

the DYDDI digest

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



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



Rubbish Dates

All Bins: 14th & 28th September

Food Waste: 7th & 21st September

2023 Collections Dates are now available for download on the website www.didmartonvillagehall.co.uk/#Dyddi

Diary Dates — September

1st— National Food Bank Day

2nd— World Beard Day

4th— Organ Donation Week

9th— Emergency Services Day

13th- Positive Thinking Day

19th—Talk Like a Pirate Day

21st— Word Alzheimer's Day

22nd September—Rural Cinema

29th—Full Moon (Harvest Moon)



Blackbeard

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

Oxford University is older than the Aztec Empire

The Oxford University was established in 1096 AD, during the reign of William II Rufus. The Aztec Empire was founded only 230 years later.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Police – to report incidents – 101

Tolsey Surgery, Sherston – 01666 840270

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DIDMARTON WALKING GROUP

The next outing of the walking group will be Thursday 7 September. Looking forward to walking with a few of my canine (and human) friends again. Meet 10 am at KA car park as per usual.

Woof woof Martha



If you dug a hole to the centre of the Earth and dropped a book down, it would take 42 minutes to reach the bottom (now there's a coincidence—if you read last weeks Dyddi you will know.....

APPLES!

September for me is all about apples, the earliest such as Discovery are ready mid-late August while some such as the D'Arcy Spice can be picked in November and store well through to December. My husband currently has

his eye on the many apple trees in our garden, along the drive and everywhere else, as he once again starts planning his home-made cider. A word of warning if you have a Katy apple tree and the apples go missing, well let's just say the cider will be good this year!

So as summer (???) stretchers into Autumn's hopefully warm days, cool evenings, stunning sunsets and the song of rooks flying home to roost, pop on a cardy, sip a delicious cider cocktail and take a huge chunk of apple pie into the garden and breath in that lovely Autumnal air.

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

Roxzanne Fox-Roberts / editor@dyddi.co.uk

A Message from Carole

To all the officers and members of the DVHCC, very many thanks for such a generous, thoughtful gift. Doing the Dyddi Digest for 6 years was a labour of love, and to receive such a wonderful surprise...thank you all so much.

Carole



Didmarton Parish Council

The Parish Council met on the evening of 25th July 2023. I appreciate that the activities of a Parish Council may not be the most exciting thing in the world but, having been recruited to the Parish Council for a number of months now, I feel that it would, at least, be good to share some information about the Parish Council and what in our 'in box' with you, our villagers in the spirit of inclusion and transparency.

Firstly, the parishioners who are serving on Didmarton Parish Council are as follows:

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John Hammond	jass.hammy@gmail.com
Ceri Rogers	ceri@homemovecleaners.com
Hamish White	hamishwhite77@gmail.com
Sally Hewlett	sally.hewlett@outlook.com
Helen Turner	helen@financedept.biz
Andy Darbyshire	andrewdarbyshire@mac.com

I don't want to bore you with all of the minutes from the meeting but would like to keep you informed of some of the highlights, as noted below:

The Council raised these comments with the Estate, who have replied as follows:

Clerk Sadly Fiona Thornton has tendered her resignation from the role as Clerk to the Parish Council. It is with regret that the Council accepted her resignation and they took the opportunity to express their thanks to Fiona for her diligence and guidance over the years that she has fulfilled this role. We are now in the process of recruiting a new Clerk. If anyone is interested in this paid part-time role, please contact Hamish White (email above).

Badminton Estate Concerts The concerts were discussed. Generally, it was felt that the concerts had been well organised and whilst there were one or two small points to feed back to the Estate, there was nothing significant that had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. It was noted that the Estate had offered to hold a post-event residents' meeting and subsequent to the Parish Council meeting, the Estate said that a residents' meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 19th September 6:30 to 7:30pm. Please RSVP to the following email address if you'd like to attend - katie.harris@badmintonestate.com

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Tree Management We received a response from Badminton Estate in relation to some concerns raised by parishioners relating to the felling of trees on Estate land. Here is the response:

Trees: We have a retained woodland and arboricultural consultant who assists our in-house team in managing the estate's trees. While we value and protect our trees, as landowners, we also have a duty of care to ensure public safety. The recent felling of ash (not oak) trees near Sopworth and along the Wiltshire path was necessary on the advice of our consultant due to severe ash dieback, which posed risks to public safety. We follow modern veteran tree management practices, which prioritise minimal intervention, retention of trees, conservation of deadwood as habitats, and long-term planning for their sustainability. We have a planned replacement program, for trees in the Estate's woodland and have planted 50,000 over the last two years.

Concert: An arboricultural survey has been conducted for the concerts in Worcester Park, and trees requiring work for safety work were identified. We are in the process of developing a new landscape management plan that will incorporate agreed-upon practices for tree preservation and replanting. This plan will provide guidance for the next 25 years and beyond. Regarding the condition of Worcester Park, the concerts have been timed to coincide with one of the anticipated driest periods, during midsummer, with the intention that the concert activity cause as little disturbance to the soil structure and surface vegetation as possible.

Sopworth Grass Fields: The ploughed grass fields were not ancient. They were assessed by our agronomist and identified as generally new grassland leys with a high content of ryegrass. The fields have been in arable rotation in the past. In our future agricultural practices for these fields we will adopt direct drilling, a method that minimises soil disturbance, preserves soil structure, promotes soil health, enhances water management, reduces energy consumption, and supports biodiversity.

We regret the effects of ash dieback as much as everyone else, but we have no choice but to take down affected trees, particularly where they are beside public highways and rights of way. We are committed to responsible stewardship and the preservation of the estate's natural assets.

I hope this is helpful and gives your parishioner some reassurance of the Estate's policy towards land and woodland management.

Parish Council Profile – As noted above, some Councillors have raised concerns about the lack of transparency and engagement between the Parish Council and are now working to improve lines of communication through increased correspondence in the Dyddi and it was agreed that the Council would look to improve the website and utilise it as a communication tool in the future.*Cont. over*

Date of next meeting - The next meeting is supposed to be in September; however, in the absence of a Parish Clerk this may slip back into October. We will be looking to publicise the date of the next meeting either through the Dyddi or on WhatsApp so that you, as the parishioners that we serve, have the opportunity to contact us prior to that meeting, or even attend the meeting, to raise any concerns you feel should be addressed to us.

Helen Turner, Didmarton Parish Council

There are a number of road closures planned, a full schedule of which can be found on the website www.didmartonvillagehall.co.uk/#Dyddi

Elizabeth Hodges Educational Trust - grant applications now being considered.



The Elizabeth Hodges Educational Trust is a local charity, established under the terms provided within the Will of Miss Hodges, a resident of Shipton Moyne, in 1723. Under the terms of the Will, income arising from a capital sum can be used to promote the education of persons under the age of 25 whom or whose parents are resident in the area of benefit and who are in need of financial assistance. Didmarton is an area of benefit.

In recent years the Trustees have supported appropriate applications made by university and college students living away from home. Typically, these grants are paid out to individuals on an annual basis and applicants are requested to make a fresh application each year for up to a maximum of 3 years. The funds awarded are agreed on an application-by-application basis and is dependent upon the funds available to the charity at the time.

If you, or your children, are under the age of 25 and are in need of financial assistance to promote a specific educational need (and you have not already made an application within the last 12 months) you may apply for assistance by writing to the Clerk to the Trustees in good time for the bi annual meetings (held in February and October each year) where the Trustees will consider the application. The Clerk to the Trustees is Helen Turner of Holly Cottage, The Street, Didmarton, Glos. GL9 1DS or letters can be sent by email to helen@financedept.biz

From CDC District Councillor—Tony Slater

At CDC: There was no meeting in August, so nothing to report directly, but we are aware of a looming crisis in the planning department due to several officers resigning, where there was already a shortfall of staff. This will obviously affect residents who need to apply for property works in the coming months.

Readers may be aware of the forthcoming changes to parliamentary boundaries – a government commission was tasked with making all constituencies the same size of around 77000 voters. These changes will apply from the next general election, but we effectively now have a new MP in our area of the ‘South Cotswolds’ (which includes the area from Cirencester to north Wiltshire) – James Gray. As CDC councillor in his new patch, I was invited to show James around the area, and took him on a driving tour of Grumbolds Ash and beyond, pointing out local highlights and where issues have arisen. James is very approachable, is very active in the community, and prides himself on responding to all enquiries from the public.

Didmarton:

looking back to my first Parish Council meeting, I was warmly welcomed by the clerk and committee. It was actually the long serving clerk’s final meeting as she moves on to new challenges, so the search is underway for a replacement. I was able to give some pointers on the process, but recruiting a good clerk is always a challenge.

It was confirmed that the Badminton concerts did not cause too much disturbance, and the management of the event did take on board suggestions following the first concert. The promised follow up meeting by the organisers would be chased, and this has now been booked for Tuesday 19th September at 18.30.

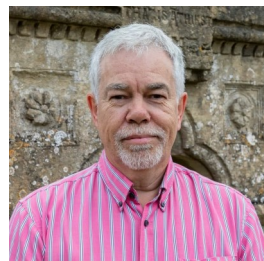


Councillor Tony Slater

Cotswold District Council,

Representing Grumbolds Ash with Avening

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Message from Martha.

My dear housemate Daisy, intrepid explorer, founder, and latterly honorary president, of the Didmarton Walking Group sadly passed away on 1 August at the grand old age of 16. Many of you, especially fellow doggy members of our group, will remember her from encounters on our walks, especially when she was with her great admirer and would-be amour, Boris the Bold. There was indeed a notable time when all three of us would have great fun out and about together. Others will remember her as the incredibly talented and articulate chronicler of the walking group's activities or as the inspiration for the 'Twelve walks around Didmarton' still available via the village website.

Much loved and sadly missed. RIP.



Ride & Stride for Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

Join us on the **9th September** to visit the beautiful churches and chapels around our local area, by bike, foot, horse, or whatever takes your fancy. Some of our churches will be open and offering tea/squash and biscuits.

For you to choose and plan your own adventure, leaflets will be left in the stores throughout the Benefice, suggesting routes of various lengths, to take in the churches. Alternatively, join the Vicar leaving from St Arild's Oldbury-on-the-Hill, Didmarton, at **10:15am**.

The purpose of the event is to have some fun, getting the community involved in a church sponsored event, at the same time seeing the wonderful heritage of our local churches.

Funds can be collected via Justgiving, or by sponsorship forms, which can be found in the village stores, along with the routes, or on the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT) Ride & Stride web site.

For more information, please visit:

<https://ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride>



and scan the QR code for the Badminton Benefice JustGiving page



Monday 25th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning

From 10am—12.30pm

49 The Street

Cake donations welcome (please contact Ruth)

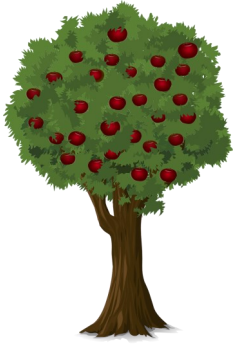


The June 100 Club draw took place on June 13th at the DVHCC meeting in the Village Hall.

The prize winners were:-

1st Prize	£20	Anthony & Emma Brassey	2nd Prize	£15	Oli Kay
3rd Prize	£10	Frances Barr	4th Prize	£10	David Greenwood

Sue and Sue



Didmarton Rural Cinema

September 22nd

Film TBC

Please keep an eye on Facebook & Whatsapp for further details

Garden Open Day

September 3rd

The gardens of Badminton House and Well Cottage are open for the last time this year so don't miss out on your chance to see all the flowers in bloom.

[https://
www.badmintonestate.com/etn/
open-garden-days-3rd-september/](https://www.badmintonestate.com/etn/open-garden-days-3rd-september/)



Sicilian Summer Feast

September 17th

This Summer, join Valentina for a day of Sicilian cooking at Badminton House. You will learn to create traditional Italian dishes with your own hands, before sitting down to a feast, in this full day of cooking, eating and drinking.

[https://www.badmintonestate.com/
etn/cook-sicilian-summer-feast/](https://www.badmintonestate.com/etn/cook-sicilian-summer-feast/)

TETBURY GOODS SHED

ARTS CENTRE

HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER



- Sept 3** **Off The Rails:** Welcome to our third family festival of music! There will also be magic, fire-eaters, a Samba band and impromptu entertainment for all the family, as well as beer tent and a craft fair. 11-6. A whole day pass is £5 for adults, under 18s free.
- Sept 8** **London Haydn Quartet:** A wonderful combination of Beethoven, Mendelssohn and, of course, Haydn. 7.30. Tickets £22, under 18s £15
- Sept 10** **Afternoon Music with Laraine Levin and Pupils:** An Afternoon Music Recital - a series of performances by Laraine Levin and her music students who play piano, flute and recorder and are between the ages of 7 and adults ranging in ability level. 3-5. Tickets: £8 adults. £5 under 18
- Sept 22** **The Making of Lucy:** Stroud Theatre Company uncovers the story of Rodmarton Manor, which Lucy discovered when she looks into her family history. With music, songs and dialogue. 7-9.30 Tickets: £12, under 18 £10
- Sept 24** **Tetbury Origins** – Family Learning Workshops and Guided Tour: Find out about when wool was the heart of the rural economy and go on a short, guided tour. 12.30 – 3.30 Tickets: £12

For further details and to book tickets visit our website – where you can also find information about films, talks, exhibitions and our Wednesday afternoon concerts.

www.shed-arts.co.uk

Warm Apple Cider Cocktail

Ingredients: apple cider, brown sugar, cinnamon stick, star anise, whole cloves, allspice, vodka or brandy

*In a medium saucepan, combine the apple cider, sugar, cinnamon, star anise, cloves, and allspice. *Bring the mixture up to a boil over high heat. Once the mixture comes to a boil, turn the heat down to low and allow it to simmer for 10 minutes. *Use a mesh strainer to remove the spices from the cider. *Pour the vodka into the cider (try flavoured vodka for a bit of a change). *Stir to combine. *Pour into glasses and serve warm.



Baked Apples

Ingredients: 4 large baking apples, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 cup chopped pecans, 1/4 cup of dried fruit, 1 tablespoon Butter, 3/4 cup boiling water.

Preheat oven to 190C, Rinse and dry the apples. cut out the cores, leaving the bottom 1/2 inch of the apples intact. Place the brown sugar, cinnamon, currants or chopped raisins, and chopped pecans (if using) in a small bowl and stir to combine. Put the apples in a baking dish and stuff each apple with the sugar stuffing mixture. Place a dot of butter (a quarter of the tablespoon called for in the ingredient list) on top of the sugar. Pour the boiling water into the bottom of the baking dish. Bake at 375°F (190°C) for 30 to 45 minutes, until the apples are cooked through and tender, but not overcooked and mushy. When done, remove the apples from the oven and baste them with the juices from the pan.



The History of Apples in the UK

Avalon is the ancient *Isle of Glass* featured in the Arthurian legend, the Welsh called it Ynys Afallach—The Island of Apples. Judging by how many apple trees we have in our garden I think I may have found this ancient land!

There is no doubt that as a nation we produce and indeed waste a great many apples, but just how did they get here?

There are 2,170 varieties of British apples, the collective group name for which is *Malus Domestica*. In 1929 Russian Scientist Nikolai Vavilov traced the apple genome the ancient *Malus Sieversii*. This is a wild apple native to Central Asia, specifically the Tian Shan Mountains of Kazakhstan, where they can still be found today (now doesn't that make your humble apple-crumble a little more exotic!)

How did they get here?

Well, it's those ubiquitous Romans again! They discovered apples growing in Syria (transported naturally via animals and birds from Kazakhstan) and dispersed them around the world using the Silk Road. The Romans practised the skill of grafting — selectively breeding apples by cutting from selected varieties and attaching to a rootstock from another tree. Why? You may ask, well, Apple trees grown from seed will not grow true to their parent fruit. The process is still used today.

So there we have it the ancestors of apples as we know them today come from Kazakhstan. They spread naturally to Syria, where the Romans picked them up and travelled along the Silk Road to bring them East. They learnt to graft, and started to cultivate apples similar to the ones we know and enjoy today.

Want to know more? This is a great time line of the history of the British Apple

www.britishapplesandpears.co.uk/history-of-apples/



Fruit to Fame—The Apple Logo

Apple's iconic logo, the bitten apple, has become one of the most recognizable symbols in the world of technology and branding.

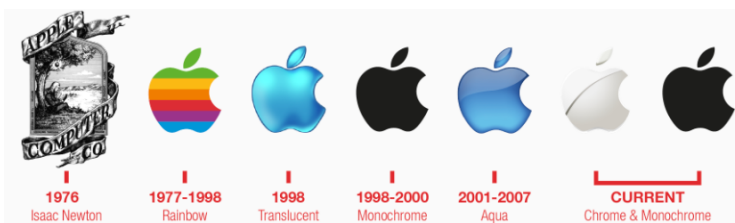


In 1976, Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak established Apple Computer, Inc. The company needed a logo that would represent their innovative and user-friendly approach to computing. Steve Jobs wanted a logo that was simple, memorable, and could be easily reproduced at small sizes. Rob Janoff was the graphic designer tasked with creating the logo. According to Janoff, he was initially inspired by the idea of an apple because the word "apple" was associated with simplicity, approachability, and the basic nature of the fruit. He also thought it could help differentiate Apple from other technology companies with more complex logos. Janoff designed the iconic bitten apple logo, giving it a playful twist that made it distinct and memorable. The bite out of the apple was incorporated to ensure that people wouldn't mistake it for a cherry or any other fruit when the logo was displayed at smaller sizes.

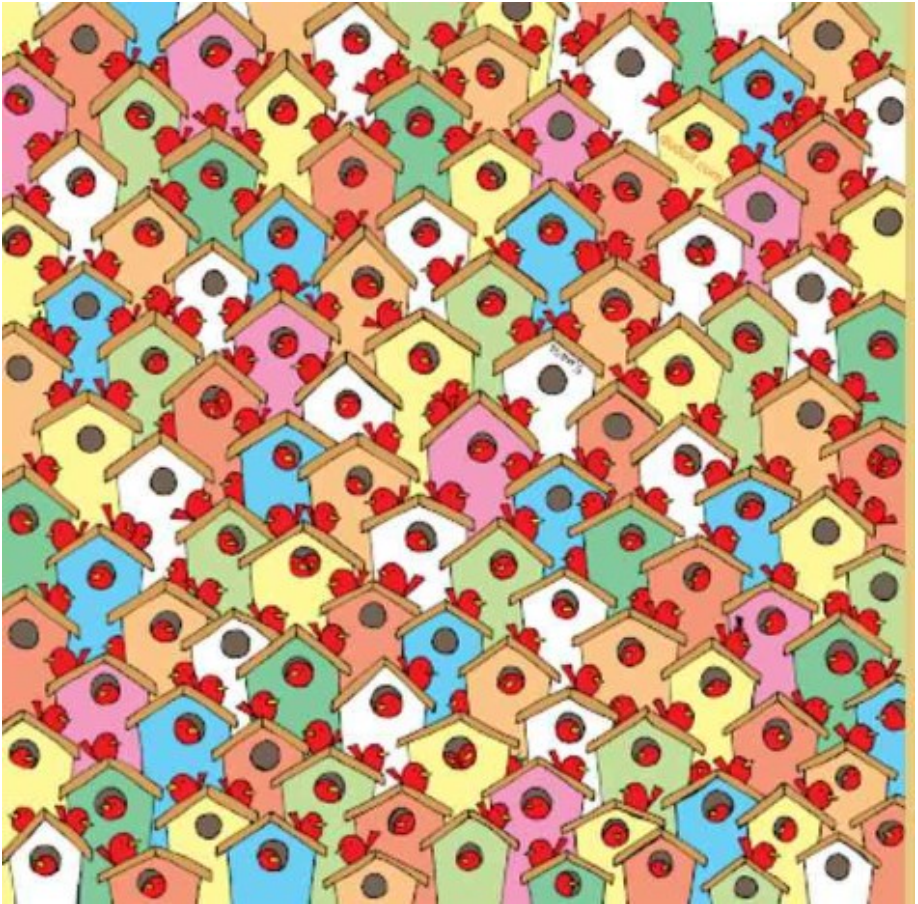
Contrary to some popular myths, the bite in the logo wasn't meant to symbolize knowledge from the biblical story of Adam and Eve, nor was it a nod to computer "byte." Janoff has clarified that the bite was added purely for visual clarity and to prevent the logo from looking like a cherry.

The rainbow colour stripes that initially adorned the logo were meant to represent the Apple II's colour display, which was a significant feature of the company's early computers.

Over the years, the Apple logo has evolved, shedding its rainbow stripes and adopting a more minimalist monochromatic design. However, the core concept of the bitten apple remains the same—an instantly recognizable symbol of Apple's commitment to innovative technology and user-friendly design.



Can You Spot 3 Apples in 9 Seconds?



How do you divide seventeen apples among sixteen people? Make applesauce

Doctor Harish and a bus driver Manish are both in love with the same woman named Priyanka. The bus driver needs to go for a long trip of 10 days. Before he left he gave Priyanka 10 apples. Why? Answer: An apple a day keeps the doctor away!

What is the expected outcome of a cross between an apple and a Christmas tree? A pineapple



SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

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

"Propagation" (with an expert propagator!)

Cuttings

Most of us are now back from gardening leave and raring to go. Our first autumn presenter will be Penny Jones who shared her plant hunting stories at our June meeting. This time, she will give tips and demonstrate sound practice in propagation based on her expert knowledge of 20+ years as Chief Propagator at the National Arboretum at Westonbirt.

New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are always welcome. Look on it as an opportunity to renew annual membership, if you haven't already! The cost remains the same as last year: £15 single, £25 joint, U18's free. Good value in these inflationary times! For membership form and full programme contact our Secretary: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

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

Connections

The SGC Facebook group is the forum for photos, questions, answers (where possible!) and news of meetings and events. Anyone can join the group and post tips, hints and pics. Why not share some photos of your late summer garden or someone else's that you particularly like? Visiting well-known gardens is fascinating but often green-fingered friends can provide the best inspiration.

Community/Blooming Sherston

We'll be ordering spring bulbs for planting around the village (let us know of public areas that could use some extra colour). Also gardening club members are ensuring regular watering of the Post Office trough and we hope to secure funding for a second trough. After the new village gate posts are installed, Blooming Sherston will create attractive plantings around them. Hopefully, there will be more progress to report in the next issue.

Calendar

5th September: Penny Jones on Plant Propagation.

3rd October: Lucy Bowles, Whatley Manor's new Head Gardener

7th November: Garden Designer, Laura Holmes on 'Creating your own space'

5th December: Julia Armstrong leads a Wreath Making Workshop

The committee are still researching presenters and talks for 2024 but we can give a hint of what may be booked, though some of the [following](#) are still provisional.

5th March Margie Hoffnung on Rosemary Verey -her Legacy to 20th Century Gardening

2nd April AGM and Mandy Bradshaw- Four Seasons Cotswold style.

7th May (Possibly) Growing Clematis and other Climbers

4th June- Harriet Rycroft –Gardening in Pots.

We are also preparing a programme of Visits, possibly to RHS Wisley, Highgrove and to Wiltshire College, Lackham campus. Please do share any ideas you may have that could be incorporated. Look forward to seeing all our members when we re-convene on the 5th of September!

YOUR MIND & BODY MATTERS

The Hypothesis of fructose and Alzheimer's disease is a really interesting one. Whilst fruit contains fructose so does a lot of shop bought bread, fruit juices, processed food and meals another reason that we should be trying to avoid all of these and to cook and make our own meals rather than go down the easy route of buying ready-made or buying takeaways. Did you know that glucose and fructose have different functions and that salt can activate fructose from glucose. It is thought that too much fructose drives up uric acid which is responsible for gout which then causes inflammation and is extremely painful but also can go into our blood vessels and can cause cognitive decline and impairment.

Fructose helped us with survival, unfortunately as we have developed so has our sweet tooth along with our taste for salty foods both of which can be addictive. By eating too much of these foods we are reducing our energy levels and seeing muscle wastage which then leads to inflammation which can go on to result in metabolic syndrome and even Alzheimer's.

On a brighter note we still need to eat fresh fruit as it contains so many wonderful nutrients that we definitely need!

We will be discussing this in greater length at my Mind and Body Matters Brunch Club on the 30th September, please get in touch for more information.

Ruth x

Thinking of trying Pilates?

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

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ruth ruth@bodymatters1.co.uk

J.J's Gardening Blog

Keep dead heading.

We've had enough rain to make our forward plan to move towards a gravel garden, full of mainly grey leaved Mediterranean plants. Examples such as *eryngium bourgatii*, *limonium gmelinii* (sea lavender), for instance, euphorbia.....

It doesn't have to be the whole garden. It could start as an area of exotics, not bananas, but olive trees, eucomis sparkling burgandy, the top of a pineapple, melianthus, echinaceas (the cone flower), herbs, verbascums, succulents such as sempervivums, verbenas hastata, various grasses.

The success of this idea, like most things, is in the preparation of the ground.

Clear the area of weeds and grass leaving pristine soil, which should be forked over.

Order enough pea gravel, or similar to cover the area to a depth of 5 cms or more.

Before you spread the gravel PLANT the plants. Then put the gravel around each plant carefully, so no soil is showing. It is not necessary to water them in. Stand back and enjoy.

A person who successfully made a gravel garden, was Beth Chatto in Essex, a very dry county. So if you are having a break in that direction the garden is well worth a visit.

It is time to cut hedges, lavender and topiary. Cut edges around borders. Feed houseplants following instructions on the pack.

Cut to the ground the old canes of summer fruiting raspberries, leaving two or three greenish replacements per station to be tied in to a support.

Tidy up and cut back anything which is potentially covering up where spring bulbs grow.

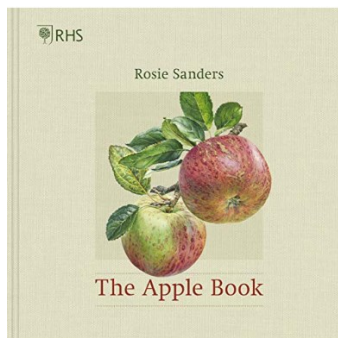
Do not plant tulips until after we've had some frost, which protects them from fire blight.

A nice late season plant is *Actea*, with dark ferny foliage and pink or white bottle brush blooms.

A dahlia which caught my attention is called Honka Fragile.



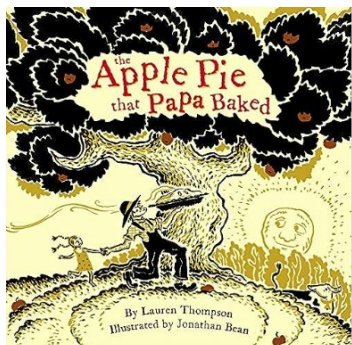
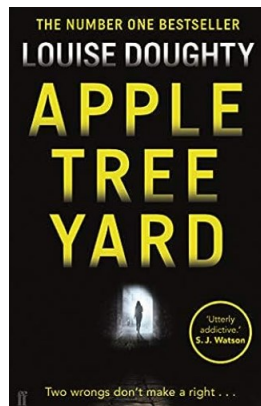
Apple Books!



Rosie Sanders, described as the best painter of the world's most famous fruit, has devoted years to researching this collection. Painted with their blossom, twig and leaf, Rosie offers detailed descriptions of each apple's aroma, flavour and season as well as something of the history of each variety. The book is enhanced by a practical essay on apple growing by Harry Baker, fruit officer for many years at the Royal Horticultural Society and one of Britain's foremost authorities on apple growing.

Yvonne Carmichael has a high-flying career, a beautiful home and a good marriage. But when she meets a stranger she is drawn into a passionate affair. Keeping the two halves of her life separate seems easy at first. But she can't control what happens next.

A tale of desire and middle age, of deceit and longing, *Apple Tree Yard* shows that people, no matter how middle class or conservative, can act in surprising and often brutal ways.



This charming tale of a father preparing an apple pie for his daughter is written in the style of *The House that Jack Built*. The lyrical text is just part of the appeal of this book. The folk-art style illustrations add to the charm, making this story a treat to look at as well as read. Ages 5-8

SUDOKU by Neil Fozard

For the uninitiated

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

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Answers to the August quizzes:

'Easy'

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'Not so Easy'

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VICAR'S LETTER July 2023

Dear Parishioners,

How often do we stop and marvel at the reality of the world. That it exists, that we exist. God tells Moses that His name is "I am". Yahweh - Existence.

We are here and we exist, one day who knows, maybe we might not exist.

Or maybe existence will look very different for us. But for now we exist. And we can stop and think about that. We are here and we exist now, right now in this very moment. Of this we can be sure. But on what does this existence depend?

Well we would not exist if we had not been brought into being, or were not alive. So where does life itself originate? What brought us into being? You might say, our parents brought us into being. But then what about them? What brought them into being? Their parents, you might say. And so on, all the way back to the first human being. The scientist will tell us, that we evolved in Africa in our current form, within the last 200,000 years. And 'Homo erectus' evolved from some sort of ape that came from other mammals 85m years ago. And about 530 million years ago it is thought that fish evolved from sea squirts, which are thought to be the first creature that had a spine. And with which we share more than 80% of our DNA! They came from something very basic, the Chordata, which comes from the tadpole larvae, and eventually from single cell organisms. And that comes from microscopic organisms which were present in the rocks that formed this planet about 3.7 billion years ago. This organic matter, given oxygen and sunlight, burst into life till now. It is an amazing story!

So.....we know quite a bit about why we are here. And this suffices for many people. But not for me. It still does not answer the question, why is the world here? Not bodily, I get that. But spiritually. Why is there a world? What is it for? On what does its existence depend?

That is why I am forced into theology and philosophy. There is more to this universe than just material reality. There is truth, there is meaning and there is love.

With my best wishes,

Richard

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND BADMINTON BENEFICE

Church of England September
All services from the Prayer Book unless otherwise stated

3rd September Trinity 13	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Churchwarden
	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Parish Communion (Common Worship)	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Didmarton	Sung Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
10th September Trinity 14	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion	P Cheeseman
	9.30am	Leighterton	Holy Communion	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Little Badminton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
17th September Trinity 11	8.30am	Didmarton	Holy Communion	Rev R Thomson
	1000 am	Hawkesbury	Family service with Baptism	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Sopworth	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
24th September Trinity 13	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion (Common Worship) +PCC	Rev R Thomson
	1100am	Little Badminton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Leighterton	Harvest Evensong	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Churchwarden

Further details and updates: badmintonbenefice.com

Major Religious Holidays for September

September 6* – Arbaeen: The day marking the end of the 40-day mourning period after the Day of Ashura for Shia Muslims

September 11 – Coptic New Year: A feast day (also called Nayrouz) that commemorates martyrs and confessors in Coptic Orthodox Christianity

September 15 to September 17 – Rosh Hashanah: The two-day Jewish New Year that highlights rest and reflection, and is one of the most important **Jewish holy days**

September 21 to September 29 – Mabon: Pagan and Wiccan religions use this day to mark the autumnal equinox

September 24 to September 25 – Yom Kippur: This is one of the most important **Jewish high holy days** in the Jewish faith. The central themes of Yom Kippur are atonement and repentance

September 27* – Mawlid: The celebration of the birth of the Prophet Muhammad in the Islamic faith

September 29 to October 6 – Sukkot: A 7-day holiday commemorating when Jews journeyed to the desert on the way to the promised land

September 29 to October 14 – Pitru Paksha: A period when members of the Hindu faith pay homage to their ancestors

Taken from <https://www.diversityresources.com/interfaith-calendar-2023/>



God is Sovereign Over the World!

'The Earth is the Lord's & the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein' Psalm 24 vs 1. O that men will praise the Lord for his goodness & his wonderful works to the sons of men. All that we have to enjoy are gifts of God to us, tokens of his love and care. It is he who provides seed to the sower & bread to the eater. When we sit down to enjoy a meal we should say 'Apart from you O Lord, I have no good thing, you are the one who makes the grain grow & the Earth bring forth an abundant harvest to provide my food'. When we get up and walk out into his world with the gifts of health and strength to do so, it is he who makes it possible, and when you enjoy a night's sleep it is he who renews and cares for us. Only God gives us life & breath and good things to enjoy, we have no good thing apart from him. 'All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above, then thanks the Lord for all his love'

So do we thank him? King David was able to say 'I have set the Lord always before me, you are my Lord'

Not only has he provided for our physical and mental health, but also for our spiritual well-being. He has provided us with spiritual food from heaven to provide & maintain God's gift of eternal life. This he has done by sending his precious son the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the bread of life. Without the Lord Jesus Christ within us our soul is spiritually dead, for never can a soul be fed except by him the living bread.

How tragic it would be to see the fruits of harvest & the food it provides but refuse to partake of them. God wants us to benefit by the work of Jesus Christ on the cross who died that our sin which keeps us from him might be forgiven; for, 'The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through faith in him' Jesus Christ who rose from the dead & offers eternal life now & with him later in Heaven.

The day is coming when God will reap his harvest of believing souls & gather them into his eternal presence. Will you be among them or left to perish? Woe is the day of salvation when we can repent our sin & receive the Lord Jesus Christ as saviour and lord for 'There is no other name given among men by which we must be saved' Acts 4 v12.

Will you humbly & thankfully partake of our sovereign Lord's life-giving food?

Royston Pick



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