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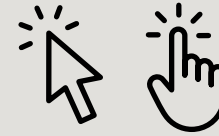
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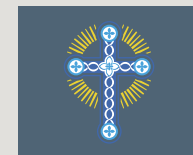
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Species of the month

## BRAMBLE *RUBUS FRUTICOSUS* AGG.

Peter Thompson, Barford St. Martin

**I REALLY LIKE BRAMBLES! Even though they can be a real pain when they invade the garden and scratch you when you try to clear them, brambles have many attributes – honestly, they really do!**

Let me start with the most obvious plus that this plant offers – blackberries! What a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon in the autumn, slowly wandering along a bramble-clad hedge, maybe with ageing grandparents and young children, chatting away while carefully plucking the tasty berries from the thorn-covered bushes.

Returning home with a punnet overflowing with blackberries is such a pleasurable experience, surely in-built in us all from a history of hunter gathering. In fact, blackberries have formed part of the human diet in Western Europe for thousands of years, as demonstrated by the discovery of a perfectly preserved body in a bog in Jutland, Denmark,

dating from around 490 BC (known as the 'Haraldskaer woman'), which indicated that blackberries formed part of her diet.

Do make sure however, that you pick your berries before the 29th of September – St. Michael's day, as some people believe that when Satan was cast out of heaven on this day, he landed in a prickly bramble bush, and for this reason he curses the plant by spitting (and worse!) on the berries, making them sour and inedible after this date!

We are not the only ones to enjoy blackberries, as many birds and mammals (dormice love them!) benefit from finding the ripening fruit. In fact, it becomes most noticeable at this time of year that most fox scats that you come across are purple in colour, stained by the juice of blackberries. My Lurcher dog loves blackberries as well, pursing back her lips and carefully plucking them from the lower stems!

I keep calling the fruit of the bramble 'berries', but in a strict botanical sense, the



PHOTO: PETER THOMPSON



blackberry is not a berry. Each tiny juicy 'blob' on the blackberry represents a tiny fruit or drupelet, and as there are many of them, it is actually an aggregate fruit. (A drupe is a fruit that has a fleshy, outer part that surrounds a stone or seed; a drupelet is a tiny drupe).



Deer love to browse bramble and in areas where they exist in high densities, they can actually limit the amount of bramble present in a wood. If the area of bramble is allowed to flourish however, it can grow into an almost

Without close inspection, any given bramble simply looks like all other bramble plants, but in fact there are many micro-species of bramble, maybe up to 400 different ones in the UK, which is why it is known as an aggregate species and is therefore written in Latin as *Rubus*

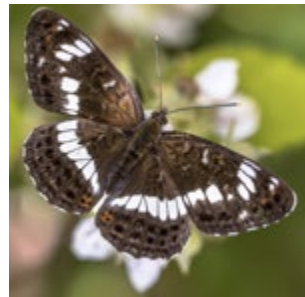


*fruticosus*  
*agg.*

Along with the blackberry gathering season, the other

time I particularly take notice of the plant is when it is in flower, as it is a fabulous nectar source for many insect species. If I want to know what butterflies frequent a particular wood, I will find myself a large sprawling bramble bush in full flower, situated in a sunny glade and settle down to let the butterflies come to me. Species such as the Silver Washed Fritillary (above) and White Admiral (right) will soon appear if they are nearby, to feed on the flowers alongside numerous different types of bumblebee and hoverfly.

impenetrable thicket, reaching head height and offering great shelter for many types of wildlife. Come the spring, these dense stands of bramble make an ideal place for early nesting birds such as the song thrush or long-tailed tit to conceal their nest.



So, the bramble is a tremendous plant in my opinion, a view that is completely confirmed

when I sit down at the table in mid-winter with family and friends, to tuck into a large blackberry pie, collected for free one Sunday afternoon, back in the mellow autumn sunshine — **PT**

Peter Thompson lives in Barford St. Martin and has worked in conservation and farming all his life. He is Chair of the Salisbury & District Natural History Society and would be delighted if readers joined either the society's Facebook page or the society itself – or indeed both!

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# From our Apiarist correspondent in Compton

Richard Willan

**BEWARE HORNETS OR RATHER BEWARE ASIAN HORNETS.** Like many suspect things emanating from Asia these days, this warning applies only to the Asian Hornet. Keep a look out for them and if at all possible, capture rather than kill them. Why? Because a captured Asian Hornet may lead a properly trained person to its nest, which can then be destroyed along with its queen.



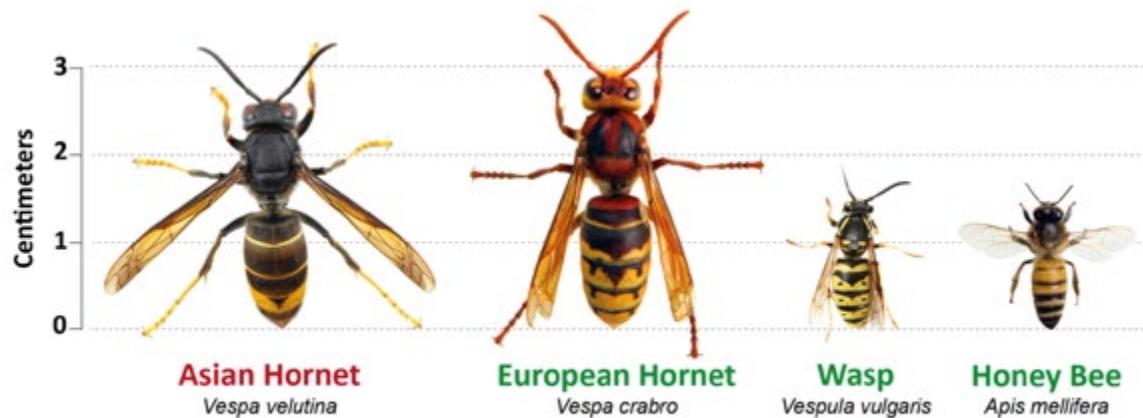
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Why are Asian Hornets a problem? Well, the food they like most of all is a colony of honey bees. They have spread into France and the Channel Islands with devastating results for honey bee colonies. Now they have found their way into the UK via ports on the south coast. Sightings have been made in North Devon, South Cornwall, Hampshire, Staffordshire, Dorset, Berkshire, Kent and Essex. As you will see from the images, the Asian hornet has one yellow band on an otherwise dark abdomen. The harmless European hornet has an abdomen of bright orangey-yellow stripes, rather like a wasp but much bigger.

In September and October they will be feeding on flowers such as ivy, fruit or carrion and any insects on them.

## If you think you've seen an Asian Hornet report it!

In England and Wales, email [nbu@apha.gov.uk](mailto:nbu@apha.gov.uk) or call the National Bee Unit Helpline on 0300 303 0094. The helpline is open Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm.



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# Walking the ancient water meadows of the Nadder

**Paul Watts** – Barford St Martin

**E**arlier in the year I was invited by John Stoddart, the Warden of the Barford and Burcombe Fishing Club, to take photographs of the now largely derelict workings of the ancient water meadow system in the Nadder Valley with a view to producing a photographic historical record. John had seen one of my photographs of the meadows at Barford St Martin on a Facebook post and realised we had a common interest.

As warden, he was able to arrange for the multiple consents required from various landowners and tenants to enter the mostly private land and take the photographs. As we walked for miles on cold winter mornings looking at the intriguing sights, neither of us knew that months later we would produce a book together, with John turning his commentary of how it all used to work, from its formation in the 17th century through to its heyday, into the excellent and highly informative texts in the book. As someone who has always been fascinated by dereliction, this was a great experience for me.

The book is approximately A4 landscape in size and has around 170 images, with many produced as full page plates across some 80 pages. To my great surprise, two print runs have now sold out almost immediately and depending upon further responses I will probably order a third.

To give you a flavour, I can do no better than quote John's introduction:

“The River Nadder meanders through South Wiltshire and, from its many sources along the valley, it collects its flows going on to join the Wylde just below Wilton and from there to its confluence with the Avon close to Salisbury Cathedral. Thought to have got its name from the similarity of its curves to those of the adder, this little river contrasts with the other Avon tributaries in being only part chalk stream, beginning its life on the greensand rock in the west of the valley. It rises and falls more quickly and can carry more silt than

its near neighbours but like them is prized for its trout fishing. The Barford and Burcombe Fishing Club was formed in 1956 by no more than six local anglers, many having retired to the area after military service. I am privileged to be the current holder of the club's position and title of River Warden. The latest of a line who have cared for the river on behalf of the club, maintaining the natural habitat for the wildlife and fish and supporting a wild stock of brown trout in a lightly managed fishery for the members. →



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The Nadder valley bears the remains of the ancient, now abandoned, water meadow system; 'floated, flowing water meadows' began to appear in South Wiltshire in the late 17th and early 18th centuries. An older system, 'flooding upwards' had been in use from earlier times, simply blocking the waterways and flooding the land it produced similar effects but was less controllable and could result in damaged and rotting grass. The club still manages three sets of working hatches but although little sign of the extensive works within the valley remains, careful searching can reveal a lot. This book attempts to record and explain the man-made features that can still be seen today but may soon be gone. The system was in use up to the period between

the First and Second world wars providing early, well-nourished grass for sheep. It declined with the rising cost of agricultural labour for which it was particularly hungry and the development of modern fertilisers and methods of arable production. Since then natural processes and deliberate actions by both Government agencies and land users have seen it disappear slowly back into the river and meadows.

A happy meeting of interests between photographer and river warden led to us being able to fulfil an ambition to record and explain these now largely forgotten structures.”

**John Stoddart**

Warden of the Barford and Burcombe Fishing Club

I am presently exploring the possibility of two further volumes to cover the old workings in the valley both upstream and downstream of those featured in the current book.



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## Mophead Mildred

Warm, gentle autumn days are here again ...

... BUT SO TOO ARE COOLER, SHORTER EVENINGS with the gentle rustling of drying foliage in the breeze... and so the wheel of life turns and we are back to where we were a year ago. This year's gardening cycle is coming inexorably to a close and soon the autumn tidy-up will begin.

However, there are two opinions regarding this exercise: those that like to have a clear, tidy garden ready to go through the winter looking cared-for and without straggly bits everywhere, and those who leave everything to 'do its own thing' and have a natural look to the garden



until the spring. I fall into the first group and always feel smug when my garden bursts neatly into life in March, and I think of the second group who are rushing about frantically cutting down, weeding and clearing last year's growth while trying desperately not to destroy any new hidden shoots. But no doubt I'll eventually get my come-uppance in the celestial garden for having

such proud thoughts!

Herbaceous perennials are still looking good, the last of the heleniums and asters are flowering in a lovely pairing of colours. Dahlias are always dependable autumn flowerers though not really my favourite. I find them too rigid for my wayward garden.

*Sternbergia lutea* is a little gem; its blooms could be mistaken for those of a crocus (except it is quite the wrong time of year!) and has slim green leaves with bright butter-coloured flowers. It will gradually clump up over time too. Other old favourites having their moment of glory now are bergamot with its quirky blossoms that pop up through the one beneath, *knautia macedonica* with scabious-like maroon flowers on lax mid-height stems, bright egg-yolk yellow rudbeckia, rich reds and burnt-oranges of helenium and of course that old faithful sedum – now renamed →



ABOVE: *Knautia macedonica*

RIGHT: Helenium







hylotelephium (don't ask!) – which is loved by butterflies. This year has also been very good for agapanthus and tradescantia, particularly *t.* 'Blue 'n' Gold' which, although they are both probably past their best by now, I include here as a reminder to grow them next year! The former for their grand structural impact whether in the border or a pot; the latter for its unusual purple flowers and contrasting gold leaf colour.

September is a lovely month for wandering round the garden and observing how it is starting to change. Growth is slowing down but colours are becoming more and more

ABOVE: *Tradescantia* 'Blue 'n' Gold'

BELOW: *Rudbeckia*



vibrant as sugars are moved to the leaves of deciduous plants before they fall. The stronger green, food-making pigment (chlorophyll) fades thus making the yellow pigments (xanthophylls) and orange pigments (carotenoids) more visible.

This 'shutting down' will produce the stunning autumn coloration of some trees and shrubs, for example *cornus alata*, *acer*, beech and *amelanchier*. All we need are some crisp cold nights to assure us of a glorious display of brilliant autumn colour.

**AND THEN WE CAN ALL LOOK FORWARD TO HOURS OF HAPPY LEAF-SWEEPING! — MM**

## Cyclists raise over £30,000 after completing Wiltshire to Devon challenge

**A group of cyclists who travelled over 100 miles from Wiltshire to Devon have raised over £30,000 for the Stars Appeal, Salisbury District Hospital's Charity.**

The Unlikely Cyclists made up of William Warden, John Matthews, Andy Hillier, Matt Oakes, Mike and Elaine Davis, Nick Cordel, Matt Hurley, Alistair Fenwick, Wayne Davis, Tristan Warden and Chris Combe, completed the challenge over two days. William, from Devizes, came up with the idea of doing the challenge after his wife Sarah was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and cared for at the Stars Appeal-funded Breast Unit.

After telling friends of his plan, they were keen to support him, and the Unlikely Cyclists were formed. Explaining more about what spurred him on to fundraise for Salisbury District Hospital's Charity, William said: 'Sarah was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in late 2022 and while sitting in Salisbury Hospital's Breast Unit, one grey and damp morning, I read through the list of companies and individuals who had donated to fund the unit to provide a calm and peaceful atmosphere for treatment, and felt I would like to do something to help. The care Sarah received from the dedicated team of nurses was faultless.'

Members of the group visited the Breast Unit at the Hospital on Monday August 9 for a special cheque presentation and also had a talk about the charity's work.



The group, whose ages range from under 30 to over 70, set off from Marston near Devizes on Thursday, July 13 where they headed to Axminster then on to Moretonhampstead on the edge of Dartmoor the next day.

William said: 'When we got to Axminster we were fairly tired, but we all made it. The weather on the Friday was a big challenge. Everyone was glad they did it,' adds William, who had initially set up a JustGiving page with a target of £5,000 and was 'amazed' as the fundraising total continued to grow. 'We never envisaged getting anywhere near that amount. To get over £30,000 we were astonished. We hope it will make a difference to a lot of people. 'We can't thank everyone who supported us enough.'

The Stars Appeal aims to raise over £1 million each year to fund projects offering direct, practical support to patients, their families, and the hospital's staff.

Alongside its Breast Unit the charity has provided the hospital with additional CT and MRI scanners and a range of new facilities including an enhanced Children's Unit and Cardiac Suite. Donations also help fund projects supporting cancer patients, including free aromatherapy, headwear

for patients who lose their hair, free drinks for chemotherapy and oncology outpatients, and a prehabilitation programme offering one-to-one support to help patients prepare for surgery and treatment.

Dave Cates said: 'We are so grateful to William and Sarah, and all of the cyclists and their supporters, for raising such an incredible sum for our charity. It will enable us to continue our work enhancing care for thousands of patients every week at Salisbury Hospital and supporting their families and the NHS staff that care for them.'

**ABOVE: William Warden with his wife Sarah and fellow Unlikely Cyclists presenting a cheque to staff on the Breast Unit at Salisbury Hospital. Picture by Spencer Mulholland.**





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Saturday 26 August 2023



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Teffont Magna

Teffont Evias



## Nadder Valley Gardening Club...

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Fovant

Dr Kinlin's September Focus Session

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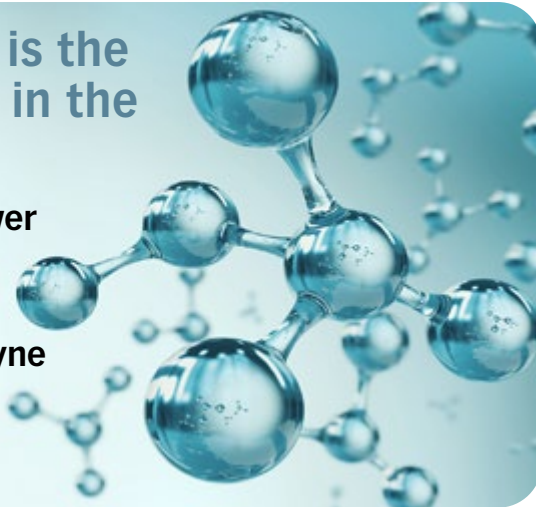
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## TEA and CHATS

We are having a tea and chat afternoon on

Friday 29th September,  
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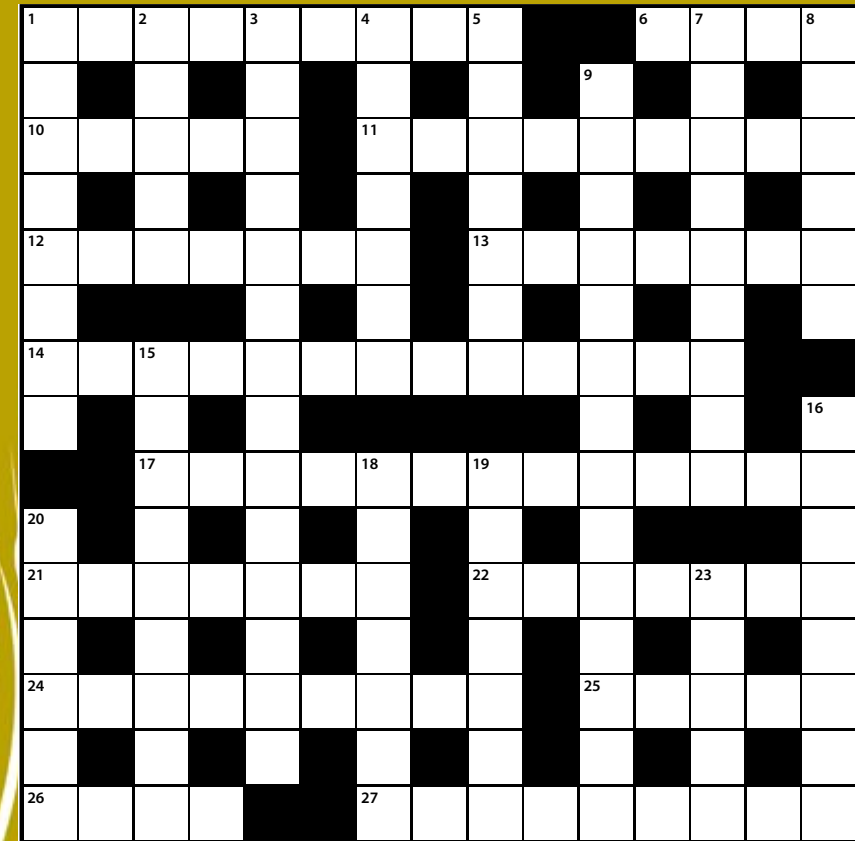
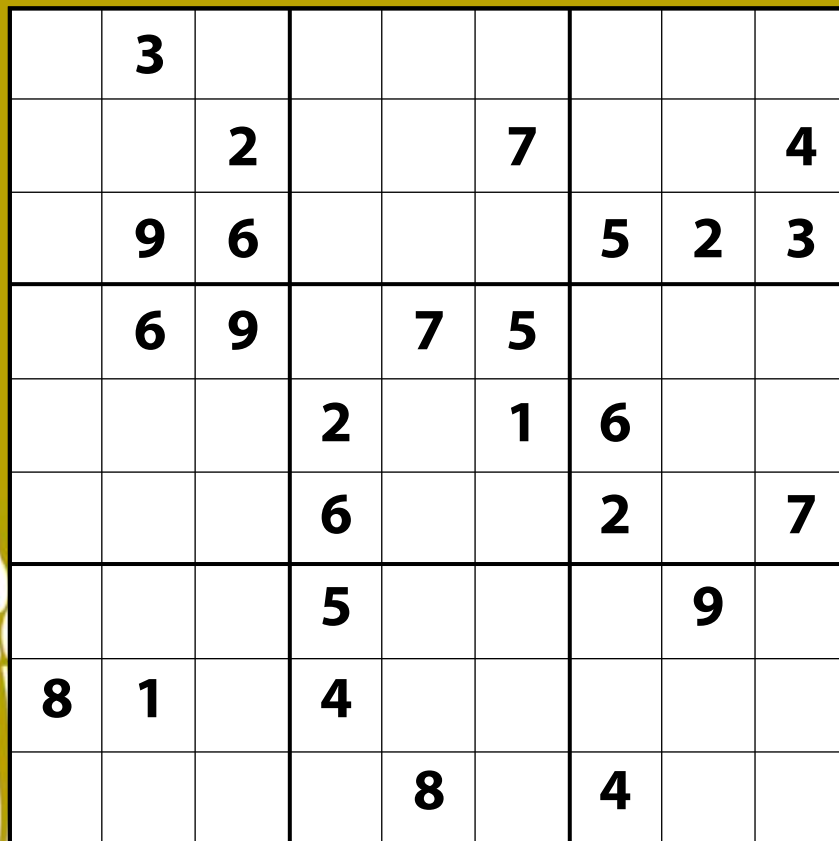
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**SOLUTION PAGE 37**



# September's Brain Gym

**Across**

- 1 Illinois-born Old West lawman and gunfighter whose dispute with the Clinton gang led to the shootout at the OK Corral in 1881 (5,4)
- 6 Edible burrowing marine mollusc whose shell closes with vice-like tightness (4)
- 10 Another name for the game "bingo" (5)
- 11 A tax levied on the legal recognition of certain documents, its payment confirmed by an impressed mark (5,4)
- 12 Isla \_\_\_\_, Scottish singer, actress and former TV co-host, born Isabella Dyce in 1952 (2,5)
- 13 A fluty-toned wind instrument, originally of terracotta, egg-shaped, with a long mouthpiece (7)
- 14 Literary character who said "To lose one parent, Mr Worthing, may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness" (4,9)
- 17 German piano manufacturer whose first factory was established in Berlin in 1853 (4,9)
- 21 In the Roman Catholic Church, a member of the lowest of the minor orders (7)
- 22 Informal name for the Financial Times Stock Exchange 100-Share Index (7)
- 24 A stadium containing a cycle- racing track (9)
- 25 The mother-in-law of Ruth in the Old Testament (5)
- 26 Immanuel \_\_\_\_, German idealist philosopher who wrote the Critique of Pure Reason (4)
- 27 \_\_\_\_ Water, the most westerly major lake in Cumbria (9)

**Down**

- 1 English novelist and journalist who was appointed Professor of Contemporary Thought at Brunel University in 2012 (4,4)
- 2 The dialect of ancient Greek used in the capital (5)
- 3 Irish philanthropist whose care homes, by the time of his death in 1905, contained over 8,500 children in 96 locations (6,8)
- 4 Country of origin of the 38th Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger (7)
- 5 Captain \_\_\_\_, character played by Frank Thornton in the TV sitcom Are You Being Served? (7)
- 7 Writer of the 1969 memoir As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning (6,3)
- 8 The international radiotelephonic distress signal for ships and aircraft, derived from the French phrase 'help me' (6)
- 9 An area of approved open-air public oration, debate and discussion, originally held in part of Hyde Park, London (8,6)
- 15 A two-day contest of ten track-and- field events held at the Olympic Games since 1912 (9)
- 16 A fine-grained dark grey igneous rock, of volcanic origin, found in South America (8)
- 18 Irish pop group formed by entertainment manager Louis Walsh in 1993, fronted by Ronan Keating (7)
- 19 An alkaloid that occurs naturally in coffee, tea, etc, acting as a mild stimulant to the nervous system (7)
- 20 The Old Norse name for the city of York, in North Yorkshire (6)
- 23 Czech automobile manufacturing company whose models of car include Octavia, Roomster and Yeti (5)

**SOLUTION PAGE 39**





## Come, ye thankful people, come!

It is sometimes said that the Church of England is full of delightful eccentrics! If this is true, then there can have been none more eccentric than The Reverend Robert Stephen Hawker (1803–1875), the nineteenth century Vicar of the wild coastal parish of Morwenstow in north Cornwall. When he arrived at Morwenstow in 1834, the parish had been without a vicar for more than a century, but ‘Passon’ Hawker stayed there for the rest of his life. Amongst other things, he is known to have dressed up as a mermaid, and excommunicated one of his cats for mousing on Sundays. He talked to birds, and invited his nine cats into church. He built a driftwood hut on the cliff top not far from Morwenstow (now owned by the National Trust), in which he would sit, clad in cassock and fisherman’s jersey, smoking opium, and writing poetry – which might be how he came to write *The Song of the Western Men* (or *Trelawny*), Cornwall’s national anthem.

However, the thing that he is most famous for is ‘inventing’ Harvest Festival as we know it today. In mediaeval England, Lammas Day (1st August) was a day when thanks were given for the first fruits of the harvest. The bread used at Mass that day was made from the new wheat, and it was this tradition in the main, which was

restored by Hawker. On 13th September 1843, he put up a notice saying that there would be a special Sunday of Thanksgiving and that the old custom of making Communion bread from the first wheat would be revived.

In a parish that had had no incumbent for over 100 years, it seems Hawker was concerned to give to his parishioners a festival with which they could easily identify.

I recall once leading a Harvest Festival in Tottenham, north London, where the whole idea of Harvest Festival, as conceived by Hawker, would have had little relevance. Even for us in Wiltshire, living so close to the farmland it is important that Harvest (which will be celebrated in our various churches during September and October) is relevant for us today. As we gather to thank God for the fruits of the earth and the skills of those who harvest them, we will offer gifts (both freshly harvested or preserved in tins and packets) of food grown and gathered from around the world. As we think about God’s bounty, our minds might be moved to reflect upon the harvest of souls at the end of time.

**Graham Southgate (Team Rector)**  
**Many blessings**



### Here’s how Robert Hawker developed the Harvest Festival as we know it today...



Robert Stephen Hawker was a fascinating figure known for his deep connection to nature, spirituality and his significant influence on the Harvest Festival in the UK. A clergyman and poet, Hawker was the Vicar of Morwenstow in Cornwall. His love for his coastal parish and its people led him to develop a unique approach to his ministry.

Hawker’s relationship with the Harvest Festival emerged from his desire to celebrate the interconnectedness of nature, community and spirituality. In the mid-19th century, he introduced the concept of a Harvest Festival service as a way to give thanks for the bounty of the land. His services combined religious worship with a joyful celebration of the harvest, incorporating hymns, prayers and the decoration of churches with seasonal produce.

Hawker’s idea of the Harvest Festival gained popularity and spread across the country. His emphasis on gratitude, communal celebration, and the acknowledgement of the land’s gifts contributed to the establishment of a cherished tradition that endures in the UK to this day. Hawker’s legacy lives on, not only through the continuation of the Harvest Festival but also through his contributions to literature and his innovative approach to spirituality that remains an inspiration to many.







DATE	3 September			10 September			17 September			24 September			1 October		
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SOUTHERN AREA															
Ansty	-	-	-	11.15	PC	GS	-	-	-	11.15	AAC Harvest	GS	-	-	-
Compton Chamberlayne	09.30	PC <sub>T</sub>	GS	-	-	-	11.15	AAS Harvest	GS	-	-	-	09.30	PC <sub>T</sub> Patronal	-
Fovant	08.00	HC <sub>O2T</sub>	GS	-	-	-	18.00	EBCP	GS	09.30	AAS Harvest	JA	08.00	HC <sub>O2T</sub>	-
Sutton Mandeville	18.00	EBCP	GS	09.30	MCW	GS	16.00	AAS	GS	-	-	-	18.00	EBCP Harvest	-
Swallowcliffe	11.15	PC <sub>T</sub>	MH	18.00	EBCP	GS	08.00	HC <sub>BCP</sub>	GS	11.15	AAS Harvest	JA	11.15	PC <sub>T</sub>	-
NORTHERN AREA															
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Fonhill Bishop	17.00	EBCP	JA/JD	08.00	HC <sub>BCP</sub>	JMH	09.30	MBCP	MG	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fonhill Gifford	08.00	HC <sub>BCP</sub>	EB	11.15	MBCP	JMH	08.00	HC <sub>BCP</sub>	JMH	11.15	MBCP Harvest	JMH	08.00	HC <sub>BCP</sub>	-
Tisbury	09.30	AAS	JA	09.30	PC	JMH	09.30	PC	JMH/JA	08.00	HC <sub>BCP</sub>	JMH	08.00	HC <sub>BCP</sub>	-
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Come and join us for a time of quietness and space to find

## Healing and Wholeness



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**\*6.00pm\***  
**Wednesday**  
**September 13th**

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"Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed" Acts 10.38  
the Disciples "went through all the villages, preaching the Good News and healing everywhere" Luke 9.6

Please Note that the next service will exceptionally be on the 1st Wednesday of the month – **Wednesday October 4th**

### SERVICES

- AAC** All Age Communion
- AAS** All Age Service
- BCP** Book of Common Prayer
- CbE** Communion by Extension
- CW** Common Worship
- E** Evensong or Evening Prayer
- FC** All Age Family Communion
- HC** Holy Communion (*said*)
- HC<sub>O2T</sub>/C** Order 2 Communion, *traditional/contemporary*
- M** Mattins or Morning Prayer
- MPr** Morning Praise

- PC** Order 1 Communion (*with hymns*)
- PC<sub>T</sub>** Order 1 Communion, *traditional language (with hymns)*
- PC<sub>O2T</sub>** Order 2 Communion, *traditional language (with hymns)*
- PC<sub>O2T</sub>/C** Order 2 Communion, *traditional/contemporary*
- RS** Reflective Service
- SoP** Songs of Praise
- SoW** All Age Service of the Word

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# A few chuckles

Rick Haynes – Fovant



### COULD THIS HAPPEN?

Walking back to my car, I slipped on a piece of wet plastic and fell down into a puddle.

A lady in a silver Mercedes drew up.

'Are you okay?'

'I think so. Thanks for asking.'

'That's good. You won't be needing your parking space then.'



### YOU CAN SEE THIS HAPPENING

Two old dogs are off the lead. Their owners walking some way behind.

Telling his mate to wait, the first walks over to a large oak tree. He sniffs as he slowly walks around the trunk.

'What are you doing?' Asks the second dog.

'Just checking my messages.'

A GOOD FRIEND TOLD ME THIS WAS TRUE – Maybe it was as farmers do have a great sense of humour.



I was walking through a field when I met the farmer. 'Why are there so many crows this year, Farmer Bob?' 'Well, I'll let you know my secret if you don't tell anyone.' 'My lips are sealed; honestly, they are.' 'Okay, I believe you so here goes. My new scarecrow is so intimidating the crows have stopped taking all my corn and even better, they are bringing back some of the stuff they took last year.'



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