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This month's cover ..

"Seize the moment"... something you may have missed - from **Andy Warner**.



An opportunistic photo of a rare event over Wootton. A moon halo is caused by the refraction of light through ice crystals in the upper atmosphere. A great photo Andy!

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 February 2024 edition - 15th January : email to outreachwgk@gmail.com

Mel

WOOTTON CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Many people dropped into Wootton church for the Christmas Bazaar and found lots to be entertained by, and bargains galore, especially on the "Re-Gifting" stall! There was a lovely atmosphere, and everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves!

Ann Leggett







■ LUNCH CLUB (see opposite) For the final Trio Lunch Club of the year, the brilliant Sylvia Lodge and her merry band of helpers served up a full Christmas Dinner, with wine, at an incredible price of £8!! The food was absolutely delicious!

Ann Leggett

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SUNDAY	7 th	10.15am	St Mary's, Wootton	Sunday Light.		
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			as Area De	ean of Rev Andrew Bunch.		
SATURDAY	14 th	10.15am	St Mary's, Glympton	Parish Communion.		
SUNDAY	21 st	10.15am	St Mary's, Wootton	Parish Communion.		
SUNDAY	28 th	10.15am	St Nicholas, Kiddington	- Holocaust Memorial		
Service immediately followed by said Holy Communion.						







ROM WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL BOTLEY WEST SOLAR PROJECT Just in time for Christmas, the Botley West Solar Farm project has come to life again. The Parish Council met in early December and was able to have an initial discussion about the preapplication consultation process which has now begun. Everyone should by now have received an information leaflet from the developers. If you haven't, then please let our Clerk know (Clerkwpc0@gmail.com) and we will make sure you are sent one. PVDP are holding an 'information event' in Woodstock on Saturday 13 January and we would urge as many as possible to attend. Everyone is entitled to express a view about all or any part of the project but please respond to the developer (info@botleywest.co.uk) by the closing date: 8 February. The parish council will be working on its response over the next 8 weeks with the aim of finalising it at the meeting on 5 February. We want to take as many people's views into account as we can, so please send your thoughts, suggestions or (really helpfully) your critique of any part of the developer's detailed case to our

Clerk by mid to late January at the latest please. (If you wait until the meeting it will be more difficult to include.)

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED included the planting of the Coronation trees in Castle Road, most of which have now been sponsored. (But we would still be happy to receive more offers.). And notices will soon be going up about meetings to put together the village neighbourhood plan. So look out for these and do get involved. This is an important way of influencing how the village develops in the future.

Please note the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9 January.

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For our December event, Sally Wainwright, creator of BBC hitdramas Happy Valley, Last Tango in Halifax and Gentleman Jack, among many others, gave a wonderful insight into her stellar career, which has attracted many awards, including several BAFTAS. Sally now lives in Oxfordshire but grew up in the Calder Valley in the Pennines, where many of her dramas are set. For its final episode, Happy Valley drew an audience of over 10 million - a remarkable figure given the number of channels available these davs

Sally was in conversation with the classical singer, Susanna Spicer, and described the process - when she is an executive producer - of writing scripts, hiring actors, as well as finding locations, composers and cameramen. She often works with the same actors, developing different characters, but also remembers other performers who have impressed her in stage-plays. She first saw James Norton, who played Happy Valley's villainous Tommy Lee Royce in a production of Journey's End and he was invited to audition for the part, beating twenty others to get the part and become a national television icon. The evening raised £750 for the Ukraine Appeal, taking the total since March 2022 to over £11,000

Our next speaker at 7.30pm on FRIDAY JANUARY 19TH (the 130th event) is JEREMY IRONS - worldrenowned for his roles on stage and screen and has won numerous accolades including an Oscar, two Golden Globe Awards, three Primetime Emmy Awards and a Tony Award - one of the few actors to have achieved the "Triple Crown of Acting".

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16TH -Air Marshal Sir Ian Macfadyen, head of the British Forces during the Gulf War and also flew Phantom jets during the Falklands War. Latterly, he was Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man and also Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle

Entry is £10 in cash - and includes free food. Wine and soft drinks are available for a modest donation. (Children over 16 welcome) To reserve seats, please contact us through our website www.woottontalks.co.uk ALL PROCEEDS TO THE UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

> Andy Morgan 01993 813016

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Last month's winner, December, was ... JILL LEE - AGAIN ! - Congratulations! 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.

Now that the excitement



of Christmas and New Year celebrations are behind us, and we look forward to the year ahead and what it might bring ... some of you might be thinking about those resolutions you made in a moment of madness and whether or not you might stick to them. I never bother with New Year resolutions. It always felt slightly like setting myself up for failure, when inevitably something got in the way of whatever I'd resolved to do, or not do. Better, I think, to think of a few things you might like to do or places you might like to visit, and then be extremely chuffed if you actually manage to. If you're struggling to think of something new you'd like to do, I've got a suggestion. Yes, you've guessed it – why don't you try volunteering behind the till in Wootton Stores?! Honestly, the shop needs more volunteers. We're struggling to fill all the shifts and keep to the regular opening hours. It's a worry. So if any part of you ever thought you might like to help out - please, please just come in and let us know. I promise you'll like it. And, see below for some exciting news about the till!

Melanie Waldron

A NOTE FROM WOOTTON STORES COMMITTEE:

We wanted to take a moment to express our immense gratitude for the unwavering support and dedication our volunteers and customers all bring to our wonderful community shop. Your presence and contributions truly make this place special. We're thrilled to share some exciting news with you all! As a committee, we've been diligently working to address ongoing issues with our current till system. We're excited to announce that we've found a fantastic replacement that maintains a similar look and feel while offering improved features, especially when it comes to scanning produce. During January, the new till system will be available in the office for our volunteers to explore and get acquainted with. We will be inviting them to come in and have a handson experience with this fantastic

on experience with this fantastic new tool. Volunteers should think of it as an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the system so they feel comfortable when using it when it goes live in February. Rest assured, this change is intended to streamline our operations and enhance everyone's experience at the shop. The improved scanning capabilities will make serving our community even smoother and more efficient.

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We are incredibly grateful for the support and adaptability shown by our volunteers and customers during this exciting period of change. Your willingness to embrace these improvements is crucial to us, and it greatly benefits the community we serve.

If any of you have questions please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Your feedback and input are highly valued. Thank you, each and every one of you, for being the heartbeat of our community shop. Your support means everything to us. *Wootton Stores committee*

F ROM YOUR THEATRE OBSESSIVE! Here's a January update for anyone

interested (or not interested but bored!)

I am writing just before rushing up to London (cheap rails tickets remember?) to see David Tennant as he starts his short run at the Donmar Theatre as MACBETH (oops - hope I haven't jinxed it) Very Excited

I've had a spurt of booking way in advance for 2024 so thought I'd share with you the things that may be worth considering but will need booking well in advance - firstly to get reasonably priced tickets and secondly to actually GET tickets! I have just been to see Pacific Overtures - a rather strange but very interesting Sondheim musical at the Menier Chocolate Factory (tiny - perfect theatre near Borough market) which was unexpectedly great.

Many Christmas productions are ongoing through January - We saw Arabian Nights at the Bristol Old Vic and it was very disappointing poorly edited, variably acted and sung and without the humour which could have been there But there have been good reviews for The Witches (NT), A Christmas Carol (Old Vic) and many more -Chippie Panto of course and if you want to be a bit different Shakespeares Globe on the SouthBank is putting on a rhyming version of Hansel and Gretel written by our wonderful poet laureate Simon Armitage -full of all the grizzliness children love! So from Feb:

The Hills of California - first new play by Jez Butterworth since his award-winning The Ferryman and Jerusalem (and previously Mojo which I loved too) - should be good. Guys and Dolls - Bridge theatre - has just been extended for a 3rd time it is so brilliant and successful. If you want JOY and UPLIFT - this is the one.

Nye - at the National Theatre starring Michael Sheen as Nye Bevan - should be very interesting and very Welsh! p11

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The Human Body - The Donmar - a new play by Lucy Kirkwood starring Keely Hawes - interestingly is about a GP and Nye Bevan's NHS (see above)

Dear Octopus - The National Theatre - a revival of a play by Dodie Smith about a large family Nachtland - Young Vic - Directed by

Patrick Marber - a German play about nazi art, family morals and various - if you have seen Good might be an interesting counterpoint.

Enemy of the People - with Matt Smith (all the Dr Whos going back to their theatre roots!) Long Days Journey into Night - with Brian Cox (and all the scary Patriarchs too!) Locally - Oxford Playhouse seems to be coming back to form - which is great. We have seen so many wonderful productions there in the past - many of my most memorable performances (Pete Postlethwaite, Mark Rylance and many others) but for a while they have lacked much to attract.

The Circle - Somerset Maugham with Jane Asher and Clive Frances AND

Noises Off - Michael Frayn's BRILLIANT farce - when well done I think this is the most fun you can have in the theatre - IF YOU HAVEN'T EVER SEEN ITits only in OxfordGO GO GO!! Kathy Gabbatiss



COMBE COMMUNITY CINEMA IN THE HUB On Friday 19th January we are showing. CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME, starring Melissa McCarthy and Richard E. Grant. A wryly entertaining comedy-drama, the story - which is largely true - tells the tale of Lee Israel, a failing writer who resorts to fraud to pay the bills. Melissa McCarthy is "criminally good" (New York Times)



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and Richard E. Grant "bleakly hilarious as her lounge-lizard drinking buddy" (Guardian). Rated 15.

And in partnership with Live at the Hub, on Saturday 27th January we're screening Summer of Soul, the 2021 American independent documentary film about the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival - "an absolute joy, uncovering a treasure trove of pulse-racing, heartstopping live music footage from the likes of Stevie Wonder, Nina Simone and Gladys Knight". Rated 12A.

As usual, doors open at 7:30 for 8.00 pm start and our "Cine-bar" will be serving reasonably priced soft drinks, wine and a selection of beers. Come and meet friends for a chat, a drink or two and an enjoyable film night. Film ticket £5. Cash and card payments accepted. Combecommunitycinema@gmail.com Deborah Manning





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