from PayPal might actually be from "paypal."

**Beware of emails that ask for personal information.** Legitimate companies will never ask for your personal information, such as your NI, credit card or bank account number, in an email. If you receive an email that asks for this information, it's probably a scam.

**Look for spelling and grammar errors.** Scam emails are often poorly written and contain spelling and grammar errors.

**Hover over links before clicking on them.** When you hover over a link, the actual URL will appear in the bottom of your browser window. If the URL doesn't match the website it's supposed to go to, don't click on it.

**Be suspicious of emails that contain attachments.** Attachments in emails can contain viruses or malware. If you don't recognize the sender or the attachment, don't open it.

**Be wary of emails that have a sense of urgency.** Scam emails often try to create a sense of urgency by telling you that your account has been compromised or that you need to take action immediately. If you receive an email like this, don't click on any links or open any attachments. Instead, contact the company directly to verify the message.

**Don't reply to Scam emails.** Even if you're sure that an email is a scam, don't reply to it. Doing so could confirm that your email address is active, which could make you a target for future scams.

# TETBURY GOODS SHED

ARTS CENTRE

## HIGHLIGHTS AT THE GOODS SHED

- May 11** Cinema: She Said (15). The story of how two New York Times journalists uncovered the Me#too Hollywood sexual scandals. Tickets £7.7pm
- May 12** Tetbury Community Choir: The best of British and Beyond celebrates music and poetry from the UK and Commonwealth to mark the Coronation of King Charles111. Tickets £10. 7pm
- May 21** An Evening of Outstanding Folk Music with Sam Sweeney: Winner of the 2015 BBC Radio 2 Outstanding Musician of the Year Sam has also played with many of the leading lights of the Folk scene. Tickets £12.50/£10 under 25. 5.30pm
- May 25** Cinema: Everything, Everywhere All at Once (15) – the Oscar winning film about a middle-aged Chinese woman's race to explore the universe and save the world. Tickets £7. 7pm
- May 31** An Evening with Roz Savage: The Ocean in A Drop follows frustrated environmentalist and solo ocean rower Roz's battle to help us save our civilisation. Tickets £8/£5 under 18. 7pm

And don't forget our art exhibitions and the Wednesday Afternoon tea concerts featuring a range of local performers and our monthly afternoon Piano Club. For more details and to buy tickets visit our website:

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

# LEIGHTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are really lucky to have an amazing school site. As well as six spacious classrooms, we have a lovely playground and two large school fields. One of these is used for learning and playing and we have an outdoor classroom here. The other is used for large team games and learning and there are bird watching towers on this one. We also well have a wonderful Forest School area.

Our five classes are split so that our reception children and the children in Years One and Two have their own classes with only their year group and in Key Stage Two, our Year Three and Four children are together in one class and so are our Year Five and Six children.

We provide wrap around care for children who attend Leighterton and our Breakfast club begins at 7.30 am each morning and our After School Club finishes at 6.00 pm. Children love these and there is always time to socialise with friends and play as well as a chance to take part in an adult led activity and enjoy a snack.

Since the lockdowns, we spend more time outside for our learning and all of our children take part in a Forest School session every week. Our dedicated Forest School area is used very well. This is based in a small area of trees with a living willow den. We have a stone circle where the children can sit and where we can cook on an open fire in the middle. The children have built a tree house and a story telling chair which we can use during Forest School sessions. The children also have access to our wonderful grounds during their sessions and there are dens dotted around the fields which the children have also built.

Much of our outside learning is linked to our Life Skills curriculum and children are also taught how to use power tools safely when they make items. They are also outside, in the fresh air, which is great for their mental well-being and are developing other skills, such as sharing, turn taking, problem solving and negotiating.

We provide waterproof clothing for every child so that we can work outside all year round.

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If you would like to find out more or come and look around Leighterton Primary School, you are very welcome to contact the school office on (01666) 890273 and we will be delighted to show you round at a convenient time. We do have spaces in some year groups. Further information about school is also available on our website - [www.leighterton.com](http://www.leighterton.com)

## SOPWORTH OPEN GARDENS

**Sunday 11th June 2023, 2pm - 5pm**

Come and have a look at some of the amazing  
(and varied!) gardens in the village

**GARDENS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES**

**A WELL STOCKED PLANT  
AND PRODUCE STALL**

**TEA & CAKE IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

You will be helping us raise money for a family garden  
at the Swindon Women's Refuge  
and  
Sopworth Village Hall & Church

**Satnav: SN14 6PS  
Entry: £5  
Under 10's Free**



## YOUR MIND & BODY MATTERS

Headline in the Times "Cycling can add years to your life"

This made for interesting reading especially as we see so many cyclists out and about. It has to be said I'm a fair-weather cyclist (skier, walker, golfer). Cycling suits me best due to less impact on the knees. This article caught my attention as it is saying that the evidence of cycling might help to slow at least one aspect of ageing which came from a study from the Institute for Inflammation and Ageing at Birmingham 5 years ago. Men who could ride 100km in under 6.5 hours and women who could cover 60km in 5.5 hrs aged 55 - 79 had much more youthful immune systems than sedentary people.

It goes on to say the Thymus gland that produces infection fighting T- cells shrinks and becomes less efficient as we age but lifelong cyclist appeared to have Thymus glands capable of making as many T-cells as young healthy people, this is a good indicator why we need to get on our bikes asap!

Sarcopenia which is the weakening of muscles with age is one of the key causes of mobility loss and ill health in older adults. Two muscles engaged heavily in cycling are the Gluteus Maximus and Gluteus Medius - are buttock muscles and are very important to supporting the human body in everyday movement - described as muscles that allow for human movement and are essential for holding the pelvis upright so that we can move properly.

Our muscle mass starts to decrease after the age of 30 and even more after the age of 60 so cycling and weight lifting are two great ways to improve our muscle mass and help our general health by avoiding intramuscular fat which has been associated with conditions such as type 2 diabetes, obesity and heart disease.

So, dust down that bike, pump up the tyres and let's get back in the saddle!

Ruth x

And always wear a safety helmet and make sure you can be seen!



## *It's a Meditation*

The practice of Meditation has become more popular over the last few years with prominent celebrities talking openly about practicing and also it being accepted by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) as useful intervention for dealing with depression and anxiety

However, meditation in different forms has been around for over 5000 years, and practiced by many different cultures during that time.

There are many different types of meditation, but they can be roughly divided into two categories: concentration meditation and open-monitoring ' Awareness' meditation. Concentration meditation involves focusing your attention on a single object, such as your breath, a mantra (a word or phrase), or a candle flame. The goal is to train your mind to stay focused on the object in a relaxed way, and when your attention wanders off; which it will then just returning to what you are focusing on

Open-monitoring meditation involves paying attention to whatever comes into your awareness, without trying to control or judge it; It's about just observing and accepting what comes up. These include thoughts, feelings, sensations, and sounds; all the things taking place in your experience. The goal is to allow ourselves to be able to just notice what turns up without reacting to the experiences.

Some of the most popular types of meditation include:

**Mindfulness meditation:** This is a type of open-monitoring meditation that involves paying attention to the present moment without judgment.

**Mantra meditation:** This is a type of concentration meditation that involves repeating a mantra, which is a word or phrase that is repeated silently or aloud. Mantras can be ancient phrases or simply repeating a word to yourself such as 'peace'. The word Matra means 'mind tool' and this technique has been used for millennia to still the busyness of the human mind.

**Transcendental meditation (TM):** This is a form of mantra meditation that first became popular in the 1960's that is taught by a qualified teacher and involves a person repeating a personal mantra that is given to you by the teacher.

**Vipassana meditation:** This is a type of open-monitoring meditation from the Buddhist that involves observing the arising and passing of thoughts, feelings, and sensations.

Zen meditation: This is a type of concentration meditation that involves focusing on the flow of your breath, or contemplating on a koan, which is a paradoxical statement that is used to help you break free from habitual patterns of thinking.

There is no right or wrong way to meditate, and the best type of meditation for you will depend on your individual needs and preferences. The main thing is to try to set a time to practice and keep to it as best you can. Also, start for small time slots and build up gradually.

If you are new to meditation and thinking of giving it a go, it is a good idea to try a few different types to see what works best for you. You can also find many guided meditations online or meditation apps, which can be a helpful way to get started. Also, some people find it beneficial to join a group of like minded people.



Meditation is a practice that takes time and effort to master, hence why it is called a 'practice'. Scientific research over the last 20 years is evidencing the amazing physical and mental benefits of a daily

practice; which doesn't need to be longer than 20 minutes to get benefits. If you are willing to put in the time and effort, meditation can help you to reduce stress, promote healing, improve focus, increase self-awareness, and promote relaxation and well-being.

For more details on meditation contact Matt on

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Website: <https://littlewrenyoga.wixsite.com/my-site>



## World Limerick Day—May 12th

*A flea and a fly in a flue  
Were imprisoned, so what could they do?  
Said the fly, "let us flee!"  
"Let us fly!" said the flea.  
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.*

## J.J.'S GARDENING BLOG – looking forward to spring

There is an attractive small shrub with grey foliage and blue flowers, drought tolerant, good for a border or in a pot called perovskia, it is now renamed salvia atriplicifolia. Hardly rolls off the tongue easily. But the useful bit is the "salvia" part, as it gives a good clue into how to look after this shrub.

Grow your own fertiliser from comfrey symphytum. 'Bocking 14' is sterile and therefore non invasive, potassium rich. Pick the leaves, put them in a bucket to rot, dilute the dark liquid with water and use as a liquid feed.

The coloured stems of the cornus prune them right down keeping some for a vase and others to be made into a circle for a door decoration to your liking.

The 8th of the 8th is an easy reminder that is the time to prune lavender. Use some trimmings as cuttings; trim off most of the leaves and push the cuttings into a terracotta pot of very gritty soil.

Dahlias, the tubers look like a cluster of small bananas, each cluster is one plant, so do not divide them until all sign of frost has gone before planting outside or grow them in a greenhouse if earlier.

Penstemon need good drainage and a tidy up. The number one thing to keep on top of is to always keep on improving the soil, particularly as you will be filling the border with new young hungry plants. More grit, more humus.

Honesty (*Lunaria*) is a fun plant to share with the children, with purple flowers then seed discs which when rubbed between finger and thumb become silver pennies.

They also flower when there is the 'summer gap' and are easy to grow. Verbascums and Hollyhocks also flower at this time, and the latter do not need staking. If you have room Baptisia is worth thinking about. Blue to indigo pea like flowers and easier than delphiniums.

Fritillaries and wood anemones have been marvellous this spring, remember to order some, they like a dampish area with dappled shade, they spread but good for a more natural area. Apart from the initial planting, they are trouble free.

Vegetables to grow outside now, carrots, leeks, radish, beetroot, spring onions. Grow some lettuce in a seed tray and cover with grit, they will take about five weeks to show on a window call.

To add interest to a cut arrangement just now, the hellebore will have made seed pods which means they will survive for several days without needing to have the stems seared with a flame. Frost Free should be your mantra, though any frost in late May will be insignificant. What about a garden visit and a nice cup of tea?



## SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

This month's (AGM) Meeting is Tuesday 2nd May

Speaker is Leif Bersweden:  
Where the Wildflowers Grow

### Clippings

After AGM business was dealt with at our April meeting, the guest speaker was Vanessa Berridge who gave her postponed and widely anticipated talk on "Kiftsgate Court: Three Generations of Women Gardeners". Accompanied by beautiful images of the gardens, the presentation was peppered with interesting anecdotes about the talented family behind Kiftsgate which is open to the public and well worth a visit. Liz Cooper had also kindly compiled a slide presentation of spring flower photos submitted by members who then voted on an overall winner. This will be shown in the June issue of the Cliffhanger.

### Cuttings

Publisher author, Leif Bersweden, is our guest speaker at our 2<sup>nd</sup> May meeting, the first to be held on the first Tuesday of the month (and from now on). Leif will describe his botanical journey by bicycle around Britain and Ireland, getting up close to wild plants and making some interesting acquaintances on the way! He will be selling signed copies of "Where the Wild Flowers Grow" at the meeting.

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) From May onwards, club meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month, British School Room, doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 start.

### Connections

Gardening Hints and Tips Leaflet. A compilation of member's useful hints and tips, will be ready soon.

The SGC Facebook page is full of information, photographs and news of open gardens. 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, ideas have emerged to move this initiative forward. You can read about the plans on the following pages

## Calendar

The 2023 SGC Programme of talks, visits and dates can also be seen on our Facebook page.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>: "Where the Wild Flowers Grow: My Botanical Journey through Britain & Ireland by Leif Bersweden

May 12<sup>th</sup>: Malvern Spring Show Visit. Coach seats now all taken but still worth checking in case of cancellations

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Visit to Hortico. See behind the scenes with Piers Lavan

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

September 5<sup>th</sup> "All you need to know about Propagation" by Penny Jones, Chief Propagator at Westonbirt Arboretum.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Talk by Head Gardener at Whatley Manor (tbc)

November 7<sup>th</sup> Garden Design by Laura Holmes (working title)



*The Blooming Sherston initiative is a celebration of living in our unique village, using the power of plants to enhance that experience. It's about being in a community that enjoys beautiful outdoor spaces.*

*"The earth laughs in flowers"*

**Why should we care?** As you're probably aware, research reports confirm consistently that green spaces contribute to the wellbeing of communities. Greener public areas provide numerous benefits, including better mental and physical health, fostering of social connections, protecting the environment as well as improving visual appeal: so, lots of good reasons to support more 'greening' in Sherston.

**How can I help?** Blooming Sherston is all about individual residents working together, occasionally or regularly, to create something we can all enjoy. What you want to happen, you can help to make happen: Here are just a few ideas for starters: Are there parts of the village you would like to look better?

Perhaps adding more colour on verges, patches and on our High Street?

Maybe, a general tidy-up around our lanes, drives and roads?

Or use plants for additional traffic-calming beside main roads into Sherston?

What about planting bulbs and shrubs in areas such as Anthony Close so that our older residents can benefit?

*"Plants give us oxygen for the lungs and the soul"*

**And the good news is....** A lot is already happening! There are many organisations involved in 'greening' and environmental improvements around the village: the Parish Council, Sherston Churchyard, Sustainable Sherston, Sherston School, the Grove Wood team, Sherston Gardening Club, to name a few. The building blocks are already in place. We just need to expand the vision.

*"Every time you plant a flower, you plant a little happiness along with it."*

**What are the next steps? A few suggestions....** How about weeding or planting outside your garden gate? Talk to your neighbours; maybe organise a working group to tidy up around each other's homes. Watch out for regular updates in the Cliff-hanger and on individual group websites. And we'd love to hear your suggestions about what to tackle next and ideas for sources of funding to fulfil these ambitions. Get the kids involved too. Volunteers don't have to be adults. Children love getting their hands dirty! Sherston Parish Council will talk further about Blooming Sherston at the Annual Parish Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May, British School Room at 7.30. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Blooming Sherston co-ordinator, Irene Johnston at

[ie\\_johnston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk) or call 01666 841273



The April 100 Club Draw took place at Film Night held on April 14<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall. Congratulations to the four winners.

First Prize £20 Archie Body

Second Prize £15 Joe Turner

Third prize £10 Penny Pope

Fourth Prize £10 Ian Burbidge

Sue & Sue

Many thanks to those of you who have already paid their subscription of £12 per person, or pet, for the coming year.

For those still to pay we would appreciate payment by bank transfer if possible. Account details are: Didmarton 100 Club

**Lloyds Bank Sort code 30-91-99**

**Account number 77225368**

Please include your name and address as reference.

If you would prefer to pay by cheque or cash please take your payment to

Sue Cook at 54 The Street or Sue Hammond at 6 Bertha's Field by May 2nd at the very latest. Please make cheques payable to Didmarton 100 Club.

If you would like more information please contact Sue Cook on 238222 or Sue Hammond on 238373.

As well as our usual May draw we will be holding a special Coronation draw at the beginning of the month so there will be an even greater chance of winning a prize this year. Thank you everyone for your support.

#### Badminton Horse Trials

Dressage on Friday 5th & Saturday 6 May

Dressage on Saturday will start early to avoid clashing with the coronation of The King and

The Queen Consort. Cross-country on Sunday

7 May, showjumping phase on Monday 8 May.



## Care for a Cocktail? May 13th

As May can be as warm as August and with the King's Coronation in the middle of Badminton Horse trials plus World Cocktail Day occurring the day before my birthday, well, I simply must insist.....

### **Champagne Mojito**

5 Mint leaves / 25ml Rum / juice half a lime / 1tsp Sugar Syrup / dashes of Angustura / Champagne / Ice

Put the ice in a glass (obvious I know), bruise the mint leaves (non violently) add to glass. Pour over rum, lime juice, syrup and a few dashes of Angustura. Stir gently and top with fizz

### **French 75**

Lemon juice / 50ml gin / Lemon zest/lime / 1tsp Sugar Syrup / Champagne / Ice

Pour lemon juice, syrup and gin to a cocktail shaker (which we all have of course) and fill with ice. Shake (remember to sing shake, shake, shake your..). Top with a little fizz as it will fizz up, add more fizz, stir gently and garnish with the zest

### **Summer Sparkle without the booze**

75ml elderflower cordial / 1L cloudy apple juice / handful of mint leaves / Sparkling water / Ice

When you have to be a grown up, mix the cordial and juice together, add the mint, stir well and top with the water.

Funny how the non-alcoholic is the easiest to make!



## VICAR'S LETTER May 2023

Dear Parishioners,

I very much hope you will be enjoying the Coronation on 6<sup>th</sup> May. One of the main themes of it will be the virtue of 'service' to the community. We are so fortunate to have Parish counsellors and the many good people who serve our villages in so many different ways serving our churches, community halls, tennis courts, cricket clubs to mention just a few. These amenities would not survive if it were not for the dedication of local people, giving their time free of charge to their community. In the church in particular, I am of course very aware of the hard work and commitment many Church Parish members make to their local church. The Churchwardens, treasurers and secretaries who carry the lion's share are real stars.

So whilst it is just one person who the Coronation is focussed on, I would wager that King Charles would have us all look to one another in gratitude and commitment for the service that goes on quietly in the communities of our land up and down the country. I am sure that is why he has chosen 'service' to be such an important aspect of his Coronation.

That said, I know we all wish him well as our Sovereign, with health and happiness, in spite of the heavy load that he must now carry. And we continue to pray for him every Sunday in our churches, as well as Queen Camilla his Consort and all the Royal family.

We are all deeply grateful to His Majesty for taking up the baton from his late mother, Queen Elizabeth, and doing so with such evident good grace and heart felt feeling.

With my best wishes for a Happy May,

With my best wishes,  
Richard

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## CHURCH OF ENGLAND BADMINTON BENEFICE

April Sunday services – conducted by Rev. Thomson unless stated

Readings & updates of services [www.badmintonbenifice.com](http://www.badmintonbenifice.com)

Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
7th May	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Churchwarden led
<b>Easter 5</b>	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Matins	Churchwarden led
14th May	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	P Cheeseman
<b>Easter 6</b>	11am	Leighterton	Holy Communon 1928	Fr J Wilson
	1115am	Little Badminton	Matins	Fr J Wilson
	5pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Churchwarden led
21st May	8.30am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	Rev R Thomson
<b>Easter 7</b>	1030 am	Hawkesbury	Family service theme - Pentecost	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Sopworth	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	3pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
28th May	9.30am	Lasborough	HC CW	Rev R Thomson
<b>Whitsun</b>	1115am	Little Badminton	Matins with HC	Rev R Thomson
	5pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Rev R Thomson



Pru Leith's Angel Cake—just for fun!

# Didmarton Congregational Church



## Behold Your King

At this time the eyes of the nation will be on the pagentry surrounding the coronation of Charles as king and our hopes and prayers will be for him as he fulfils the role he has inherited. Ho

However, we must not lose sight of the fact that we have a Sovereign God who has set his king to reign & nothing will thwart Him & His purpose. There is coming a day when every will behold & focus on the one He has ordained, who is his son and our saviour the Lord Jesus Christ, who having paid the price for our sin on the cross God has raised him from the dead & showed himself alive for 40 days before ascending back to the Glory of Heaven & seated at the right hand side of the throne of God, from where he reigns as King of kings & Lord of Lords.

Jesus is the creator, the sustainer & King of the Universe who perfectly fulfils the elements of his role & all Earth will be filled with His glory (Psalm 72 vs19)

Today 'God commands all men everywhere to repent for he has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man who he has ordained, of which he has given assurance to all men that he raised Him from the dead' (Acts 17:65.31).

It was at the Ascension of Jesus that the Angels assured us that Jesus would return again as he had promised. He will come to judge the living & the dead & welcome his believing followers to enter his eternal kingdom which he has prepared for those that love him.

Have we heeded God's call to repent of sin & yield out lived to the reign of King Jesus to be ready for the appointed day when he returns? As the Hymn writer says:-

O Worship the King, all glorious above

O gratefully sing His power and His love

Our Shield and defender, the ancient of days

Pavilioned in splendour and Girded with praise

How wonderful it will be to behold our King Jesus Christ, if we have repented & are trusting him to serve us.

Royston Pick

# SUDOKU by Neil Fozard

For the uninitiated

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

EASY !!

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

NOT SO EASY !!

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

Answers to the April quizzes:

‘Easy’

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

‘Not so Easy’

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



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For the sake of clarity:

This is the Severn Bridge, it is a Cable Stayed Bridge NOT a suspensions bridge and to the best of our knowledge has never played a game of cards.

We will look at Suspension Bridges next week.



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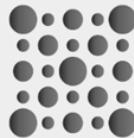
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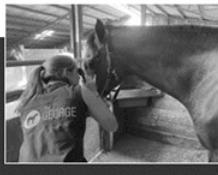
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