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	2nd August	9th August	16th August	23rd August	30th August
Broadmayne St Martin	11am Holy Communion		11am Together@11 at St Martin's	8am Holy Communion BCP	11am United Benefice Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Warmwell
Broadmayne Methodist	11am Morning Worship	11am Morning Worship		11am Morning Worship	
Holworth			11am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	
Owermoigne	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion		
Warmwell		11am Holy Communion			
West Knighton	6pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	6pm Worship & Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion	

Methodist Sunday 2nd August 11am – Rev John Yarrian
& Joint Sunday 9th August 11am – David de Gruchy
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Apart from raising money for the Trust, which last year approved grants for repairs and maintenance that totalled over £125,000, the Ride and Stride day offers an opportunity to visit some of the smaller, less well-known churches across the County.

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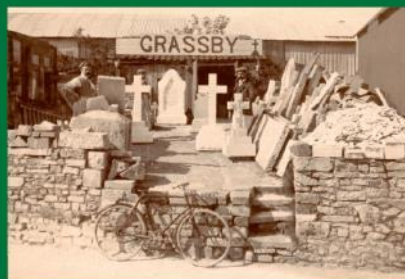
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Dear friends,

I wonder what you think about birthdays. They might be your own, those of family, friends and colleagues, or of people not known to you personally, but whose lives and perhaps their death have left a mark on your life by their writing, their music or visual art. Our human lives are closely intertwined across time and space stemming from the birth of each individual, the miracle of existence itself; such existence, Christian believe is the work, the gift, of God the Creator.

Gifts have to be received and what we do with them will reflect our relationship with the giver. Think how our parents and later perhaps, we ourselves, received the astonishing little bundle of life that is their offspring. Is that bundle received with love and trust in the unfolding of life for them all? Unfolding, not by controlling outcomes but by exemplifying in our own lives the sacrificial love of God the Creator, and God the Redeemer. Jesus, the Son came to bring about God's plan that each unique individual might have life in all its abundant fullness – the life of God himself.

So how does all this impact on the recognition that with each birthday we have lived another whole year and can expect the pattern to continue, year by year. Do we celebrate on our birthdays, while struggling to comprehend how difficult this could be for the man in Gaza, in Isafahan, in Ukraine, in St Petersburg or any other warzone who has just seen the total collapse of his high-rise apartment block, killing his wife and three children? Will he be able to celebrate his devastated life on his next birthday? Might we doubt it? Yet, in all the carnage and tragedy of such situations – repeated the world over, we hear and read of men and women determined to rebuild their lives and start again living the life that is left, this one precious existence. And this not only for their own country but with a resolve that works to make the world order one of justice and peace for all. Are we able to celebrate our birthdays despite, and sometimes in the very midst of, personal troubles like the problems of loneliness, of mobility, cognition, failing eyesight and the spectre of cancer and other life-limiting conditions?

Can we give thanks by ourselves and with others, for the kindness and prayerful support of others, for the NHS, for social services, for the beauty and peace of the countryside around us, and too, for democracy and the absence of war? Will we remember the unfailing love of God for all his children; that we are still alive; drawing strength and hope from our memories of past years and their birthday celebrations.

I can think of particular years and different kinds of celebration and I'm sure you can identify those special to you. What is it about them that resonates with your life today and your thoughts about the years ahead?

I wish you all many truly HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

Jenny

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As another successful school year draws to a close, St Mary's has enjoyed an action-packed and exciting end to the summer term, full of memorable experiences, celebrations and outstanding student achievements.

One of the highlights of the term was the fantastic Year 8 residential trip to Buddens Activity Centre in Wareham. Students enjoyed a fun-filled few days packed with adventure and challenge. Activities included raft building, kayaking, archery, climbing, high ropes and many more exciting outdoor pursuits. The trip provided opportunities for students to develop teamwork, resilience and confidence whilst creating wonderful memories with friends before they move on to the next stage of their education.



Another special occasion was the celebration assembly for our Year 8 *Make Your Mark* programme. This important initiative encourages students to make a positive difference in their local communities through a wide range of projects and activities. It was a pleasure to welcome our local MP, Simon Hoare, who joined us to present awards and certificates to students in recognition of their achievements. Parents were also invited to attend and hear about the many terrific community projects that our students have been involved in throughout the year. The assembly was a fitting celebration of the commitment, compassion and community spirit shown by our young people.

The summer term also featured our much-anticipated Annual Summer Concert, which once again proved to be an outstanding showcase of the incredible musical talent at St Mary's. A packed school hall enjoyed an evening of high-quality performances from instrumentalists, brass bands, vocalists and rock bands. Students performed with confidence and enthusiasm, entertaining parents, families and friends throughout the evening. We are fortunate to have so much musical talent within our school community, and the concert was a wonderful celebration of all the hard work and dedication that has gone into music-making this year.



Finally, one of the most eagerly awaited events of the year arrived – the Year 5 Summer Play! This year's production, "Troy Story", delighted audiences with its humour, energy and creativity. The students were outstanding, bringing the story to life with impressive performances that reflected weeks of hard work and preparation. The production was thoroughly enjoyed by families and staff alike and provided a perfect way to round off a busy term.

The sheer variety of events and opportunities that have taken place during the summer has been phenomenal. From outdoor adventures and community projects to musical performances and theatrical productions, there has truly been something for everyone. These experiences are a testament to the dedication, enthusiasm and commitment of the fabulous St Mary's staff team, whose hard work helps make so many opportunities possible for our students. As we reach the end of another successful year, we would like to thank all our students, families and supporters for their continued encouragement and involvement. We wish everyone a restful and relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming students back for the start of another exciting school year in September. Happy summer!

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Other concert highlights include a free lunchtime organ recital by the sub organist of Winchester Cathedral Oliver Morrell on **17 October**, a candlelit performance of Bach's Goldberg Variations given by Royal College of Music harpsichord scholar Markus Sadler on **13 November** (tickets £15) and a performance of Handel's 'Messiah' on **Saturday 12th December, 5.30pm** given by the choir and orchestra of Music at St Peter's and University Music Chamber Choir (tickets £15). Book your seats for all ticketed events online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester

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News from Crossways Youth & Community Centre

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Crossways Youth Club Summer Sessions... Dorset Council Youth Outreach will be providing activity sessions - free of charge - running from 4.30 to 7.30pm on Thursdays, 6, 13, 20 and 27 August for anyone over 12 years old.

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Saturday 20th March 2027 – Barn Dance Broadmayne Village Hall, doors open 6.30pm



WEST KNIGHTON / BROADMAYNE

St Peter's Gift Day & Flower Festival

A very big thank you from all at St Peter's, West Knighton, to everyone who helped to make our Flower Festival and Gift Day such a success. Special thanks to all who created such beautiful and imaginative floral displays and to those who provided the delicious refreshments. We are very grateful to everyone who visited and gave so generously to the excellent total of £787 which will be used for church maintenance and repairs.

Lesley Stubbing & Dorothy Emery, Churchwardens



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BROADMAYNE FIRST SCHOOL

As we reach the end of another busy and successful term, we are delighted to share just how wonderfully our children continue to fly high and make us all proud. Their enthusiasm, determination and positive attitudes have shone through in everything they have undertaken.

A huge thank you must go to our fantastic FABS team, who worked tirelessly to ensure that the swimming pool was ready for the start of the summer term. We did encounter a slight hiccup when the boiler broke down, but thankfully this was resolved in time for the beginning of the swimming season. The recent hot weather has been an added bonus, allowing the children to enjoy the pool far more frequently than their usual two timetabled swimming sessions each week. This has been greatly welcomed by both staff and pupils. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Julian for his continued dedication in maintaining the pool and ensuring it remains safe and enjoyable for everyone.

This term also saw the return of our annual Sports Week, which was packed with exciting opportunities and new experiences. One of the highlights was welcoming Paralympian David Smith OBE to our school. The children were inspired by his story and enjoyed learning how to play Boccia, a sport many had never encountered before. The game proved incredibly popular and we are already saving our pennies to purchase our own Boccia set! Throughout the week, the children also had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities, including soft archery, climbing wall sessions, a gym bootcamp, and skateboarding and scootering lessons. It was wonderful to see every child challenging themselves, learning new skills and, most importantly, having fun. The week concluded with our annual football tournament and Sports Day. A huge thank you goes to Mr G for ensuring both events ran smoothly and efficiently, helping to create memorable experiences for all involved.

Alongside all the exciting learning and enrichment opportunities taking place in school, we have also been busy working behind the scenes on an exciting development for the future. We are pleased to share that we will be merging with Broadmayne and West Knighton Pre-School. This partnership marks an exciting new chapter, and we are eager to see the benefits it will bring for everyone involved.

The summer holidays will also be a busy time for the school site. We are delighted that a number of significant improvement projects will be taking place over the break. Contractors will be on site throughout the summer installing new perimeter fencing around the entire school, helping to further enhance the security and safety of our children. We are also having new pupil toilets and a dedicated hygiene room installed, which will greatly improve our facilities and support the needs of all learners.

In addition, two of our classrooms are being completely refreshed. They will be repainted and fitted with new furniture, creating bright, modern learning environments ready for the start of the new academic year. We are incredibly excited about these developments and look forward to welcoming the children back in September to enjoy these improved spaces.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We wish all our families a wonderful summer and look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Broadmayne & West Knighton Fete Committee...

... would like to thank all volunteers, stallholders, performers and attendees who helped make the event such a great day. We were able to donate £2,000, split between our chosen charities – Broadmayne First School, West Knighton Play Park, Broadmayne Playing Field Association, and the Veterans Hub. **See you next year!**



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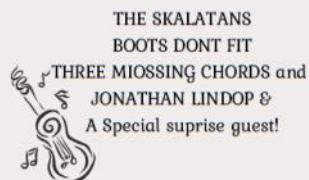
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Broadmayne Parish Council: 6th July Update The following is a summary for residents.

Public participation (i) Mr Jeffreys, Estate Manager for Herringstone Farms Ltd, gave an update on estate land bordering the village. Some field gateways and gaps in hedgerows have had to be closed where fields and margins have been damaged by dogs and horses entering away from public rights of way, in particular, two gateways off the western side of Knighton Lane, one at the lower end of Knighton Lane and one almost opposite Oakwood. Residents are encouraged to keep to official footpaths and bridleways. (ii) Two rights of way were reported as overgrown: a southerly section of Osmington Drive, Bridleway S9/10, and the footpath between Knighton Lane and the church, S9/2. Concern was also raised about the grass areas at the crossroads, which residents felt had not been adequately maintained by Dorset Council. The Clerk will report these for attention.

Reports from around the village (i) **Dorset Cllr Tarr** reported that the Council Planning Department has contacted the person responsible for activity and buildings on the site beside Knighton Lane, opposite Old Brickfields. A planning application is required, and a planning agent is understood to have been appointed. The Parish Council will consider the application at a formal Council meeting once it is submitted. (ii) At the **playing field**, Cllr Ellis reported that much work has been done to clean and tidy the pavilion, with some internal walls painted, but more remains to be done. Pre-season football training has begun and friendly matches are being organised. The field has coped well with the extreme heat, though it is very firm, and the football pitch has now been lined. The playground grass and hedge sides need trimming, the gap in the memorial-side hedge has been blocked, fitness trail signs have been replaced, and repairs to rust spots on the equipment completed. The next BPFA Committee meeting is on 13 August. (iii) Councillors were reminded about the new Dorset Council portal for **Declarations of Interest**, and it was noted that four Council members have already completed the process. (iv) **Community Speedwatch** held one session in June, during which four vehicles were recorded exceeding the 30mph limit, with a highest speed of 37mph. Fewer sessions were held because of the very hot weather and a shortage of volunteers. Despite recent recruitment efforts only one additional resident has so far expressed interest. Anyone able to help would be made very welcome. (v) The **PCSO's monthly report** recorded two incidents: vehicles obstructing the pavement in Knighton Lane, and a complaint about speeding and noisy vehicles through the village. (vi) **Grounds maintenance** review. Some areas under the grass cutting contract have been missed or not attended to as frequently as expected. The contractor's Operations Manager has given assurances that action is being taken. Councillors agreed to allow time for improvements before considering alternatives.

Trees, dogs and emergency planning (i) The Council considered the **tree survey** for the allotments site. No immediately urgent action was identified, but the report recommends cutting back the southern boundary hedge annually, removing some dead branches from a Norway Maple on the roadside bank, and asking SSEN to prune branches near the low voltage aerial bundled cable running through the trees. The Clerk will follow these points up. (ii) The Council resolved to support renewal of **Dorset Council's Public Spaces Protection Order** relating to dog control in public spaces. (iii) **Broadmayne's Emergency Plan**, was thoroughly reviewed and updated in 2025. Existing volunteers were contacted and the plan was refreshed, approved and made available for use when needed. A version has been sent to the website, with personal contact details protected for GDPR reasons. More local volunteers would be valuable, particularly people able to offer practical help to less mobile residents, such as collecting medication or helping with transport. The Council will take up DAPTC's offer to review the emergency plan, to ensure it remains fit for purpose and consistent with wider Dorset and national arrangements.

Allotments Four people joined the waiting list during the month, and one has already taken on a vacant plot. There are now no vacant plots and four people on the waiting list. An inspection on 5 July found two plots giving some cause for concern. Although both showed signs of cultivation, substantial areas had been left to grow wild and may be causing nuisance to neighbouring plot holders. The tenants concerned will be written to.

Next meeting Monday 3 August 2026 at the Methodist Church Hall. Residents are warmly welcome to attend and may contribute during the public participation session.



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BROADMAYNE

BROADMAYNE WEATHER REPORT FOR JUNE 2026 by Ted Byrne

From the weather station situated at 23 Watergates Lane
It was hot, wasn't it! The second half of the month was anyway. In fact we had an officially designated heatwave during which temperatures went even higher than they did during the May heatwave. It was the hottest June on record in England and the Met Office issued rare Red Warnings for Extreme Heat. The maximum temperature recorded here was 36.1°C on the 24th, not far below the record 37.7° at Lingwood in Norfolk. We had five consecutive days during which the temperature exceeded 30°C; welcome to the Costa Jurassica! We can be thankful that we didn't get the 42.9°C that was recorded in Lleida in Spain.

The first day of June produced 23mm of rain, more rain than the whole of May which, as I am sure you will remember, gave us 20mm. That didn't exactly set the tone for the rest of the month which was veery dry, though we did get a badly needed total of 72mm, most of which fell in the first week or so. Only 6mm fell in the last three weeks.

On top of the increased temperatures that climate change is bringing, beware, the little boy is here! El Niño, as it is properly called, is a weather pattern that is created by increased sea temperatures in the Pacific Ocean and it has worldwide effects. It brings extreme weather with increased temperatures. Some regions will have drier weather and others wetter. Fortunately it shouldn't affect us too much, at least not directly, but we will no doubt hear about its effects in other parts of the world.

Maximum temperature: 36.1°C on the 24th	Minimum temperature: 7.8°C on the 10th
Wettest day: 23mm on the 1st	Days with rainfall (0.5mm or more): 10
Total rainfall for the month: 72mm	Total rainfall for the year: 599mm

More details are available in real time on www.watergatesweather.co.uk. You will see temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit. If you would prefer centigrade click on the settings button at the top right hand corner of the screen and select °C.

BROADMAYNE, BUMPS, BABIES AND BEYOND!

If you are reading this for the first time, here is some information about the group. We meet in St. Martin's Community Hall (next to the Church) at 10am on Monday mornings during term time and as the weather improves we also have garden space in which to play. The group is for anyone at home looking after the under 5s. We have parents, grandparents and childminders who come along with their little ones. There are toys to play with, snacks for the children, tea /coffee for the adults and most importantly a friendly welcome and a listening ear in a supportive setting. All this for just £2 per family.

Enjoy the summer break! Do keep in touch with one another on our WhatsApp group chat and perhaps use it to arrange get togethers with one another.

If you would like to know more about the group why not come along to one of our sessions or ring:

Carol 854385, Pam 852648, Leri 07879 405698

See you all again on Monday 7th September.

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OWERMOIGNE

To all residents of Owermoigne – the Adam Jones Charity

A reminder, there is a charity set up many years ago, to help residents of Owermoigne who find themselves in need.

Need for students with further education on the horizon can mean transport, books, computer software; for adults help with costs of transport to hospital or medical appointments. Living as we do without a public transport system many have to rely on neighbours for help. There is a cost which is where maybe the Adam Jones Charity could help – it is often just a case of speaking out. The charity is small but we are very willing to listen.

Please ask us: Jill 854457, Sue 851972 or our Rev David Johnson 852435 (his email address is on page 2 of Compass).

Owermoigne Photo Group

In July Owermoigne Photography Group held a very successful digital scavenger hunt with 17 people from the village and surrounding area taking part.

In August we hope to photograph the Milky Way, weather permitting.

We meet on the 2nd Monday evening of every month in the village hall.

Contact neillegg1410@gmail.com for more info

Owermoigne Village Hall – August

This month's main events are:

• Quiz Night, Friday 7th August

Come along for our quiz- details will be on noticeboard and newsletter - contact Derek Woodward on 07976 058158 to book a table.

• Village Market, Saturday 8th August

Visit our monthly market for fresh foodstuffs, plants, gift ideas and delicious tea, coffee and homemade cakes. Please come along to support local makers and growers and Owermoigne's wonderful village hall.

Our regular events are:

Village coffee mornings, 11th and 25th August

In August we meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays so come along between 10.30am and 12 noon to receive a warm welcome. We have shelves full of books for you to borrow and you can also get help with any digital issues you may have. We'll be pleased to see you.

Dog Training Club

Peter Gibbins runs a number of classes on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm. Call him to check availability on 07767 147248.

Group guitar lessons

Wednesdays 7-8pm. Contact Nick for more info at nickandjudy@hotmail.com

Owermoigne painters

Our friendly painting group welcomes new members. We meet on Friday 10am-12 noon, except the last Friday of the month. Contact nigel_baker@icloud.com

Short mat bowls

The Short Mat Bowls Club usually meets on the first and third Saturdays from 10am till 12 noon. We welcome new members so contact Rob Burgess on 07836 386088 if you're interested in learning a new game.

Table tennis every Thursday

Table tennis at 10am. Come along to join in or call Jill on 01305 354467.

The Village Hall also hosts a wide variety of clubs and societies and everyone is welcome. Please see the separate adverts for **Owermoigne Photography Group**, **Owermoigne Flower Club**, **Pilates classes** with Deni and **Yoga classes** with Kaly.

You can see event bookings online at <https://owermoignedorset.com/calendar>
 Contact Margaret Burgess on 07909 718569 to book the hall or send an e-mail to her at crozlemargaret1950@gmail.com

You can find the village Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/owermoigne/>

The next **Owermoigne ladies walking group** will meet in the Countryman car park at 10am on Thursday 20th August for a walk and a drink afterwards (weather permitting). Please contact Sarah Power for more details 07919 551317.

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Owermoigne Cricket and Social Club

Forthcoming Events

- **Thursday, 20th August** – Fish & Chips Supper, followed by Col's Quiz – pre-orders and payment at the Club bar by no later than Sunday, 16th August
- **Friday, 28th August** – Meat Raffle – tickets available to purchase from the Club bar at £1 each, or 6 for £5
- **Sunday, 30th August** – Club BBQ – to be confirmed

Keep your eyes peeled for posters and emails with all the event details!

Caroline Holmes, OC&SC Secretary

Owermoigne Open Gardens

We would personally like to thank Lesley and Derek Woodward for all their hard work in making this year's event such a success. We really enjoyed sharing our garden with so many appreciative visitors. Many people commented on how lucky we were in this village to have someone who is prepared to do all the organisation and to make things happen. Something lacking in so many villages these days.

People also commented on the variety of different gardens, some large, small, formal etc. Several praised the catering in the Village Hall, and many complimented especially the scones and jam, "never tasted better"!

So thanks again to you both and the Committee from two very appreciative villagers.

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Anyone wishing to use the service needs to register first. Call 01258 287 987 or complete the form using the link on <http://ectcharity.co.uk>. Print and email back to: dorset@ectcharity.co.uk. After doing that, bookings can be made up until 2.30pm the day before travel (if seats are available). For any more information please call the office.



OWERMOIGNE FLOWER CLUB

We had a delightful open afternoon at Moreton Village Hall in June with a good number of visitors joining us for a brilliant floral demonstration by National Demonstrator Annette Urquart. She entertained us with her chat and shared her knowledge of foam free mechanics, creating stunning arrangements with beautiful flowers. Our plant stall, Sheila's new to you, the raffle, tombola, jigsaws and the delicious cakes with tea all contributed to a really enjoyable afternoon.

We have no meeting in August but look forward to a garden visit to the Old Rectory Gardens at Pelham.

Our regular meetings restart in September with a demonstration from Wendy Hammersley "Welcome to New Zealand" which will be a lovely afternoon. In October we're going to have fun willow weaving making Dragonflies and Turtles with Nicky Heale.

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings. If you want to join us a workshop, please contact Sue Legg 07775 741439 to check the requirements. Or you can email: owermoigneflowerclub@gmail.com



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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music.

Aldous Huxley

ECO TIP OF THE MONTH

Fatbergs (or fatballs) can be caused by leftover cooking fats and oils poured down the kitchen sink. What to do? If the fat solidifies as it cools wrap it and put it in the waste bin. If it is oil, and will not solidify, seal it in a bottle or jar, put in the bin. Or re-use!



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PUZZLES — 1

CODEBREAKER

Each grid number represents a letter. Every letter of the alphabet appears at least once in the grid.

Some words may be (sometimes obscure!) names of people and places. Two letters are given to start you off.

Extra clue! Some of the words this month relate to religious buildings.

Can you crack the code?

For another letter see page 43

WORDSEARCH Find the words in **bold**

John the Baptist

This month, on the 29th, we remember **John the Baptist**. By all accounts, he had a **rough** life. He grew up in **obscurity**, lived in the **desert** on a diet of **bugs**. He wore itchy **camel** hair. He worked in the **heat** of the **sun**, constantly needing to **challenge** people, and wading in and out of **muddy Jordan** waters to baptise many. Then he was **arrested** and kept in a reeking, infested **dungeon** until one day they **cut** his **head** off. Not much comfort in that life. Yet the Bible tells us that of all the people in **history**, no one has even been born who was as **great** as him. Why? Because of the **unique** calling God gave him, which was to **prepare** the way for the coming ministry of his Son, Jesus, who did not have an easy life, either.

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LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS

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◀ WORD LINKS The hidden
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WORDSEARCH ▶

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Easy SUDOKU ▼

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LIFE IN THE 21st CENTURY

What is the scariest thing you can see on a motorway?

Someone driving TOWARDS you, at speed. You may think that is a next to impossible thing to have happen, but recent National Highways figures reveal that last year 947 drivers managed to drive the WRONG way down the motorway, straight into the path of oncoming vehicles. That is an average of 18 a week. And overall, the numbers are increasing, up from 729 about five years ago.

The RAC Foundation has called for motorway designers to do more to stop drivers making mistakes. To think anyone could drive the wrong way on to a motorway heading into fast-moving traffic is truly the stuff of nightmares. The fact that nearly 1,000 drivers did just that in the last 12 months both chills the blood and makes the case for demanding our highway engineers up their game to prevent drivers mistaking the off-ramp for a slip road. Whether the answer lies in reconfiguring junctions or in technology – slip-road sensors that trigger roadside warnings or in-vehicle alerts – there's clearly work to be done to establish what's going wrong and to fix it.

The AA also points the finger at driver impairment, usually caused by drink, drugs or fatigue.



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250 years ago, on *2nd August 1776* that the formal signing of the US Declaration of Independence took place.

175 years ago, on *12th August 1851* that the American inventor Isaac Singer was granted a US Patent for his sewing machine: since then, well over 100 million various models of Singer sewing machines have been sold worldwide; and on *22nd August 1851* that the first America's Cup yacht race was held: that first event was a race around the Isle of Wight, was won by the American schooner *America*, the trophy then being named in its honour, and it is the oldest still-operating international sporting competition in any event.

150 years ago, on *7th August 1876* that the birth of Mata Hari, Dutch exotic dancer and courtesan was born: she was convicted of spying for Germany during WW1 and executed by the French in 1917; and from *13th to 17th August 1876* that the German composer Richard Wagner's complete *Ring* cycle (*Der Ring des Nibelungen*) was performed for the first time, over four nights, at the Bayreuth Festspielhaus.

125 years ago, on *4th August 1901* that Louis Armstrong, American jazz trumpeter and singer, was born.

100 years ago, on *17th August 1926* that George Melly, British jazz/blues singer, critic and writer on art history, especially Pop Art and Surrealism, was born.

90 years ago, on *1st August 1936* that Yves Saint-Laurent, Algerian-born French fashion designer, was born (died 2008).

80 years ago, on *13th August 1946* that H G Wells, British science fiction novelist (*War of the Worlds*, *The Time Machine*, etc) died.

70 years ago, on *11th August 1956* that Jackson Pollock, American abstract expressionist artist, died in a car crash, aged 44: he is known for his 'drip paintings'; and on *27th August 1956* that Britain's first nuclear power station, Calder Hall in Cumbria, began operating: it was the first nuclear power station in the world to generate power on an industrial scale and formed part of the Sellafield complex, closing in 2003.

65 years ago, on *13th August 1961* that East Germany sealed the border between East and West Berlin with barbed wire to prevent an exodus of refugees to the West, and construction on the Berlin Wall began on *15th August* (see p 35).

60 years ago, on *1st August 1966* that the Cultural Revolution began in China: it was intended to preserve China's Maoist Communist ideology, but millions of people were persecuted or displaced, ending after Mao Zedong's death in 1976; and on *4th and 5th August 1966* that US newspapers and radio stations quoted John Lennon as saying his Beatles band was "more popular than Jesus", provoking widespread protests (see p33).

50 years ago, on *7th August 1976* that NASA's Viking 2 spacecraft went into orbit around Mars: it orbited about 700 times in two years sending back 16,000 images.

40 years ago, on *9th August 1986* that the rock band Queen performed its final live concert at Knebworth Park before the death of singer Freddie Mercury (from pneumonia, late 1991).

40 years ago, on *31st August 1986* that Henry Moore, British sculptor, died: his monumental, semi-abstract bronze sculptures are displayed in public spaces around the world.

30 years ago, on *23rd August 1996* that Saudi Arabian-born terrorist Osama bin Laden issued a fatwa entitled *A Declaration of War Against the Americans Occupying the Land of the Two Holy Places*: few people knew who he was, and his ►



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◀ declaration received little attention; and on 28th August 1996 that Prince Charles and Princess Diana were divorced after 15 years of marriage.

20 years ago, on 20th August 2006 that Joe Rosenthal, American photographer died: he is best known for his iconic WW2 photograph *Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima*.

15 years ago, on 21st August 2011 that Hurricane Irene hit the Caribbean and then North Carolina: 49 people were killed and more than \$14 billion worth of damage was done; and on 24th August 2011 that Steve Jobs resigned as CEO of Apple Inc because of ill health (died of a pancreatic tumour, 5th October) (see p33).

10 years ago, on 29th August 2016 that Gene Wilder, American film actor, died: films include *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* and *Blazing Saddle*.

SAINT OF THE MONTH

August 11th – John Henry Newman, priest and Tractarian

John Henry Newman (1801 – 1890) was a highly influential 19th-century theologian, scholar and poet. Born in London, the son of a banker, Newman had an evangelical conversion when he was just 15. He went on to Oxford in 1817, and in time became Fellow and then a tutor at Oriel College. Here he began the shift from evangelical Anglicanism to a more High Church understanding of the Christian faith. In 1826 he was ordained and became Vicar of St Mary's Oxford.

In the years that followed, Newman became a key leader in the Oxford Movement, whose aim was to renew the C of E by reviving ancient Catholic beliefs and traditions. He pioneered *Tracts of the Times*, writing three of the first four himself. He came to exalt the Church Fathers as on the same level as Scripture, believing that the Anglican Church was mistaken to insist on Scripture as the sole authority. Church and tradition, he felt, played an equal part.

Whereas other leaders of the Oxford Movement always remained Anglicans, by the time that Tract Ninety was published, Newman was losing faith in the C of E. In 1842 he retired from Oxford, and left St Mary's in 1843. In 1845 he was received into the Roman Catholic Church, and in Rome he was ordained priest and entered the Congregation of the Oratory. Returning to England, he established an Oratory near Birmingham and lived there most of the remainder of his life.

In 1854 he founded the Catholic University of Ireland (University College Dublin). In 1877 Pope Leo XIII made him a cardinal. In addition to all this theological work, John Henry Newman loved poetry. He wrote many hymns, the most famous of which include: 'Firmly I Believe and Truly', 'Lead, Kindly Light' and 'Praise to the Holiest in the Height'. He also authored dozens of books. He died on 11th August 1890.

MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

When the time is wrong – David Pickup

There is something that really irritates me in church. The clock is wrong. It is always five minutes fast. I do not mean the clock in the tower, that has not worked for years. There is a wall clock at the back of the church. It must have been put there for the service leader to tell when to start.

At our school there was always a bell which sounded when to change lessons. The bell rang and the pupils put away their books and got up to go to the next lesson. This used to really annoy the teacher who shouted, "that is a bell for me, not you!"

I do not know why no-one in our church has put the time right. What are churchwardens doing? Perhaps I am wrong and they have tried. The good thing is that at nine o'clock or five to nine, the leader of matins has the option of giving it another few minutes for others to come in. Or, if I had a meeting I could end five minutes early and no-one would be the wiser!

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MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

When John Lennon said the Beatles were 'more popular than Jesus'

It was 60 years ago, on 4th and 5th August 1966 that US newspapers and radio stations quoted John Lennon as saying his Beatles band was "more popular than Jesus." It provoked widespread protests across America.

The story had really begun some months earlier, when in March Lennon's comment was originally published in the London Evening Standard, as part of an interview that he had given at his home in Weybridge. He had told the reporter: "Christianity will go. It will vanish and shrink. I needn't argue about that; I'm right and I will be proved right. We're more popular than Jesus now. I don't know which will go first, rock 'n' roll or Christianity. Jesus was all right, but His disciples were thick and ordinary. It's them twisting it that ruins it for me."

Lennon's views passed without much comment in London, but five months later, when his comment was reprinted in the American teen magazine *Datebook*, he sparked an enormous wave of fury across America, especially in the Bible Belt. Many radio stations refused to play Beatle's records, and protestors held public burnings of Beatles records.

Lennon apologised on 12th August, at the start of the Beatles final tour of the USA, saying that he had not meant to say that he was divine, but only that his band was now more popular than Jesus was. Such a claim did not soothe American sensibilities. Throughout the tour, the band faced pickets and protests and even death threats.

By the end of the American tour, the controversy had driven the band to a big decision. There would be no more live tours, but only studio recordings. Just over three years later, in September 1969, John Lennon left the Beatles for solo work, and the following Spring, Paul McCartney followed him out. The Beatles had reached the end of the road.

The Story of Apple Inc

It was just 15 years ago, on 24th August 2011, that Steve Jobs resigned as CEO of Apple Inc because of ill health due to a pancreatic tumour. He died on 5th October, but he left behind a company which has transformed how modern society interacts with digital technology.

Apple Inc was born in a garage in California on April Fool's Day in 1976. There were three founders: Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, and Ronald Wayne (who left early in the project). In 1976 the first Apple 1 computer sold for a highly unusual price: \$666.66. Wozniak just said he "liked repeating numbers".

The famous bitten apple logo was not the company's first. The first had shown Sir Isaac Newton under a tree, with an apple about to fall on his head. The famous bite out of the apple was apparently included to provide scale, so that people did not think the logo was of a cherry or tomato. Though Steve Jobs was forced out of Apple in 1985, he returned in 1997, when Apple purchased his company NeXT. In 2003 Apple iTunes was launched. By 2013 it had sold a staggering 25 billion songs.

In 2007 Steve Jobs unveiled the iPhone. It has redefined the global smartphone market and made Apple one of the most valuable brands in the world. In 2008 the App Store was launched alongside the iPhone 3G. It started with 500 apps and has grown to literally millions. It is one of Apple's biggest revenue drivers.

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The infamous Berlin Wall

It was 65 years ago, on 13th August 1961 that East Germany first sealed the border between East and West Berlin with barbed wire. Construction on the Berlin Wall itself began two days later, on 15th August. The Wall grew rapidly to become a 96-mile (155km) concrete barrier. It became the physical embodiment of the Iron Curtain for the next 28 years. It was built to stop the 'brain drain' of East German skilled professionals. From 1949 to 1961, more than two million had fled the East.

The Wall entirely surrounded West Berlin, stranding it as an isolated island of capitalism within communist East Germany. It was actually two walls, separated by a heavily fortified 'death strip' 160 yards wide. It housed watchtowers, guard dog runs and anti-vehicle trenches.

The Wall was a surprise. East German residents woke up one morning to find barbed wire, armed guards and blocks on subways, streets and train lines. The East German border guards had the 'Order to Shoot' – the legal authority to kill anyone attempting to cross. About 140 people died this way. Yet still thousands escaped. More than 5,000, in fact. They fled by tunnelling, hot air balloons, ziplines, and ramming armoured vehicles through border gates.

When in June of 1963 US President John F Kennedy visited the Wall, he made the famous declaration "*Ich bin ein Berliner*" (I am a Berliner) to demonstrate American solidarity with West Germany.

The Wall was unexpectedly opened on 9th November 1989, due to an awkward, unscripted announcement by an East German official, who mistakenly told a press conference that private travel to West Germany was permitted immediately. Following demolition, large chunks of the Wall were sold. Today, original segments are exhibited in over 100 locations worldwide, including the Imperial War Museum in London.

Copyright and you – David Pickup

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ." (Phil 1:9-11)

It is not always easy to discern what is best or tell genuine from false. A friend of mine asked me for some advice about a letter she had received. The document was from a firm of lawyers in Europe seeking a large amount of compensation for misuse of copyright in the UK. The lawyers claimed that a professional photographer's picture had appeared on a website without the owner's permission. A lot of money was claimed but if they responded immediately they could settle for a reduced amount.

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MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

The Church of England Pensions Board at 100 years old this year

It has been pointed out that this means it is still younger than the oldest living members of the scheme, while the newest members will be receiving their pensions into the 22nd century.

The Pensions Board was created in 1926, and it asked for three per cent of an incumbent's salary. Ten years later the scheme had 14,000 members, and had already paid out £1million in pensions. By the 1930s, provision was being made for widows and dependants as well. By 1947 the Pensions Boards was working on providing housing for those clergy in need, and by 1953 the Pensions Board began to offer pensions to lay staff.

In this centenary year, the board is launching new financial-well-being services to provide more support with retirement and financial planning, saving, and even home ownership during ministry. The Pension Fund now totals £3.5 billion.

Today, the C of E Pensions Board supports more than 43,000 members across its pension schemes, including clergy, youth workers and diocesan staff. It also provides retirement housing to about 2,500 clergy.

'He gave us eyes to see them' – the church roof and ceiling – Rev Michael Burgess

Photo: Phil Beard

Look up to the roof and ceiling within a church. In Gothic buildings our hearts are lifted high as the architecture soars upwards, trying to touch the very skirts of heaven. Norman churches in an earlier age by contrast seem weighed down by the stonework with heavy pillars and simpler windows.

But we look at a church consecrated much later – at the beginning of the 20th century. It is a wonderful monument to the Arts and Crafts Movement: St Andrew's Church at Roker, near Sunderland.

It was commissioned by a shipyard millionaire, and there is a vivid sense of an upturned boat as we enter the nave. The building abounds with riches: a font with its cover by Mouseman Thompson of Kilburn, lettering by Eric Gill on plaques around the walls, and a beautiful lectern by Ernest Gimson. But our eyes are drawn to the east end – to the reredos tapestry of Burne-Jones, and then above, a ceiling by Eric Gill's brother, MacDonald, that proclaims the glory of creation.

The sky is studded with stars and the moon, and then surrounded by trees and undulating lines of water. In the centre the sun is a brilliant light, fitting for the east end. And from the clouds we see the creative hand of God raised in blessing. It is the opening chapter of Genesis portrayed in colour and shape above us. There we read that God rested on the seventh day. As we give thanks for that glory we see in St Andrew's Church and in our world around, we can hear George Herbert's hymn telling us how a life of work and rest should always be permeated by praise:

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THE LETTERS OF UNCLE EUSTACE

My dear nephew Darren

Clearly, the sight of your Vicar running out of the room half way through his recent church council meeting, saying he should have stayed as a traffic warden, where he was universally liked, has unnerved you. It would have unnerved me too, since a universally popular traffic warden is an exceptional creature.

But perhaps it is necessary to give you some advice for the day when you have to chair your first church council meeting.

1. Consider every agenda issue carefully beforehand and decide what you would like to do. Then, at the meeting, consult widely, listen to every opinion, weigh all the arguments, and then do precisely what you had decided before the meeting ever took place.

2. Never, ever, let council members discuss hymns, which avoids getting blood on the carpets.

3. Arrange the seating in rows, all facing the front, so that everyone has to respond directly to you. The last thing you want is for council members to be able to discuss matters freely with one another.

4. Take up smoking a pipe. At those times when you are faced with an issue when you really are unsure of how to respond, taking out a pipe, dismantling it, searching for a pipe cleaner, squinting down the stem to see if it is clean, mopping out the goo in the bowl, searching for your tobacco pouch, filling the pipe, tamping it down, asking if you can borrow matches and attempting to light it several times over, will give you more than sufficient time to formulate a reply. Once you have perfected the routine, the silence will have been so protracted, that most of the committee will have long forgotten what the question was anyway.

5. If someone is talking too long, consult your diary, noisily and obsessively, about next month's appointments, or write a note to a committee member who is at the back of the room and get it passed to him. The speaker should soon get the message.

These are the simpler techniques of committee management. The advanced procedures must wait until you are strong enough to bear them.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

POETRY CORNER — A Transient Darkness

Nigel Beeton writes: On 12th August there will be an eclipse of the sun, partial for most of us but total for some in Spain and Iceland and on the Atlantic Ocean. It's an interesting astronomical event, of course, but it also calls to mind the events of Good Friday when, Luke tells us, darkness covered the earth (Luke 23:44).

A shadow steals across the land;
A darkness in the summer sky.
The sunlight thieved by silent hand –
No robins sing, no blackbirds fly.

Celestial spheres align in space
A band of shadow on the earth;
Reminding mortals of our place
The fragile nature of our birth.

The sun once turned its face away
And hid dread scenes from human eye;
The brightness turned to sombre grey
As Christ our Saviour hung to die.

And then! A flash of diamond light!
The King regains His rightful crown!

The gloom is but a fleeting sprite –
The King returns! The shadows drown!

The cross is bare as empty tomb,
Their victim broke their hellish bond.
For Christ is Risen! Gone the gloom!
He calls us to the light beyond!

The evil powers that cause us pain,
That lead us from the rightful way,
How very transient is their reign!
How soon we'll know eternal day!

Observe with joy the lunar shade
Mourn not the passing of the sun,
The light returns! The debt is paid!
Christ is alive! The battle's won!

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AND FINALLY . . .

What do they teach them in school these days?! (yet more...)

The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespeare. He was born in the year 1564, supposedly on his birthday. He never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He wrote tragedies, comedies, and hysterectomies, all in Islamic pentameter.

Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Miguel Cervantes. He wrote Donkey Hotel. The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote Paradise Lost. Since then, no one ever found it.

Delegates from the original 13 states [of America] formed the Contented Congress. Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence. Franklin discovered electricity by rubbing two cats backward and also declared, "A horse divided against itself cannot stand." He was a naturalist for sure. Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

Charles Darwin was a naturalist. He wrote the Organ of the Species. It was very long, people got upset about it and had trials to see if it was really true. He sort of said God's days were not just 24 hours but without watches who knew anyhow? I don't get it.



One of the bell-ringers is on holiday – instead of serving coffee would you like to try your hand?

Outrun

Martin was a slow-working employee and found it difficult to hold a job. Finally, he found work at the Zoo. The zookeeper, aware of his reputation, assigned him to the tortoise section. Later, the zookeeper dropped by and found Martin standing by an empty enclosure. "Where are the tortoises?" the zookeeper asked. "I can't believe it!" said Martin. "I just opened the door and then ... Whooooosh!"

I was right

On the headstone of a hypochondriac: "See?"

It's not what you do, it's the way that you hide it

Vicar to his teenage children who were going to a rave:
Be careful or you'll end up in a sermon.

Roger – can't you use vapes in that? Our ex-smokers are fighting for seats next to the aisles.



