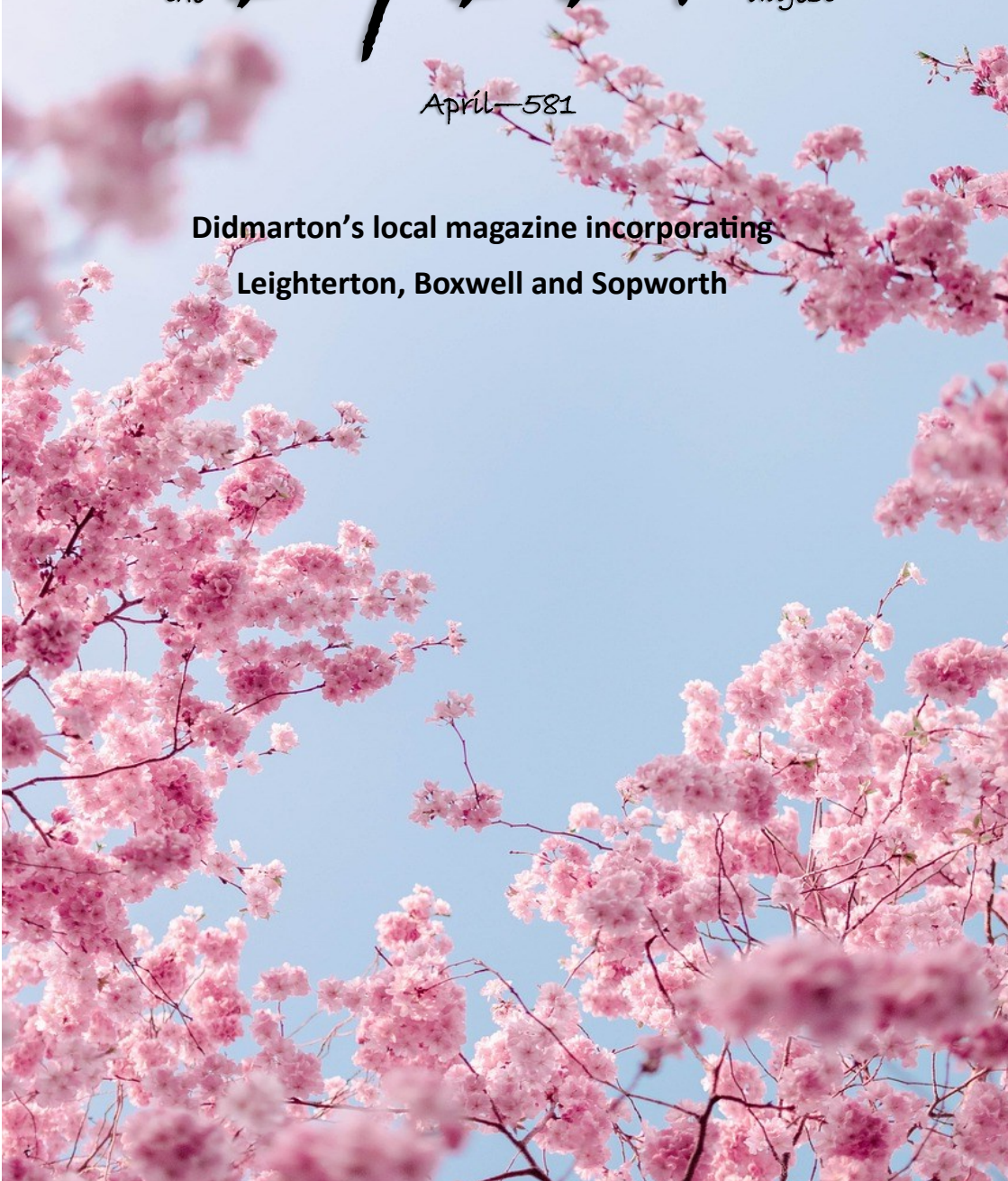


the **DYDDI** digest

April—581

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





RUBBISH DATES

Collections will take place as normal on Good Friday (29 March) and Easter Monday (1 April) as well as on the May (6 and 27 May) and August (26 August) bank holidays.

2024 Calendar not yet available

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DIARY DATES

3rd National Tweed Day

3rd Welcome on Wednesday

4th Eid al-Adha

6th National Pillow Fight Day

9th Last Day of Ramadan

12th Rural Cinema

13th National Scrabble Day

17th Welcome on Wednesday

21st National Tea Day

23rd St George's Day



LOCAL PLACES TO STAY

Didmarton - Self-contained 1 bedroom annex with parking for one car. Contact Emma 07702 693100 (Photos <https://abnb.me/ZmWzKKHPIBb> please call to book).

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

**To include your property email details to - editor@dyddi.co.uk
A small contribution for inclusion is appreciated.**

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**The church APCM will be held in St Lawrence's at 6.30pm on
Wednesday 24th April.**

This is a public meeting and all are welcome to attend.



PLEASE NO MORE APRIL SHOWERS!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this month's edition, be it for the first time or many times. It's great to have contributions from all the villages to which the Dyddi is circulated. Please do continue to send your ideas and thoughts, the greater the variety the better.

Photographs

Do you have a great photo either past or present that would make a good front cover? Please do email in.

Lime Solar Park

Petition: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/651262>

Website: <https://stoplimedown.com/>

If you are against this development, it is worth remembering that in order to be considered seriously your points must be factual and credible.

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:-

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

Sent in by a local resident

THE ONLY THING NECESSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH OF EVIL IS FOR GOOD PEOPLE TO DO NOTHING.



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

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Do you have something you would like to say or share? Send it in.

Dear Editor,

I have read extensively in the national press about a toad rescue society TRS which at this time of year endeavours to protect amphibians crossing roads en route to breeding grounds such as Joyce's Pool. Despite enthusiastic volunteers we would need some funding. Could I prevail upon the good officers of the Beaufort Estate either with funds or the help of their Border Patrol team to assist in this matter. I am absolutely convinced that the management of the Beaufort Estate will be absolutely dedicated to the preservation of toads.

Yours sincerely,

Henry

FACTS THAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW—NOT

1. Finland has the most heavy metal bands per capita.
2. Mount Everest was possibly shrunken by an earthquake.
3. Pope John Paul II was made an honorary Harlem Globetrotter.
4. On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens each year.
5. There's a city named "Rome" on every continent except Antarctica.
6. Quebec City is the only walled city in North America north of Mexico.
7. Frank Sinatra was offered the starring role in *Die Hard* when he was in his 70s.
8. New Jersey is the top producer of the world's eggplants.
9. Antarctica has the largest unclaimed territory on Earth.
10. There are about the same number of stars in the observable universe as there are grains of sand on all of Earth's beaches.



The March draw took place at the Quiz Night held in the Kings Arms on March 7th Hall. The winners were:-

1st Prize £20 Budgie Buckley **2nd Prize** £15 Helen Barski
3rd Prize £10 Paul Whitbread **4th Prize** £10 Charlie Marriot
Sue and Sue

Our 100 Club year ends on 30th April. A big thank you to all those of you who were members during 2023/20234 and we hope that we can count on your support again for 2024/2025.

It's a great opportunity to help raise much needed funds for our village community and thanks to your support, we have raised £900 for the DVHCC this year.

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

For those still to pay we would appreciate payment by bank transfer if possible. Lloyds account details are:

Didmarton 100 Club
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Account number 77225368

Please include your name and address as reference.

If you would prefer to pay by cheque (payable to Didmarton 100 Club) or cash please take your payment to your NEAREST collector –

Susie Jones, Old Manor Farmhouse, The Street Janet Bowers-Broadbent, 35
The Street

Amanda Hathaway, Windways, The Street Lynda Copsey, 33 St Arild's Rd

Sue Cook, 54 The Street Sue Hammond, 6 Bertha's Field

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together with the form printed in last month's DD if possible. We would ask that all payments be made by Monday 1st April for inclusion into the May draw.

The final opportunity to pay your subscription will be during April when our collectors will be making the house to house collections around the village. They will also be able to supply you with payment details.

You might have noticed that we have a new collector joining us. After many years Jackie Crewe has decided to retire. We would like to thank Jackie for all the help she has given us in the past and to welcome Lynda to our collecting team. You will see Lynda collecting in St Arild's Road.

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

Thank you everyone in anticipation of your support.

Sue & Sue

THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME!

Appreciate a job well done: "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning the floor"

Religion: "You better pray that will come out of the carpet"

Time Travel: "If you don't straighten up, I'll knock you into the middle of next week!"

Logic: "Because I said so, that's why"

More Logic: "If you fall off the swing and break your leg, don't come running to me"

Foresight: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident"

Irony: "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about"

Osmosis: "Just shut your mouth and eat your dinner"

Contortion: "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

Stamina: "You will sit there until you eat all that Broccoli"



DIDMARTON RURAL CINEMA

Friday 12th April

Doors open at 6.30pm for cash bar

Movie starts at 7.30pm

£5 entry



One Life

ONE LIFE tells the true story of Sir Nicholas ‘Nicky’ Winton, a young London broker played by Johnny Flynn, who, along with Trevor Chadwick (played by Alex Sharp) and Doreen Warinner (played by Romola Garai) of the British Committee for Refugees in Czechoslovakia, rescued 669 children from the Nazis in the months leading up to World War II. Nicky visited Prague in December 1938 and found families who had fled the rise of the Nazis in Germany and Austria, living in desperate conditions with little or no shelter and food, and under threat of Nazi invasion. He immediately realised it was a race against time. How many children could he and the team rescue before the borders closed? Fifty years later, it’s 1988 and Nicky (played by Anthony Hopkins) lives haunted by the fate of the children he wasn’t able to bring to safety in England; always blaming himself for not doing more. It’s not until a live BBC television show, ‘That’s Life!’, surprises him by introducing him to some surviving children – now adults – that he finally begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he had carried for five decades.

Trailer: https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/one_life (rated 91%)

Please make contact if planning to attend to ensure enough seats put out!

(email or text) jenny.body1@gmail.com 07875406

D-DAY

JUNE 6th, 1944 - D DAY

80th ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY JUNE 6TH 2024

DIDMARTON VILLAGE WILL BE AMONG HUNDREDS OF VILLAGES COMMEMORATING THE SACRIFICE MADE BY THOSE INVOLVED ON THAT MOMENTOUS DAY.

The DVHCC with the backing of the Parish Council are to hold a 'party atmosphere' evening at the village hall and playing fields on the actual 80th anniversary day – a Thursday.

There will be games for the young at heart, beverages and best of all - Fish 'n Chips.

BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY THERE WILL BE A BONFIRE BEACON - to be lit at 21.30. This will coincide with all the other villages around the country and abroad.

All this will be in line with advice and direction from 5 main charities organising the event and you can download the guide by going to <https://www.d-day80beacons.co.uk>

The charities are: The Royal Naval Association, ABF The Soldiers Charity, RAF Benevolent Fund, The Merchant Navy Association & The Normandy Memorial Trust.

NATIONAL FISH AND CHIPS DAY has been moved to coincide with D Day. Don't forget to get your tickets to ensure your portion is reserved. Look out for the notices when tickets are to be issued.

We are looking for volunteers to run some events on the evening from 6pm. Please contact Alan Townsend if you would like to take part or have suggestions. Officially sunset is at about 9.15pm so we have 3 hours to get in some fun for the kids and/or adults.

SAVE THE DATE AND LOOK OUT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION IN THE DYDDI NEXT MONTH.

Hawkesbury Youth Club



Tuesday Evenings
(7pm to 8.30pm)
at Hawkesbury Village
Hall.



For people aged 11 to 18,
£2 per session.



April Dates:

16th 23rd & 30th



For updates please follow our
social media, or email us:
hawkesyouth@gmail.com



[HawkesburyYouthGroup](https://www.facebook.com/HawkesburyYouthGroup)



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TETBURY GOODS SHED

ARTS CENTRE

HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL AT TETBURY GOODS SHED



- April 7** **The Bubble Show:** Join Mr Bubbles and his extraordinary soap bubbles of all shapes and sizes for a programme of magic and storytelling. Ages 3+. Tickets £32 for family of 4 or £9 each. 2pm
- April 13** **Hells Bells AC/DC tribute band:** The Bristol based band is the best known AC/DC tribute band, covering four decades of their music. Tickets: £20. 7.30
- April 19** **My Mountain Life with Simon Yates:** This talk features spectacular images and film from some of the most remote and rarely visited mountain ranges of the world. Tickets: £18. 7.30pm
- April 20** **Kiki Dee and Carmelo Luggeri:** These two have been touring their amazing acoustic show for 25 years and feature original songs as well as cover songs by artists like Kate Bush. Tickets: £23. 7.30pm
- April 21** **Gardeners' Questions:** Join our panel of local experts to get all your horticultural hassles sorted in time for summer! Tickets £6.50. 2pm
- April 24** **Motorways of the Industrial Revolution: The pioneering Cotswold canals & their revival today.** Illustrated Talk by Louise Nicholson. Tickets £8.50. 7.30pm
- April 27** **Alice Neary and Viv Mclean:** A cello recital of sonatas by Beethoven, Faure and Debussy by cellist Alice and pianist Viv – two experts in their field. Tickets: £22. 7.30pm

For more details of our other events including film, talks, exhibitions, and afternoon tea concerts and to book tickets visit our website:

www.shed-arts.co.uk

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John Hughes
Accompanist

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SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2024
7:30 PM MALMESBURY ABBEY



LEIGHTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



One of our Fundamental British Values is democracy, and this is very important to us at Leighterton Primary School.

As we will be used as a Polling Station in May, when there will be an election for the Police Commissioner, we invited Luke Hall MP into our school to find out more about democracy. Luke Hall spoke with the whole school and told us about the Houses of Parliament, The Elizabeth Tower and Big Ben. We talked about The House of Commons and The House of Lords and found out what they were like inside. He told us that any new ideas have to go to the House of Commons and then to the House of Lords before the monarch before they can become law. Once the King signs them off, they become an Act of Parliament. We split the children into two groups and half of the school became the House of Commons while the other half became the House of Lords. Several children talked about issues that were important to them and one of them asked 'The House of Commons' to vote whether fossil fuels could be banned. Our 'House of Commons' agreed to this by voting for this and passed the discussion to our 'House of Lords'. Our 'House of Lords' discussed this but were concerned that people would not be allowed to use petrol in their cars, and amended the discussion so that only the unnecessary use of fossil would be banned. Our 'House of Lords' voted again, and this was agreed with our 'House of Lords' amendments included. Our 'King Charles' heard the reports and agreed with Parliament to make this a 'Leighterton Law'.

We were given the opportunity to ask Luke Hall questions about democracy and he asked us some questions too.

Next month, Mr Robert Wheeler, who is the Returning Officer at Cotswold District Council, will be visiting Leighterton to talk to us about what happens during an election. He is going to show us how people who visit a Polling Station collect a ballot paper and go into a booth to make their selection by putting a X next to the person they wish to vote for. He will also talk about how the voters will put their ballot paper into the ballot box and that this is a secret ballot. We will also find out about the ballot boxes being collected from the Polling Stations and taken to a centre where all of the votes will be counted and the winner declared.

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This has made us think about how we are democratic at Leighterton Primary School. Each year, the children in Year 6 are able to put themselves forward as Captains and House Captains. They make a speech to try to persuade their peers to vote for them and then the children vote, using a secret ballot. These ballot papers are counted and our House Captains are elected.

We do have some spaces in just a few of our year groups and 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 (01666 890273), to arrange a convenient time to come and look round.

*Our children enjoyed asking Luke Hall
MP questions about democracy.*

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News from Sherston CE Primary School

Wiltshire Cricket Taster Day

The children enjoyed a fantastic 'cricket taster day' as part of the Wiltshire Cricket All Stars and Dynamos Roadshow for 5-11 year olds. As voted for by our School Council and their classmates, we'll be running free cricket after school clubs for Y1-6 pupils as one of our summer sports offerings. For more details about children's cricket sessions just get in touch with Sherston Magna Cricket Club.

New Y6 classroom furniture!

A huge thank you to the Friends of Sherston School from Year 6 for their fantastic new Sycamore class furniture!

World Book Day

We had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day. The children enjoyed 'secret reader' story time with all the staff, 'book buddy' activities, our 'big book swap' and lots of other literary themed fun throughout the day. A big thank you to our Literacy Lead, Mr Moran for organising the day, and to Judith Parkyn Photography for capturing this special event for us.



YOUR MIND & BODY MATTERS

Did you know... Happiness is a combination of how satisfied we are with our life and how good we feel on a day to day basis.

It varies of course from person to person, but approximately 50% of our happiness is determined by genetics, 40% by our thoughts, actions and behaviours and only 10% by circumstance (e.g. rich or poor, healthy or unhealthy, married or single). So our actions really can make a difference!

Generating happiness... The way our brain generates emotions, such as happiness, is very complex and is yet to be fully investigated, It involves a complicated set of structures in the brain. The brain structures involved produce an opium like substance called dopamine that makes us feel good, especially when something is better than expected. In this way our brain teaches us to engage again in whatever behaviour lead to that stimulus. Humans have learned to short circuit the neuronal reward system with cigarettes, alcohol and drugs, all of which activate the dopamine receptors in the brain's pleasure centre - and signalise reward. The stimuli of these rewards is about 10 times more intense than food so these drugs are powerful motivators but of course we are now seeing this in processed food which is why we can form obsessions with all of them.

To most people, health and physical integrity are a basic prerequisite for a happy life but not everyone who is healthy is happy and not everyone who is sick is miserable. The reason, is our sensitivity to change. Our choices and our satisfaction are driven by the comparisons we make. Blows of fate, for instance temporarily affect happiness but as people become accustomed to a new situation its impact diminishes. This applies to both positive and negative events or life changes.

Yet happiness seems to have a substantial impact on our health. Happy people are less often affected by heart attacks, autoimmune disorders, diabetes, cancer and depression - the opposite of happiness!

Happy people are more likely to follow good self-care and have better social networks, both reliable indicators of good physical health.

The happiness formula... Positive emotions like pride, gratitude and joy aren't short-lived. They affect our wellbeing for the long term. Research shows that if we can have three times more positive emotions than negative ones, we can become more resilient and effective in our lives.

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Research shows: Most laughter is not about humour, it's about bonding and relationships between people.

Laughter has power, it can lighten up the atmosphere, bring a group of people together and help people to feel good about themselves and make a challenging day so much easier.

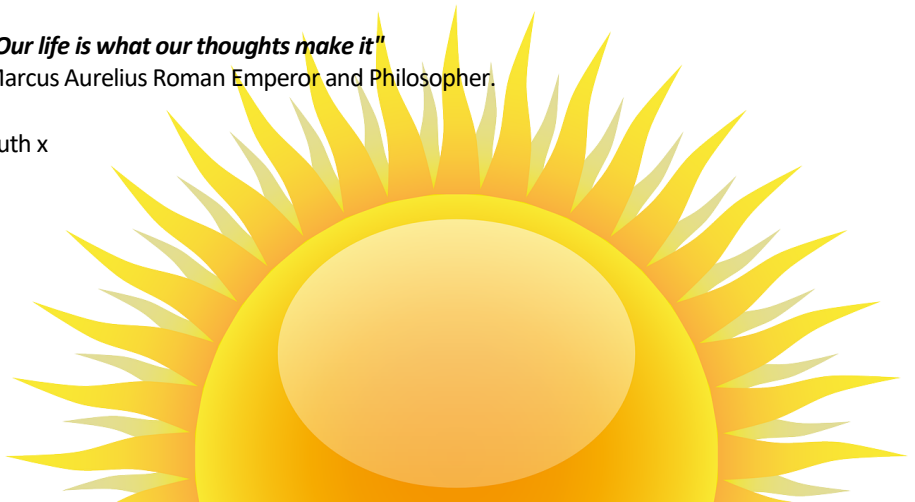
Even tears are changed by a good laugh, sad tears can be turned to tears of joy and hilarity.

Humour is infectious. The sound of laughter is far more contagious than any cough, snuffle or sneeze.

"Our life is what our thoughts make it"

Marcus Aurelius Roman Emperor and Philosopher.

Ruth x



Save the date...

Thursday 2nd May 2pm - 4pm

Dementia afternoon tea at ours - 49 The Street

Raising much needed funds for Dementia, come and have a cuppa and a piece of cake and support this worthy charity.

Thank You

Ruth

April 1984 AS 'T'WAS 40 years ago

Didmarton as it is recorded in the 'DYDDI digest'

(This magazine has been published every month since No. 1 in October 1975.)

The April 1984 edition of the Dyddi digest, No.103, edited by Alan Kershaw, filled eight pages and the only advert was for some locally grown tomato plants. The announcements and titles throughout the magazine indicate a thriving community life: 'Gloucestershire Medal for Courage' (seeking nominations), Art Club, Didmarton Ladies Club, Parish Council, Playgroup, Leighterton School, Whist Drive, Coffee Morning, Bingo, Byelaws, 'Windmill Hill' (a poem by budding author, Jon Walker, aged 10), Birthdays, 100-Club Winners, 'Wanted', Cubs, Playing Field, a 'Thank You', Sale of Home & Garden Produce, Reading Room hire charges (£2 per hour), Didmarton & Leighterton Conservatives, Swimming Club, The DCC, Didmarton Spring Show, Gardening Club, Dance & Exercise Classes and a letter from 'A Patriot' wanting everyone to wear a rose on April 23rd.

The Art Club would be visiting The Royal Academy, The Ladies were to discuss 'microwaves, mixers and food processors' and Leighterton School was holding a Car Boot Sale, indoors if raining. (?)

"Byelaws - Three new ones were introduced into the Cotswold RDC area on 1st February. They regulate the practices of Acupuncture, Ear-piercing and Electrolysis and Tattooing ... it will be comforting to know that you are now entitled to similar standards of hygiene that were compulsory for the milking of dairy cattle in 1949!"

The Swimming Club used the pool at Westonbirt School and was open to all residents provided they registered in advance with 'head steward', Mark Wallington. Life-saving was provided by volunteers and swimmers paid 40p a session.

For Saturday 7th April, 1984 the Gardening Club was organising the Didmarton Spring Show which was a mixture of produce, arts and crafts and some stalls, e.g. Tombola, held in The Reading Room. Proceeds were to go to organising the Summer Show. Two days later the club had a visiting speaker and it was planning an outing, in July, to Bicton Gardens near Budleigh Salterton.

Articles had been written by: Margery Hills, Heather Woollacott, Jean Riley, Yvonne McColl, Mike Braine, Lou Simmons & Dorothy Barlow, Doreen Smith, Gladys Hawes, Louise Price, Alan Kershaw, and Lin Gentry.

-The above 'digest' of a previous edition is taken from the Village Archive of Dd-



SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

Next Meeting & AGM
Tuesday 2nd April
Speaker is Mandy Bradshaw
'Four Seasons Cotswold Style

Cuttings

There was a fantastic turnout for our March meeting. Around 65 members were treated to an impassioned profile of the influential 20thC garden designer, Rosemary Verey. Margie Hoffnung has the added advantage of speaking from first-hand experience; she was Verey's assistant for a decade, had researched her career meticulously and her illustrated talk revealed original design plans, jottings from her famous notebooks, examples of her work and fascinating anecdotes. Verey's formal style may be less popular nowadays but Margie acknowledged her lasting contribution and influence on a new generation of garden designers. It made for a fascinating evening!



The famous Laburnum Walk at Rosemary Verey's former home, Barnsley House

Our April Meeting is also our AGM. Before the business side get going, guest speaker, Mandy Bradshaw will describe 'Four Seasons Cotswold-Style'. With over 20 years of journalism to draw on, Mandy will provide glimpses of the beautiful gardens of the Cotswolds, proving that, with the right planting, a garden can sparkle all year. Lots of inspiration to draw on.....

Clippings

Club meetings will remain throughout 2024 on the first Tuesday of each month at the British School Room, Cliff Road, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Refreshments, plant ID, plant sales, raffle, gardeners' question time, and jobs to do for the month.

New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are always welcome. The cost remains the same as last year: £15 single, £25 joint, U18's free. For membership form and full programme contact our Secretary: sherstongarden-club@gmail.com Furthermore, all new members who join between January and March 2024 will have valid membership until April 2025.

Community

Blooming Sherston may be going through a 'dormant period' but will spring to life when fences are eventually installed on verges into and out of the village. Look out for flowering shrubs and bulbs.

The Post Office trough continues to reflect the changing seasons with a fanfare of tulips in April and May.

Calendar 2024

- 25th April * Trip to Wisley Gardens
- 7th May 'Stumperies, Ferns and Shady Friends' with Andrew Tolman
Judging by Liz Cooper of our Spring Bulb Photographic Competition
- 15th May Horticultural tour of Lackham Campus, Wiltshire College (more details later)
- 4th June 'Growing Clematis and other Climbers' with Andrew Jeanes
- 12th July (Fri) Summer Social at The Garden House, Westonbirt
- August No Meeting but possibly a garden visit tbc
- 3rd Sept 'Garden Design for Nature and Wellbeing' with Rachel Emous-Austin
- 1st October 'Growing a Cut Flower Garden' with Rachel Golding Barrett
- 3rd December 'The Victorian Gardener' (with Christmas theme) with Francis Burroughes



J.J.'S GARDENING BLOG

Let us look forward to spring flowers and no dramatic weather. There has been a good show of daffodils, large and smaller ones. Herbaceous plants are putting their noses above ground. Lots of promise of what is to come. But take care, the weather can have a sting in its tail. If you have put some pots out on a sunny spring day remember to fetch them in under cover at night. The hellebores have lasted in flower for a long time, if you didn't remove their scruffy leaves earlier, now is the time to do it, and it really tidies them up. Also make a note of one's you need to buy and root out seedlings that are disappointing or you have too many of boringly coloured ones.

If you have an area that needs lightening up, perhaps think of euphorbia. Lots to choose from and easy to grow. But with a white sap which some people are allergic too, but a zingy colour.

Camasias and fritillaries will follow on.

Plan what to put in your pots. Get your orders in. Support local nurseries who may have annuals in all of one colour available. In other words not a mix of colours in one seed tray. Single colours can have more impact. But that is just a consideration! Do you need an evergreen to highlight something in front of it.

Wash flower pots, so you start the season disease free. Anything that needs keeping in shape, now is the time, and it really spruces things up. Mow the lawn and trim the edges. Buy some epimediums, from delicate ones to those about six to eight inches tall. Corydalis, lovely blue flowers, ferny foliage, light shade.



COINCIDENCE

Life is full of coincidences and most people have experienced this phenomenon in their life. I thought that it would be fun to share these in the DD.

Our coincidence was on a wonderful three week holiday we had in New Zealand. We had travelled around the South island and we were catching the ferry to the North island. We went to the top of the boat and sat at the front to watch the spectacular scenery, when, a young couple came and sat with us,

. Getting chatting, we asked them where they were from, Cheltenham was their reply. They asked us where we were from and we said it was a very small village and we doubted if they would have heard of it. Didmarton we said. Ah, we had a meal in the Kings Arms last week they said, and we met that mad French chef, Cirile. (some of will remember him!)

What are the chances of that!

Why don't you share your coincidences with us?

Helen Russell

Email editor@dyddi.co.uk

The twins named Jim

In 1979, a set of twins was reunited at age 39. They had been separated at four-weeks-old, and for 37 years, hardly knew of each other's existence. So when they met, there were a few surprises: both boys had been named Jim by their adoptive parents, both loved math and carpentry, and both pursued careers in security. Even eerier, they each married women named Linda, divorced, and remarried women named Betty, writes *People*. As for their kid's names? James Allan and James Alan.

Stephen Hawking's death

As Stephen Hawking himself would tell you, time is relative. But that doesn't quite explain why his death occurred on what many consider a fairly significant day: Einstein's 139th birthday, Galileo's 300th death-day, and Pi Day (March 14, when the date reads 3.14).

WINE-ING ON

Do you think you know your wine? See how you get on with the questions below set by Sopworth's Jane Olive. Those who plan to take part in the Sopworth quiz, take heart, similar questions may well present themselves!

1. Which grape variety is the most widely grown in the world?
2. How many grape varieties are there in the world? - 3000 / 5000 / 8000
3. In which country is the grape Zinfandel most commonly found?
4. What is a wine barrel maker called?
5. From which grape is Chablis made?
6. From which grape is Sancerre made?
7. In which region is Chianti made?
8. From which grape variety is Barolo made?
9. What is the principle grape used in red Rioja?
10. What is Spanish sparkling wine commonly known as?



THE DYDDI DIGEST TEASER NO.2

Given the initials and number of letters,
what do they stand for?

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Answers to DdbT No.1 AW: Fosse Way Great North Road Ridgeway Ermine Street Bluestone Heath Road TOT: Punch and Judy Pantomime Commedia Del Arte The Scottish Play Comedy And Tragedy FA: Plaster Dock Leaf Needle And Thread Nail File E: Worcester Lodge London Gateway Foyer Mousehole Letter Box BI: Lundy Isle Of Dogs Bass Rock Raasay Isle Of Axholme (Compiled by David Michel)

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 March quizzes:

‘Easy’

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

‘Not so Easy’

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

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear All,

I have been a Daily Telegraph Reader for probably around 40 years now, and the other day I rang and discussed cancelling my subscription. The half-truths reported and articles against an institution I love, has really annoyed me.

The drum being beaten is threefold : The Church of England is guilty of 1) 'epistemic abuse' of government asylum policy, by holding industrial scale baptisms for asylum seekers; 2) giving £1 billion in reparations for slavery but ignore the financial issues of struggling parishes and 3) undermining the Government's plan to send refugees to Rwanda.

All this criticism is unjustified. There is no 'epistemic abuse' of the Asylum system. The Times newspaper investigated the former Home Secretary's claim and discovered that in 2022 there were just 26 Baptisms of Asylum seekers out of a total of something like 900,000! And 15 or so of those were rejected by the Home Office. The incoming Home Secretary admitted that there is no evidence of 'systemic abuse' of the system, as The Telegraph broadcasted.

The claim to give £1bn in slavery reparations is wrong. The church commissioners have agreed to give £10 million a year for the next ten years. That is it. The calls by some people to give £1bn would not be met by the Church Commissioners nor by congregations. Any funds would have to be raised.

Finally, Rwanda - As we all know, it is the role of the Upper Chamber to question, advise and sieve the government's bills, not to stop them. That Bishops point out our moral obligation to stay within international law, does not seem to be evidence of anything other than having a moral compass. That is surely the purpose of the Upper House?

These amplified criticisms really sadden me. And it worries me because people believe what they read. I just wish everyone who cared about the church, could read the Church Times which explains the true situation that lies behind these headlines.

Whether I go through with cancelling my subscription we will have to see. But please take what you read in the papers, with a bucket load of salt!

Have a happy April,

Richard

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7th April	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Churchwarden led
	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Parish Communion CW	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Didmarton	Matins with Christingles	Rev R Thomson
	3pm	Acton Turville	Easter Family service	Rev R Thomson
14th April	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	P Cheeseman
	9.30am	Leighterton	HC and APCM	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Little Badminton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
21st April	9.00am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	Rev R Thomson
	10.00am	Hawkesbury	Family service	Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Sopworth	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Acton Turville	Evensong and APCM	Rev R Thomson
28th April	9.30am	Lasborough	HC CW and APCM	Rev R Thomson
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The resurrection of Jesus from death on the cross gives evidence that he is the only way of salvation for it proves the uniqueness of our Living Lord, having broken the chains of sin and death and now lives and reigns eternally. As he said "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man comes to the Father but by me!"

We must avoid the sceptics who comes to us as wolves in sheep's clothing saying we can have faith in another or no faith at all as long as we believe it, these are the lies of Satan sowing doubt in people's hearts, do not believe them, for God says "There is no other name given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4v12). Jesus alone has the keys of death and hell, only he can open the gate of heaven that we might enter God's kingdom, or to consign to hell those who have trusted their own good deeds or no faith at all or faith in some other.

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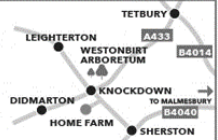


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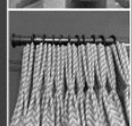
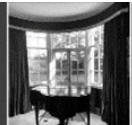
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