

TOCKENHAM

"Wiltshires best kept small village"

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From the editor.

September has suddenly arrived and the kids / grandchildren have gone back to school, much to the delight of many. Those of us who are retired use this time and take advantage of the late warm weather to look for pastures afar, now vacated by the "little darlings". The farmers and gardeners tell us its been an awful year for growing but when did you ever hear a farmer say otherwise ? The maze Jim has growing at the back of us must have been mixed with bamboo as you can almost watch it getting taller by the day.

Thanks to Mike and Mandy we seem to have accomplished the transition from professional printer to cottage industry printer without too many hiccups. This has enabled us to save at least £660 per year which can be ploughed back into village / church requirements.

Don't forget, if you want to comment or send in any content for this magazine, please don't hesitate. It needs to be with me within two weeks of the end of the month at martin@marmoy.com.

Allotment News

The no dig approach seems to be working for us. Once again, we unwrapped the plot from its winter coat. No weeds in sight, just a few Toads that had been rudely woken up!!

We then topped up with some new compost. Hey presto, ready for planting.

In went the Veg we had bought on in the cold frame. After a few casualties with the slugs, everything started to grow really well. We've had a good crop of all sorts of Beans, Peas, Carrots, Spring Onions, Salad leaves.

We put New Potatoes into growing bags, which have also been a great success whilst the Sweet Peas are making the plot smell and look beautiful.

In no time at all, it will time to put its coat back on for Winter and start thinking about what to plant next year.

Thanks to everyone who make the Allotment space a great place to be.

Tracey, Kev & Bumble

Poets Corner

PUDDLES

As a child we loved to have new wellie boots to wear,
And have the chance to find a puddle somewhere.
Once found it was such fun to jump around,
So big splashes could make the loudest sound.

Winter time when it was cold enough to make ice,
Then puddles could be crushed-the sound was oh so nice!
Wearing wellies all the time saved having wet feet,
But not so good when your socks went to sleep!

Adventures in the water world brought problems you well know,
When feet and socks were soaking wet from an overflow.
I recall the lovely time of walking in a shallow stream,
And getting blisters which made me scream!

My favourite wellie boots have long gone.
And the youthful happiness that made you sing a song.
I remember them springing a leak and getting wet feet.
So that was the end and I had to have a new pair to compete!

Forthcoming Events

- **Saturday 7th September 2.00 – 4.30.**
Coffee cake & Vintage Sell - to be held in Julie's garden.
Cake & raffle prizes gratefully received. All proceeds go towards village Christmas tree.
- **Sunday 13th October at 1pm**
After the popularity of the last walk, there is another with cream teas afterwards in the hall. More details to follow
- **Saturday 2nd November.**
Quiz night in village hall. More details to follow.
- **Saturday 30th November.**
Christmas bingo & raffle. More details to follow.

HARVEST SUPPER

Monday, 21st October

7.00pm in the Village Hall

Tickets @£10 each are available from Julie Marshall (07956 107239). These are limited to 50 people so don't delay!

Contributions towards the evening (quiches, salads, raffle prizes, etc) would be most welcome - please contact Sara Cutler (07789 842330) if you are able to help.

Village Hall Coffee Morning

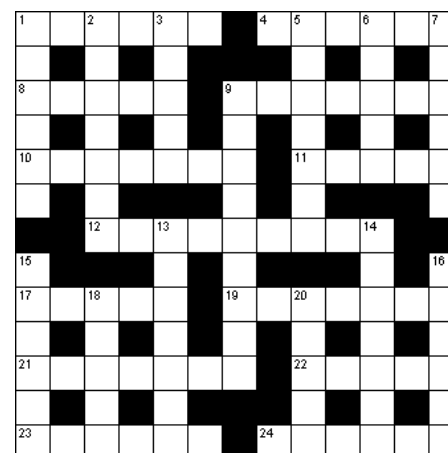
The next coffee morning is on Tuesday, 3rd September, from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon in the village hall, to which everyone is invited. Thank you everyone for your support – and do come along and join us for coffee/tea, biscuits and a chat – we look forward to welcoming everyone.

If you are unable to join us in September, please add 1st October to your diaries for the following coffee morning

Something to sell ?

Don't forget that instead of throwing things away, why not see if anyone in the village might have a use for it. There is a village WhatsApp group for this purpose so if you'd like to be included in that, contact Clair Maclean-Martin on 07931 994664. If you'd prefer a different method then you can contact this editor on martin@marmoy.com or call 07471890312 and we'll include it in this magazine.

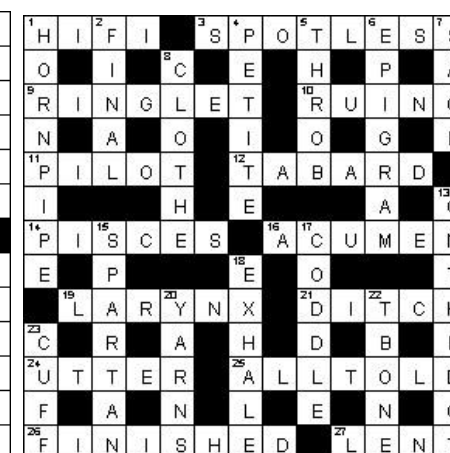
This months crossword



Across

- 1 Make a mistake (4,2)
- 4 Unwrinkled (6)
- 8 Move aimlessly (5)
- 9 Fighting man (7)
- 10 Beseech (7)
- 11 Fisherman's basket (5)
- 12 Non-stop (9)
- 17 Borders (5)
- 19 Female singing voice (7)
- 21 Coached (7)
- 22 Combine (5)
- 23 Stinging plant (6)
- 24 Withstand (6)

Augusts crossword answers



Down

- 1 Happening without warning (6)
- 2 Crackbrained (7)
- 3 Loosen (5)
- 5 Reclaim (anag) (7)
- 6 Yellowish-green colour (5)
- 7 Scarcely (6)
- 9 Seen (9)
- 13 Armoury (7)
- 14 Language of East Africa (7)
- 15 Substance used for setting jams and jellies (6)
- 16 Point in time (6)
- 18 Hard work (5)
- 20 Dried plum (5)

Benefice Services September 2024

Sunday 1st September

Patronal Festival & Communion, **Tockenham**, 10.30am

Wednesday 4th September

Communion, **Lyneham**, 10.30am

Communion, **Hilmarton**, 2.00pm

Sunday 8th September

Communion, **Lyneham**, 10.30am

All- Age Service, **Hilmarton**, 10.30am

Evening Service, **Clyffe Pypard**, 6.00pm

Sunday 15th September

Communion, **Bradenstoke**, 10.30pm

Morning Prayer, **Tockenham**, 10.30

Sunday 22nd September

Communion, **Lyneham**, 10.30am

Communion, **Hilmarton**, 10.30am

Harvest Evening Service, **Broad Town**, time tbc

Sunday 29th September

Deanery Confirmation, **St Mary's Calne**, 10.00am

Service for Patronal Festival and window dedication, **Lyneham**, 3.00pm

September Reflection

September marks the end of summer but also, as the beginning of the academic year, perhaps a bit of a new start. Often, we have warm sunny weather despite the evenings getting darker and nights chillier. For those who prefer cooler weather and love the autumn colours and traditions there is a freshness and a looking forward to the autumn season. However, we view it this month denotes a change and a reflection of the cycle of life that is evident as our gardens and countryside change around us.

The very first day of September is the Patronal Festival of our church, when we celebrate the life of its patron Saint St Giles and all that the church means for this community. Be it a beautiful historical building, a symbol of God's love and care or a place for worship, prayer or quiet contemplation.

St Giles was a hermit who is said to have had great humility and lived alone in the forests close to the Rhone, his sole companion being a red deer. There is a legend that huntsmen pursued the deer who retreated to the hermits refuge. The huntsmen shot at the deer but instead wounded St Giles, who became patron of the physically disabled. It seems fitting that our little church has ancient roots and bears the name of a man who was caring, compassionate and humble, loving creation and those that are vulnerable.

