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For the Benefice Readings & Worship Services August 2021



August 1st - 9th Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15.

Ephesians 4: 1-16.

John 6: 24-35.

August 8th 10th Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19: 4-8.

Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2.

John 6: 35, 41-51.

August 15th 11th Sunday after Trinity

Proverbs 9: 1-6.

Ephesians 5: 15-20.

John 6: 51-58.

August 22nd 12th Sunday after Trinity

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18.

Ephesians 6: 10-20.

John 6: 56-69.

August 29th 13th Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9.

James 1: 17- end.

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Times of services – Sundays

Lower Beeding

St. Peter's, Cowfold

Eucharist: 8.30 at St. Johns

St Peters has an 8 o'clock service on the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday

Eucharist: 10.00 at Holy Trinity

All churches have reopened for Services.

1st) 10am Eucharist

8th) 8am BCP communion: 10am Short & Sweet family service

15th) 8am BCP communion; 11.15am Eucharist

22nd) 10am Eucharist

29th) 8am BCP communion

10.00 at Lower Beeding.



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Welcome to the August 2021 edition of the Parish Magazine for the Benefice.

By the time you read this we should be out of 'lockdown' and all rules will have been abandoned. However, as we don't know how the new variant of Covid will spread or if another might show itself, we must still stay alert.

Thank you to Geoff Peckham for his lovely photo taken at Sheffield Park which is our cover picture this month.

We wish all the staff and pupils at Holy Trinity School a good summer holiday after another difficult academic year. Let's hope the next one will have some semblance of normal.

Mums, Bumps and Babies has begun again in The Church Room on Wednesdays at 10-12.

Keep well and keep safe — Covid 19 is still around and will be with us for some time.

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From the Ministry Team



"We shall not cease from exploration And the end of all our exploring Will be to arrive where we started And know the place for the first time." T.S.Eliot

Our government has announced that the final stage of unlocking from all restrictions will proceed, and I hope that, by the time of reading this, the removal of all remaining limitations will enable you to enjoy the remainder of summer. (I write this at the end of a rather dull, wet, week, so I hope there will *be* some summer to enjoy!) Most of us are looking forward to being able to sing in church once more, among other things.

The quote from T.S. Eliot's 'Little Gidding 'reminds us that, over the last 18 months or so, quite a lot of rapid exploration has been going on, not least in the field of medical research, resulting in the availability of vaccines in record time, for which we can be so grateful. In truth, we have all been on journeys of exploration recently, negotiating changes in social interaction, worship, work, schooling, healthcare and much else. For some of us, this exploration has been very costly: emotionally, psychologically, spiritually and financially. It has placed strains on relationships, and forced new ways of doing things upon us.

And now the vaccination programme has enabled us to arrive back where we started, as a nation and a society..... except, of course, we aren't quite back where we started. Some of the changes we have seen will remain, such as home working, increased online purchasing, reduced use of cash for payments. Perhaps, more profoundly, the restrictions and dangers we have faced recently have caused us to reconsider our values, to think about what really matters in life. Some of you, I know, have been extremely busy, juggling work and home-schooling etc., but many of us have appreciated the peace and reduced pollution levels from lower traffic density, the apparent revival of flora and fauna recently. We have been made to think anew about climate change and what we are doing to God's earth. There has been a revived sense of community, of looking out for one another, and for many, a recalibration of the work/ life balance, and a renewed appreciation of time spent with family and friends. This reconsidering of what really matters constitutes our 'knowing the place for the first time.' I pray that, even as we enjoy our freedom, we will not discard our new-found 'knowing the place'. It has come at quite a cost.

May God bless you,

Fr. Martin







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News and Views from the Pews



July 2021 Maggy Ray writes:

Often in this busy life we are pre-occupied with our own needs, wants and commitments. We are focused on getting done the things we need to do or on work and making a living. We do not necessarily consider our impact on other people or how they might be feeling.

We all experience hard knocks in life, be that our own health, family problems, losing employment or having to give up something that we have loved.

A smile, a kind word, thanking that shop assistant, a "good morning" to a stranger and offering help if you perceive there is a need. These small things can make a difference and lift the spirits of the other person but also one's own.

As we age, we realise that life is short, and it is often more difficult to cope with daily life. We cannot do things as quickly as we used to and sometimes need the help of others. Our priorities may change as we realise that we must make the most of the time we have. Enjoy the Lord's bounty, our surroundings, our friends, and family. Be thankful for the things that we have enjoyed. Faith guides us in difficult times and promised much for the future.

Meanwhile be kind and considerate to one another during these difficult times and brighten a person's day if you can.

The weaker we feel, the harder we lean on God. And the harder we lean, the stronger we grow. - Joni Eareckson Tada







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Who is in the building?

In England, hopefully by the time you read this, all the lock-down and social isolation measures will have been relaxed. Church buildings and services will be 'back to normal'. Working folk will be back in their workplaces, and all will be well with us all.

I live in hope – but I am well aware that the reality will probably be different. It's the difference between a switch that turns the light fully on or fully off and a dimmer switch that allows the brightness to increase or decrease slowly. All of us will need time to 'rest' before we get our mojo and energy levels back up again. This last 16 months or so have been hectic and traumatic for everyone in different ways. That's why coming into the quietness and space of a church building can be so uplifting.

This month:

Listen out for / read the opening words of the service. Most often they will be the following or very similar: 'The Lord be with you'. And the congregation replies, 'And also with you'. It's a simple acknowledgement that we have come together with the same intention – to meet with God. And that He is with us. With all of us. We are encircled by His love and grace.

Just pause for a moment and drink in those words and the huge meaning contained in those short phrases. God is not just here for some of us, but for all of us. We are not only with those we can see, but with God Himself. How amazing is that! May those words enable you to stand up straighter again and give you strength for the days ahead.

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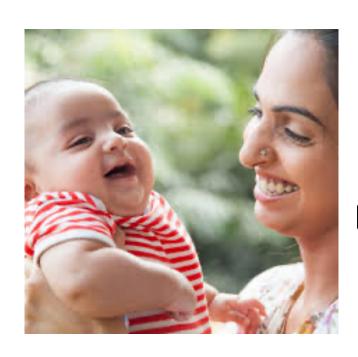
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The good life put on hold

These six words sum up a year in which many things we valued became impossible. Some we found we could easily do without, but others were vital things like friendship, community, and touch. Their gradual restoration provides an opportunity to reflect, re-evaluate, and reset.

How can we make sure, in doing so, that we grow in wisdom? The Bible is a good place to turn for help. It contains some books and passages that explore how wisdom relates to the good life. Nowadays, 'wisdom' is often used interchangeably either with knowledge or intellectual insight. I may ask a colleague for their wisdom on the benefits of new software. Or a school leaver may decide to study philosophy to gain wisdom from history's greatest thinkers. But wisdom in the Bible is about practical wisdom. It is even used of those engaged in crafts (Exodus 31:3).

Honing the practical skill needed to live the good life is what the book of Proverbs is all about. Indeed, the book covers an amazing array of down-to-earth matters, including work, sex, relationships, debt, business, charity, and poverty. In doing so it presents wisdom, often personified as a woman, as the pragmatic art of good decision-making and living well.

Despite this apparently earthbound emphasis, wisdom is presented in Proverbs as an attribute of God. Hence the book's repeated insistence that 'the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom'. This fear is not about terror but about awe, which means living life humbly and openly before a God to whom all human beings are accountable. Living this way is, in fact, the antidote to terror and anxiety. For the person who fears the Lord 'rests content, untouched by trouble' (Proverbs 19:23).

Because of this and many other benefits to the fear of the Lord, Proverbs insists, the wise do better in life than the foolish. Yet most of us know wise people who suffer and foolish people who prosper – a problem addressed in Ecclesiastes and Job (see the next instalments in this series). In the meantime, Proverbs' practical wisdom serves to highlight a wonderful truth: God is Lord of all the practicalities of ordinary everyday life.

Lower Beeding Parish Council News

August 2021

Dear Parishioners

Although 'Freedom Day' (19th July) has come and gone, Covid-19 still hasn't moved on completely and the pandemic is not over just yet. Please continue to follow the hands, face, space, fresh air guidance to help keep West Sussex safe. It is down to individual choice now, but vigilance is the key. The last thing we want is another lockdown. As we have had a wet summer our gardens and hedgerows are blooming, please remember that the owner of the property or land is responsible for keeping their hedgerows trimmed and not encroaching the public pathways. There may be some instances whereby the footpath becomes a safety hazard and if this is the case then please contact me and I will see what the Parish Council can do to remedy the problem.

Here are the recent Horsham Planning Department decisions relevant to our Parish as below: -

DC/21/0721 Newells Pond House, Newells Lane, Lower Beeding, West Sussex, RH13 6LN

Removal of the existing infill conservatory and erection of a single storey infill extension.

Decision: Application Permitted

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Peter Knox

Clerk to Lower Beeding Parish Council Website: www.lowerbeeding.com

If you need any advice on any issues pertaining to any issues please contact me on: -

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Keep Safe! Peter Knox

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Lower Beeding Association News

Charity No. 267433

Over the last 45 or so years we have not had to cancel the fete, whatever the weather has thrown at us, until we were hit by the Covid-19 Pandemic Lockdown during the last two years 2020/21. So next year will be a fete well worth waiting for! Hopefully 18th June 2022! This has always been a real "village fete" occasion when local friends & families, past and present come along to enjoy and catch up.

The LBA 250 Club.

Paul has sent emails out reminding 250 club members that the draws this year will be the same as last. Therefore in order that we know how many spares we have please, if you haven't already done so, can you send in your subs of £20 asap. It is again planned to accumulate the 2021 prize money and run a Grand Draw in December (actual date next month) at the Village Hall. The prize monies will be £100 x 3, £50 x 3, £30 x 3 and £1000 top prize - **yes £1000!** Once again we hope that in 2022 we can get back to near normal but only having draws twice a year (June and December) instead of quarterly. As Paul says **you have to be in it, to win it.** To find out more about joining please contact Paul on 01403 891293 em: Smiffy.Clan@btinternet.com

Village Hall: Hopefully by the time you read this we will have had the AGM and the village hall re-opened fully. Who knows!

The Haven Garage at Plummers Plain. It is sad to see this garage has had to close. It was set up in 1934/5 by Bunny Carter (my father), one of four brothers in the village.

He originally started at his father's Monks Gate Garage with his brother, Bid and they had Reliance Charabancs which provided a service between Horsham and Steyning.

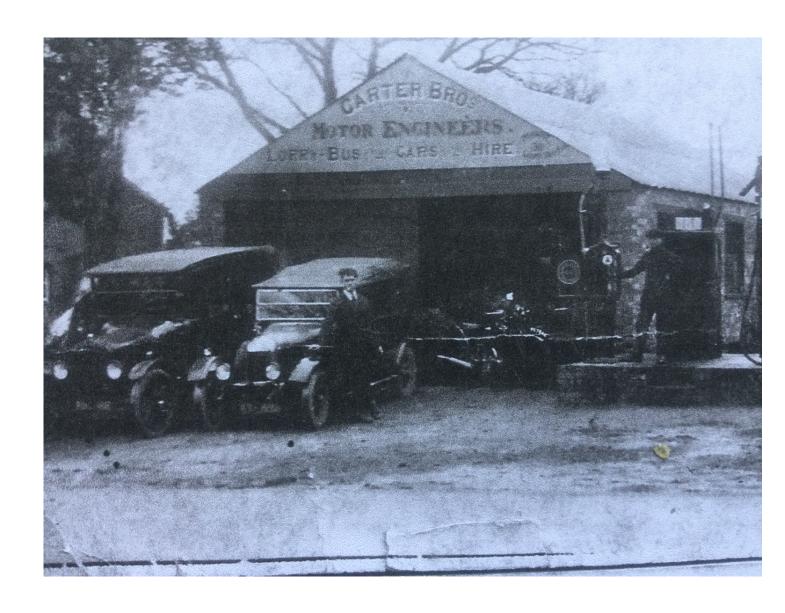
The brothers split up and Southdown Motors took over the service. Bid went with Southdown and continued with them doing their long distance service/holidays, until he retired in the 1950s.

Bunny bought a plot of land in Plummers Plain in 1934. He started with a small

coach, built an office with attached tobacconists, sweets, drinks, small items for the car, a large shed for motor mechanics/service of lorries,

cars, bikes, bought and sold cars, two petrol pumps (la ter five). He built a double bow-fronted house and in 1937 married Ruth Worsfold from Mill Lane. He planted an oak tree in 1945 when his son, Graham, was born – both demolished by The Haven Garage for car parking space! When he retired in 1962 he had a thriving full service garage, private hire cars, a fleet of 6 coaches – 33, 36 and 41 seaters. He sold most of the coaches to a firm in Caterham and I think a couple to Mitchells in Horsham. The garage was sold to Robert Hicks from Cisswood House. Since then it has been with a number of agents including Ferraris.

Bunny Carter sold **Monks Gate garage** in the late 1950s to Bob Hazell. The old wooden bungalow is still surviving and I remember staying there with my mum on several occasions to serve petrol – we had several pumps! Not a very clear photo below but around 1929. Little more history next month. Jean Black





Lower Beeding Horticultural Society Report

I'm not sure how much life will change on 19th; I suspect for us we will remain cautious initially. Then we can

watch what happens with the data. We have an LBHS committee meeting on Monday and we will decide whether the summer show is to go ahead. I have a suspicion that there isn't a great appetite for it from our membership this year. And in the meantime, we're getting older too

Best wishes, Tom.

Our visit to Prenplants, scheduled in July, has been postponed to August at the earliest. Those members who registered an interest will be provided with an update following our next committee meeting.

The committee will also discuss our summer show, scheduled for 21 August, and we will decide on whether or not to go ahead with it this year. This will in any case depend on any decision by the LBA on whether to open the hall for social gatherings.

For further information please contact Tom on 01293 851319, tom@plimmers.co.uk

Gardeners' World

" What a difference a year makes! Last year it seemed like we had fine weather from April onwards, with just seasonal rain during the summer. This year, though, we've suffered frequent wet weather in May, June, and now July, that has been unkind to our gardens. In mid-July there are areas of the lawn that are completely waterlogged, and our regular walks from home have been hampered by the sort of ground conditions that we expect to experience in the winter months. Weeds don't seem to mind



though, and there seems to be an abundance of them this year, and hedges have been growing apace too. All that said, though, the crops that were sown in the spring are now coming in, and August will see an abundance of courgettes, salad crops, summer brassicas, potatoes, beans, and tomatoes. Making the preparation work of the autumn and winter very worthwhile. At this point in the year, I would be suggesting that the beds and borders will require regular watering, this might be true as we go into August but it certainly hasn't been the case so far this year.

On the vegetable plot those weeds that I mentioned, above, will require regular attention in August. As well as keeping them under control this year, regular weeding will prevent them seeding and creating still more problems next year. Remove any flowers or seed heads, if you have allowed these to develop, before putting them on the compost heap. And allow perennial weeds to dry out to kill them off before doing this. There are still crops that can be sown this month for over-wintering if they weren't already sown last month, and they will soon catch up. Among them are cabbage, varieties include and "April" and "Durham Early", both of which offer pointed heads rather than the compact, round heads of summer varieties. Just be sure to provide fleece or similar protection

once the plants have started to develop, otherwise the last of the cabbage white butterfly will think that you are growing for them. These butterflies don't discriminate between young and mature brassicas, they will eagerly feast on them all. Despite protecting brassicas with netting the caterpillars of the various predators – the hairy yellow and black of the large cabbage white butterfly, the pale green of the small white butterfly, and the yellow-to-brown and green of the cabbage moth – still make an appearance. The simplest fix is to inspect plants regularly (daily) and find them on either surface of the leaves and remove them. Clusters of tiny eggs should also be removed; these are found on the underside of the leaves for the most part.

Annual flowers and perennial flowers are now providing us with a very colourful display. Annuals and roses need dead-heading this month to encourage further flowering, whilst perennials can be cut back once flowering has passed. Dahlias and Chrysanthemums will appreciate being staked as they grow taller and heavier, the last thing we want is for them to break should we experience gusty weather. Wistaria can be given a summer pruning this month, remove side shoots to around 20-25cm from the main stem. The same goes for summer fruiting raspberries, cutting back the canes that have borne fruit this year to leave the new stems for next year's fruit crop. Although we've had plenty of rain so far this year, it's worth giving rhododendrons and camellias plenty of water in August to promote budding for next year's flowers. Other areas of the garden where watering is likely to be needed are containers and raised beds, these especially dry out very quickly.

I've written about the benefit of green manures in the past, and if you've not tried green manure then you might want to have a go on any vacated beds. Sow a fast-growing crop such as mustard which if sown in the next month will be ready for digging-in any time up until the end of the year. Green manure is a good way of adding nutrients and organic matter to your soil. Keep up the feeding of crops and flowers to ensure maximum colour and harvest.

Above all else, August is a month to enjoy your garden and the fruits of your labours. It makes the hard work later in the year and early next year worthwhile.

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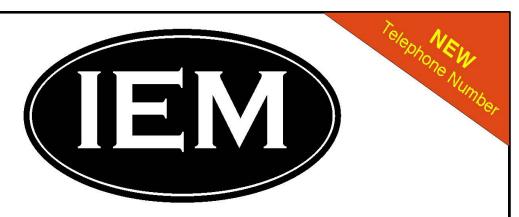




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But who was Queen Caroline?

14. Caroline of Ansbach 1683-1737

Part 1: A German princess remakes herself into a British one



Caroline's father, ruler of the small German state of Ansbach, died of smallpox when she was three. A teenager when her mother died, Caroline became a protégé of the Prussian queen. Caroline had previously had little formal education, but she now developed into a considerable scholar. The queen once declared Berlin was "a desert" whenever Caroline was away.

Caroline was widely admired for her beauty and intelligence. Marriage was offered to a Hapsburg prince, who later became Holy Roman Emperor. Caroline's Prussian protectors were keen on the match, which offered them diplomatic benefits. There was only one condition; Caroline must convert to Catholicism. After some consideration she refused to do so. This brought her much admiration from Protestants across Europe including, crucially, the dowager Electoress Sophia of

Hanover.

Three years earlier, Sophia had been declared heir to her distant cousin, Queen Anne of Britain. Anne had many closer relatives than Sophia, but they were all Catholic. Sophia was Anne's closest Protestant relative, and so Britain's parliament made her heir.

Sophia knew that this wonderful opportunity for her family to move from the backwater of Hanover to one of the most prestigious thrones in Europe was not a certainty. Many Tories and Scots were hostile to the idea. Anne herself was unenthusiastic and refused to allow any Hanoverians to visit Britain. Sophia knew that what parliament had given, parliament could take away. The sole basis for the Hanoverian succession was their Protestantism. Caroline's famed refusal to renounce Protestantism for an Imperial marriage made her extremely attractive to Sophia as a bride for her grandson, George.

George was shallow, vein, emotional, and volatile, while Caroline was calm, clear-thinking, and long-sighted, yet the marriage was a success. Caroline carefully managed George's ego, and never confronted him. George was allowed his mistresses, but they were never to embarrass Caroline. They had eight children, seven of whom grew to adulthood.

Caroline wholeheartedly adopted Sophia's strategy of making the Hanoverian succession as attractive as possible to British opinion. She learned English and cultivated many British tastes, styles, and habits. She even changed her name to the more English sounding Caroline. Previously she had been known as Wilhelmina-Carolina.

Sophia died before Anne, so her son, also named George, succeeded Anne as King George I. Caroline and her husband (the heir) moved to Britain as Prince and Princess of Wales.



Many Tories opposed George I's succession, and some joined the Jacobite uprisings of 1715 and 1719. After the defeat of the Jacobites, the king ignored Caroline's pleas for clemency for the younger Jacobite nobles. Her compassion was widely noted. Jacobite sympathisers went underground.

George I disdained to cultivate his British subjects, whereas Caroline went out of her way to do so. He also despised his son, but had a grudging respect for Caroline. Impatient with ceremony, and having no consort, the king delegated much to her. This was not to last. After a row, George I expelled Prince George from court. Caroline surprised the king by joining her husband in exile, even though the king insisted that she leave her five young children (one a baby) under his control. Caroline's loyalty to her husband, and loss of her children, gained her much public sympathy, strengthening her popularity.

Two separate courts developed; the old king's court had Hanoverian courtiers and government ministers, while the Wales' court became the centre of opposition to the king's policies. With limited resources it was hard to compete with the royal court, but Caroline's brilliance attracted many from the arts and sciences. Already popular as a Protestant heroine, Caroline's combination of affability and regality impressed all who met her. Opposition leaders, including the former Chancellor of the Exchequer Robert Walpole, often congregated at the court of Wales. Walpole became adviser and friend to Caroline.

It was widely noted that that while the king made no effort to learn English and preferred the company of the Hanoverians he had brought with him, the Prince, and especially the Princess of Wales made every effort. Caroline assiduously adapted herself to British culture to demonstrate her fitness - and by extension that of her husband - to the pinnacle of British society. That society was about to be severely tested.

The South Sea Company had won a monopoly on trade with the Spanish Empire and was expected to be hugely profitable. When the company underwrote a substantial part of the UK national debt, belief that its prospects must be fabulous led to a speculative frenzy. Its shares became ludicrously over-valued. To encourage yet more investors, and keep the share price rising, bribes were paid to the king, to some of his ministers, to his sister, and to his mistress. When the inevitable crash happened, hundreds were bankrupted, and thousands more lost substantial sums of money. The financial credit of the City of London and the moral authority of the Whig government, of the king, and of the whole Hanoverian succession, were severely shaken. Walpole was recalled to manage the crisis and in brilliantly succeeding, probably saved the Hanoverian regime.

Walpole and Caroline agreed that the rift between the king and his heir helped no one but the Jacobites and their French sponsors. When Walpole rejoined the government, he and Caroline helped to effect a reconciliation between the king and the prince. It was the beginning of a crucial political alliance between Caroline and Walpole. Next month, I shall complete the story of one of the greatest British royal consorts.

WEATHER REPORT

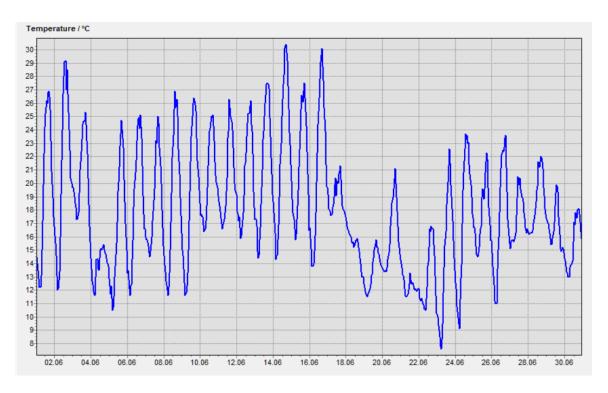


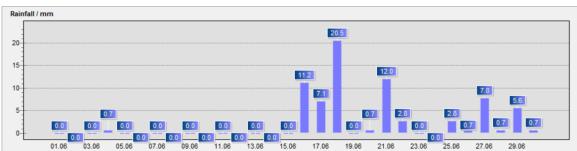
WEATHER FOR JUNE 2021

Rainfall in June 2021	2.89"	73mm
Rainfall in June 2020	1.06"	27mm
Rainfall for 2021	17.46"	444mm
Rainfall for 2020	17.10"	434mm

Warmest day $27.5^{\circ}\text{C on }15^{\text{th}}$ Warmest night $16.6^{\circ}\text{C on the }10^{\text{th}}$

Coldest day 13.3°C on the 21st
Coldest night 7.6°C on the 22nd





From the MetOffice:

"The first half of June was largely dry and warm, though less settled over Scotland towards mid-month. The second half saw temperatures broadly nearer to average, with some days very cool for the time of year, and numerous showery days over England including some thunderstorms, and some heavy convective outbursts especially in the south-east.

The provisional UK mean temperature was 14.2 °C, which is 1.2 °C above the 1981-2010 long-term average. Mean maximum temperatures were up to 2 °C above normal in some northern areas, while mean minimum temperatures were similarly high in parts of eastern England. Most areas from Wales and the Midlands northwards had a dry month, with less than a third of the usual rainfall in some areas, but south-east England was very wet with more than double the average rainfall for some locations. The UK overall had 59% of average June rainfall. Sunshine was above average for northern and eastern areas, but just below average for some western fringes, with 107% of average overall." From their data it seems that Central South and SE England had 72% more rain and about average sunshine for the month.

As I've written previously, as we move into the summer months it becomes harder to predict the longer-term weather due to the more unreliable weather patterns experienced at this time of year. Hence the 14-day forecasts given on the BBC (using METEO data modelling) have been fairly inaccurate and forecasts beyond the 5–7-day range have changed considerably over recent months. My own theory (admittedly a rather conspiracist one) is that with all the bad news around, showing that the weather in a weeks' time will be good is a way to keep our spirits up. Never mind the fact that as we get nearer to 'the next week' the forecast has changed to rain!

The weather drivers are still weak so there is little to go on. However, there seems to be some agreement that the chance of High pressure dominating during the period is above average resulting in more stable conditions:

- This period is more likely to be hot than cool
- Greater than normal chance of impacts from hot weather such as heatwaves
- Increase in the likelihood of dry conditions compared to normal

Elizabeth Ogg

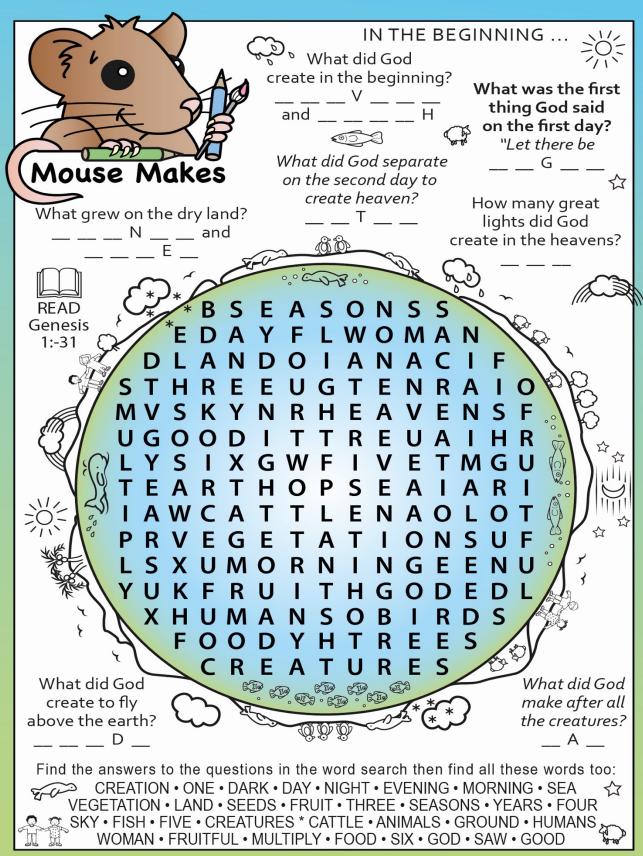
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Solution to Sudoku (p.26)

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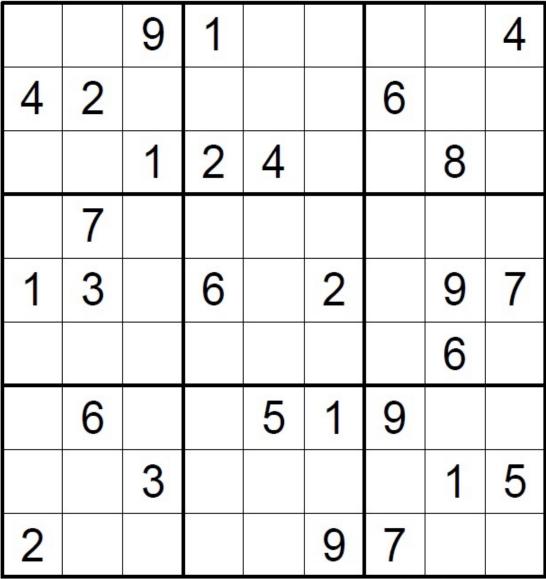




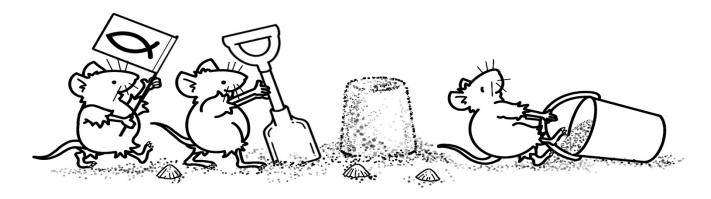
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FSW has been very grateful for monetary donations and food bank items during the Covid 19 crisis, which has added to the families difficulties.

The government have pledged to support the school lunches during the holidays and Universal Credit top up will not be suddenly cut off, but eventually ceased.

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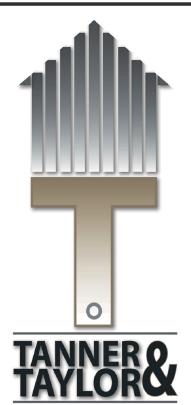
Poetry Cornered

August by Hilaire Belloc

The soldier month, the bulwark of the year,
That never more shall hear such victories told;
He stands apparent with his heaven-high spear,
And helmeted of grand Etruscan gold.
Our harvest is the bounty he has won,
The loot his fiery temper takes by strength.
Oh! Paladin of the Imperial sun!
Oh! crown of all the seasons come at length!

This is sheer manhood; this is Charlemagne,
When he with his wide host came conquering home
From vengeance under Roncesvalles ta'en.
Or when his bramble beard flaked red with foam
Of bivouac wine-cups on the Lombard plain,
What time he swept to grasp the world at Rome.







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What do you consider to be 'beautiful countryside'?

According to Natural England, thorny scrubs and floodplains should be seen as more beautiful than manicured fields.

Tony Juniper, chair of Natural England, which is the government's adviser for the natural environment, has said a 'cultural revolution' is necessary to help people appreciate the beauty of a messy countryside.

He strongly supports the increasing popularity of 'rewilding' projects which have become a popular way for land managers to give nature a chance. He believes that rewilding can help to heal degraded landscapes and provide better habitat for wildlife.

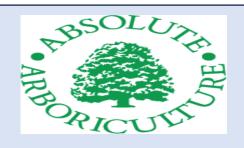
Tony Juniper has said that the "orderliness" of much of our British countryside, with neat stone walls, sheep-grazed fields and villages has often created "ecological deserts" for wildlife, who starve. "To ensure our future security, it will be necessary for us to let nature take back some control."

A post-Brexit plan to reward farmers and other land managers for improving water quality and helping plants and wildlife is expected to replace the EU's Common Agricultural Policy.

Fewer wasps

Noticed how peaceful your garden is this summer? Noticed that you have been able to hold summer barbecues and picnics in relative peace? That is because the very cold and wet Spring was disastrous for our wasp population.

But while we may enjoy their absence, scientists at University College London have pointed out that wasps play an important role as nature's pest controllers, and that our countryside will be the poorer without them this year.



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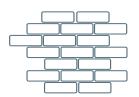
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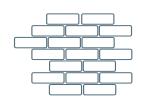
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Sussex Wildlife Trust District - August

I'm a huge fan of science-fiction B-movies and they don't come any better (or worse) than 1957's 'Beginning of the End'. It's the usual story; overeager government scientists intent on increasing crop yield inadvertently create giant irradiated grasshoppers the size of doubler-



decker buses which set about destroying Chicago. There are some similar creatures lurking around Sussex. OK they're not going to come stomping round Horsham any day soon but they're still mighty impressive.

The great green bush cricket can claim to be Britain's biggest insect. Yet this Godzilla of the undergrowth is surprisingly hard to see. Its long leaf-like body blends in amongst the brambles rendering it almost invisible. Bug eyes, impressive jaws and twirling antennae give it some monster movie credentials but there's nothing to fear from this harmless native.

There are about 35 species of crickets and grasshoppers (orthoptera) in Britain. Crickets differ from grasshoppers by having much longer, thread-like antennae and they 'sing' by rubbing their wings together (while grasshoppers rub their legs against their wings). This song or stridulation is the male's way of romancing a female – who, if interested, will reply. The best chance of finding the great green bush cricket is to head out on a warm August evening and listen for their duets – a loud, incessant rattle. Imagine a maraca player after drinking too much coffee.

Last month I was leading a wildlife walk through the flower-rich meadows of our Woods Mill reserve and I was blown away by the wall of sound created by hundreds of crickets and grasshoppers but it became apparent that not everyone could hear this orthopteran orchestra. The sad truth is that as we get older our ears can't tune in to the higher frequencies produced by these insects and species by species they fall silent.

I have a compilation CD of the chirps and buzzes of Britain's crickets and grasshoppers – a sort of 'Now That's What I Call Stridulation'. I played it this morning and track 24 had gone. It was there a few years ago but now... silence. I've started to lose my crickets! The beginning of the end. It isn't just me who will be hearing less wildlife in the future. Our countryside is becoming quieter as crickets, bees and birds vanish. Over the decades changes in agricultural practices have made large parts of England unnaturally peaceful. The 'Silent Spring' predicted by Rachel Carson in 1962 has seeped across every season. Our 'Wilder Horsham District' project is aiming to restore these grassland habitats so that future generations can still experience the sounds of an English summer.

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Betony's curative powers

Depending on the weather, areas managed for wildflowers may either be full of blooms this month, or many of them

may now be over. It is certainly the time when managers start to cut and rake the long grass.

Have a look out for late flowering plants. For example, one of the most attractive wildflowers is Betony. Betony is a member of the woundwort family, close also to the dead-nettles. It has an angled stem, which if you were to cut it, would be square in cross section, has distinctive toothed leaves and lovely deep pink flowers.

Betony has long been prized for its curative powers. In the Medieval times it was viewed as an 'all-heal' or panacea. The Italians had a saying 'Sell your coat and buy Betony' and the Spaniards used the compliment 'He has as many virtues as Betony'. Antonius Musa, chief physician to the Emperor Augustus, wrote a long treatise, showing it was a certain cure for no less than forty-seven diseases! It is still used by herbalists for a variety of ailments including headaches.



Burial grounds may be the only place in an area where Betony still grows. Firstly, this is because these sites act has sanctuaries for species rich grassland habitat. Secondly Betony was often planted in burial grounds, in part for its medicinal uses and also because it was believed to be effective against sorcery, warding off ghosts, goblins and any other unwelcome spirits!

We would love to know if you find Betony.

All the best
Andrea Gilpin
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Support Safeguarding Sunday

The Church of England is supporting this year's Safeguarding Sunday, on $10^{\rm th}$ October, by encouraging local churches to use their regular Sunday service to think about what safer places look like.

The ecumenical initiative from the specialist safeguarding charity thirtyone:eight provides bespoke resources, including films and animations, prayers, preaching notes, children's activity sheets, hymns and songs and a safeguarding pledge. A short sermon for use on the day will be provided by Bishop Jonathan Gibbs, the Church of England's lead safeguarding bishop.

Bishop Gibbs said: "Whether churches can give just a few minutes or dedicate their whole service, Safeguarding Sunday is a really helpful and important way of focusing on all the work that goes on 365 days a year in our churches to make them safe places.

"From our children's and young people's activities to clubs for the elderly and foodbanks, our churches are involved in every community. Protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message.

"Safeguarding Sunday is all about creating an opportunity for churches to show their communities that they take this responsibility seriously."

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8th August: Dominic - the saint who believed in learning

If you enjoy reading the Bible and in encouraging others to have faith in God, then Dominic is the patron saint for you. His passion for helping Christians to learn and proclaim their faith led him to found the Order of Preachers, or Black Friars, because of the black cape they wore over white habits. They are also known as the Dominicans.

Dominic was born in Castile in 1170, the youngest son of the warden of the town and nephew to the archpriest of Gumiel d'Izan. Becoming an Austin canon of Osma cathedral, Dominic spent seven years as a priest, devoted to prayer and penance. In 1201 he became sub-prior to his community.

In 1208 the Papal Legate was murdered. It sparked a crusade or 'holy war' against the Albigensian heretics. Dominic worked for reconciliation, refusing to join in the violence and massacres against them. Instead he used instruction and prayer to woo the heretics back, which led to him playing a leading role in founding Toulouse University. That became the foundation for his work in establishing the Friars Preachers at Toulouse in 1215, which occupied the last seven years of his life. (Three times he refused a bishopric, believing that this work was more important.)

Dominic's 'order' provided communities of sacred learning, with monks devoted to study, teaching and preaching as well as the usual prayer. Dominic believed monks should do more than just commune with God; they should proclaim God's love to others. Dominic was an excellent organiser, and soon his order spread rapidly all over Italy, Spain and France. It met an acute need in the medieval church, and in time the Black Friars became a pioneering missionary force in Asia and even (much later) the Americas.

Dominic travelled widely from 1216 until his death in 1220. His simple tomb was later embellished by Michelangelo, and his usual attributes in art are a lily and a black and white dog, which is a pun (Domini canis) on the name of Dominic. The dog holds a torch in its mouth as a herald of the truth.

Miscellaneous observations on life as a Christian....

One day we stand to lose everything - except those qualities that have eternal value. - David Watson

Never make the blunder of trying to forecast the way God is going to answer your prayer. - *Oswald Chambers*

All in the month of AUGUST

It was:

250 years ago, on 15th August 1771, that Sir Walter Scott, Scottish historical novelist, poet, and playwright was born. His best-known works include *Ivanhoe* and *Rob Roy*.

Also 250 years ago, on 7th August 1771, that the first recorded ascent of Ben Nevis was made. Scottish botanist James Robertson ascended Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the British Isles. Nowadays, 100,000 people per year make the ascent.

125 years ago, on 17th August 1896, that the death of the first person killed in a motor accident in the UK took place. Bridget Driscoll was crossing a road in the grounds of London's Crystal Palace when she was hit by a car giving demonstration rides. By way of contrast, Brake.org.uk report that nowadays, an average of five people a day die on UK roads.

90 years ago, on 19^{th} August 1931, that the Yangtze River and Huai River floods peaked

in China. It was one of the worst natural disasters of the 20th century; up to four million people died, and the floods lasted from July to November.

75 years ago, on 16th August 1946, that the Great Calcutta Killings took place in Kolkata India. Muslim and Hindu mobs rioted across the city following the Muslim League's demand for the creation of Pakistan. More than 4,000 people were killed and 100,000 left homeless. The riot sparked further religious violence in other provinces, leading to the Partition of India in August 1947.

60 years ago, on 13th August 1961, that East Germany sealed off the border between East and West Berlin to prevent the exodus of refugees to the West. Initially barbed wire fences were erected; construction of the Berlin Wall began on 15th August. The border reopened in 1989.

40 years ago, on 25th August 1981, that the US space probe Voyager 2 reached Saturn and sent back images and data. It travelled to Uranus (1986) and Neptune (1989) before reaching interstellar space in 2018. 43 years after launching, it is more than 11.8 billion miles from earth, but remains operational.

30 years ago, on 6th August 1991, that the first website (info.cern.ch) went live. The web's inventor, Tim Berners Lee, also posted a description of the World Wide Web project on the alt.hypertext newsgroup, and provided a link to download the first web browser, which could only run on NeXT workstations.

Also 30 years ago, from 19th to 21st August 1991, that there was an attempted coup in the Soviet Union when hard-line members of the Communist Party tried to seize control from President Mikhail Gorbachev. The coup failed after three days and

eventually led to the collapse of communism and the disintegration of the Soviet Union. On 29th August the Supreme Soviet suspended all Communist Party activities.

Also 25 years ago, on 28th August 1996, that Prince Charles and Princess Diana were divorced after 15 years of marriage. No longer a 'Royal Highness', Princess Diana was now called Diana, Princess of Wales.

20 years ago, on 6th August 2001, that US President George W Bush received a daily briefing that warned Osama bin Laden was determined to strike in the USA. (This was six weeks before the 9/11 terrorist attacks.)

10 years ago, 21st-29th August 2011 that Hurricane Irene hit the Caribbean and made landfall in North Carolina. 49 people were killed and over \$14 billion worth of damage was caused.

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Remembering Sir Walter Scott

Sir Walter Scott, the Scottish historical novelist, poet and playwright, was born 250 years ago, on 15th August 1771. His best-known works include *Ivanhoe* and *Rob Roy*.

Often considered to be both the inventor and the greatest writer of historical novels, he was inspired by a stay with his grandparents in the Scottish borders during his early childhood, while he recovered from polio. From them he heard stories and ballads about the area and became fascinated by the history and culture of Scotland, where all his early work was set – often published anonymously.

On a visit to the Lake District in 1797 he met Charlotte Carpenter, who he married after a whirlwind romance, much to the disapproval of his parents, who suspected she was a French Catholic. But she was a British citizen who had been christened in the Church of England: the couple were happy until her death in 1826.

Scott was widely admired for both novels and poetry and was once offered the post of Poet Laureate, which he declined. He was plagued during later life by financial problems, largely brought about by taking on the debts of friends and colleagues, but also by expenses incurred from his Abbotsford estate, near Galashiels.

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