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Editorial

Here we are solidly into Autumn, with the beautiful autumnal colours breaking through the sometimes-gloomy weather.

Another reminder of the changing seasons is the 10th of this month - World Porridge Day. Film buffs will be looking forward to the 68th BFI London Film Festival 9th – 20th and the annual round of party conferences starts with the Labour Party Conference 22nd to 25th. Those highbrow amongst us will be off to the Cheltenham Literature Festival (4 – 14th).

If you happen to be heading south, and I mean seriously south, on **October 2nd** an **annular solar eclipse** will pass over parts of the Pacific Ocean, southern Chile and southern Argentina. (During an annular solar eclipse, the moon drifts in front of the sun while it's slightly farther from Earth than during a total solar eclipse, so it doesn't completely cover the sun's disk. Instead, it leaves a distinct ring of light around the moon, hence why an annular solar eclipse is also known as a "ring of fire" solar eclipse. At the point of greatest eclipse in the Pacific, the moon will obscure 93% of the sun's centre, creating a "ring of fire" visible for 7 minutes and 25 seconds).

However back at base we have the inspirational, exciting and informative **Derry Hill and Studley Wellness and Sustainability weekend** (19th and 20th). All sorts of taster sessions including a Sound Bath, Yoga and Pilates will occur. Information and talks on sustainable energy and more will be staged. So, cancel everything else and come and enjoy - look out for details of events which are in this magazine.



Ed

October 2024 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
Wednesday 2nd		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 6th Trinity 19		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Time tbc	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
10.30am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Family Service
6pm	St Mary's, Calne	Festival Evensong
6pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Evensong
Wednesday 9th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th Trinity 20		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10.45am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Morning Praise
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
6pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Holy Communion BCP
Wednesday 16th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th Trinity 21		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
3pm	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
6pm	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Remembering Service
6pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Remembering Service
Wednesday 23rd		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th Last after Trinity		
9.30am	St Peter's, Blackland	Holy Communion BCP
10am	St Mary's, Calne	All Age Morning Praise
10am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	All age Holy Communion
10.45am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Holy Communion - Harvest
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Remembering Service
6pm	Baptist Church	Calne Partnership Service
Wednesday 30th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion

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If you wish to discuss arrangements for Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals or would like a pastoral visit or meeting arranged or need to see a Vicar, then please contact the **Team Administrator**:

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FLOODLIGHTING THE SPIRE

This is a lovely thing to do to remember loved ones and to celebrate special anniversaries and birthdays. The Spire is currently lit between 7pm and midnight, though this varies with the time of year. Floodlighting the Spire can be arranged through **Richard Aylesen – inspireeditor@outlook.com 01249 814632**

A donation to the church for the cost of the lighting is welcome.

Rector's notes for October – a Season for Remembering

You might think I'm a little bit ahead of the game here, because of course Remembrance Sunday is still a little way off, in November.



But what I wanted to write about here is a different opportunity for remembering which is happening in five of

the six churches in our benefice. This is particularly to remember our family members who have died – whom we still love but see no longer. There's a very long-standing tradition of inviting the families of those for whom we have done a funeral to a special service, but this year we wanted to broaden out the invitation to others too.

Amongst us there'll be huge variety in the ways we grieve for our loved ones. Some of us adjust to their death quite quickly, especially if they've lived to a good age and been very much ready to die. But for others of us, it's a great deal harder.

However, the process of grief is for you, and wherever, and whenever your loved one's funeral was, this is an invitation to come to a special Remembering Service. We'll sing some well-known hymns and listen to a reading and a poem or two. The centrepiece of the service is the chance to come up and light a candle for your loved one, and to hear the name of your loved one read out – whoever it is you'd like to remember. Perhaps they lived and died at the other end of the country, or even in another country. Or maybe in this, or the next-door parish. Whoever, or wherever, please know that you are warmly invited to come and remember them in your parish church.

It's not about wallowing in despair. But it is an opportunity to acknowledge our grief, and to be reminded that our loved ones are safe in God's safe keeping.

The date of the service is:

Christchurch, Derry Hill – Sunday 3rd November at 4pm

It would help us if you could let us know in advance if you intend to come. Please contact Peter, one of our churchwardens, on peter.rigby1947@btinternet.com with the name of your loved one, or

write on the list in church. But if you don't get round to it, please just come along on the day.

With my prayers, and very best wishes

Caspar Bush

Team Rector (Caspar.Bush@mardenvale.org.uk)

Derry Hill & Studley Sustainability and Wellness Weekend

This exciting event in the community calendar is scheduled for the 19th and 20th of October and will take place at the Lansdowne Hall and other local venues.



A good number of local businesses, community groups and other interest groups are coming together to allow you, the good citizens of Derry Hill & Studley, to hear about, discuss and try out a variety of sustainability and wellness initiatives. For example, you will be able to walk an exhibition and get a better understanding of heat pumps, solar panels, house batteries, EVs and learn about wellness opportunities such as yoga, sound baths, mindfulness, meditation and more. You can listen to presentations and join in debates about these subjects with regional experts and indeed members of our community that have gone before you. You might see a demo of some of the tech and, very, very importantly, you will get a chance to test out some of the wellness classes free of charge.



So, please do put these dates in the diary and look out for more information via InSPIRE, The Hub and through the Derry Hill & Studley Facebook page.

Peter Prater

Should I ring 999 or 111?

If it's a life-threatening emergency call 999, if you need medical help fast, but it's **not** an emergency, use NHS111 Online or call 111. When you dial 999 or 111, a call assessor will answer and guide you through a series of questions which are important and its vital that you listen, stay calm and answer as best you can to ensure appropriate care and services are actioned.



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- Chest pain
- Difficulty in breathing
- Unconsciousness
- Severe loss of blood
- Severe burns or scalds
- Choking
- Fitting or concussion
- Drowning
- Severe allergic reactions

If a defibrillator is appropriate, they will direct you to the nearest available unit in the village.

NB the 111 service does not have access to the defibrillator database. If they think your situation is life threatening, they will redirect you to the 999 service.

Julian Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat
07769 970401 / julesoliver3@gmail.com

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10.10 – 10.30

21st October 2024



An article from the past – some 70 years ago!

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_1_9_5_4_...._._._

What a great pity it was that there were so few members of the Mothers' Union present at the May meeting.

Mrs. St. John's presentation of the life story of John the Baptist through the medium of puppets, was most brilliant. We are most grateful to her and the Revd. F.R.J. St. John for their kindness.

There is still time to give your name in for the Deanery Festival Service, to be held at Calne at 7.30pm on June 17th next. We can provide transportation for you.

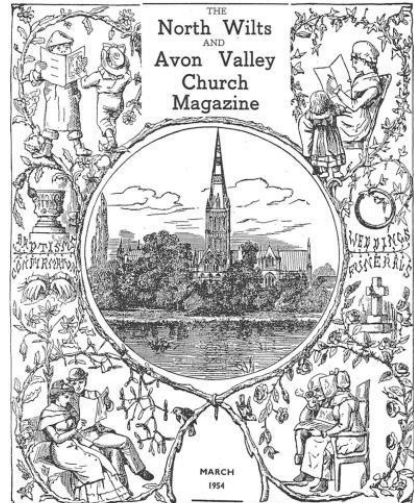
By the time this is in circulation we shall have formed a churchyard committee, composed of representatives from the church and chapel congregations. We hope to be able to tackle the problem of keeping the churchyard tidy. Every person living in the parish has a moral responsibility for its upkeep and we appeal to you to support to the full whatever plans the committee may decide to put in hand.

He who refrains from his duty of attending church each Sunday, without a reason (not to be confused with an ('excuse'), denies the brethren of the strength of his presence, and strikes as effective a blow against the Christian Church as any Communist could wish.

Let us close the ranks, brethren!

Rev. L.W.G. Hudson

Gosh, how times have changed! Ed



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YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU

Derry Hill and Studley is entering the Wiltshire Best Kept Village competition in 2025.

Make a note to volunteer for a village tidy up (and bacon butties) at 10am Saturday, 19 October before the opening of our Wellness & Sustainability Weekend. This will be the first of three tidy ups, also in March and in May, just before the BKV judges arrive.

Best Kept Village (BKV) is a Wiltshire-wide competition run by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) to:

- Foster and improving community spirit.

- Demonstrate attention to detail and inclusivity.
- Tidiness and presentation of the village.
- Protecting and enhancing our local environment.

It's NOT about the prettiest or most photogenic village. It's about us working together to improve Derry Hill & Studley's surroundings.

Martin Handyside 07802475018

Book Club review

Brotherless night by V. V. Ganeshanathan

This is a story mainly set in Jaffna during the long years of the Sri Lankan civil war.

The narrator, 16-year-old Sashi, an aspiring doctor, gets swept up in the violence and confusion at the start of the uprising by the Tamil Tigers in response to the oppression forced upon them by the Sinhalese majority.

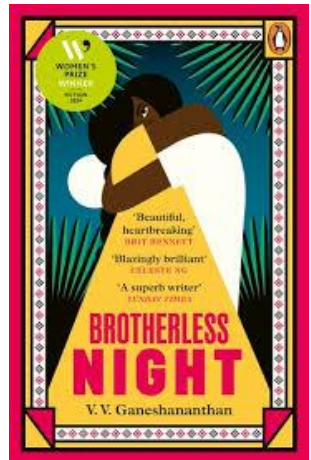
As the war progresses Sashi becomes a medic at a field hospital for the Tigers.

She wants to help people regardless of their political beliefs but soon finds it difficult to navigate the moral dilemmas caused by the war. The fractured groups fighting each other, divide families and challenge the moral consciousness of those trying to figure out the right thing to do.

When the Tigers turn on civilians and members of their own community Sashi teams up with her professor and begins to document the human rights violations that have been committed by all sides.

This is a book of deep moral complexity - there is no "right side" in this civil war - it is a story of both individual and national grief. It is harrowing to read in places due to the atrocities being described, so it is difficult to say it is an enjoyable read but is definitely a powerful book which resonates with the fighting still happening all around the world today.

Kay Brown



The Sky at Night

It's an exciting time of the year! With a most frequent rate of around 25 meteors per hour, the Orionid meteor shower peaks around the night of 21 October. This shower features particularly fast meteors which can leave persistent trains. The best way to see them is to look out for the flashes or streaks of light that come from small particles of the famous Halley's Comet crashing into Earth's atmosphere.



There will be a Super Full Moon on 17th October. Super because the Moon travels an elliptical orbit and when it is at its closest (perigee) it looks slightly larger.

Richard Ayles

Ride and Stride

What a great time we had. Eight of us set out for Bowood House on the morning of Saturday 14th September.

The sun had kindly decided to come out and play so sun glasses were the order of the day. We arrived at Bowood to be greeted by Jane and John and proceeded for our photo call outside the Chapel entrance to the house. Having had our photo (see front cover of this magazine) taken by house guide Andrew, we spent time admiring the house and gardens and then had refreshments in the Treehouse Café.

Many thanks to Lord Lansdowne for providing generous hospitality, and to the staff for making us so welcome.

We hope to have raised approximately £675 to be split between Christ Church Derry Hill and Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

We couldn't have raised this amount without the generous support of friends, church goers and villagers, so thank you all very much!

Richard Ayles

The Rev. Lionel Borradaile Bell

The 10th vicar of Derry Hill was Lionel Borradaile Bell (1945 to 1949). Lionel was born in Pretoria South Africa on 11th January 1890 to Adam Borradaile Bell and Jane Anderson. Lionel married Alice Dorothy Chadwick in London in 1930. They had 5 children - Evelyn, Allan, William, Douglas and Louise.

Lionel and Alice left Derry Hill in 1949 to settle in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) - selling lock stock and barrel in a sale at the vicarage. In Rhodesia they started the Borradaile Trust - a non-sectarian, non-racial, and non-denominational organisation to look after the elderly founded on Anglican tradition and run on Christian principles. Today their legacy is thriving in Marondera (a small town just outside Harare).

Lionel passed away in Marondera on 22nd February 1965.

Steve Calder



Calne Without Parish Council

What we've been doing in the last month

The Parish Council has continued to consider and respond to planning applications and requests for Highway improvement works. We are working closely with Wiltshire Council to realise the ambitions of our road safety feasibility study that we shared at the public meeting in 2023.

I am pleased to report that the proposed 40mph speed limit through the Studley Crossroads should now be implemented by mid-October, we await the implementation works to be completed by Wiltshire Council as the highway authority.

We are now on the countdown to the start of the new 'Derry Hill & Studley Parish Council'. We are starting to write the budget and confirm all the costs of the work that we already do and hope to continue to do under the newly shaped and named council when it starts work. We would love to hear from local residents about where we might look to set our priorities. We have created a short survey that we would like as many people as possible to complete. The survey can be found by scanning the QR code or clicking this link. <https://forms.office.com/e/HtXw7rPV8C> The survey will be open until mid-October.



As a parish council we are the voice of the community, we advocate for the wishes of the community within Wiltshire Council and with other groups that we work with. We cannot do that without people standing to be Councillors. This is not as scary as it sounds and can be a really rewarding way to have an input into the community. Next May 2025 the local elections will be held, and we will be looking to fill the 11 seats for the new Parish Council. If you think you might be interested in becoming a parish councillor, I would encourage you to come along to one of our meetings (all our council and committee meetings are held in public) and find out more about what we do and how we make decisions. All the dates for our meetings can be found on our website.

Reporting issues

Most months we have the Parish Steward visit us to carry out jobs as required, he can do small jobs associated with the highways. If you have an issue that you think he might be able to help with then please

feel free to email me with photos and details of the concern and we can see if he is able to help.

We regularly receive reports of works required that we pass onto Wiltshire Council for their attention. Did you know that there is a quick and easy way to report items such as potholes and issues with street lighting straight to Wiltshire Council? Search 'my wilts' app and follow the instructions. Once you have set up an account reporting is quick and simple.

Next Full Council Meeting Dates

Full Council – Monday 14th October 2024 7.30pm,
Monday 11th November 2024 7.30pm

All council meetings are held at the Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill.

Keeping in Touch

We have many ways that you can keep up to date with the work here at the Parish Council. Our website (www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk) is kept up to date with meeting dates and associated papers, we use our Facebook page (search Calne Without) for quick updates and news about our work and you can always get in touch directly with the clerk with any questions you may have.

If you need to get in touch with the Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk
07751802761

Katherine Checchia

Parish Clerk

www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

Knitting, stitching & craft group.

A group meets weekly, on Fridays 2-4 pm in Christ Church Derry Hill. Bring your crochet, knitting or needlework, all abilities welcome. Share tips, chat and enjoy a tea or coffee, £3. Any queries contact Christine 817780, Liz 812138 or Marcia 820196





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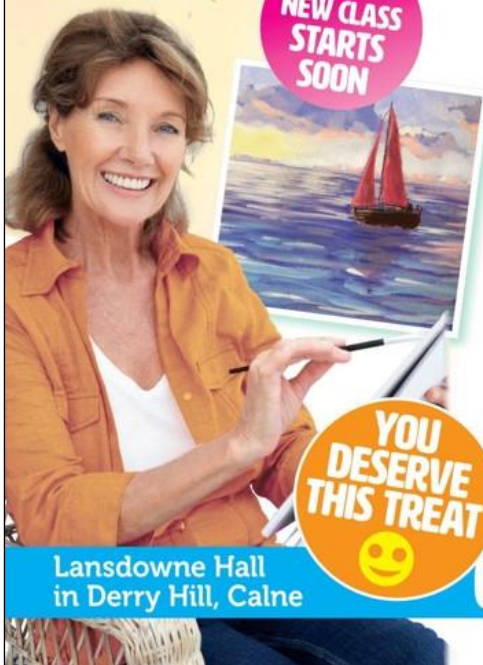
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Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club

At our September meeting Matt Simpson, from Simpson Seeds, gave a very interesting and informative talk about hydroponics - the technique of growing plants using a water-based nutrient solution rather than soil.

Simpson Seeds is a small company, based near Warminster and their seed range includes lots of unusual and great tasting tomatoes, chilli and sweet peppers as well as a good selection of other vegetables. Matt also makes chilli sauces using their own chillies and members enjoyed tasting and buying some of these sauces which ranged from 'very mild to very wild'!



The Competition Table of a selection of cut flowers in a vase was won by Liz for her beautiful arrangement of roses.



The Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club Annual Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 16th November, 11am – 3.30pm at the Lansdowne Hall – we look forward to seeing you there!

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month February to November 7.30pm at Christ Church, Derry Hill. New members welcome. The next meeting is on Tuesday 1st October and Charlotte Hitchmough will talk about Rain Gardens.

Paula Wheatcroft

pdoel@live.co.uk

0783 3755232.

Rub a Dub Pre-School

*This month is October,
the air is turning cold.
The leaves are changing colours,
to orange, red and gold!
This month is October,
and our new class has settled in.
At Rub a Dub, there are lots of new
children,
playing and learning within.
This month is October,
pumpkins will be the theme,
As we think about our costumes for this upcoming Halloween!*



Thank you to all the parents and carers for helping to settle your little ones into the Nursery. They have done remarkably well getting used to their new environment and teachers. It is lovely to see the children skipping in and saying hello to their newfound friends in the line. Well done children!

Christmas Raffle

You may be pleased to hear that we will be doing a Christmas Raffle again this year. We want to try our best to replicate the incredible selection of prizes that were on offer last year which included a wheelbarrow of drinks, meal vouchers for the Gurkha Baynjan and many more! If anyone in the village would be kind enough to donate a prize for this year's raffle, please email:

rubadubfundraising@gmail.com.

This really does make a difference as all money received from this raffle gets put straight back into the Nursery.

Bank Staff

We are Hiring!

We are looking to recruit a new Bank Staff member to cover staff training and sickness. If you are interested in applying, please contact the Chair of the Committee, Katherine Checchia by emailing rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk

Finally, the committee would like to say a big thank you to our incredible staff at Rub a Dub for enabling our new students to have the smoothest possible introduction to Nursery.

Leah Ryan rubadubsecretary@gmail.com

Jazz Club

Tuesday 29th October:

Nick Payn – sax and wonderful harmonica, last seen and heard at the Remembering Brig Night, plus the Haddrell keyboard experience.



Tuesday 26th November:

KATYA GORRIE sings with WILL HARRIS and group.

Next year, is our 20th anniversary on June 24th, for which we hope to dance to Hendo's Washboard Kings!!

Bring your own refreshments for which there are some (24) little tables...Admission still only £10 Please pay at the door

Reservations please by phone to 07976 945055 and please specify where you would prefer to sit (front, mid or rear of rows 1 to 6, on the back wall or in the balcony).

Cheers

James

Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group



It was a joy to return after our summer break when we met in Christ Church on Wednesday 4th September. We were delighted that Rev Sarah was able to join us which gave everyone an opportunity to get to know one another, especially those members whom Sarah had not met before. Barbara welcomed everyone and did the opening prayers before we had quite a lot of business to deal with, but this was completed in a timely fashion so that we could settle down and enjoy a Beetle Drive kindly organised by Robyn. We had great fun with different ladies winning the various rounds, but the overall winner was Christine P - very well-done Christine. This was followed by refreshments kindly done by Judi & Jean. Overall, it was a productive and enjoyable afternoon so thank you to everyone who came.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd October at 2pm in Christ Church when Geoff Hobbs will be speaking about "Making of a King" and Robyn and Dierdre will be doing the refreshments. All are welcome to come along and join us.

Barbara M Parry

STUDLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Greetings from the "Studley" end of the village:

In the spring we held weekly Lent sessions with our Superintendent Minister Rev David Gray.

We are now holding monthly "Community Cuppa" mornings on the first Tuesday of every month from 10.30am until noon.

All villagers welcome to drop in, light refreshments will be available, why not make this a go to `drop-in` point on a walk or cycle ride perhaps. Books and jigsaws will also be available.



During the summer new windows to the Church have been made and installed by member Ralph Hickman. His brother, Clive, has renewed the exterior painting to the rest of the premises. Our thanks were extended to them both during a service of dedication.

A quiz evening in July raised £125 for Action for Children.

On Saturday 5 October at 2pm there is going to be a talk on Wiltshire Nonconformist Chapels and Meeting Houses with Rev Graham Warmington from Westbury. For further details please phone 07746671390.

Church services are generally held Sundays weekly at 10.30am (please see outside Notice Board for up-to-date details).

Special weekend

Over the weekend of 19/20 October the Church will be celebrating its 169th Anniversary and for this occasion the Service will be at 3pm led by Rev David Gray and Rev Craig Manley. A local choir "Supa Nova" from Calne will also be taking part. Again, all welcome and there will be refreshments at the close of the Service.

Hope to see friends from the village soon.

Best regards,

Tina Clifford

Derry Hill & District WI

The Treasure Hunt around Lacock at the end of August was excellent! Alex had organised the event for members and partners. We were split into teams of four and set off at 10-minute intervals.



Alex and Elizabeth starting us off. Binoculars and clipboard ready.

We had a lot of fun tracking down the clues and putting off other teams with false suggestions!!!



The winners were presented with their medals at the meal in the Bell afterwards. Thank you, Alex, for a great night. Our 'Knit and Natter' sessions have reconvened for the

Autumn. Janet B. kindly hosted and looked after us all wonderfully.

September 16th was 'WI Day' nationwide. This commemorates the first-ever WI Meeting in the UK, in 1915. To celebrate this day the Ladies from Derry Hill & District WI have created this beautiful Tableau. Paul kindly helped us to put up our tableau outside the Lansdowne Hall, so gallant!





We have many things planned for September and October- Walk and Lunch, our Christmas Card entry final date, potential trip to Stourhead and the Wiltshire Federation Annual Meeting. Unfortunately, all happening after the deadline for this month's magazine. I will tell you all about them in the next edition

The Speaker in October will be Claire Dimond-Mills talking about 'The Darker Side of Wiltshire'

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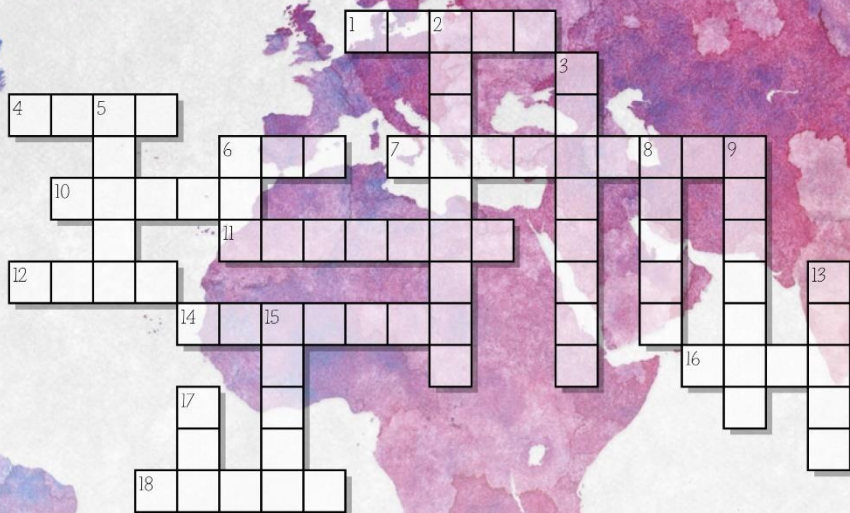
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October 2024 Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Month(5)
- 4 Kill(4)
- 6 Weapon(3)
- 7 Italian sparkling wine(9)
- 10 Scent(5)
- 11 Omen(7)

- 12 Drama(4)
- 14 Luck(7)
- 16 Smell strongly(4)
- 18 Nostrils(5)

DOWN

- 2 Residue(9)
- 3 Delphinium(8)


- 5 Main artery(5)
- 6 Opening(3)
- 8 Little(5)
- 9 Left out(7)
- 13 Foot part(5)
- 15 Scope(5)
- 17 Large snake(3)



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Wellbeing notes

Mulled apple juice recipe

Apples are linked with so many customs and legends, from apple dunking at Halloween, to the story of King Arthur and his final journey to the isle of Avalon (from aballon, the old Welsh for 'apple'). It can be wonderful to walk our local fields at this time of year where, in places, crab apples cover the ground in a bobbly green carpet; or to stroll in our villages where branches festooned with blush-red apples hang over garden walls. As the days grow colder, apples seem to work especially well with spices, which are traditionally used to enhance immunity, reduce inflammation and relieve painful joints.

One of my favourite October recipes is mulled apple juice. It's easy to make, fragrant, warming and positively good for you. Feel free to vary the flavouring as you wish. You might add nutmeg or cloves, and perhaps orange peel or fresh ginger. I added six damsons recently, which created a rosé version, as illustrated here.



Ingredients

- 1 litre apple juice
- 1 orange
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 2 star anise
- Optional: 1 dsp honey

Method

Pour the apple juice into a saucepan and gently heat. Squeeze half the orange into the apple juice. Slice the other half and put aside. Add the cinnamon and star anise. Simmer gently for around five minutes. Add the orange slices, and honey, if using, towards end. Pour into glasses and enjoy.

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- 4 Help(6)
- 6 Held up(7)
- 8 Wager(3)
- 9 Stronghold(4)
- 10 Energy(8)
- 11 Copy(9)
- 14 Mend(6)
- 16 Omen(7)
- 17 Try(7)

18 Plant life(5)

DOWN

- 1 Flock of pheasants(3)
- 3 Happening(5)
- 5 Ridged(8)
- 7 Hardship(9)
- 12 Everyday(7)
- 13 Froth(5)
- 15 Prod(4)



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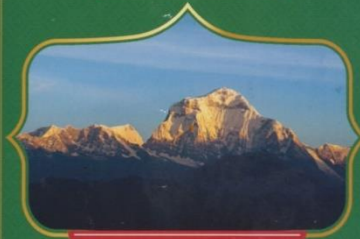
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