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CONGRATULATIONS to **Margaret and Trevor Wheeler** of Brockley Road, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 17th June - from all their friends in The Wine Circle (and congratulations from all our readers too!)

GARDENER WANTED: no heavy digging, just weeding and pruning. Terms to be agreed. Phone: Daphne Collins 01453 826332.

TELEPHONE BOX LIBRARY:

We are very grateful to the volunteer team who maintain the telephone box library for us, especially during lockdown. The team make sure the library is cleaned, sanitised and tidy but there do seem to be a few books being donated that might not "fly off the shelves". Old recipe books, partly filled in baby albums (?), obsolete Haynes manuals, Year 2K for Dummies, etc. may appeal to only a select few, so before adding to the collection, please consider whether those books would be of interest to those wanting a good read or whether it's time for those books to be recycled elsewhere. Thank you.

Gloucestershire Constabulary DOG DNA

database: the first police force globally to use DNA to tackle dog thefts. The scheme known as DNA Protected uses a DNA marker system that has been developed for forensic analysis to help investigate criminal cases involving the theft of dogs. Storing a dog's DNA profile on Cellmark's forensic dog DNA database will make it easily accessible to Police forces and could help ensure the dog's safe return if it is lost or stolen. DNA Protected products will soon be available on their Neighbourhood Engagement Vehicles, and these visits will be advertised in the coming weeks. In the meantime the product is available to purchase by visiting the DNA Protected at <https://www.dnaprotected.co.uk/>. Kits are £74.99 and dog owners can also purchase branded collars and leads to show that their dog has been protected.

GO, SEE & DO:

Cheltenham Music Festival: 2nd to 11th July, including a Free Stage in Imperial Gardens, will go ahead, as plans were already in place to accommodate a socially-distanced audience. Visit www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music

Lavenders blue dilly dilly, lavenders green ...

Known to bring grace and good luck, English lavender blooms from June to September, with most farmers harvesting around late July. Here's where to see the fragrant flowers and smell the aromatic stems.

The Lavender Garden at Ashcroft Nurseries, Kingscote, Near Ozleworth is a traditional nursery, specialising in lavender and buddleja set in a Victorian kitchen garden. Contact 01453 860356 for opening hours or visit www.thelavenderg.co.uk
Cotswold Lavender Farm, Snowhill, Broadway. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily until 5th August. Contact 01386 854821 or visit www.cotswoldlavender.co.uk

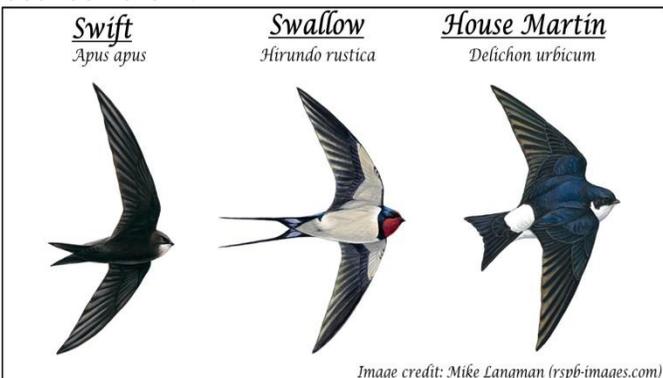


Longfield Hospice Butterflies: dedicate a butterfly in memory of someone special to you and view a unique and mesmerising artwork installation of 1,000 butterflies at Gloucester Cathedral and Stroud’s Museum in the Park. Each butterfly symbolises a life remembered. You can view the butterflies at **Gloucester Cathedral from 26th June to 11th July** free of charge with donations to the Cathedral welcome and at **Museum in the Park, Stroud** from **14th July to 24th July**. www.longfield.org.uk/butterfly-appeal

IN THE GARDEN:

Cut back hardy geraniums that have finished flowering to encourage a second flush. Get weeds out of the ground before they seed. Summer prune wisteria when it has finished flowering, cutting back long whippy shoots to about six leaves to encourage more flower buds next year. Remove rose flowers as they start to go over, otherwise the plant will use its energy to produce rosehips.

SWIFT, SWALLOW OR HOUSE MARTIN? They are all summer migrants to our skies, flying from Africa to raise their young and feed on insects during their three month visit. Can you spot the difference between them?



Swifts are high-fliers and extremely fast with a dark sooty brown crescent shaped wingspan, making them look a bit like a boomerang in the air, with a short forked tail, bullet-shaped head, and piercing

high pitched “scream”. They spend most of their lives on the wing.

Swallows dart and glide, often low to the ground or at tree-top height. They have a distinctive long forked tail with tail streamers, red throat and white underside, and longer wings than House Martins. You’ll often hear their chattering call before seeing them.

House Martins, the smallest and stubbiest of the three, have a pure white underside and forked tail and a staccato call. They can be spotted around our towns and villages, where they build mud cup nests beneath the eaves of houses. Most active in the mornings or evenings.

ON THIS DAY: 28th June 1838: Coronation of Queen Victoria, the only child of Prince Edward, Duke of Kent and his wife Princess Victoria.



Victoria was born at Kensington Palace on 24th May 1819 and succeeded to the throne in 1837 at the age of 19 after her father, grandfather and three uncles died without any surviving legitimate heirs. The coronation ceremony took five hours and only the Queen and Lord John Thynne, (Sub Dean of Westminster acting for the Dean), knew what should be happening. Having had no rehearsal of the ceremony, the coronation ring was painfully forced on to the wrong finger and an elderly Lord Rolle, fell down the steps while making his homage to the Queen. A confused bishop wrongly told her the ceremony was over and she then had to return to her seat to finish the service. Victoria recorded that very eventful day in her journal as “the proudest of my life”.

She married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha on 10th February 1840 and had nine children. Upon Albert’s death in 1861, she was so grief-stricken that she wore mourning clothes for the rest of her life, withdrawing from public engagements for many years, becoming known as ‘The Widow of Windsor’. She died on the Isle of Wight on 22 January 1901 after a reign of 63 years and seven months, longer than any previous monarch.