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HELP IN TIME OF NEED

Mel



This month's cover ..

Wootton Village Tea Room... "Moving on", Pam Jones received a bouquet in appreciation of her organisation since 2017. See p6.

Please keep the photos coming in - <u>everyone</u>; Remember... Outreach depends on <u>YOUR</u> contributions.

If you have events, clubs, sports, activities - anything at all, please get in touch and we'll see what we can do.

Deadline for the May edition - 15th April :

email to outreachwgk@gmail.com

THE PARISH OF WOOTTON, GLYMPTON AND KIDDINGTON





Sunday 2nd	PALM SU	NDAY			
-	10.15am	St Mary's, Wootton	"Sunday Light"		
Sunday 9th	EASTER D	AY			
	10.15am	St Nicholas, Kiddington	Parish Communion		
	(please note change of normal pattern of services)				
Sunday 16th	10.15am	St Mary's Wootton	Parish Communion		
Sunday 23rd	10.15am	St Nicholas, Kiddington	Parish Communion		
Sunday 30th	6.15pm	St Mary's, Wootton	Evensong with		
			Holy Communion		

We are invited to join our friends at St Mary Magdalene in Woodstock for Easter week services.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7.30pm:

Eucharist of the Last Supper with washing of feet, stripping of the altars and watch of the passion (people come and go any time until midnight when the watch ends)

GOOD FRIDAY - 2.00pm:

Liturgy for Good Friday with Meditations

on the Seven Last Words

HOLY SATURDAY – 9.00pm:

The Easter Vigil (with lighting of the new fire, blessing of the Paschal Candle and first Eucharist of Easter) NB Incense is used at this service. (Bring a bell to ring at the proclamation of the Resurrection! – (some bells will be provided).

Support the fight for freedom in UKRANE

Fundraiser at Wootton Village Hall

Friday April 21st at 7pm

Enjoy a Ukrainian feast including: Borsch Varenyky And other delicious specialities.

The evening will include a brief talk from a Ukrainian historian, Olha Sokolova about the Ukraine war in context and in particular about the role of Russian propaganda and cultural colonisation.

Tickets £10

Please buy from Wootton Stores or email Fcbatesukr1@gmail.com to register and pay on entry.

Please bring cash for a raffle and to buy drinks at the bar

All proceeds go a charity working directly at the front line to provide physical and psychological assistance to soldiers and their families and civilians caught up in the conflict.



https://www.riyukraine.com/en/about

GLYMPTON GRAND NATIONAL RAGE NIGHT APRIL 15TH

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RACE NIGHT EVENT

GLYMPTON VILLAGE HALL HOT MEAL 3 FREE BETS PER RACE RAFFLE AND PRIZES BYO DRINKS

4.30pm	Doors open - join the sweepstake - cash prizes for 1st 4 home	Free to watch- £2 per horse
5.15pm	Grand National	Free
6.00pm	Race Night Event	£15

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I am delighted to report that three excellent candidates are due to be interviewed for the post of Rector by a selection panel, led by Bishop Gavin, on the 27th March and by the time you are reading this we should know the outcome of the selection process, although it will probably be another couple of months before the successful candidate is able to take up the position.

Stephen and Pam will be leaving The Rectory sometime in April and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all they have done for the Parish over the past seventeen years. We are going to miss them but they are only moving to near Oxford, so will be close enough for us to keep in touch with them. We wish them both a long, healthy and happy retirement. The Easter Sunday service this year will be held at St Nicholas Kiddington at 10.15. Do come and join us for this great festival of the Church. All will be welcome. Peter Browne



One task which Pam Jones quietly carried out while living in Wootton was to keep the front garden of the church looking tidy and cared for. It would be good if one or two Wootton residents could undertake to carry on her work. As grass is cut regularly, this would mainly entail weeding the beds. If you would like to help, please get in touch.

> Ann Leggett anncleggett@gmail.com. or 07522 326 706.



The "Wootton Tea Room" on 11th March was Pam Jones' last one before moving (with Stephen of course!) from Wootton. Pam was the instigator and organiser of the Tea Room, the first of which was in September 2017. She was presented with a beautiful bouquet (created by Ana Firth), and the comments written in the accompanying card by the volunteers and customers showed their huge appreciation of Pam's initiative and commitment. The Tea Room Volunteers are determined to continue this monthly community event and the next one will be on the morning of Saturday 22nd April, 10.30 - 12.00.

Ann Leggett

THE "OUTREACH" CROISSANT CROSSWORD - No. 214

Across

- 1) Shapeless (9)
- 7) Teaches (8)
- 8) Differ (4)
- 9) Decorative design (7)
- 10) Cutting edge (5)
- 11) Fossils (9)
- 16) Spicy dish (5)
- 17) Menacing (7)
- 20) Indication (4)
- 21) Lacking courage (8)
- 22) Top parts of arms (9)

Down

- 1) Racecourse (5)
- 2) Canadian province (7)
- 3) Refined (4)
- 4) Wright, early aviator (7)
- Walk purposefully (6)
- 6) Notions (5)
- 12) Napoleonic battle (7)
- 13) Huge (7)
- 14) Inters (6)
- 15) Edible root (5)
- 18) Geeks (5)
- 19) Haul (4)



Last month's winner, March, was SUE ROSS

CONGRATULATIONS!! Your croissants await you at Wootton Stores. Commiserations to those not lucky this time.... don't give up!

Completed puzzles should be handed in at Wootton or Glympton Stores, with your name and phone number, before the 15th of the month. The first correct answer drawn after the 15th of the next month will win four croissants.

Outreach is grateful to WOOTTON STORES for their continued generous support.



Weather-wise April is predictably unpredictable. I've had some Easter picnics sitting in the sunshine atop a hill, getting mildly sunburned while rolling boiled eggs down the hill. (In the 1970s in Fife sun cream was really only available at airports, and people thought you were weird if you used it outside of Spain.) There was the added peril of not finding your Easter egg in time before the sun turned it to chocolate sauce. Other years we spent Easter Sunday indoors, as a blizzard raged outside, hunting for Easter eggs in the house. Surprise! It's in the welly! Again! I wonder what kind of weather we'll have this year over Easter. Are you planning a picnic or ordering in more logs for the fire? In any case, pop into Wootton Stores where you'll find a selection of lovely Easter eggs, nibbles for picnics ... and kindling for the fire. Sun, rain, snow, whatever – as long as there is chocolate and ideally someone to share it with, life is good.

Melanie Waldron

WORTTON PARISH COUNCIL The March meeting of the parish council was held on the first mild damp evening for some weeks. Councillors were pleased to hear that the arrangements agreed in February for toad patrols in West End had been put into operation. The toad warning signs were in position and volunteers were out carefully rescuing our local toads and newts.

SAVING OUR TOADS; If you are driving through that part of the village at night over the next couple of months, please be aware that fellow villagers will be doing their bit to help our local newt and toad populations. Slow down! And steer round any toads you see in your headlights. Across the UK amphibian numbers have declined alarmingly - so Wootton is showing how things can be done differently. ROAD SAFETY AND TRANSPORT At the meeting, we reported on the continuing efforts to work out how best to ensure the safety of pedestrians in the vicinity of the Killingworth Castle, and what rights of way do, or should, exist. Other transport issues also featured in our discussions, as we learnt of rumours that major changes to local buses (No 7 & S3) are being planned. We are following these up to find out whether they are true or not.

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Concerns that the arrangements for moving Wootton children to Tackley school would shortly be ending were also reported to us. We will be raising this concern with the school and ODST to establish the facts and report back to the next meeting.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS Recently, it has become clear archaeologists believe that under the large field north of the Samsons farm cottage/ drama school buildings probably lie the extensive remains of a Romano-British settlement. An application has been submitted by a local group to Historic England to add these remains to the official schedule of ancient monuments. The parish council was asked to support this application and has agreed to do so. WOOTTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY At the next meeting of the council, we will be making two trustee appointments to the Wootton Relief in Need charity. Provided we hear immediately, it's not too late for anyone interested to put their name forward for consideration. If you miss this round, then we will be making further appointments later in the year. The full notice is in Outreach and also on the Wootton village website.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Finally, we agreed revised dates for the April and May meetings, to avoid the clash with bank holidays. The next meeting will be on Monday 3 April, and in May the Annual Parish Meeting, and the Annual Meeting of the council will both be held in the evening of Monday 15 May.

John Harwood

WPC.... STOP PRESS! Most of the old 'No 7' bus route has been absorbed into a new 'S7' route which runs from Witney to Oxford city centre via Oxford Parkway, Woodstock, and Long Hanborough, Needless to say the section which hasn't been absorbed is the section from Woodstock up to the new bus turning space at Wootton Turn. (If you catch the S7 in Woodstock then it is important to check which direction it is going in.) So everyone else gets an improved service except Wootton which loses out.

John Harwood

OOTTON OPEN GARDENS AND FLOWER FESTIVAL Sat. 3rd & Sun. 4th June

Theme:

"Village Crafts, Past and Present." Many thanks to the people who have already volunteered to take part in this event. If you would like to open your garden, provide a flower arrangement, or create a small display in the church of the craft which you enjoy, do contact me for more information. Many thanks.

> Ann Leggett. anncleggett@gmail.com or 07522 326706/01993 813005



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IFE'S EVENTS

This month we are remembering another much-loved member of our community. Nora Bateman came to Wootton as a girl with her family in 1945 and has lived here ever since. She showed much love, and inner strength, as she cared for her family, enduring the death her husband, Michael ("Mick") and the tragic early death of their son Paul. For a long time, Nora worked at Spencer Court, always showing care and respect for the residents. She latterly shared in the TRIO Lunches. Her funeral was attended by a good number of family and friends, including her grandson, James, who made a special journey from Australia to share in remembering her with love and affection. Our love and kind thoughts go out to Mark, Caroline, family and friends. Please send your life's event including celebrations and birthdays to fiona@mackinlay.net or 07880327674, Kings Head House, Chapel Hill, Wootton. Our deadline for next month's news is the 15th day of the month before!

Fiona

NORAH BATEMAN 1930 -2023

Mark and family would like to express their gratitude at the many cards and kind messages received after the loss of Norah and the generous donations made to MacMillan cancer support in her memory.

A much loved Mother and Grandma she will be sorely missed and knowing how fondly she was remembered by so many has been a great comfort. Thank-you

Mark & Caroline





Five teams took part in the March quiz - including two tables of Killingworth lunchers! What finer way to end a fabulous meal, than testing your brain power on countries that grow tomatoes, US Presidents who won the Nobel Peace Prize, and Beyoncé and the Grammys!?

In the end, the lunch table teams could not quite keep up with the regulars. Team Alb came in third, What A Lotte Bollix came second again but the well-named wellmaned Hairy Philosophers came out top.

NEXT QUIZ: April 16th, 7pm Due to Easter this is the THIRD Sunday instead of the usual second Sunday.

After that, we may not be running quizzes every month. If you'd like to be on the email notification list, please let me know on pclp@btinternet.com. And if you'd like to volunteer to be quiz master, let me know too!! *Phil Parker*



Our next speaker at 7.30pm on Friday April 14th is HENRY MARSH, pioneering brain surgeon, who makes a much-anticipated return to the Talks after his last appearance in 2017 - but much has changed in his life since then. A couple of years ago, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer and there was a role reversal, with him going from doctor to patient, and he has written elegantly about the process in his wonderful new book And Finally: Matters of Life and Death Henry has had a strong association with Ukraine and worked there for over 30 years, teaching surgery and working to reform and update the medical system. His work in the country was the subject of the BBC Storyville film, The English Surgeon. He has returned to Ukraine since the Russian invasion and the tragedy of that country has affected him deeply.

Entry is £10 in cash - and includes free food featuring delicious rocky-

roads. Wine and soft drinks are available for a modest donation.To reserve seats, please contact us through our website www.woottontalks.co.uk (Children over 16 welcome) ALL PROCEEDS TO THE DEC UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL In March, MARTIN JENNINGS gave a wonderful talk about his work as a sculptor of many public statues, such as John Betjeman at St Pancras Station and George Orwell outside BBC Broadcasting House. He also designed the statue of Sir Archibald McIndoe, the pioneering reconstructive surgeon who worked on badly-burned servicemen after the war, including Martin's own father, who went on to be a headteacher and father 11 children with Martin's mother Martin has also been commissioned to design new coins featuring the head of King Charles, with the 50 Pence piece and the Five Pound Commemorative Crown already in circulation. Unlike his mother. Charles isn't wearing a crown and he is said to be delighted with the likeness. Many millions will soon be in circulation, with each one featuring Martin's initials. Just over 100 people attended the evening and £767 was raised for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, giving a total raised since March last year of £5,709.

> Andy Morgan 01993 813016

OLAR: WOOTTON AWARENESS GROUP Just down the road from Wootton, around Sansoms Cottage and the Oxford School of Drama, is a protected Historic England monument called Sansom's Platt, beneath which lies a Roman town complete with roads, a temple and many buildings. Excavations and aerial images over the Platt and surrounding fields have revealed Roman mosaic floors, burial pits, more buildings and roads. The town is situated immediately alongside Akeman Street, the Roman road which connected the garrisons of Cirencester and St. Albans. Roads have also been discovered leading to the - at least 10 -Roman farms at Tackley and towards what is now Woodstock. So, an area on the edge of Wootton is home to what is now being recognised as a significant Roman trading town - and possible legionary pit stop too - situated in a landscape which has remained almost unchanged over two millennia. If this weren't enough, it is thought the Druids had established a temple here even before the Romans arrived. Over two thousand years of unchanging historical landscape and heritage, with some folk feeling the energy

This month's Solution.....But don't look yet!

SuDoku page 7



crossword 213 solution.



Remember to submit your Outreach articles or copy by <u>15th April</u> to outreachwgk@gmail.com or leave at: Wayside, 3 Glympton Rd. around these fields as they enjoy their walks. Until now.

Blenheim Palace own this area and they propose, in an act of cultural vandalism, to cover the unprotected fields immediately adjacent to the protected Platt with solar panels. There is evidence that these fields cover an even wider area of archaeological significance, with aerial photographs showing Roman remains stretching far beyond the land which is currently under protection.

How can we stand by and let this happen? How shameful that we could be the generation which, after more than two thousand years, allowed Blenheim to trash an historic area while themselves enjoying UNESCO heritage protection.

Dominic Hare, CEO of Blenheim, publicly admitted that "this is a blight".

West Oxfordshire cannot sustain a 3,440 acre solar 'farm'.

Let us all join with Churchill and "Never give in. Never, never, never, never" allow this to happen. Join the campaign to stop Botley West: www.stopbotleywest.com

> Tim Sumner Local resident

ANTED! TRUSTEES FOR WOOTTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY. Wootton Relief in Need is an important village charity which provides financial help to local people who are in distress or facing hardship. The Parish Council is responsible for appointing some of the trustees of the charity and is currently looking for local people to fill two vacancies.

Trustees make the decisions about how the charity works and enable it to carry out its mission. The role does not involve fundraising, and doesn't need any specialist skills, or previous experience as a trustee. But you do need to be over 18. Empathy and understanding, together with local knowledge, and a concern for the welfare of others are the main attributes which we are looking for. Previous experience working with those in need and knowledge of the benefit system would be useful. Trustees are not paid.

More information about Wootton Relief in Need can be found in their page on

www.WoottonbyWoodstock.co.uk, or by speaking to one of the existing trustees.

Do you think you could spare a little time to help others by being a WRiN trustee? Then please register your interest by writing to or emailing our Parish Clerk, Corina Cheeks, on Clerkwpc0@gmail.com with a short explanation of what you think you could bring to the charity. Please note that those who have been trustees in the past are eligible for appointment.

John Harwood



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2023 classes include:

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Plums

OOTTON FLOWER SHOW 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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HELP IN TIME OF NEED!

Many people and families may need financial help. Particularly as it could be some time before Government grants are received.

If you have a specific need Wootton Relief in Need Charity may

be able to give you a Grant. Please do not feel hesitant, or reluctant to apply for help. Your application will be treated in strict confidence.

If you would like further information, or wish to make an application, please contact:

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S TONESFIELD GARDENING

A great meeting in March, on a cold, wet evening a record number of members came out to hear a very entertaining talk from the Chatty Gardener Mandy Bradshaw. Journalist and gardener, Mandy showed us behind the scenes of a dozen gardens in the Cotswolds and talked about their development. Accompanied by her excellent photographs, this was a real treat and gave us all some ideas of gardens in the National Gardens Scheme that we'll be making sure we visit this year. This month sees the return of our ever-popular plant sale. It will be on 29 April at Four Acres, Pond Hill between 8.30-11am. Thanks to Sybil and Will Barton who generously allow us the use of their front garden. We look forward to donations from members, who should be busy growing seedlings or potting on cuttings! We already have several members from Wootton and would welcome more. See our website for monthly events and membership details. Or just pop along to a talk, visitor charge is £3.

> Diane Bates Secretary Stonesfield Gardening Club www.stonesfieldgardening.info

WODSTOCK U3A

[University of the 3rd age] Emerging (if that word does not overly tempt fate) from COVID and its restrictions, Woodstock & District u3a looks to be back to business as usual – and with an increased membership. Although, sadly, our meeting of 2 March was hit by a last minute call from guest speaker Nick Brazil who was stranded by transport problems.

With his talk labelled simply 'Hedgehogs' let's hope that our next guest speaker, Hugh Warwick, is in no danger of similar obstacles. Meeting starts 2 p.m. prompt, Friday 6 April,

St. Hugh's Centre, Hensington Road, Woodstock.

The following month sees the Branch's Annual General Meeting, 2 p.m. 4 May, same venue. Formal business to be transacted of course, but also another opportunity to meet u3a Committee members and others.

As always, much of the work and interest of individual u3a members is tied up with one or more of our Interest Groups – eighteen of them, ranging from 'Art' to 'Walking' and meeting, some weekly, some monthly. Detail of Branch and Group activities at: https://u3asites.org.uk/ woodstock.

Chris Sladen

HAT ARE OUR TOADS UP TO IN APRIL? March and April are the peak breeding months for common toads. The village toads migrated to their breeding ponds from March onwards. This is a bit later than frogs, who are likely to be at the ponds and may have even spawned by the time the toads arrive. Like all amphibians the toads will have hibernated in woods and gardens around Wootton, which is a great area for them. The stone walls and wooded areas give them

lots of places to hide away for the winter. When the temperature gets above 6 degrees at night, they travel to their breeding pond.



Male toad migrating to breeding pond, Wootton 2003

The males tend to travel first, and then may spend as much as a month at the pond. Females travel later and may arrive with males in amplexus – clinging on to their bodies using the nuptial pads on their forearms. It looks just like the female is giving the male a



piggyback. If you helped the toads cross the road in the village this spring you may have had the males cling to your hands when picked up, their instinct to hold on to a female is so strong. The spawn is laid by the females and fertilised by the males. Unlike frogspawn which is laid in a mass, toad spawn is laid as a pair of strings, often next to or entangled with water weeds so it can be very hard to see. Usually spawning happens at night, often on or close to a full moon - if you are lucky enough to be close by you will hear the male toads high pitched calls, which are surprisingly loud. You can also hear them on warm afternoons at this time of year and sometimes hundreds of male toads will be resting among the weeds in the sun, calling and scrambling over each other to find females. When the toads have spawned, they leave the ponds and make their way back into gardens, woods and fields.

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