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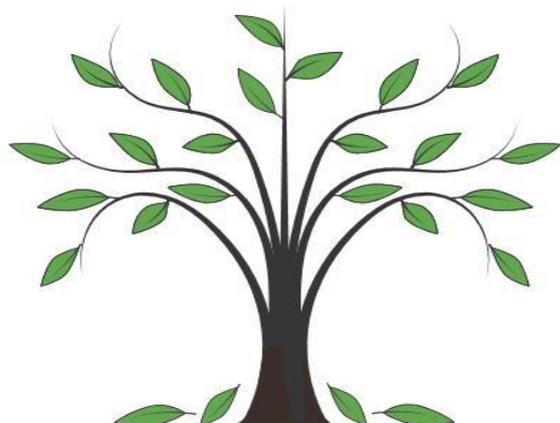
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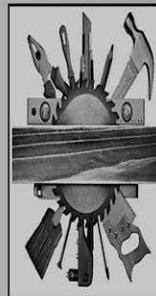
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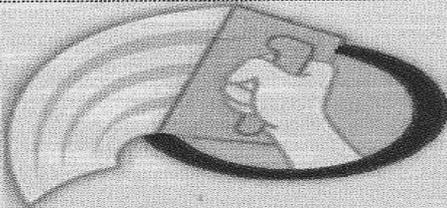


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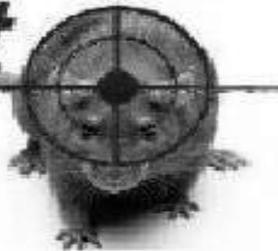
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## Reflection by Alison Lewis, LLM

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In a world where we can connect with people across the globe at the click of a button, it is surprising to find that many people suffer with loneliness and isolation. However, I do not believe this is in line with God's will for our lives.

At the beginning of the Bible when God created man, God said that it was not good for man to be alone, and he decided to make him (Adam) a helper suitable for him (Genesis 2:18). We were not created to live alone.

Research shows that those who have a small circle of good friends (between three and five), live longer and are healthier, and happier than those who don't. Loneliness and isolation can increase the risk of depression, anxiety and stress.

As a Christian, therefore, it is good to know that God is omnipresent, meaning that he is everywhere all of the time. So I believe we are never really alone, even if it feels that way, even though we are unable to see God or are never aware of his presence... he is with us. He sees everything and knows all things. There is no escape!

Now it is wonderful to have friends of course, and since becoming a Christian, God has given me some of the best friends I have ever known. Being followers of Christ means we have an instant connection and are like-minded. In the Bible it says 'How can two walk together unless they agree' (Amos 3:3). It is much better if you are accompanied in life by someone who you can relate to and with whom you share interests.

However, there are times when we need to have our own space. Having three children and now six grandchildren, my house is very often a busy place. I suppose having a lot of family time, means I appreciate the quiet space when they have all left. When Jesus walked on the earth, he was constantly followed about by crowds, which was great... so many people were keen to hear his teaching, but he often got up early and retreated to a solitary place for a time of prayer (Mark 1:35). This time of prayer prepared and strengthened him for the busy day ahead. Jesus encouraged his followers to go into your room, shut the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, Jesus said who sees what is done in secret, will reward you (Matthew 6:6). Prayer is powerful, it changes things. My Christian friends and I, recognise that when we pray coincidences happen (we call them God-incidences). Whatever our situation, God is always waiting for us to call upon him in prayer.

We sing a hymn in church called 'What a friend we have in Jesus'. If you are able, perhaps you could look up the lyrics online. In our circle of close friends, the most important person to connect with is Jesus. Prayer connects our heart to his. In the words of the hymn, I agree 'What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!'

Alison x

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**What's missing?**

## Taking time to do less – by the Archdeacon of Worcester, Robert Jones



On the whole, August is the holiday month, and life slows down for many people. It has a particular significance for me as I prepare to retire in the autumn, hoping that slowing down might become something of a more regular feature of my life. People keep telling me that I'll never know how I found the time to work. Others ask me what I am going to do, and what plans I might have. All of which are good questions and, no doubt, shrewd observations, but also rather alarming for someone like me who was thinking retirement might be about having a rest and a bit of space to do what you like!

There is a time for doing lots of things, and, I believe, there is a time for doing nothing – though clearly not, in the latter case, as a full-time activity or lack of activity. We need the stimulation of people, places and events. However, in a hectic world where we are so often measured by what we do or achieve, by our successes and achievements, it is perhaps good from time to time to learn simply to be.

How often do we ask someone on meeting them for the first time, 'well, what do you do then?', as if this is the most important thing about anyone. I know it is harder to ask 'who are you?' or 'what excites you in life?' Yet the story of who we are is so much bigger than what we do for a living. Perhaps this is something we can learn from those who are retired.

We carry this over into our prayer life as well, which so often can become very busy and wordy. It was Rowan Williams, a former archbishop, who described prayer as akin to sun-bathing. You don't actually do very much, but wallow in the warm rays of God's love. By the way, I can't actually imagine this particular archbishop sun-bathing - and yet, I do like the image of prayer being about us simply soaking up God's love. Maybe that is something for which I might find more time in retirement.

*Archdeacon Robert Jones*

### Prayer for Growth

**We have launched a dedicated period of prayer for our growth both spiritually and numerically over the coming years.**

We pray that more people will come to know the love of Jesus and join us in our life and worship; as well as continuing to pray for our parishes, schools and all those who are already part of the Diocese.



The time of prayer was launched with a pilgrimage around Worcester Cathedral and Bishop Martin has a pilgrimage around our deaneries planned for early summer. We hope that many churches will mark this time with their own events using the resources available.

Bishop John writes:

*"By 2030 we pray that we shall have healthy and sustainable churches which are resourced and encouraged to worship God, make disciples, share hope, and transform their communities. We hope to have double the number of children and young people in our churches, at least 100 new worshipping communities and congregations of 150 people in each major area of population. None of this will happen without prayer – please join us in this!"*

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The path at the front door, along by the west wall, and back door of the church, will be undergoing remedial work. Unfortunately, we have damp inside the building causing plaster to fall, this is due to lack of correct drainage facilities outside. The work will take 7 to 10 days to complete. A notice will be pinned to the Birmingham Road gate to advise when the path will be closed, and therefore ask that if you normally use this path to Blue Hoots Preschool, please use the driveways for access instead of the path for your personal safety. Thank you.

Thirdly, permission is being sought from Worcester Diocese to start the roof repairs, for which so many villagers and parishioners have donated money for 'tiles'. We hope to renew the Chancel Roof before Christmas, which is at the East end of the building. Just for information, this relatively small area of roof will need 3778 tiles! If you have supported this work please look out for information on notice boards, church web site, or Broadcast, regarding 'signing' of tiles prior to them being fitted on the roof.

The PCC is very grateful for the support received for the urgent repairs that our Victorian, listed church requires, and apart from the fundraising, we must acknowledge our gratitude to the late Marilyn Hiscock of Brookside Way, whose very generous legacy has enabled this work to go ahead at this time. Apologies for any inconvenience caused while the work is in hand, which will commence once we have the necessary permission from Worcester Diocese. The church will remain open daily while the work is in progress.

#### **ORIGINS OF SAYINGS/PROVERBS:**

##### **Faith is immensely powerful.**

Belief and conviction can sometimes achieve what appears to be impossible. The source is St Paul, Corinthians 1, 13:2, "Though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."



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|---|--|----------------|
| <b>Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup></b>     | <b>Trinity 9 / Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> | <b>(Green)</b> |
| First Reading                           | Isaiah 55.1-5                                  |                |
| Second Reading                          | Romans 9.1-5                                   |                |
| Psalm                                   | 145.8-9,15-22                                  |                |
| Gospel                                  | Matthew 14.13-21                               |                |
| <b>Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>Trinity 10</b>                              | <b>(Green)</b> |
| First Reading                           | 1 Kings 19.9-18                                |                |
| Second Reading                          | Romans 10.5-15                                 |                |
| Psalm                                   | 85.8-13  |                |
| Gospel                                  | Matthew 14.22-23                               |                |
| <b>Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>Trinity 11</b>                              | <b>(Green)</b> |
| First Reading                           | Isaiah 56.1.6-8                                |                |
| Second Reading                          | Romans 11.1-2a,29-32                           |                |
| Psalm                                   | 67   |                |
| Gospel                                  | Matthew 15.(10-20)21-28                        |                |
| <b>Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>Trinity 12</b>                              | <b>(Green)</b> |
| First Reading                           | Isaiah 51.1-6                                  |                |
| Second Reading                          | Romans 12.1-8                                  |                |
| Psalm                                   | 138  |                |
| Gospel                                  | Matthew 16.13-20                               |                |
| <b>Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>Trinity 13</b>                              | <b>(Green)</b> |
| First Reading                           | Jeremiah 15.15-21                              |                |
| Second Reading                          | Romans 12.9-21                                 |                |
| Psalm                                   | 26.1-8   |                |
| Gospel                                  | Matthew 16.21-28                               |                |
| <b>Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Trinity 14</b>                              | <b>(Green)</b> |
| First Reading                           | Ezekiel 33.7-11                                |                |
| Second Reading                          | Romans 13.8-14                                 |                |
| Psalm                                   | 119.33-40                                      |                |
| Gospel                                  | Matthew 18.15-20                               |                |
| <b>Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Trinity 15</b>                              | <b>(Green)</b> |
| First Reading                           | Genesis 50.15-21                               |                |
| Second Reading                          | Romans 14.1-12                                 |                |
| Psalm                                   | 103.(1-7)8-13                                  |                |
| Gospel                                  | Matthew 18.21-35                               |                |
| <b>Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Trinity 16</b>                              | <b>(Green)</b> |
| First Reading                           | Jonah 3.10-4.11                                |                |
| Second Reading                          | Philippians 1.21-30                            |                |
| Psalm                                   | 145.1-8  |                |
| Gospel                                  | Matthew 20.1-16                                |                |

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| Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>     | Mary Wyatt            | Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> | Carol Hingley |
| Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>     | Mary Wyatt            |                       |               |
| Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>     | Wedding               |                       |               |
| Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | Wedding               |                       |               |
| Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>    | Mary, Christine, Judy |                       |               |
| Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>    | Mary, Christine, Judy |                       |               |
| Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>    | Diana Reed-Daunter    |                       |               |

## CHURCH SERVICES

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|---|--|----------------|
| <b>Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup></b>     | <b>Trinity 9</b>                               | <b>(Green)</b> |
| 10.00am                                 | Holy Communion                                 | Blakedown      |
| 11.15am                                 | Family Service with Holy communion             | Churchill      |
| <b>Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>Trinity 10</b>                              | <b>(Green)</b> |
| 10.00am                                 | Informal Praise                                | Blakedown      |
| <b>Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>Trinity 11</b>                              | <b>(Green)</b> |
| 10.00am                                 | Worship4All                                    | Blakedown      |
| 10.00am                                 | Holy communion                                 | Broome         |
| <b>Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>Trinity 12</b>                              | <b>(Green)</b> |
| 10.00am                                 | Informal Praise                                | Blakedown      |
| <b>Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>Trinity 13</b>                              | <b>(Green)</b> |
| 10.00am                                 | Holy Communion                                 | Blakedown      |
| 11.15am                                 | Family Service with Holy communion             | Churchill      |
| <b>Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Trinity 14</b>                              | <b>(Green)</b> |
| 10.00am                                 | Informal Praise                                | Blakedown      |
| <b>Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Trinity 15</b>                              | <b>(Green)</b> |
| 10.00am                                 | Worship4All                                    | Blakedown      |
| 10.00am                                 | Holy communion                                 | Broome         |
| <b>Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Trinity 16</b>                              | <b>(Green)</b> |
| 10.00am                                 | Holy Communion<br>with Archdeacon Robert Jones | Blakedown      |

***Following the Service Robert will be answering questions about the appointment of a new Priest In Charge for the Parish.***

*These services are subject to change. Contact your churchwarden or the office if you need clarification of the services; or visit the church website at [cbbchurches@weebly.com](mailto:cbbchurches@weebly.com)*

Information about other local churches: This month it's Upper Arley

### **St Peter's, Upper Arley**

St Peter's, Upper Arley; part of the church dates to the 1100s, with a Victorian extended chancel, vestry and porch. A new kitchen and toilet extension were added in 2005/6. The building is grade 2 listed and seats around 180 -200 people. It is built of local stone and has many attractive features; the church is open every day.

There is a churchyard which is still open, but getting close to being full. Therefore full burials are restricted to the residents of Arley and Shatterford unless in an existing family grave; interment of ashes is treated more flexibly. The civil Parish Council are looking to acquire some land from Arley Estate for a municipal cemetery which will ease the situation.

The building is in good repair having had its roof replaced two years ago with stainless steel, following lead thefts. On occasions it is used by village groups during the week if the hall has been previously booked, as well as for concerts.

## LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Rainbows</b>  | 5.30pm Monday                                      | Blakedown Parish Rooms Term-time only   |
| <b>Brownies</b>  | 6.30pm Monday                                      | Blakedown Parish Rooms Term-time only   |
| <b>Guides</b>  | 6.00pm Monday                                      | Blakedown Parish Rooms Term-time only   |
| <b>Beavers</b>   | 5.45pm – 7.00pm Thursday                           | Scout Hut   |
| <b>Cubs</b>  | 6.30pm – 8.00pm Monday                             | Scout Hut   |
| <b>Blakedown Scouts</b>  | 7.00pm Wednesday                                   | Scout Hut E: <a href="mailto:kd12gsl@gmail.com">kd12gsl@gmail.com</a>                                   |
|  | Chairperson of the Exec committee - Adele Reynolds |   |
| <b>Archery</b>   | Times vary   | Scout Hut   |
| <b>Parish Delivery Network</b>                                   |  | Andrew Yardley Tel: 07935 048923  |
| <b>Short Mat Bowls</b>   | 7.30pm Thursday                                    | Blakedown Parish Rooms  |
| <b>Blakedown Baby &amp; Toddlers</b>                             | 9.00am Tuesday                                     | Blakedown Parish Rooms  |
| <b>Blakedown Parish Rooms</b>                                    |  | Tel: 07740 373181   |
| <b>Blakedown Women's Institute</b>                               |  | Tel: 01562 700788   |
|  | 7.30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds                        | Tel: 01562 700788   |
| <b>Blakedown Recreations Rooms (Snooker)</b>                     |  | Blakedown Parish Rooms  |
| <b>Blakedown Tennis Club</b>                                     |  | Mike Pitt Tel: 01562 700818   |
| <b>Blakedown Cricket Club</b>                                    |  | Tel: 07980 055823   |
| <b>Broome Village Hall</b>                                       |  | Tel: 01562 700623   |
| <b>Broome Women's Institute</b>                                  |  | Tel: 07359 337113   |
|  | 2.00pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds                        | Broome Village Hall   |
| <b>Theatre 282 of Blakedown</b>                                  |  | E: <a href="mailto:dmwsantus@gmail.com">dmwsantus@gmail.com</a>   |
|  | 7.30 Weds & Sun                                    | Blakedown Parish Rooms  |
| <b>Probus Club</b>   | Monthly at the Hagley Golf Club                    | Tel: 07578 154070   |
| <b>Hagley U3A</b>  |  | Alan Hess Tel: 07967 590219   |
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|  |  | Tel: 01562 701168 / 01384 371177  |
| <b>Signal Box Booking</b>  |  | Jim Long  |
|  |  | Tel: 01562 701168 / 01384 371177  |
| <b>Blakedown Signal Box</b>                                      |  | Website: <a href="http://blakedownsignalbox.weebly.com">blakedownsignalbox.weebly.com</a>               |
| <b>Churchill &amp; Blakedown Parish Council</b>                  |  | Clerk: Louise   |
|  |  | Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@churchillandblakedown-pc.gov.uk">clerk@churchillandblakedown-pc.gov.uk</a> |
| <b>Broome Parish Council</b>                                     |  | Clerk: Beverley Drew  |
|  |  | Email: <a href="mailto:clerk.broomepc@gmail.com">clerk.broomepc@gmail.com</a>                           |
| <b>Blakedown &amp; Hagley Branch of the Royal British Legion</b> |  | Secretary: Helen Roberts Tel: 03984 378934  |
| <b>Wyre Forest District Council - Wyre Forest Rural Ward</b>     |  | Email: <a href="mailto:hgsroberts@aol.com">hgsroberts@aol.com</a> 07962 980446                          |

If you have an issue regarding Wyre Forest District Council which you would like to discuss, then please do not hesitate to contact your Wyre Forest Rural Team:-

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|---|---|
| Councillor Ian Hardiman Tel: 01562 631139 | Email: <a href="mailto:ian.hardiman@wyreforestdc.gov.uk">ian.hardiman@wyreforestdc.gov.uk</a> |
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Or Member Support on 01562 732501 and they will pass the message on.

### **Worcestershire County Council (Chaddesley Division)**

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| Councillor Marcus Hart Tel: 01299 402424 | Email: <a href="mailto:mhart@worcestershire.gov.uk">mhart@worcestershire.gov.uk</a> |
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Or Member Support on 01905 766650 and they will pass the message on.

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## KITCHEN CORNER

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

*Thanks to our WI members for sharing their favourites*

## Sweet Red Onion Tart

This rich and creamy tart is packed with red onions that have been slowly caramelised in butter. This vegetarian dish is a wonderful accompaniment or served warm with a tomato salad, crusty bread and a glass of red.

- 25g butter
- 2 red onions thinly sliced
- 1 large white onion, finely chopped
- 375g ready rolled shortcrust pastry
- 330ml low fat creme fraiche
- 3 medium eggs
- pinch of nutmeg
- 150g emmental, grated
- 15g fresh chives chopped (save a little to garnish)



Melt butter in a large pan. Add all the onions and season, then cover and cook slowly for 30-40mins, stirring occasionally until the onions are soft and starting to caramelise. Then remove from heat and allow to cool slightly.

Preheat oven to 190 C, gas 5. Roll out pastry and line 20x30cm rectangular loose bottom tin, or similar. Line with baking parchment and fill with baking beans and bake blind for 15mins, lift out the paper and beans and bake for a further 5mins.

Place creme fraiche, eggs, nutmeg and chives in a large bowl. Season with black pepper and whisk together. Stir in caramelised onions and half the cheese, and pour over the pastry case. Scatter the remaining cheese over the top.

Bake for 30mins until the surface is golden and filling set. Allow to stand for 5mins then garnish with a few chives and enjoy.



## **SEPTEMBER ORGANISATION**

Although the end of the year is a little while off yet, we have begun our transition arrangements for new Reception children and for our Year 6 children. Within school there are lots of preparations for all the children regarding what the new year will look like during class time and PSHE lessons, with an opportunity to spend time in their new classrooms and with their new teachers on Tuesday 18th July.

The confirmed class groups and teachers for September 2023 are as follows:

- Reception: Mrs Nash/Mrs Schwartz (27 pupils)
- Class 1 (Year 1): Mrs Edmunds (30 pupils)
- Class 2 (Year 2): Miss Waldron (30 pupils)
- Class 3 (Year 3): Mrs Anderson (30 pupils)
- Class 4 (Year 4): Miss Jones (29 pupils)
- Class 5 (Year 5): Miss Low (23 pupils)
- Class 6 (Year 6): Mr Eaton (29 pupils)

Mrs Marshall will continue to teach class Music across school (Tuesday-Thursday) and Mr Newbold will continue to teach P.E. each week (Wednesday & Thursday). There is an opportunity for parents to meet next teachers and to visit new classrooms during our Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday 12th July.

## **SPORTS DAY**

Thank you to all families who were able to attend sports day. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate this event with so many of you. We all had a lovely morning of competitive events held in key stages. The weather held and all the children were able to display their sporting talents, with every child scoring points for their house. It was great to see their effort, determination, perseverance and sportsmanship during the events. Thanks also to the PTA for the refreshments and to our volunteers. Final scores were: 1 Stingrays 73 Points 2 Jellyfish 66 3 Dolphins 63 4 Seahorses 61 5 Sharks 60 6 Turtles 59. Well done Stingrays!

## **WELL DONE**

Well done to Year 6 who have been attending their arts residential trip to Ingestre Hall this term. They have stayed away from home for a week, increasing their independence and taking more responsibility for themselves over the course of this time. They have experienced a range of arts activities delivered by skilled practitioners and as a result have completed amazing work of a high standard in dance, art, animation, music and drama. We are very proud of them for all these reasons and for being polite and well behaved and in displaying their high level of care and support for each other. They have also made some new friends from other schools along the way – a wonderful week all round!

There have also been several trips out over the last couple of weeks as well as visitors coming in, such as: Year 3 & Year 4 Lower Smite trip; Year 5 cricket; Year 1 Botanical Gardens trip; Year 6 Bikeability; KS2 Big Sing; Year 5 Sailing at Upton Warren and a HSBC bank financial visitor to the whole school. On all occasions the children have been praised and noticed for their manners and good behaviour – they have represented school brilliantly and been a shining example of what is expected of them at all times. I wanted to share this with you as I am sure you will feel as proud of the children as we all do in school.

## **MUSIC**

If any student is interested in learning to play the piano with Mrs Davies, then please enquire, book, and pay through our music lesson provider - Independent Music Solutions <http://www.independentmusicsolutions.co.uk/>

## **GUITAR/UKULELE PERFORMANCE**

Children who take peripatetic guitar/ukulele lessons performed to the school on Monday 17th July. Parents of these pupils were invited to attend as space is limited. The concert was enjoyed by all.

## **Ready Steady Worcestershire summer activities, bookings for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme are now open!**

Places are free for children in receipt of benefits related to Free School Meals (FSM), with over 70 different activity clubs to choose from across the summer. Go to [www.haf-it.co.uk](http://www.haf-it.co.uk) to sign up and have FSM status verified - once verified, up to 16 free sessions can be booked. There is limited funding and, therefore, places are available for non-FSM-eligible children and young people who would otherwise be considered vulnerable. For example, children on CP/CIN/EHA, young carers, and refugees, Looked after children (Kinship and SGO only.) These places are by request and accepted at the discretion of the providers. Please see [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/rsw](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/rsw) for more information. You only need to register once. There are specialist SEND places available to support SEND children to attend the mainstream provision

## **YEAR 6 ATHLETICS**

Our Year 6 pupils recently attended the School Sports Partnership athletics competition in Stourport. The pupils performed superbly – with some fantastic running, jumping and throwing and represented the school brilliantly with their behaviour and support of each other. We had a number of first place finishes as well as winning both relays and overall our team finished in second place, out of 9 schools who entered the competition. A great achievement and well done to all!

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Do you think that you may qualify for free school meals? Please apply via [https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

If you qualify, this will ensure that your child receives a free school meal whichever year group they are in whilst at school, whether at Blakedown or at any other school. If your circumstances change and you no longer require free school meals, your child automatically still receives access to Pupil Premium benefits for the remaining time they are at primary school. At Blakedown School this can give access to a small bursary which can support the purchase of uniform, trips, clubs, or other resources towards learning. Please contact school for further information.

If you have further questions following the online tour, and to visit in person, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01562 700243

Look at our website for information: [www.blakedowncofeprimary.co.uk](http://www.blakedowncofeprimary.co.uk)

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JOY SERVE ACHIEVE

'I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made' Psalm 139:14

### ORIGINS OF SAYINGS/PROVERBS:

#### By the skin of your teeth

If you do something **by the skin of your teeth**, you only just succeed.

*"I got through to the next round of auditions by the skin of my teeth."*

Origin: Job 19:20 "My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth." (KJV)

### AUGUST IN THE GARDEN

August is usually one of the hottest months of the year - making watering essential. Try to use grey water wherever possible, especially as water butts may be running low if it has been a dry summer. August is traditionally holiday-time, so you might need to enlist the help of friends and family to look after the garden while you are away. When you are at home, take the time to prune summer-flowering shrubs.

1. Prune Wisteria
2. Don't delay summer pruning fruits trained as restricted forms
3. Deadhead flowering plants regularly
4. Watering! Particularly containers, and new plants, preferably with grey recycled water or stored rainwater
5. Collect seed from garden plants
6. Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready
7. Continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries
8. Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners
9. Keep ponds and water features topped up
10. Feed the soil with green manures

# CHURCHILL AND BLAKEDOWN PARISH COUNCIL



[www.churchillandblakedown.gov.uk](http://www.churchillandblakedown.gov.uk)

## CHURCHILL AND BLAKEDOWN MEETING DATES FOR 2023/2024

All meetings are full council meetings and will start at 7pm and be held at Blakedown Sports Pavilion unless otherwise stated. The venue will be confirmed on the agenda for each meeting.

| MONTH     | DATE             | MEETING      |
|-----------|------------------|--------------|
| SEPTEMBER | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Full Council |
| OCTOBER   | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Full Council |
| NOVEMBER  | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Full Council |
| DECEMBER  | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Full Council |
| JANUARY   | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Full Council |
| FEBRUARY  | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Full Council |
| MARCH     | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Full Council |
| APRIL     | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Full Council |

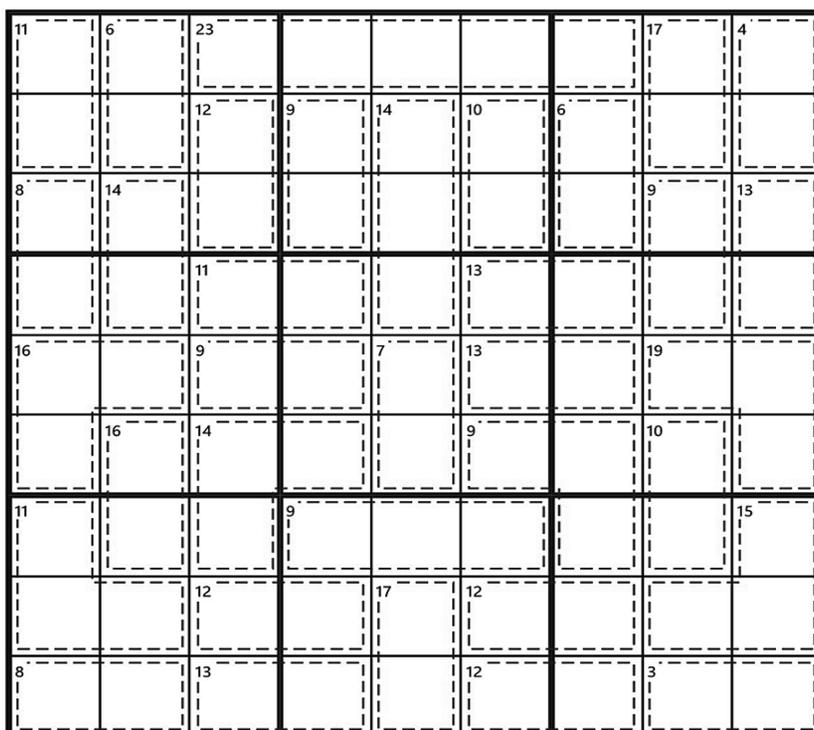
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Killer Sudoku for Windows

**EASY - 1**



### Thought of the Day:

I've failed math so many times, I can't even count.

Nobody is as blind as a person who refuses to see.

Scientists have finally discovered exactly how much sleep a human needs ... just 5 minutes more.

My wife says I only have 2 faults: I don't listen and ... something else...

## BROOME WI



Our group does not meet in August as so many of our members have holidays or family commitments (grandchildren on holiday).  
 September meeting is a welcome back with an afternoon tea and games with prizes - this is usually quite competitively but lots of fun.

Broome WI meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 2-4pm in Broome Village Hall all are welcome.

**BROOME VILLAGE HALL**

Coffee & Cakes  
(& lots more)

On the first Thursday of every month (except Jan & Feb)  
11.00am to 12.30pm

Villagers, Walkers, Cyclists, Locals & Dogs ~ All Welcome

**BROOME PARISH COUNCIL**

Dates for 2023:  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

If you would like any more information on the Parish Council, please contact Bev Drew, Parish Clerk, 07702 521072 / 01562 850435 or by e mail [clerk.broomepc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.broomepc@gmail.com).

## BROOME VILLAGE HALL

| Club                     | When                                     | Contact  |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Bridge Club              | Monday<br>7pm ~ 10pm                     | <a href="mailto:broomevillagehall@gmail.com">broomevillagehall@gmail.com</a><br>07815 292910 |
| Broome WI                | Second Wednesday of the month 2pm ~ 4pm  | <a href="mailto:broomewi@gmail.com">broomewi@gmail.com</a>                                   |
| Hagley U3A Science Group | Third Wednesday of the month 2pm ~ 4pm   | <a href="http://www.u3asites.org.uk/hagley/welcome">www.u3asites.org.uk/hagley/welcome</a>   |
| Coffee Morning           | First Thursday of the month 11am~12.30pm | All welcome  |
| Yoga                     | Friday 9.15am ~ 10.30am                  | <a href="mailto:siobhan@stourbridgeyoga.co.uk">siobhan@stourbridgeyoga.co.uk</a>             |

# CHURCHILL AND BLAKEDOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

What's on?



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**Guest speakers' evenings and events** in the C & B Sports Hub (the Norman Dawson Sports Pavilion DY10 3JN, behind the school) on the third Monday of the months shown (except if marked\*) at 7.30pm. Entrance £2 (members) and £4 non-members).

Second and fourth Saturday of every month Coffee at the Signal Box. Free entrance.

- 12 August 2023 Signal Box: Coffee morning 10am-1pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)  
 26 August 2023 Signal Box: Coffee morning 10am-1pm (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday)  
 9 September 2023 Signal Box: Coffee morning 10am-1pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)  
 18 September 2023 **Sports Hub 7.30pm:** Chris Stretton "Kidderminster's Medical Dynasty – Samuel, Lionel and Chris Stretton". The three surgeons who dominated the medical history of Kidderminster from 1856 until World War 2, and introduced iodine as a standard weapon against infection.  
 23 September 2023 Signal Box: Coffee morning 10am-1pm (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday)  
 14 October 2023 Signal Box: Coffee morning 10am-1pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)  
 16 October 2023 **Sports Hub 7.30pm:** Max Keen "Sir Francis Drake – England's greatest mariner?". Once again we welcome Max Keen for an inimitable take on a historical topic, this time the reputation of Sir Francis Drake.  
 28 October 2023 Signal Box: Coffee morning 10am-1pm (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday)  
 11 November 2023 Signal Box: Coffee morning 10am-1pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)  
 20 November 2023 **Sports Hub 7.30pm:** David Lavery "Weaving life in the carpet factories of Kidderminster". This town has a fascinating and fantastic story to tell and we can all take pride in it and inspiration from it.



## BLAKEDOWN SIGNAL BOX

**Hiring the Signal Box privately** for residents and organisations alike. Ideal for small group meetings, and family events (seating up to 20). A small, quirky venue equipped with modern kitchen with microwave and crockery/cutlery, disabled toilet facilities and a lift to the main floor. Use the garden too. Just £10 per hour – proceeds and donations to the Churchill and Blakedown Villages Trust for the upkeep of the Box. Contact the Historical Society for further details and seating plans - phone Jim Long on 01562 701168 and 07961 400387 or **email [candbhs@hotmail.com](mailto:candbhs@hotmail.com)**.

**Open access.** Historical Society coffee mornings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday mornings in the month. Ever wondered what it's like up there from the signalman's point of view? Come and discover our village landmark for yourself! Experience the trains going by and relive your childhood wishful thinking! Bring your young family and they can wave to the guards – they do wave back! Check on the Village Facebook page or outside the Signal Box for special dates and notices.

**On sale - Signal Box lapel badges £3.50.** Show everyone you are a Friend of Blakedown Signal Box by wearing a high-quality enamel lapel badge! You can pick one up at a coffee morning or at Historical Society meetings. All proceeds to Historical Society funds.

**On sale - Village Histories £5.00** on sale at the Signal Box and Historical Society speaker evenings. All proceeds generously donated by the Parish Council to the Historical Society. On sale at the Post Office too. A new book from Hagley Historical and Field Society also available on Hagley which included Blakedown up to 1933.

# **CHURCHILL AND BLAKEDOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Monday 18th September 2023 at 7.30pm  
at the Churchill & Blakedown Sports Hub  
(drive to DY10 3JN)

## **Kidderminster's Medical Dynasty: Samuel, Lionel and Chris Stretton**

**A talk by family member Chris Stretton**



**The three surgeons who dominated the medical history of  
Kidderminster from 1856 until World War 2**

Entrance includes refreshments (Tea, Coffee, Biscuits)

Raffle tickets 50p – generous prizes!



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## ROTARY CLUB OF HAGLEY

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**Rotary Club of Hagley No 1328  
District 1060**

Godfrey Partridge phf, President and Public Relations Officer  
5 Shelduck Grove, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 4EF  
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In June the Rotary Club with partners visited Dunster in Summerset for the annual Presidents away weekend which included a visit to the steam railway. The club had a thoroughly enjoyable time for which the well-organized event closed the year on a high note for President Bill Harris

President Bill was delighted to hand over the clubs presidency to Derry Millington on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 who has been president on three previous occasions so we are all looking forward to an informed and well-practiced coming Rotary Year.

In July the club will be pleased to receive members from Kinver Rotary Club and the Heybridge High School and Sixth Form Student Lottie Buffery-Latham who has been awarded the Rotary 2023 Shield Award for Endeavor.

For Rotarians the month of July is when we consider New Leadership so, if readers would like to have fun with a purpose, consider joining our club which holds its meeting at 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm on Monday evenings at the Blakedown and Churchill Golf Club

Alternatively try visiting our website at

**<https://hagleyrotary.wixsite.com/website>**.

The Rotary Club of Hagley in Fellowship with Rotary International  
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## HAGLEY U3A

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U3A is run by volunteers on a local basis. No qualifications are required to attend modules and there are no exams. Members help each other to learn - for pleasure and to stay alert!

We welcome all from the surrounding area to take part in a varied programme of learning groups and events. The groups and times of meeting appear on our web page at <https://u3asites.org.uk/hagley/groups>

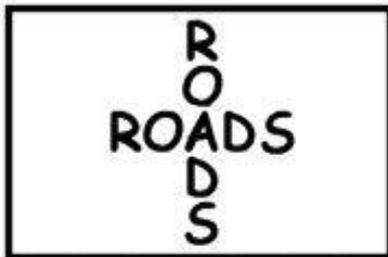
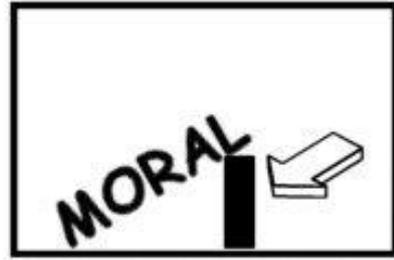
Full general meetings are held in St Saviours on the first Wednesday of every month (except in August), 1.30 for 1.45. Visitors (and new members) are always welcome. Our next presentation on 6 September will be on the Midland Air Ambulance, whose red helicopter some of you may have already spotted overhead.

For further enquiries, contact our Chair, Jane Mottram (01562 888219), or our Membership Secretary, Ian Powick (883822).

## PUZZLES

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### BLAKEDOWN WI

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Christine welcomed members and our visitor Linda. She thanked June for organising a very successful visit to Badge Court Garden; a hidden gem so near home, yet few of us knew it existed.

Secretary, Diana read the Minutes and highlighted the following events:

19th September a visit to Bodenham Arboretum for coffee. Those wishing to be more energetic might wish to take a walk.

Information regarding W.I. courses can be found in the County News Sheet.

18th October The Birthday Meal, to be held at Blakedown Golf Club.

(June reported that 41 members had paid their deposit already!)

9th August, our next meeting is to be held in the afternoon, starting at 2.30. Tea, cakes, scones and strawberries will be served.

Our speaker for the evening Lorraine Wright who runs workshops teaching glass fusion and resin. Some of our members have already attended her Harvington workshop. It was a hands on experience for us all, as we worked on a coaster. The results were really striking. Everyone enjoyed the task - even those who regarded their artistic talents somewhat limited! We look forward to seeing the finished work when they are returned to us following the final coating of resin.

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Please contact Jenny Seidel or Tracy MacKenzie on 01562 730730 or [fundraising@threeroseshomes.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@threeroseshomes.co.uk) to become a 'Friend' of Three Roses or for more information.

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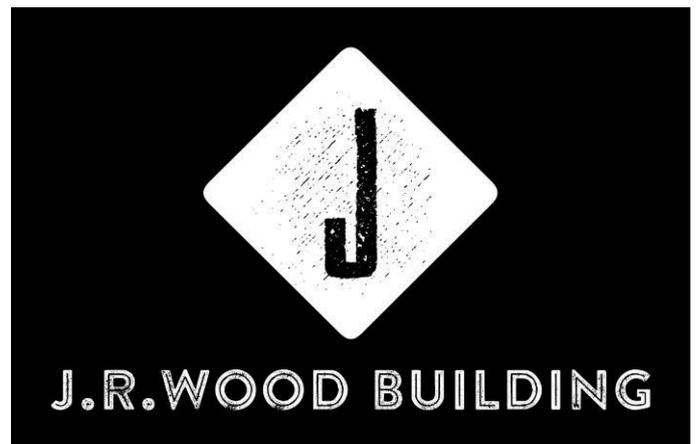
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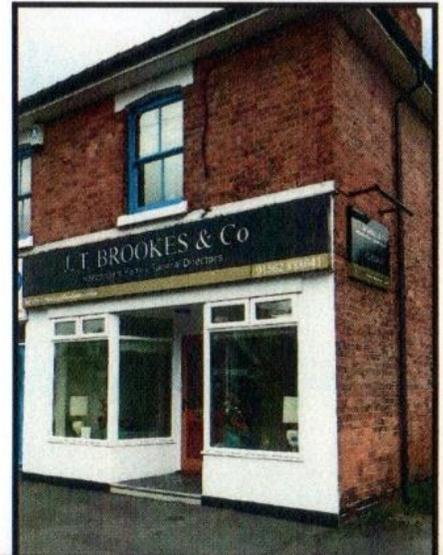
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**AUTUMN STEAM GALA**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup>–Sunday  
17<sup>th</sup> September



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**O GAUGE GET TOGETHER**  
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