

The Villager

Minsterworth News



New-born calf with
older sisters

August 2022

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Dear readers,

Lots of new events to celebrate with Craig & Katie Holder's wedding on p3, Minsterworth Open Gardens pp11-15 and plenty of things to do in August; enjoy another Comedy Night p4 and another wine tasting p6. Nicky's mysterious feature on Runes p8 and why not try out this month's recipe p24, our Sudoku p20 and keep up to date with all your clubs. With the temperature soaring this month you might like to take a leaf out of the cows' book on the front cover and find a nice shady spot to unwind.

Paula

KERBSIDE RECYCLING AUGUST 2022

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(landfill)	(garden)	(recycling)	
Tuesday	2	Tuesday	9
Tuesday	16	Tuesday	23
Wednesday	31		

Please put your recycling bin & caddy out the night before, where possible.

Small electrical items now collected alongside your blue bin in a standard carrier bag (**not** a bag for life)

All items for consideration to: -

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The wedding of Craig and Katie Holder (with baby Maisie) on 17th June at Hatherley Church, and afterwards at Hatherley Manor Hotel.

Best wishes from all of us at Minsterworth



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Final Jubilee News:

Sarah McHale

In reviewing the Jubilee commemorations, we had a sum of money left over from the donations provided by the Village Hall, Church, Harvey Centre and Parish Council, and the profit from the sale of burgers and hot dogs on the Beacon Night. In discussion with the Jubilee working party it was decided to make a £100 donation from the village to Gloucester Food Bank. We have received a very lovely card with acknowledgement and thanks. The card is available for you to read on the noticeboard outside St Peter's Church

WELCOME LEAFLET FOR NEW RESIDENTS

Roger Blowey

As houses change hands and new residents enter the Village, the Parish Council tries to deliver a 'welcome leaflet', giving useful names and contact numbers, to each new arrival. A copy of the leaflet can be found at the following link: [Welcome to Minsterworth](#), or just go to the Parish Council website ([Minsterworth Parish Council](#)) and click on the 'Documents' tab.

We are very keen to ensure that every new resident receives a copy of our welcome leaflet. To that end, when someone new arrives, we would be very grateful if you would be kind enough either to print off a copy from the website and deliver it to your new neighbour, or if you prefer, give me a ring or send a text (07768 451071) or email (rogerblowey@hotmail.co.uk) with the information, and I will arrange it. Many thanks.

THE LOSS OF THE THURSDAY FISH AND CHIP VAN

Roger Blowey

Apologies for the sudden 'disappearance' of the Made Without Gluten fish and chip van. We were given very short notice that they no longer wished to set up a pitch at Minsterworth, with no major reason provided. In addition to the food, the van provided a pleasant social gathering!

We are currently looking into other options, for example a pizza van, and will come back to you when the decision has been made.

**Riddle 1 Q: What has to be broken before you can use it?
Answer on p17**

Tewkesbury Borough population increases by 15.8% in 10 years

Roger Blowey

Data from the 2021 census results for England and Wales has identified Tewkesbury Borough as one of the fastest growing regions in the UK. Figures published by the ONS (Office for National Statistics) on 28 June 2022 reveal a population growth in the Tewkesbury Borough area of 15.8%, an increase from 81,943 residents in 2011 to 94,900 in 2021, the equivalent of 12,957 additional residents. The increase can be attributed to births and people moving into the borough to live and work. Looking at all of the new houses in the area, it's perhaps not surprising – but is this rate of growth sustainable?

The figures rank Tewkesbury Borough as having the eighth fastest growing population in England and Wales, and the only district across the Midlands and Southwest England in the UK top 10. The table is topped by Tower Hamlets in London which has seen a population increase in 22.1% since 2011.



Village Wine Tasting No.3

By Simon Ruffley and Vic Martindale

Friday, 21st October 2022 at 7:00pm

in

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Ever wondered if it's worth paying up to £20 for a bottle of wine then why not come and join an informative and entertaining evening tasting 4-pairs of wine where we will see...

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Wellbeing

Runes

Nicky Milligan

Runes have always fascinated me and there are plenty to see in Iceland. Everyone I asked about them on my visit to Iceland 4 years ago shrugged and said they were old fashioned, not at all relevant to the now and then showed me a main road that had been diverted to placate the nature spirits!

Runes were originally a brilliant way of communicating when there was no written information at all because everything was communicated orally. It was the Vikings who destroyed much of our early written information when they came raiding because they did not understand it and did not know what it was. Way back in time a stone or piece of wood could be marked with relevant symbols for a very brief message and put where the recipient would find it (or fall over it!). They were used for good luck and healing as well. There is even a picture of a comb with a runic inscription on it that helpfully says "I am a comb".

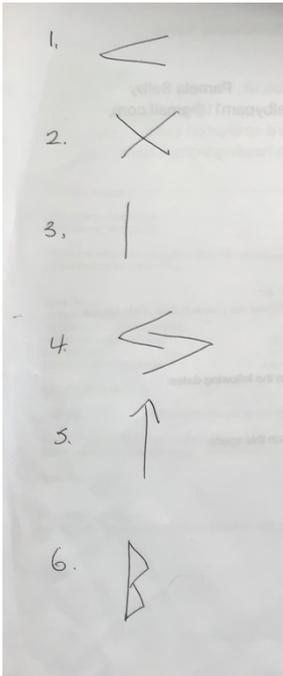
When Christianity arrived in the Scandinavian countries information was gradually absorbed between peoples. When a gathering of Bishops or other high-ranking persons wanted a very private meeting it was called a "Rune".

The runic alphabet or Futhark was in use throughout Northern Europe from the third to the twelfth century. It is interesting that the runic symbols are around today in mathematics, music, science and the computing world.

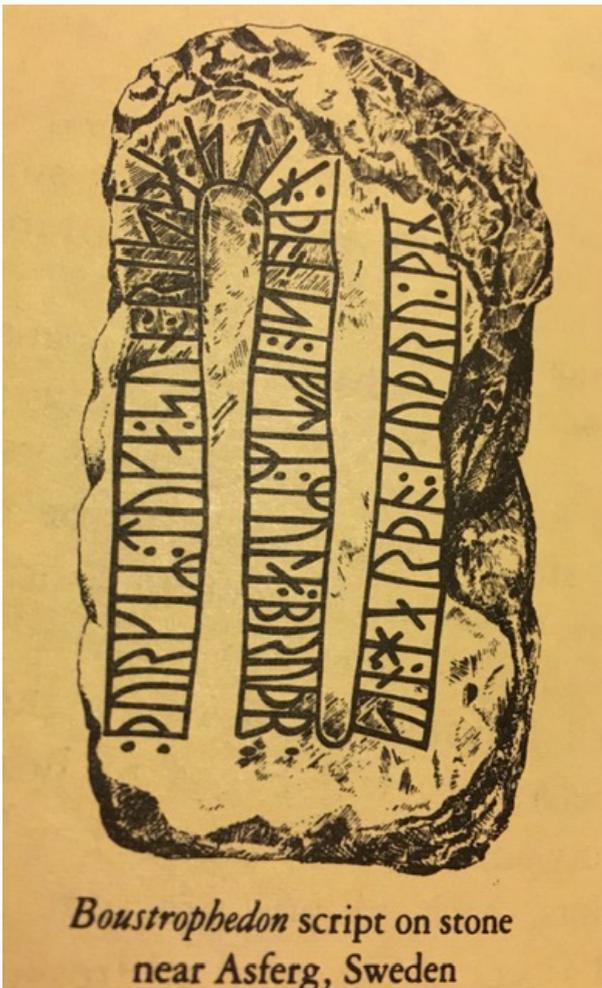
It was Odin who hung on the Tree of Life, Yggdrasil, and discovered runic symbols:

"I hung on that windy tree
For nine long nights
Well being I won
And wisdom too
From a word to a word
I was led to a word
From a deed to another deed"
(from the Poetic Edda C 1200)

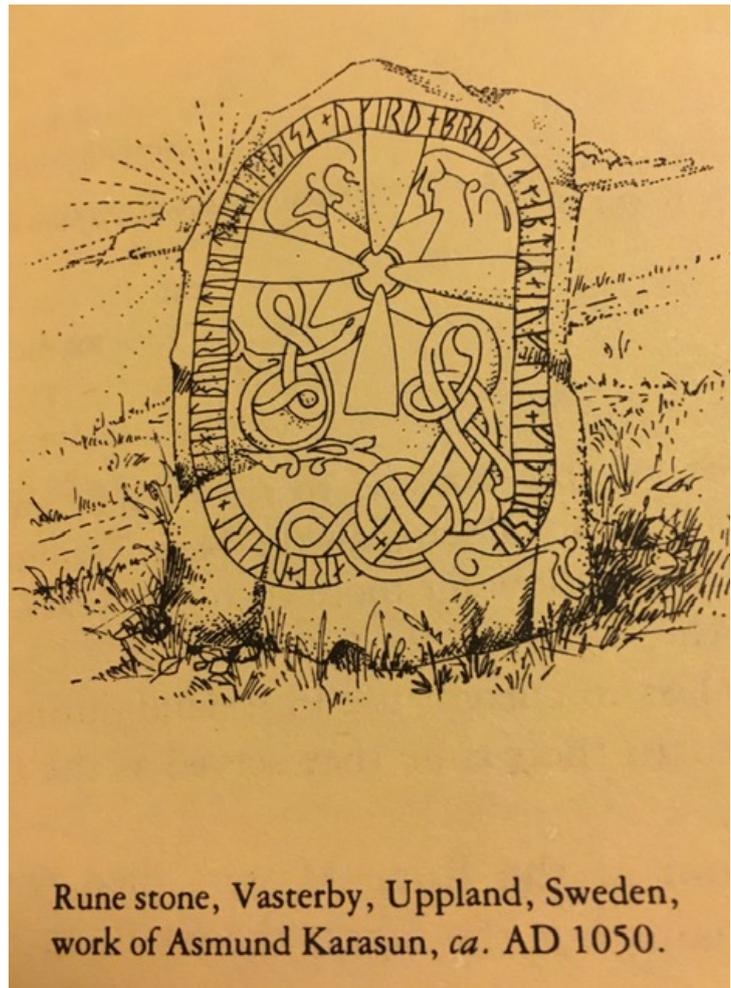
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- 1 KAUNAZ...knowing...opening to the light a crescendo (get louder) in music.
 - 2 GEBO...a gift, a kiss, a good luck charm in medieval times that would be chalked on barn doors to help with a good harvest and so on.
 - 3 ISA ... this shows someone or a situation that is rigid and unbending.
 - 4 JERA symbolises the agricultural year... opening from spring into summer into autumn, when the year starts closing down (getting louder then softer in music).
 - 5 TEIWAZ ... onwards and upwards ... courage... this way forwards.
 - 6 BERKNA ... opening up, fertility and birth maybe family news or a business project...
- It's very similar to the Bluetooth symbol!



Boustrophedon script on stone
near Asferg, Sweden



Rune stone, Vasterby, Uppland, Sweden,
work of Asmund Karasun, *ca.* AD 1050.

Historic August

- 3rd August 1926 Britain's first set of electric traffic lights appear on the streets of London
- 5th August 1962 Nelson Mandela imprisoned for attempting to overthrow South Africa's apartheid rule
- 6th August 1881 Birth of Sir Alexander Fleming, Scottish discoverer of Penicillin
- 11th August 1897 Birth of best-selling children's writer Enid Blyton, whose books have been among the world's best-sellers since the 1930s, with more than 600 million sold.
- 24th August 1875 Matthew Webb (Captain Webb) started his attempt from Dover in Kent, to become the first person to swim the English Channel. He reached Calais, France at 10.40 am the following morning, having been in the water for 22 hours.

August's jokes

A horse walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Why the long face?"

A lobster walks into a bar. The bartender says, "We don't serve 'food' here."

What's brown and sticky? A stick.

Two guys walked into a bar. The third guy ducked.

What would the Terminator be called in his retirement?
The Exterminator.

Don't interrupt someone working intently on a puzzle.
Chances are, you'll hear some crosswords.

Minsterworth Open Gardens 2022

Picture this, one evening in Winter we met to plan some social events, to be organized by church members.

'I have been thinking about Minsterworth Open Gardens', mused Alison and the idea was born! What a brilliant idea and it was a great success! There are even mutterings about making this an annual happening...

Thank you to the wonderful gardeners in the village who volunteered to open their gardens. A lot of hard work was involved, much digging and planting, brushing and tidying, watering and nurturing, not to mention cultivating, dividing and dead heading.

We prayed for fine weather and for a plentiful turnout of folk - the weather stayed fine and the people came.

The event was a great success, in oh so many ways!

Nearly £800 was raised for church funds, thank you; but the day was about much more than raising money. It was great to see people from the village and beyond, coming together and supporting the occasion. It was a combined effort, and many villagers were involved. Some people distributed posters and spread the news of the event, others volunteered to help with refreshments, someone made a village map, we had an excellent carpark attendant too!

On the day there was a great buzz about the place. People sat in the church supping tea and eating lovely homemade cakes, there was a brilliant murmur of happy voices and laughter.

Folk arrived with cuttings and seedlings for the plant stall which was set up in the chancel of the church. Who knew that pews could come in so handy? They made great shelves on which to display our plants that were for sale.

We had a splendid time, thank you to everyone who contributed towards making this such a lovely occasion.

A final big thanks go to Dawn, for gathering various photos of the 'Open gardens' and putting them together for us to enjoy in this month's Villager magazine.

Annie Cowdrey

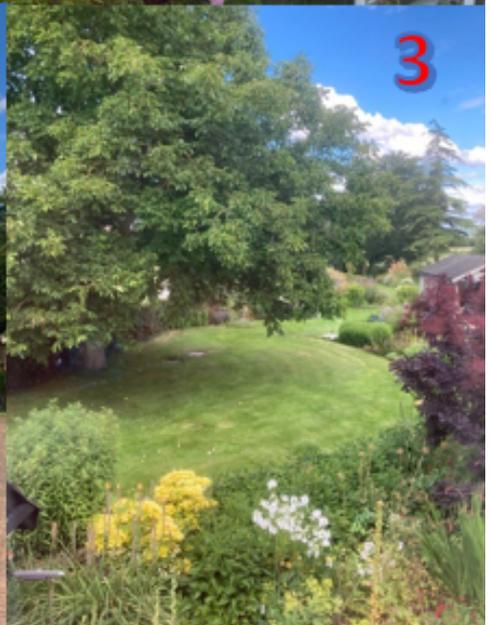
Riddle 2 Q: I am the beginning of everything, the end of everywhere. I'm the beginning of eternity, the end of time and space. What am I?

Answer on p16

OPEN GARDENS 2022



1 The Naight
2 Mermaid
Cottage 3 Street
End Cottage

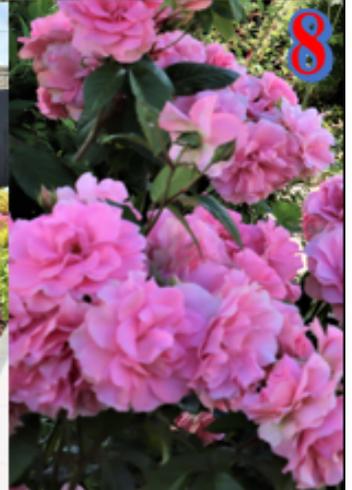


OPEN GARDENS 2022



4 Lyn Paddock
5 Ashcroft

OPEN GARDENS 2022



6 THE FIRS

7 CRAYCROFT

8 2 LYNCROFT



OPEN GARDENS 2022

PLANT SALE

9 CAMDEN COTTAGE
10 MINSTERWORTH COURT





Memory Café - Tuesday 16th August 2022

The Memory Café aims to provide a fun, friendly, safe and supportive space for people living with dementia or memory loss, their partners, families and carers.

Supported by Artspace, Cinderford as part of the Mindscape Project, people can expect to enjoy a variety of craft and activities.

Itinerary:

- ◇ 11.00am arrival and enjoy a cuppa and a piece of cake
- ◇ 11.30am activities provided by Mindscape tutors
- ◇ 12.30pm – 1.15 Soup and rolls served. Finish

Further dates for the café are as follows:

September 27th, October 25th,
November 22nd, December 20th.

There is no charge for attending this event so why not pop along and join us? A warm welcome awaits.

For further information please call 07926 986 247

<https://www.southglos.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/care-for-adults/health-matters-and-disability/dementia-health-and-social-care/read-about-dementia/>

The Harvey Centre, Main Road, Minsterworth,
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Riddle 2 A: letter e

Q on p11

The Harvey Centre Calendar – August 2022

MON	<p>Tan House Choir 7.00pm to 9.00pm Telephone 01452 750128 to find out more...</p>
TUES	<p>Memory Café: Tuesday 16th August 2022 11.00am – 1.30pm Safe space for Dementia patients, their partners, families or carers to enjoy coffee, crafts and lunch. Call 07926 986 247</p>
WED	<p>Community Cafe including Book/DVD/ Audio Book exchange. Weekly from 10.00am to 12.30pm</p> <p>Main Hall: Strength, balance and mobility class 10.00am to 11.00am Telephone 01452 234005 or email info@farrphysio.co.uk leave mobile number/email address. A member of the team will then contact you to arrange.</p> <p>Children’s activity session 11.00am to 1.00pm Outdoor Crafts, Nature Hunt, creating Bug Hotels etc. Call 07926 986 247</p>
THUR	
FRI	<p>Art for Wellbeing 10.00am to 12.30pm Please pop along or call 07926 986 247</p> <p>Book/DVD/ Audio Book exchange 9.30am to 12.00 noon</p>

Food Bank: Donations of tinned and dried goods always welcome. These can be dropped off at the centre during café or opening hours above. Donations are collected weekly and transported to The Gloucester Food Bank.

Riddle 1 Q: on p5
A: An egg

Riddle 3 Q: what is full of holes but still holds water?
Answer on p20

Northwood Green Gardening Club

Karen Johnson

Northwood Green Gardening Club is a very friendly group of people who enjoy gardens and gardening. We meet on the second Thursday of the month from September to May at Northwood Green Social Hall at 7:30 pm and during the summer months we enjoy a programme of visits to gardens.

Our members come from near and far; around the local area and as far as Cheltenham. We are always delighted to welcome guests and new members. Membership is £12 per year and guests £3.

We had a very enjoyable evening visit to Monk's Spout at Glasshouse in June - a beautiful garden with an astonishing display of carnivorous plants, as well as more traditional plantings, in a lovely setting surrounded by mature trees. Our next visit is a full day, to two beautiful NGS gardens near Cheltenham on 11 August: Oak House, Gretton, and Green Bough, Winchcombe. Oak House is just over one acre. Divided into rooms with some quirky features, wildlife and formal pond, summerhouse, gazebo and wild-flower meadow and over fifty varieties of rose. Green Bough has many plants that are either grown from seed or propagated from cuttings by the owner to give generous drifts of colour. Total Admission £8 with donation towards cakes at Green Bough. Lunch can be arranged at a local pub at extra cost.

Our annual summer social event was held in a member's garden at Minsterworth on the evening of Thursday 7 July.



Summer Social event in a member's garden

We endeavour to find speakers to meet the varying interests of our members and recent speakers have included: Garden Landscape and Design, Unusual Fruit and Vegetables, Butterflies, Fuchsias and a most interesting talk from Adam Alexander who is seed guardian for the Heritage Seed Library. Adam's true passion is collecting rare and endangered vegetables from around the world. We were extremely fortunate to be able to host Adam to learn about seed...

...saving and purchase seeds. We are looking forward to being able to compare results when we meet again in the autumn.

We hold an annual sale of plants grown by our members. This is a great opportunity to restock our gardens and to share some of our favourite plants with others. This plant sale is very popular with members and visitors alike.

Our programme of speakers continues in September and is overleaf on p19:



Garden visit at Glasshouse



Trip to Sudeley Castle Christmas lights



Fun & games at our Christmas party

Programme for the rest of 2022:

- **Thursday 8th September.** Alpines around the Garden. Pam Turner from Upleadon will give a talk as well as a practical demonstration of how to plant an Alpine Container.
- **Thursday 13th October.** The Scented Garden. Gail Plant will be giving an interactive talk, including plants for us to see, as well as the history and science. This evening will also be our Cheese and Pickle evening, when members bring along their homemade pickles with recipes for us all to sample along with delicious bread and cheese. This evening is a perennial favourite in our Gardening Club calendar.
- **Thursday 10th November.** Bearded Irises. Alun and Jill Whitehead who hold the National Collection of Siberian Iris at Aulden Farm, will be giving a most interesting talk about the Bearded Iris, their history, what varieties to choose, how they are grown.
- **Thursday 8th December.** The Christmas Social. Always an important date of our year. The chance to relax with mulled wine and our renowned buffet and enjoy good company as well as taking part in competitions and quizzes.

Non-members are very welcome to join us at any of these events - please contact karen.f.johnson@btinternet.com or call 01452 760970 for more details.

Sudoku

Paula Ruffley

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

Try an easy Sudoku over your morning coffee or afternoon tea. Perhaps complete one every morning to keep that brain in trim, and maybe a Wordle too... Well you'll get very good at 5 letter words anyway!

Riddle 3 on p17
A: a sponge

Riddle 4 Q:
What is the end of everything?
Answer on p26



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Solitary British bees

Paula Ruffley

Nine out of every 10 bees are not what you think. Most people think all bees live in hives, make honey and serve a queen.

Not so.

Out of 267 species of bee in the UK, only one is a honeybee, and only 25 species are bumblebees. These 26 species are social and live in colonies. The other 90% are solitary bees — that's around 240 species.

1 - Mistaken identity

For starters, let's get some common misconceptions out of the way. Solitary bees do not live in colonies, do not serve a queen or make honey. They don't make wax either. Some solitary bee species nest in large groups, and a few have evolved social behaviour rather like bumblebees, but they generally build individual nests and work alone.

They are not aggressive or territorial, they do not swarm and rarely sting (when the females do sting it's not painful or harmful to humans or animals). They vary vastly in size, but are generally smaller than the famous, furry bumblebee. As a result, they're often mistaken for.



2 - Solitary by name

Working alone, the female collects building materials for the nests and food for the larvae, then builds an individual cell for each egg. She lays each of her 20-30 eggs on top of a ball of pollen stuck together with nectar. She builds a partition wall, then repeats the process until the tube or hole is full. Then she closes it with mud, leaves or fine hairs before moving on to the next tube. This is

contrast to most honeybees, where the queen lays the eggs and a team of other bees work together to look after them. The female solitary bee's eggs hatch into larvae, eat the pollen and enter hibernation, staying in the cocoon for around 11 months throughout the summer and winter. The following spring, the larvae pupate, turn into adult bees and emerge from their nest. Once outside of the nest, the average lifespan is a brief 4-6 weeks.

Unlike male drone bees in a bumblebee colony, male solitary bees only have one job, and you can probably guess what that is – yep, they mate with a female, then die. But the female is equally cut-off from the nurturing process, because, once she seals her last cell, her job is done too; she plays no further part in the lives of her young.

3 - Star pollinators

Contrary to popular belief that the honeybee is the best pollinator of all our plants, flowers and trees, solitary bees outperform these larger species hands down. They don't have pollen baskets on their legs (unlike social bees), so they lose much more pollen as they fly, making them the star pollinators of the bee world. A single red mason bee, for example, pollinates 120 times more flora than a single worker honeybee.

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4 - Make this hole a home

Solitary bees make nests in hollow stalks and tubular holes in soil, sand, clay, mortar or wood. Around two thirds (70%) are known as mining bees. They make homes for their young in underground holes, tunnels and burrows (whether soil, sand or clay), with habitats including: gardens, allotments, road and rail embankments riverbanks, cliff faces, moorlands and open woodlands. They also make nests in tunnels bored into dead wood by beetles or woodworms.

One of the most prevalent species is the hairy-footed flower bee (*Anthophora plumipes*), which has a similar appearance to the bumblebee (but a different, more erratic, flight motion). These hairy-footed bees can nest in large, noisy groups. Nests tend to be shallow

hollows in soft mortar or soil. Alongside mining bees, the other main grouping of solitary bees is the cavity nesting bee, which makes a home out of dry, hollow stems of wildflowers or dead plants like brambles.



5 - A word about 'bee plants'

Food sources for solitary bees include wildflowers and fruit trees. But solitary bees can't always fly as far as honeybees to forage and, because of their size, they are more choosy about what they can feed on. Unfortunately, so-called 'bee plants' and 'bee-friendly seed mixes' are aimed at beekeepers and the honeybee (which is only one species out of 267), so some of these plants may not be suitable for many types of solitary bees.

So, to create new habitat for solitary bees, it's wise to let parts of your garden grow wild and plant a wide variety of flowers, shrubs and trees.

WHY 2 ARTICLES ABOUT BRITISH INSECTS IN JULY AND AUGUST?

Insect species have been hit hard over the past **several** decades, largely due to the use of pesticides such as Neo-nicotinoids. This is even though we have known about this for many years – insects just aren't sexy or cute (mostly!), but they are a key pollinator of our food crops and of a huge range of plants that help make our country beautiful. To pollinate is to produce more! And may help curb this seemingly unstoppable global warming that we also already know about but seem collectively unable to find the will to stop!





Minsterworth & District Royal British Legion

Our meeting in July had a very full agenda discussing the Remembrance Service in November, a social event and, importantly, our membership numbers, welfare issues and a £1,000 donation made to the branch.

MILITARY HISTORY

1798	Aug 1 st	Battle of the Nile
1942	Aug 15 th	Malta survives Axis siege
1981	Aug 15 th	WRNS training establishment closes
1942	Aug 19 th	Dieppe raid
1914	Aug 28 th	Battle of the Heligoland Bight

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 12th, 2022.
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Terry Bourne – President
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Recipe

Salmon en croute

Judith Cockcroft

Ingredients:-

- 1 roll of puff pastry
- 1 carton of cream cheese
- Garlic purée
- Salt and black pepper
- 1 egg
- Fresh salmon
- 1 small tin of pink Salmon

Oven temp. 200c Fan oven 180c, gas mark 6

Cooking time 20/25 minutes or until brown

Method:-

1. Cook fresh salmon in microwave, allow to cool, and remove skin.
2. Open and drain tin of salmon, remove bones.
3. Mix together with fresh salmon
4. Unroll puff pastry, and cut into 4
5. Spread all over with cream cheese
6. Spread all over with garlic purée
7. Add salt and black pepper
8. Put salmon mix on 1/2 the puff pastry
9. Beat egg, and egg wash sides only
10. Fold over, and crimp sides with a fork
11. Using a sharp knife, criss/cross the top of the en croute
12. Egg wash all over, and transfer onto a baking tray
13. Cook



Sauce:-

- 1 pkt of mushroom soup.
- Cook as per instructions.
- Add fresh chopped mushrooms, pour over en croute.
- Serve with your favourite vegetables.

Comments:-

- I've used this recipe many times, it's a firm favourite, and never fails to impress.
- I've used it with fresh salmon on its own, tinned salmon, or both together.
- All are delicious.
- Enjoy.

Clean your oven without chemicals



FOR GOODNESS SAKE GEORGE -
I ONLY ASKED YOU TO CLEAN THE OVEN!

Pre-heat your oven to 200 degree C, fill an oven-safe bowl with water, place inside with the door closed and leave for 45 minutes. Allow your oven to cool and wipe away the loosened dirt with a clean cloth. Shelves can be cleaned by dissolving 250g of soda crystals in hot water, soaking the shelves and scrubbing them with a kitchen foil ball

A bear walks into a bar and says, "Give me a whiskey and a ... cola."

"Why the big pause?" asks the bartender. The bear shrugged. "I'm not sure; I was born with them."



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Minsterworth Reading Group

Minsterworth Reading Group meets the first Wednesday of each month.

On 3rd August we will review *The Devil in the Marshalsea* by Antonia Hodgson

‘Open Water’ by Caleb Azumah Nelson

The brilliant thing about Book Clubs is it encourages one to seek out and recommend books that others might not even pick up. ‘Open Water’ was a case in point. Selected from recommended reads in *The Sunday Times* and the fact it was the author’s first novel.

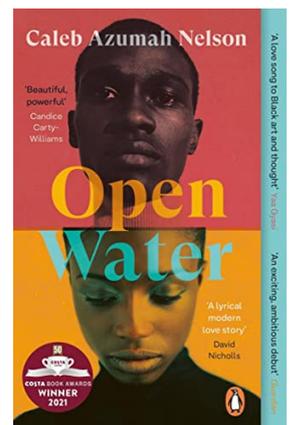
‘Open Water’ tells the story of two young professionals of African heritage. Both bright enough to gain scholarships to predominantly white public schools; and while their academic potential was nurtured and realised, their cultural background wasn’t fully recognised, appreciated or supported.

Oddly, neither of the main characters is named. The narrative is essentially a love story, though as the story unfolds and their relationship develops it becomes very apparent that the male character is struggling to cope with events from his past and reconcile these experiences with how he lives now. The themes of isolation, depression and violence are all explored against a background of racism. The murder of a young black man is witnessed and the main character spirals down: the relationship founders as he is unable to confide in his girlfriend. He truly is in open water unable to find the security she is trying to offer.

The group found the book a lyrical and poetic read. References to black culture – music, literature have all influenced the author’s style. We were all disturbed by the references to ‘stop and search’ and the sad realisation that while we may think we live in a multi-cultural and ethnic society we have a long way to go in realising a more accepting and understanding one.

Sarah McHale

Riddle 4 on p20
A: The letter g



You must be the change you wish to see in the world – Mahatma Ghandi

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Heiferinflation

Paula Ruffley

Kelvin Chamunorwa's mother was a middle manager at a bank in Zimbabwe, where she had worked for 25 years, steadily contributing to a pension. But horrendous inflation, which reached an annual rate of 231,000,000% in mid-2008, wiped out her savings. When she retired her pension was so small it was barely worth collecting.

So Mr Chamunorwa, an actuary trained in Britain, started a company, Nhaka Life Assurance, to sell inflation-proof pensions to Zimbabweans. The pensions are not denominated in Zimbabwean dollars, since they quickly evaporate, nor in American dollars, since many Zimbabweans struggle to obtain any.

Instead they are denominated in cows, which the government can't print. Savers, typically wage earners such as teachers, chip in cash, which Nhaka immediately turns into cattle. The assets grow by breeding. When a policy matures clients can demand payment in cows or the cash equivalent.

Zimbabweans have long seen cattle as a store of wealth. Mr. Chamunorwa jokes that he has merely updated an old idea and added livestock insurance. His scheme is especially suited to a country where savers have lost all confidence in conventional finance. The only way to rebuild trust is to offer people things they can touch and see, he says. Nhaka holds viewing days when some of its 70,000 clients can visit the cows.

Mr. Chamunorwa also likes to get away from his office in Harare, the capital, and visit them. At Nhaka's farm in Selous, 75km away, he watches newly weaned calves hungrily munching hay, and offers his actuarial opinion. 'Most of these, we'll be putting a bull on them in 12 months' time,' he says. 'That will be a compounding of the investment.'



Ref. The Economist May 2022

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Minsterworth 200 Club

The result of the July draw was as follows:-

£50 No. 184 Barry Tovey
£20 No. 195 Alison Raeburn
£10 No. 126 Malcolm Pobjoy

At the end of the 200 Club year there were vacancies to be filled, which have now been taken. Thank you to all who have renewed their subscription or have now joined the 200 Club. A special thanks to Mary Cooper, Jo Lee, Ann Mogg, Bev Robinson, and Liz Savage for collecting the subscriptions. An accumulation of funds has meant that this year we have been able to issue a cheque to St Peter's church Minsterworth for £1500.

Whist Drive

At the July whist drive there were enough people to make up 7 tables. The evening resulted in £75 for Church funds. As always, thank you to all who helped in any way. The next whist drive will be on August 1st

Church service times and flower rota

Date	Time	Service	Flowers
7 th August	5pm	Evening Service	Liz Duff
14 th August	11am	Holy Communion	Liz Duff
21 st August	11am	Morning Prayer	Denise Luckman
28 th August	10am	Holy Communion*	Denise Luckman

*Five Churches Together – at Tibberton

HELPFUL COMMUNITY LINKS

Minsterworth Neighbourhood Watch – join by e-mailing 64lettie@gmail.com

Parish Council – agenda, minutes, Councillors etc

www.minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk

www.minsterworthvillagehall.org – booking, recent events

Minsterworthmatters Facebook website – news, local produce etc

www.facebook.com/MinsterworthGlos/

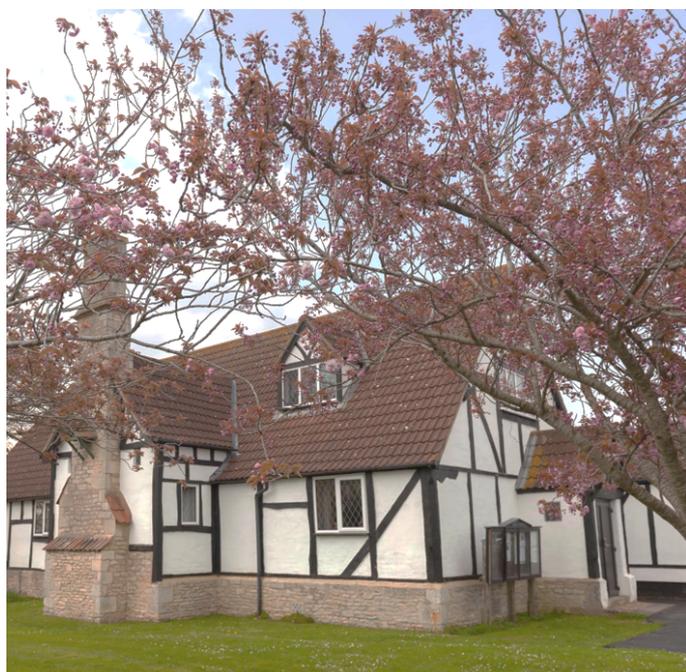
St. Peter's Church – www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14101/ services, events

Minsterworth Matters App – join by texting Roger Ingham on 07525330364
immediate village interests

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Why not plan your next event with us?

The village of Minsterworth can be found on the A48 to the west of the city of Gloucester, on the north bank of the River Severn nestled between the Cotswold Hills and the Forest of Dean.

At the heart of the village is Minsterworth Village Hall.

This website is for Minsterworth Village Hall activities, clubs and events.

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