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UPCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

	WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30 - Wootton Village Hall
FRI APR 5	BINGO & MEAT DRAW FROM 6pm - Bridge Bar
SAT APR 13	VILLAGE TEA ROOM 10.30 - 12.00 - St Mary's Church, Wootton
SAT APR 13	GRAND NATIONAL RACE NIGHT from 6.00pm - Glympton Village Hall
SUN apr 14	WOOTTON QUIZ NIGHT 7.00pm - The Killingworth castle.
FRI APR 19	VILLAGE HALL TALKS 7.30 - Wootton Village Hall
SAT APR 20	COMEDY NIGHT 7:30 - Wootton Village Hall
TUE APR 23	TRIO LUNCH CLUB 12.30 - Burditch Hall

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This month's cover ..

The Village Tea Room provided refreshment for those who came to look at the "Wootton's Evolution" exhibition *OR*... The exhibition provided a stimulus for conversation while enjoying a cake with a cuppa! . ??

Please keep the photos coming in - everyone;

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.

If setting up a "poster" for inclusion, it's really helpful to send both a portrait and a landscape version. And remember...an A4 poster reduced to a quarter of an A6 page is often too small to read - Keep it simple to get your message across.

Deadline for the May 2024 edition - 15th April : Mel

THE PARISH OF WOOTTON, GLYMPTON AND KIDDINGTON								
SERVICES								
SUNDAY 7th	10.15am	St Mary's,	Wootton Sunday Light					
SUNDAY 14th	10.15am	St Mary's,	Glympton Parish Communion					
SUNDAY 21st SUNDAY 28th	10.15am 10.15am		Wootton Parish Communion Kiddington Parish Communion					

TON PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE CASTLE ROAD TREES UPDATE To commemorate the Coronation last year the parish council decided to plant some trees in Castle Road to replace those planted in 1953, which have since died. A few weeks ago, the county council offered to provide the trees and take over responsibility for the planting which means it could be done professionally - and without cost to those villagers who kindly offered to sponsor trees. As many people have already noticed, a new horizon elm, a small leaf lime and a field maple have now been planted. Sadly, we could not plant horse chestnuts as the professional advice was that they are now susceptible to disease. The county council has also offered to plant more trees in the village. We have accepted the offer of an

oak tree to be planted opposite the Killingworth Castle on the corner between Burditch Bank and the main Glympton Road. Other trees are available but we want to make sure that all those who would be living near the proposed planting sites are fully consulted before a final decision is made. If you live in Castle Road, we would like to hear your views.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC

Many drivers do now keep to or close to the new 20 mph limit, but there are some, mostly from outside the village, who still insist on driving dangerously. Their attitude seems to be that they just don't care and anyway the limit is not enforced. Well it can be enforced if we want it to be, through Community SpeedWatch. The Police are supporting the setting up of this group in Wootton. But we do need volunteers to be able, from time to time, to take readings of speeding traffic. If you feel this would be a worthwhile thing to do for a few hours a month then Mel Leggett can explain more. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Every year a general meeting of everyone in the village is held. The parish council reports on what it has been doing and answers questions, and village organisations can also take the opportunity to report on their work. This year, the Parish Meeting will be on Monday 13 May at 7.30 in the Village Hall. It will be held after the meeting of the Parish Council which will start at 7.00.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS Before the Annual Parish Meeting the four yearly general election of

councillors will be taking place. If there is a contested poll then voting will be on Thursday 2 May. But well before then, nomination papers have to be submitted to the Returning Officer at WODC. If you think you would like to stand for election then you can ask our Clerk (Clerkwpc0@gmail.com) to send you a copy of the forms you will need. Papers duly signed and completed need to be lodged with the Returning Officer by 4.00 pm on Friday 5 April. NEXT MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 4 April at 7.30 in the village hall.

> John Harwood Chair



VILLAGE HALL

- For anyone interested in attending a Yoga class in the village, April Kent from Witney is looking to run sessions on a Monday evening in the Village Hall. She is hoping to start in early April and with enough interest may start Pilates classes too. If you would like to be kept updated and are not on Wootton WhatsApp drop me an email and I will add you to the mailing list.

JUMBLE SALE

Wootton Village Hall

Wootton Village Hall Committee are planning to relaunch the Jumble sales that were once run by FOWS prior to the closure of the school. As a small committee we have realised we cannot run them alone and are appealing to anyone who would like to help sorting donations and on the day of the sale. We don't have a confirmed date yet but if you would like to be part of the "jumble sale team" please send me an email.

> Caroline Bateman cazb44@btinternet.com

OOTTON STORES – IMPORTANT UPDATE I am sure everyone in the village appreciates our local village shop. It is open 7 days a week and stocks a wide range of goods, not just basic groceries, milk, bread, fruit and veg. You will find an excellent selection of cheeses, yoghurts and dips, plus fresh meat and sausages from a local butcher. As well as plenty of soft drinks, the shop always has a great selection of wine, beer and spirits at affordable prices.

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Sounds too good to be true? Well unless we can get some more volunteers to help in the shop we may have to drastically reduce our opening hours. Many of our current volunteers are doing more shifts than they had originally expected in order to keep the shop open. If you could spare a couple of hours once or twice a month that would really help. Full training is given and you would not have to be on your own until you felt completely confident. If you are interested just pop into the shop and speak to our manager Michele Glanville, or one of our volunteers. Thank you.

Diana Harwood



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Last month's winner was **Jill Lee - Congratulations**! Enjoy our croissants . 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.





Our next speaker at 7.30pm on Friday April 19th is ROGER TEMPEST, custodian of the former Broughton Hall, near Skipton in the Yorkshire Dales - where the Tempest family have lived for centuries. At his last appearance in Wootton ten years ago, Roger detailed ambitious plans for the 3,500-acre estate and, since then, much has happened.

The estate is now called Broughton Sanctuary and National Geographic Magazine has placed it on its prestigious list as one of the world's 30 most interesting places to visit. As well as now being the UK's leading wellbeing retreat, Broughton is the focus of one of the most ambitious rewilding projects, with the aim of planting 350,000 trees - and a mission to protect and enhance the diversity of wildlife and natural habitats on 1,100 acres (approx one-third) of the estate and to reconnect visitors with the natural environment. A reduction in sheep grazing has been undertaken and the tree planting is sitting alongside areas of former arable land and buffer-strips, which are being set aside to allow the natural regeneration of trees and shrubs.

The Broughton estate supports a diversity of important habitats – from meadow pastures to ancient woodland, heather moorland and freshwater habitats. These habitats already support a range of species, including kestrels, hares and otters and the rewilding project aims to breathe new life into the landscape and provide high quality opportunities for wildlife and people.

Former stables and other outbuildings have been converted and over 50 businesses are now based on the estate, including Silver Cross Prams. Many see Broughton as the blue-print for the way ahead for similar large estates - and the key to survival.

Period dramas and Bollywood movies are still filmed around the main house at Broughton - but Roger and his partner, Paris, have also spent a huge amount of time and energy developing an area called the Avalon Wellbeing Centre, acknowledged as one of the best in the world.

Future speakers 7.30pm Friday May 17th - PETER RADFORD, Olympic medalist and former world recordholder at 200 metres (Paris Olympics due to begin in July) 7.30pm Friday June 14th - SUSIE DENT, writer and broadcaster on language, she recently celebrated 30 years as the resident word expert on Channel 4's Countdown, and she also appears on the show's comedy sister 8 out of 10 Cats does Countdown Entry is £10 in cash - and includes free food. Wine and soft drinks are available for a modest donation. (Children over 16 welcome), but cards can be used to buy speakers' books.To reserve seats, please contact us through our website www.woottontalks.co.uk

> Andy Morgan 01993 813016

Wootton Community

and Sports Trust

EWS FROM /CAST: From April onwards, the Bridge Bar will no longer open on Sunday lunchtimes, except for special events. In positive news, we look forward to a spring and summer season of family and community events at the Burditch Hall, so please watch out for our calendar of events (also available at the Bridge Bar) and come along and support us our charity and the hall, playing field, sports club and bar are all completely run by volunteers with the purpose of providing sports and community facilities for everyone in Wootton. We are still looking for volunteers to help - please contact woottoncast@gmail.com to get involved! Thanks so much.

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Sylvia

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ACKLEY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

As I'm sure you know, upon the closure of Wootton School last year, most (if not all) of the Wootton school pupils transferred to Tackley, including my own two children. As much as we were all saddened and disappointed by the closure of the school in Wootton, and the impact that has on the village, the transition for the children involved has gone really well, and from my own experience, they are happy and settled in Tackley.

Tackley school are now fundraising for an outdoor classroom to provide much needed space.

Viv Insley

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ODST information about Governors can be found here: Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust - Join us as a Local Governing Body Member (odst.org.uk)

TackLey School Fundraiser

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infowrin@gmail.com or pick up an application form from Wootton Stores, Burditch Hall or St Mary's, Wootton church porch. *Kati Rankof*

S AD NEWS of the death of Yvonne Johnson.

Many of you will remember Yvonne who lived with her husband Ray at Branchflowers in West End. They were both very talented artists, Yvonne producing exquisite botanical paintings and Ray stunning oils of buildings, specifically soaring cathedrals. They gave the most wonderful parties and were great supporters of the Wootton Community. We all missed them when they moved to Sherbourne House in Gloucestershire. Ray died some years ago but Yvonne who died last week continued to support Wootton Flower Festival and the Flower Show. The Johnson Art cup for an outstanding art exhibit was donated by them.

Marlene Fisher





We had a really good turnout for the February quiz, with a full bar enjoying the questions set by Nicholas and Didier. Thanks to them, and to the Killi for hosting, and to everyone who came - raising invaluable funds for Outreach. The first half was very tight, with six teams within three points. It seems everyone knows their US states! In the second half the field opened up, but we had a tie break for second: the Weakenders just sped ahead of the Desperados, but even the Archbishop couldn't have caught the Early Doors who took top spot. The next "second Sunday" quiz spot will be Sunday April 14th, 7pm, when I'll be setting the questions.

> *Phil,* pclp@btinternet

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TONESFIELD GARDENING CLUB March's meeting was a lively talk given by Paul Williams, previously head gardener at Bourton House and creator of East Court, Charlton Kings. He spoke about the Solanaceae family, otherwise known as nightshades. These range from, on the one hand Deadly Nightshade, to be avoided at all costs, to potatoes

and tomatoes, staples of our diet.

Potatoes are financially very important in the UK – 6 billion packets of crisps are sold each year, bringing in revenue of £2.6bn.

There are almost 4,000 different varieties of potato in the world, rather more than the 3 or 4 that members said they grow. Although many nightshades

have the classic small potato-like flower, some of the family are grown for their showy flowers, such as datura and brugmansia, although these will not survive outside during our winters. Paul also brought with him a collection of objects that he has found during gardening or travel, a wonderful array of interesting seed heads, ammonites, fossils and a huge number of Victorian clay pipes. In April our focus will be on the Plant Sale, this year to be held

on:

Saturday 27 April from 8.30 to 11am. As usual, you need to get there in good time to bag a bargain! Hope to see you there.

> Diane Bates Secretary



More than ever, the Flower Show's keen for people to enter exhibits who've never entered before. Sadly, this year, we clash with the Moreton in Marsh Show - which means we'll lose some exhibitors. So, please, give it a go!

The full list of classes is in the shop and on our Facebook page, but they include...

apples, pears, plums, rhubarb, berries, potatoes, carrots, courgettes, onions, shallots, green beans, beetroot, marrows/squashes, cucumbers, tomatoes, sweetcorn, pumpkin, herbs, chillies

> WOOTTON FLOWER SHOW 7th SEPTEMBER 2024

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