

the **DYDDI** digest

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of Didmarton's name Dyddimaertun,
believed to mean the boundary (maere) farm (tun) of
a Mr Dyddi

September 2021 – no. 552



VIVE LES BOULES! SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER
AT THE KING'S ARMS
SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE

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



DIDMARTON RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Thursdays 9th & 23rd Food waste bin

Thursdays 2nd, 16th & 30th All rubbish & recycling

SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES...things REALLY are happening!

Wednesday 1st sees a new term starting for Ruth's classes in Pilates and Circuit training. If you are interested in either or both, please call Ruth on 01454 238957 or email ruth@bodymatters1.co.uk

(As they say, 'Use It Or Lose It', or how about the 'If You Rest, You'll Rust'?! A phrase enough to get any couch potato, I reckon)



Thursday 9th is Margaret's Walking Group. See p. 13 for details, and as always, you don't need to take a dog to join them.

Friday 10th – YES! Film night is BACK!!! It's a multi Oscar winner – see p. 7

And Saturday 11th, YES! Boules is back too! See p. 5 for final details.



Friday 24th is Ruth's annual fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support. Pop along to 49 The Street (on the main road, opposite and just a bit along from St. Arild's Road) between 10 -12 am. Don't forget to take lots of pennies for this fantastic charity.



...& GOING INTO OCTOBER – our Harvest Festival

Sunday 3rd October, is the Harvest service at St. Lawrence's here in the village at 11.15am. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see lots of you for this special service with traditional hymns.



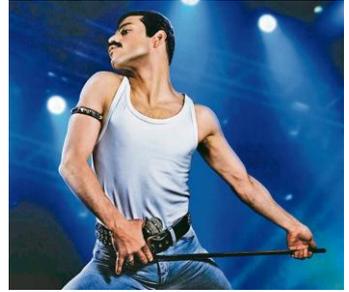


Apologies to new Didmarton residents who just missed an entry in last month's Dyddi, so a big warm welcome Rupert and Lucy, who have not just moved here *and* got married, but have become the proud 'parents' of

Beau/Bo, who by dint of having a waggy tail and four (bouncing) legs, will clearly be in charge. We hope you're all settling in quickly, and hurrah, another Didmarton dog for all the others to play with. And of course, a big welcome to any other new Didmarton residents. If you'd like to get in touch with any news or thoughts for inclusion in the Dyddi Digest, do email dyddi@btinternet.com

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Police – to report incidents – 101
Tolsey Surgery, Sherston – 01666 840270
Tetbury Hospital – 01666 502336
Oldbury Garage – 01454 537016
Village hall bookings - 01454 238450
DVHCC Chairman, Ed Hardy – 01454 238006
Parish council, John Hammond – 01454 238373



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

8th – Bluey Richardson-Thomson
24th - Ella Townsend
28th – Camilla Yandell

BABYSITTING CONTACTS

Elizabeth Darbyshire – 07702 693100
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Flora Scutt - 01454 219258
Joe Turner - 01454 238235
Henry Yandell - 07719 304445



This month's it's-my-birthday bonanzers are (from top) Farrokh Bulsara, Mary Westmacott & Phillipa Matthews. WHO? Ahaa, it's quiz time...what names are they more usually known by? And if you find that a breeze, connect each of them with one of the three locations to which they are relevant: Torquay, Feltham (near Hounslow/Heathrow), & Glen Affric. Answers, p. 12

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VIRGINIA MARGARET - 'JEAN' - GLEW

Passed away peacefully at home on 10th August aged forever 21 years. Loving wife to Ed, proud mother to Chris, Gill & Scott and mother in law to Wendy, Lloyd and Tracy. A wonderful granny, great granny and friend to many M.A.D. Club People. Her burial service was held on 25th August at the Westmill Woodland burial ground, Swindon, with a service of celebration in Didmarton Village Hall which was followed by afternoon tea.

Donations if desired made payable to The Donkey Sanctuary and sent to Philip Horgan, L.E. Perry Funeral Directors, The Coach House, 13 Hampton Street, Tetbury GL8 8JN, 01666 502295
Gill & family

It is extremely sad to hear of the passing of Jean after a long fight against illness. The thoughts of the village go out to Ed and her family at this difficult time. October's Dyddi will include a tribute to Jean who was undoubtedly a pillar of our community for many years and will sorely be missed by all. *Ed Hardy, DVHCC*

LATEST NEWS FROM THE D.V.H.C.C.

It would appear that some kind of end is in sight for the Covid crisis. As restrictions are lifting there is some sense of us getting back our freedoms which have been curtailed for many months. However, we still need to be cautious and respectful of each others' circumstances as the latest variant is still hitting many. Put simply we still need to be careful. We are not yet at the stage of confirming any village hall events for the community but are making enquiries for the fireworks and now autumn is approaching it is more likely that we will be looking towards Christmas and New Year before other activity is planned. For hall hirers we maintain Covid restrictions as appropriate but the best message to take away would be, please ask us if you wish to use the hall. We will do our best to facilitate your plans and will deal with all requests as quickly as we can.

Looking over the horizon my other plea is that we need new volunteers for our committee. This should soon be an exciting time for the village. We are in good shape to plan for refurbishment and a village get together and it is vital that new faces step forward to carry on the work that this and all previous committees have achieved over the years. Please, please, step forward. We have now secured a new treasurer and are looking for a chairperson and bookings secretary for 2022. Come on, we know you are out there!!! Please contact me at edsamamelia@icloud.com
Ed Hardy, Chairman, DVHCC

ALL WELCOME AT DIDMARTON'S 3rd BOULES EVENT

Saturday 11th September at the King's Arms from 9.30am

Everyone is welcome to come along to the King's Arms to experience the clunk and thunk of metal on sand, wood and more metal, all the while with tensions brewing to the grand finale in the afternoon.



Do get in touch as soon as absolutely possible if you'd like to participate in the competition: team spaces have gone very quickly, but there may be one or two left. There's lots of space for the rest of us to stand by to experience and cheer on those with a jack as their target, a fanny if they're lucky, and the perfect carreau as an aim. Indeed. (those are official words!)

This is Richard and Alan's third year of running this terrific event, and we can all go and support their cause in keeping our cricket club running; breakfast bacon and coffee first thing, thereafter tea, cakes and of course, King's Arms pizzas, pub menu and drinks are on tap to keep you topped up, along with the mostest hostests, Mark, Paula and their hardworking crew.

Just a quick note, teams are for novices only. It's a fun village day for residents and friends. Any questions, or to enter a team, call Richard on 07966 294214.



WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT (let's make it a £1,000!)

Didmartonians Sophie and Andy 'Barts' fundraiser for Maggie's charity raised £957.50. Many came to support and watch the two cricket teams, and enjoy the barbecue after.

Thanks to all, and if you'd like to donate a little to help make the piggy bank a big £1,000 for this incredible cancer support charity, do get in touch with Andy on barts1980@gmail.com or on Sophie's JustGiving webpage: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sophiesparks> Thank you



THE DCC LATEST NEWS



Only one 35 over game and a T20 to report this month, given the remarkable season to date in the fact that so many games have been called off due to the weather. Of the 13 Sunday fixtures so far, only 6 have been played. Of these, we have won the last 3, so I guess a 50% win rate isn't a bad thing even if our first win didn't come until mid July.

We seemed to be immensely lucky to play the first game, given most of us were sitting in and around Didmarton on the Sunday morning watching the drizzle and waiting for the match to be called off. Fortunately, it was played at Corsley, near Longleat, so after fighting through a near tropical downpour just south of Bath, we arrived in decent weather, hopeful of playing a match. Corsley won the toss, decided to bat and what followed was quite possibly the DCC's best win ever.

Despite an interruption for rain after only 4 overs, we bowled superbly throughout with Todd to the fore in picking up 4 wickets for only 13 runs, ably supported by Guy with 2 for 16 and Barts with 2 for 9. Notable mentions go to Marco for his 1 for 25, Stu's 1 for 7, and Harry's 0 for only 14 runs from his 6 overs, and I have to mention a hilariously simple dropped catch to deny Todd his first DCC '5 for'. (For those who wish to google it, Mike Gatting – the spinwash tour of India '93 springs to mind – no names Stu!) That said, two superb diving catches in the deep by Harry and Rich evened up the scenario. The result, a total of only 98 to chase from 35 overs.

In return, DCC never seemed likely to throw away the game, with Ceri falling for 6 with 30 on the board, Rich being joined by Harry. Some decent hitting by Rich in particular in his 49 runs, which included 3 sixes and 4 fours, and Harry's own six and 2 fours in his 27 not out took the game firmly away from Corsley, with Rich falling just one short of his first 50 of the season with 91 on the board. This left Andy to come in and finish off the match with Harry in only the 20th over. The result, a great 8 wicket win but more importantly a great team win with everyone playing well and contributing to the collective.

The second match saw a first fixture against a Tetbury Old Boys side. We batted first and with our first 3 batsmen (Andy, Tibbs and Paul) all retiring on scores of greater than 25, this left a fantastic foundation for the middle order to come in and post a potentially huge score in their 20 overs. Unfortunately, it didn't quite work out like that, with the next 4 wickets falling for only 4 more runs between them. At least those responsible only took up 9 balls in arriving at this underwhelming total so they didn't waste the team's overs, but it did leave Todd

a bit lonely at the other end watching the seemingly endless procession of batsmen. He thus picked up the baton and fought his way through to retire after a quickfire 28 not out, Teifion Johnson, 16 n/o on debut (only 14 years old!) and Andy Bryant, 12 n/o, saw DCC through to 144 for only 4 wickets.

In response, Tetbury struggled with the run rate, our bowlers showing their growing quality, pitching the ball up well, leaving them to fight hard to get to 80 from 20 overs. Teifion, the pick of the bowlers, with notable contributions from Barts, Andy, Todd and Alan in particular. United We Conquer! *Rich Williams*

CONGRATULATIONS A great match for both sides

On 3rd July the Vice-Captain (self appointed) of Didmarton Cricket club Ali Hammond bowled a maiden over when he married Pippa Jenman at Frampton on Severn. The bride looked stunning in her whites whilst the groom looked equally smart in his away kit. After the threat of possible postponement had been lifted the match took place in ideal weather conditions and never one to be stumped for words the groom gave a 34 minute speech received enthusiastically by both the Home and Away teams.



All spectators agreed it was a wonderful match and wished the main players a long and happy life together.

Sue Hammond

RURAL CINEMA IN OUR VILLAGE HALL- starts this month!

**** SIX OSCARS INCLUDING BEST PICTURE & BEST ACTOR ****

**** ANTHONY HOPKINS, OLIVIA COLMAN, MARK GATISS & RUFUS SEWELL ****

**** "INSIGHTFUL & SUBTLE" PSYCHOLOGICAL DRAMA ****



FRIDAY 10th SEPTEMBER, doors open 6.30pm, film starts 7.30pm Cash bar

To confirm your seat please contact jennybody@btconnect.com 01454 238358
Please book in advance if you can so we can arrange tables and chairs. Tickets are £5 – please bring the right money so we don't need to deal with change!

FAILING TO PREPARE IS PREPARING TO FAIL

Be warm enough this winter!

It may seem a little premature, but it's best to book a boiler service or replacement before the chilly weather returns.

Energy UK reckon around 60% of our energy bills are heating and hot water, so it really IS important to make sure your boiler is functioning for you, and as efficiently as possible.

Just like a car service or MOT, it's vital to keep your boiler happy

and working well. Although cold baths are proven to be excellent for your mental health, we want you to choose this as an option rather than it being forced upon you because of a broken boiler!

Our fully qualified engineers are able to work on natural gas, LPG and oil fired boilers, and as we're still not fully out of the Covid woods yet, if you'd like them to wear a mask, just ask, we are very respectful of all our customers' wishes.

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SPEEDWATCH – LATEST NEWS



Since April this year, and up to the middle of August, we have conducted 20 speed checks amounting to 20 hours. During this time, we have caught 308 vehicles at 36mph or more with the fastest recorded speed of 56mph taken on 2nd July.

This is in addition to those caught by the police camera van who often visits our village. Gloucestershire police send out warning letters on the first 2 occasions then conduct a personal visit on the 3rd occasion. Despite these figures, things are slowly improving but we continue to meet with our team of volunteers.

Sean White

GRAHAM WEBB

It is with great sadness we report that, after a short illness, Graham Webb passed away on 19th August 2021 peacefully at home and surrounded by his family.

Graham and Annie moved to Didmarton in the late 70's and were one of the original families to move into Bertha's Field as it was being built. Graham quickly got involved in village life, whilst retaining his Cornish heritage, by joining the Didmarton Community Committee and then stepping up to Chair the DCC for several years.

He continued to help to organise and be involved with village events throughout this time and beyond when he reverted to 'just being a villager' but continuing to be an active member of the community.

Graham was involved with such events as Barn Dances at Oldbury, Kids (Dyddi) Discos in the Reading Room, Summer Show Days, Royal Jubilee and Wedding celebrations, Casino Nights in Didmarton House, Fireworks and Bonfire Nights on the Rec, Radio Gloucestershire's 'It's My Street' which the village were the overall winners of and where Graham won the section where you had to speak on a given topic not previously told about – never a man to be lost for words and true to his skills and training as a sales rep!

Graham and Annie later moved to Malmesbury to be closer to family, but he never lost his connections to Didmarton and continued to support village events. Outside of the village Graham was equally active - volunteering at both Westonbirt Arboretum and National Trust Dyrham Park, being a member of the British Legion in Tetbury, commanding the ATC in Tetbury (having previously served in the RAF as a Payload Master on Belfast aircraft), volunteering at Malmesbury Abbey Gardens and Malmesbury's cinema.

Graham overcame serious illness some 6 years ago and was able to celebrate this by continuing an active social life.

His funeral will be on Wednesday 8th September at 1pm at the North Wiltshire Crematorium and afterwards at Malmesbury's Abbey Gardens. Bright colours are to be worn. It will be family flowers only but should people wish to make a donation they can do so to Dorothy House Hospice.

Graham will be remembered as someone who throughout his life was always a loyal friend and wouldn't hesitate to put himself out to help others. Our thoughts are with Annie, sons Mike and Pete and his 6 grandchildren.

John & Sue Hammond, Brian & Sue Cook, Helen & David Russell

VICAR'S LETTER

September 2021

My Dear Friends,

We have, at time of writing, had some sad losses in our communities. Leighterton's Canon David Strong, who helped out with services a few years ago. Brian Higham, the Duke's groom and big character in Badminton. Terry Whyton, Acton Turville, well known having lived in the village for many years, leaving Tom and her three children. Our thoughts are with the families of these three souls.

Returning from holiday is never an easy phase. As the postman said, it takes a bit of getting back into. Whilst very few of us have been very far this year, getting away is lovely if only to give us a break from the normality of life. We all need a bit of variety. Of course, once back in the groove, everything feels a lot better.

Reading is something a good holiday affords time for, and this year, I read Andrew Cohen and Professor Brian Cox's book *The Planets*, which is exhilarating and inspirational. I am now an avid star gazer and peer out at Jupiter with new eyes aware at its immense role in shaping our solar system. Without Jupiter, the earth would never have formed 4.5 billion years ago to be the right size and in the right spot to be a home for life to develop. How precious this planet is.

It is possibly the sole place in our galaxy in which life has developed so far. When you think that only in the last 50 years have we been able to send probes or travel into space, you can see how exciting the discoveries are. It is interesting that in 4 billion years time, when the sun has consumed the earth, life on Titan, one of the Saturn's moons might be a bit more bearable. Currently freezing and the rain is made of methane, but by then this will have evaporated and in place of methane lakes, there will be water, at the moment is frozen beneath..

I hope you enjoyed the Olympics as much as I did, and are as proud of our athletes. It made me feel exhausted just watching some of those people!

Now that September is here we have to look forward to the joys and successes of life that goes on around us. And there are many, from the Harvest festivals and colouring of autumn leaves, to football and rugby seasons, fireworks and the odd pub meal huddled around a fire. How fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful part of the world. There is much to be thankful for.

With my best wishes,

Richard

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND BADMINTON BENEFICE

September's services – conducted by Rev. Thomson unless otherwise stated

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| 5 th Trinity 14 | Lasborough 9.30am Matins Lay led Hawkesbury 9.30am CWHC Didmarton 11.15am Matins Acton Turville 6pm Evensong |
| Friday 10 th | Hawkesbury 1.30pm Dedication of Bells with Bishop Rachel Treweek from Gloucester |
| 12 th Trinity 15 | Lasborough 9.30am BCPHC P. Cheeseman Leighterton 9.30am BCPHC Little Badminton 11.15am Matins Hawkesbury 6pm Evensong |
| 19 th Trinity 16 | Didmarton 8.30am BCPHC Hawkesbury 9.30am Morning Prayer Lay led Sopworth 11.15am Matins Acton Turville 6pm Evensong |
| 26 th Trinity 17 | Lasborough 9.30am CWHC Little Badminton 11.15am Matins with Harvest Festival Hawkesbury 6pm Evensong Didmarton 11.15am Matins Acton Turville 6pm Evensong |
| 3 rd October | Didmarton 11.15am Harvest Festival |

TWO VERY BIG THANK YOUS

The DVHCC would like to thank Jonathan Peevers and his sidekick Razza for their sterling job of clearing along the side of the village hall. The years of growth was a massive job and took them three weekends of hard work. If anyone has any suggestions what we could do with the space, maybe a wildflower garden or communal veg patch, please contact a member of the DVHCC (Chairman, Ed, 238006, or email dyddi@btinternet.com if you're not sure who to call).



Helen Russell

Another big thanks is to Paul and Gerald James for their continual work mowing the grass at St. Lawrence's. They are kind and generous hearted to the core, and a quite a lot more, we reckon.

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LEIGHTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are very excited to be moving to a five class structure from September and have been busy getting ready for this over the summer.

Apsemore Class, which is for foundation stage children, will remain in the same room. This class is purpose built, incorporating an inside and an outside learning area which transforms into one learning space by opening a bank of bi-fold doors. It also has a toilet suite so could be a self-sufficient unit, if needed.

Year one will be in Barnhill Class, one of our lovely light and airy new classrooms. Boxwell Class is for our year two children. This room has been repainted and our wonderful PTFA has funded a state-of-the-art interactive whiteboard for this room. The children in this class will also have their own outside learning area.

Haymead class is for our year three and four children and Ridge Class is for years five and six. During the summer break, Haymead and Ridge have been updated with new windows and doors so they match the other classes. These will improve the security of the school as well as making it more energy efficient

The whole school voted on the names for our two new classes and they are called after local thickets of trees, just like our other classes.

We are really looking forward working as five classes and have some spaces for new children at school.

If you would like to find out more, please have a look at our website at www.leighterton.com or contact Claire, in our school office on 01666 890273 to arrange a time to come and look round.

Meryl Hatfield



JOYCE'S POOL - AN UPDATE

On the clearing of Joyce's pool, Badminton Estate has now agreed to carry out this work and Didmarton Parish Council will donate towards this small project. We hope this will be carried out very soon. A picnic bench has been

added to the area kindly donated by the King's Arms, so hopefully we can all enjoy the pool before summer comes to an end.

Cllr Sean White

Quiz answers from p. 3. Freddie Mercury (stage name of Bulsara) lived in Feltham, near Heathrow. Agatha Christie also wrote under the name Mary Westmacott. She lived in Torquay. Since marrying, the former Pippa Middleton (sister of the Duchess of Cambridge) is now part of the Matthews family who own the Glen Affric estate in Scotland.

YOUR MIND & BODY MATTERS

Feeling the very best you can



Listening to a great podcast by Dhru Purohit (episode233) it would appear that the new science is we can help Alzheimer's after all as it is now being connected to our lifestyle, as with a lot of diseases, with inflammation being one of the root causes. Of course, all the time there is new research but in the meantime we owe it to us, our families and friends to look after ourselves.

It goes back to everything in moderation; balance is the key. Our intake of fatty acids such as salmon, mackerel, tuna, sardines and herrings, flaxseed, chia seeds, walnuts, Brazil nuts, sunflower seeds and pumpkin seeds will help our bodies and our brain, and again, variety is the spice of life.

With all the temptations of different foods and drinks it's hard to resist but if we want long and healthy lives we have to find the self discipline to say No and start with the end in mind (Stephen Covey) to help avoid with some dreadful disease such as Dementia and/or Alzheimer' by looking after our brains and bodies now, not later when it's too late.

Please remember that high fat foods use ingredients to make you want more and more, so instead of that bag of crisps have a small handful of mixed nuts; instead of cake or chocolate reach for a piece of fruit; find alternatives and always have them in your kitchen. Slowly, slowly change the way you eat and you will see and feel the difference. Maybe another way of thinking is that we don't want to become a burden to our family, friends or the NHS, and most of all we owe it to ourselves. Ruth Carnaby, Mind & Body Matters 01454 238957



& IF YOU MISSED THEM ON P. 2

Ruth's Pilates and Circuits classes are starting again on the 1st. Interested? I may be biased (and why not?), but golly she's good! Email ruth@bodymatters1.co.uk or call 01454 238957. And don't forget her Macmillan charity coffee morning on Friday 24th.



THE WALKING GROUP OF DIDMARTON

Dear fellow walkers (human and canine),
September's walk will be on Thursday 9th, the King's Arms car park 10am as usual. Email ladydaisygreenwood@gmail.com with any queries. Woof woof ,
Martha (mad) & Daisy (retired, & now a bit poorly)

CONSULTANTS DAREDEVIL FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE



On Tuesday 31st August three of our consultants took to the skies wingwalking in a daredevil fundraising challenge to raise money for vital medical equipment here and to improve facilities. They took individual flights over Rendcomb Airfield, a WWI grass airfield near Cirencester, flying on the top wing of a Boeing Stearman biplane experiencing an exciting series of flypasts, zoom climbs, steep dives and banks at a speed of approximately 130mph and climbing up to 600ft!

The consultants were Dr Henry Murdoch, Mr Mike Rigby and Mr Ian Comaish, who has been an Ophthalmologist at the hospital for many years, performing thousands of cataract procedures in the Day Surgery. He said "Everything I do at Tetbury, in the field of ophthalmology, is about helping people live their lives to the full. Life isn't half so much fun if we can't appreciate the visual – and what could be more visual than a biplane whizzing by with me on the top of it!"

Please help support this breath-taking challenge by sending a donation either to Wing Walk Challenge, Tetbury Hospital, GL8 8XB, or call Lian Franklin on 01666 501786 or online at www.virginmoneygiving.com/iancomaish Thank you.

TETBURY GOODS SHED

ARTS CENTRE

What's on this month: don't forget, free parking and Whistle Stop café (11am-4pm, Wed-Sat) here. ALL bookings must be made online at shed-arts.co.uk

Wed 1st Exhibition: The Accidental Art of Prime Numbers, 11am-4pm, until Sunday 10th October, exc. Mons/Tues. A feast of mathematical visual delights.

Sat 4th – Music: acclaimed tribute band Dire Streets performing the entire Dire Straits classic album Brothers In Arms. £20, 7.30pm

Sun 5th – Off The Rails: an all-the-family festival, with music, magic, crafts and entertainment. Free entry, 11am-6pm

Sat 11th – Music: The Earl trio accompanied by legendary slide guitarist Michael Messer, and rhythm guitarist extraordinaire, Lyndon Webb. £14.50, 7.30pm

Wed 22nd – Shed Talk: The Answer Lies in the Soil. Experiences of sustainable, organic farming. In conjunction with Greening Tetbury. £8, 7.30pm

Fri 24th – Music: Flats & Sharps, a footstomping bluegrass band with energy, enthusiasm and spirit. £11.50, 7.30pm

Each Thursday we have a film in the afternoon and evening, 2pm and 7.30pm. Please see the website for up-to-date details. £7

SUDOKU by Neil Fozard

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Answers to
August's quizzes

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WURZIT TO?

This comes with the sheer hope that you cannot make head nor tail of this month's wurzit. However, as often is the case with these puzzles, I think I can say ALL of you have passed it by many, many, many times, and never even raised your hat or given it the time of day. Now's the time.

Last month's H was the end of 'Bath' on the old mileage sign set into the wall west of The Reading Room. Bit too easy, that one.



Answers to the A-Z quiz on p. 18: NO peeking! Aardvark, baboon, chinchilla, duck, elephant, ferret, gerbil, hippopotamus, impala, jackal, koala, lemur, mongoose, nightingale, otter, pig, quail, red deer, shrew, tapir, unicorn, vulture, wombat, oryx, yak, zebra

THIS MONTH'S HAPPY BIRTHDAY-TO-YOU PICTURE

Many happy thank yous to September's birthday boy Bluey for his illustration that cannot be used ANYWHERE else in the world!

A big, bold village sign for the future, perhaps? Bluey's really caught the between-the-seasons of summer & autumn that September is, & many (hopefully still) sunny birthday wishes to everyone celebrating this month.



A HARVEST COLOURING IN SCENE

Aah, September, the month of bounty & barley, nature's munificence seen in marrows the size of a Rottweiler & tins of Curried Baked Beans from the 1980's, all a-winging their way to Mrs. Crocula Tensile in number 3, Tarpaulin Bungalows. It takes all the efforts of triplets Senchcombe, Jum and Ragwortia to lug this lot to Crocula, as best friend Helsinkia (far left) is just about to nick Senchcombe's Horn Of Plenty & flee, in preference to a chastening by an ungrateful Crocula, her extending walking stick & wrath-ridden canary, Fuhrer.



AN A-Z QUIZ

This month, ANIMALS & BIRDS - Answers on p. 15

- A One of the first words in the dictionary (8)
- B Rhymes with spoon (6)
- C Part of your face in the freezer? (10)
- D Mind your head! (4)
- E A group of these can be called a Memory (8)
- F Sometimes found down trousers... (6)
- G The lodger bill has a small pet in it (6)
- H It's name means River Horse (12)
- I Spirally horned antelope sounds like Vlad! (6)
- J Has a day about him in a film (6)
- K Not a real bear (5)
- L Rings on their tails (5)
- M Some goon confused this snake killer (8)
- N Florence had one? (11)
- O You can always find one in a pottery (5)
- P Babe, Napoleon and Percy (3)
- Q Game bird sounds like popular Isle of Man surname! (5)
- R The Duke of Beaufort has got a lot (3,4)
- S Can you tame this old fashioned grumpy woman? (5)
- T Related to the horse and the rhinoceros (5)
- U Well, some people believe in them... (7)
- V This loves a 'Carry On' (7)
- W William's nickname (6)
- X Antelope with this letter in its name (4)
- Y The only one beginning with this.... (3)
- Z ...and the most obvious one (5)



The August draw took place at the Quiz Night held in the garden of

The King's Arms in July. The winners:

1st - £20 Sam Hardy 2nd - £15 Richard Tubbs
3rd - £10 Shelagh Bailey 4th £10 Karen Thomson

Sue & Sue



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“The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein” Psalms 24 v 1

How marvellous and manifold are the works of God, he has made us and placed us upon the earth for s season, to care for it, and to provide for our wellbeing.

He has designed a world of order and beauty, the laws of nature being the usual method of the working of his hand, by which he controls and provides, What glory he displays of himself in the beauty of the landscape, the mountains and trees, the birds and flowers, all speak of his praise and his wonderful works for the children of men.

At this time of year especially we appreciate not only the beauty of his provision but the bounty of his care for us as we gather in the harvest of the fruits of his earth in their abundance and variety to meet the physical needs of mankind.7

However, his provision does not stop with our physical wellbeing, that we might recognise and respond to our maker with due praise and worship. To this end he has come among us in the person of his precious son, the Lord Jesus Christ to meet our greatest need of a saviour from sin. By his work for us in the cross and resurrection, a fruitful spiritual life he has made available for us, Just as we must partake of his provision for our physical wellbeing, so we must respond to his work of grace toward us in Jesus by repentance and faith.

May we do this, and develop the shoots and fruit of a living relationship with the Lord God Almighty, our maker and redeemer, ready for the ingathering of his harvest of souls. The day of his coming we do not know, but he will come to take his ripe fruit unto himself, for the earth is the Lords and it’s fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.

Thanks be to God for his goodness to us!

Royston Pick

IT’S A SECRET... BUT DOES ANYONE KNOW?

Apparently, allegedly, supposedly, Someone said (backed up by someone else), that a few years or decades back, Someone else buried away, inside some stonework in Chapel Walk, pieces of valuable silverware. Given the amount of dry stone walling there is in said lane, as well as loads more solid stone and mortar constructions, there’s a lot of metal detectorwork that could be done...but then again, it may be completely untrue. Any ideas? Email dyddi@btinternet or call 01454 238576



CONTINUING FROM LAST MONTH

A little more on what are you? & who are we? Do feel free to contribute to continue this tale. The picture on the right is the flag of Kent, by the way.



In last month's Dyddi, I wrote about the variety of colloquial titles given to residents of a certain country, town, county or region (for instance, dwellers of Wiltshire are Moonrakers, Yankees are Americans). The following info has been received here at Dyddi Heights. Do feel free to add your considerations, though remaining unanswered is how to describe a person from Didmarton (no need for silly answers....oh, go on then, why not? dyddi@btinternet.com)

Dear Editor,

Your piece in the August Dd about place names and origins may have caused some spluttering incredulity from those of us born in the big elsewhere. For my entire life I have been a Kentish Man and not because both my parents were Sulians. I came into the world west of the River Medway, in an area which is now part of Sarf Ees Lunnun innit? The Medway is the dividing line and all Men and Maids of our great county will stand together to say so. David Michel

Another reader writes 'With regard to men or maids of Kent, when we lived there for several years before coming to Didmarton Kentish born and bred friends always told me that men and maids of Kent come from east Kent and Kentish men and maids come from west Kent. The river Medway was generally accepted as the dividing line.'

Another offering for Cornishmen, though with no reasoning or evidence from the contributor or myself, Hoggies for Cornishmen.

More internationally and wholly dully, is 'Antarctic Residents' for those in the very bottom of our world, though much more fun is Kittitian, for those from island nation St. Kitts, and a darned fine multi point scoring Scrabble word. St. Kitts probably got its name from Christopher Colombus, and its neighbour island of Nevis (Nevisians) from Nuestra Señora de las Nieves - Our Lady of the Snows – because of the resemblance of the island clouds to a 4th century phenomenon of snow falling on Rome in the summer.

Talking of islands, Isle of Wightians are caulkheads and vectensians (or vectians), whilst those who move to the mainland are overners. And sadly, much as we'd like Maltesers to be from Malta, they don't. They come from Mars Inc. (sorry, joke, Malta residents are Maltese, though what do they call Maltesers?) ed.



Going Green

Didmarton Eco Group

AN ECO ROAD TRIP TO WALES:

Although a 'road trip' is a slight eco-contradiction, the 2 hour trip of 105 miles to the Gower in south Wales was a lot of fun and I like to think, produced far less CO₂ than a flight. We had a great time, exploring idyllic beaches like Rhossili, where we picked sunflowers, chatted with sea wardens on the watch for stranded walkers and strolled along the magnificent, unspoilt 3 mile beach with its own ship wreck from the 1800's. The kids found giant sand dunes on Oxwich Beach, renamed them Castle Dunes, and spent hours running and jumping down them. They ditched Lego for carving miniature kingdoms from the harder sand that were reminiscent of the magical temples of Petra and the Egyptian queen, Hatshepsut. We made small fires for toasting giant marshmallows, cooked using a car converter and pressure cooker, which sounds mad but worked surprisingly well, with porridge in the mornings and warm food at night, a welcome alternative to even more chips and pizza.

At night we found secluded spots off the beaten track and read stories of Africa as the light dimmed. The kids were so happy with their National Trust mini solar powered torches that were powerful enough to produce light well into the night and far beyond the point of confiscation.

I was curious to see how much CO₂ the trip produced and found an easy to use website www.co2.myclimate.org, entered in the mileage and car model; we had produced 0.13 tonnes of CO₂. I could then feel virtuous and pay £2 to a company such as The World Land Trust to off-set the carbon and support them to buy land, plant trees and prevent deforestation. Many campsites are members of the Greener Camping Club, the UK's leading environmentally friendly camping organisation. You can see their eco affiliates by visiting their website www.greenercamping.org.

The trip made us realise how little we really needed; being together, talking to fellow explorers, buying local produce including delicious Gower honey and apple juice, and although the clouds remained grey, the rain held off.

We may have helped save resources by being generally hygienically anti-social and not washing our clothes or ourselves for a good few days, not flushing many toilets (there were a few 'behind the bush' moments), not using kettles, or consuming the usual electricity. Now we're home it has put things into perspective and I can see what is really of value. People, beautiful nature and a nice warm shower!

Stina Richardson



CAROLE COOKS (not much this month)



Writing this on hols, where the North Sea is just a hop away and the next door neighbour has a weathervane with a labrador on it which looks instead like a saucy seal with a high BMI, I rather feel I haven't eaten anything. Well, of course I have eaten lots, just not cooked anything worth reporting on. Evenings have just been a deflation from lunchtime fish and chips, which has become Project Bestest, to find out who does muster up the finest.

One thing that is clear, but tricky to emulate: the fresher the fish – we had some in Southwold that was astonishingly so – the better. A fresh fish doesn't smell fishy, just a vague whiff of the seaside (not the dropped fag-end, spilt lager, greasy fry up stench).

A potato with too much natural sugar won't crisp right, instead over-browning and being rather a flopper, when a nice rich golden crunch-stick is required. A general rule of thumb is waxy won't (salad potatoes), floury (Maris, Cara) will.

However, as so few of us own or use a deep fat fryer (it lurks in the cupboard, with memories of great fun but what a mess to clean up after, notwithstanding the smell the following day), it's either a trip to the chippie, or doing the baked way: oven to 220 degrees, put a large heavy pan in, with a decent smear of sunflower oil, get it HOT. Peel or not the potatoes, and cut into thick fingers or fat discs, before rapidly turning them into the searing pan, a quick toss around in the oil, and back to the oven. Don't crowd them, else they'll steam rather than roast n' toast. Give them at 20 minutes before flipping them over to cook fully and sprinkle over salt when golden and patched with pale brown splodges.

From experience, I would leave battering and deep frying fish to those in the industry (K/A!), but I've found that the baked chip method above (preheated pan, smear of oil) suits salmon, mackerel (whole or fillets), steaks of tuna (and similar), though I wouldn't be so sure about a more delicate variety like sole, plaice or halibut. Poaching and steaming still best options there.

Just in case you ever are on the Suffolk coast, don't dismiss little café, Sizewell Tea. A mile or so south from here, into tourist rammed Thorpeness and (London-upon-Sea) Aldeburgh, you'll be queuing for hours. However, power stations apart (stop smirking, you at the back), Sizewell beach, with fishing boats pulled up onto the shingle, dunes to picnic in, and Sizewell Tea cooking to precisely to order, AND the best chips of the holiday (second best fish after Southwold). Cup o' tea, too.

ed.

FROM THE SUNDAY MAIL A FEW WEEKS AGO

(this comes with my apologies if I offend anyone. I know many, especially my relatives, who would be absolutely horrified. However, it's a bit too sign-of-the-times, & is there any way back or different? Today's generation know nothing of a day of rest. Do we have to be a 24-7 culture?).

'Apparently, thousands of Alexa users are reconnecting with God through a new 'skill' (similar to an app) launched by the Church of England. Time, perhaps, to update the Lord's Prayer?

Our Father, who art online, Googled be they name,

Thy Amazon delivery come, Thy shopping be done on ebay as it is on etsy.

Give us this day our free delivery, and forgive us our Facebook

As we forgive those who twitter against us

And lead us not to Netflix but deliver us from the BBC Sounds app,

For thine is the Instagram, the snapchat and the whatsapp,

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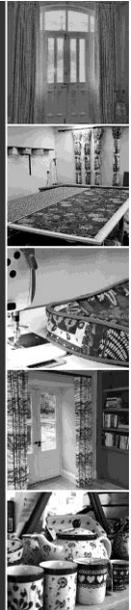
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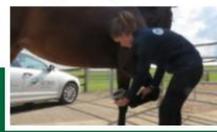
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