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**This month's cover ..**

Is this Wootton's most photogenic man??!! "You see him here,  
you see him there..." Mr Barnicoat, busy at the Craft Fair.



Please keep the photos coming in - **everyone**;

Remember... Outreach depends on **YOUR** 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 January 2024 edition - 15th December :**

**email to [outreachwgk@gmail.com](mailto:outreachwgk@gmail.com)**

JDP Printers, see opposite, did us a great job with October and  
November's editions. Do use them as your local printer, they're a very  
helpful team.

*However*, as November went to press, I had a call from Dominic Walker,  
who lives in the village and works for Thomas Leach Colour, in Abingdon.  
Dom was able to negotiate a very preferential quote on our behalf  
and you're looking at their workmanship now.

TLC are one of Oxfordshire's oldest printers. Thanks all round.

*Mel*



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**SERVICES AND  
CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN DECEMBER**

SUNDAY	3rd	10.15am	St Nicholas, Kiddington	Sunday Light - Celebration of St Nicholas
SATURDAY	9th	2-4pm	St Mary's, Wootton	Parish Christmas Bazaar
SUNDAY	10th	10.15am	St Mary's, Glympton	Parish Communion
SUNDAY	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	St Mary's, Wootton	Parish Communion
	and	6.15pm	St Nicholas, Kiddington	Nine Lessons & Carols
FRIDAY	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.30pm	St Mary's, Wootton	Carols Round the Tree
CHRISTMAS EVE		3.00pm	St Mary's Wootton	Crib Service
	and	11.30pm	St Mary's Wootton	Midnight Mass
CHRISTMAS DAY		10.15am	St Mary's Glympton	Family Communion
SUNDAY	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	St Mary's Wootton	Morning Prayer

**C**AROLS  
ROUND THE TREE

The date for your diary/calendar is  
Friday 22nd December,  
at 6.30pm.

That is when people will be  
gathering round the Christmas tree  
at Wootton church to enjoy singing  
Christmas carols.

The WOOTTON VILLAGE BAND will be  
re-formed to lead the singing, and  
anyone who plays any sort of  
musical instrument is welcome to  
join us. There will be two practices



beforehand. If you would like to  
play, please contact me at  
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*Ann Leggett*





**DON'T MISS THE  
WOOTTON**

# **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!**



**in St Mary's Church,  
Wootton-by-Woodstock,  
Sat. 9th December 2-4pm**



- Big Raffle – 1st Prize £100**
- Christmas Table Decorations  
and Wreaths**
- Teas & Mince Pies**
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- Hamper Raffle**
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marshmallows  
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**T**HANK  
YOU

Christine and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and support following the sudden and unexpected death of John. As a family we do appreciate all the kindness we have received over the last few weeks. Although John was not your vicar for very long, he did really feel at home and settled here, and had enjoyed meeting many of you and getting to know you .

We are comforted by knowing that the peaceful churchyard in the shadow of the beautiful church in Wootton is his final resting place.

*Christine Reader*

**A**LBERT  
FAULKNER

Sadly, Albert Faulkner, ex Woodstock, Wootton, Glympton and Kiddington postman of the 1970s, 80s and 90s, passed away on Friday 3rd November.

His funeral will take place on Thursday 30th November at St.Nicholas Church, Kiddington at 12.30 and afterwards convene at The Duke of Marlborough, Woodleys.

Albert lived in Kiddington before moving to Caroline Court and then to Yarnton Residential and Nursing Home.

*Angela Silverwood.*



**N**ORTH OXFORDSHIRE  
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CHRISTMAS PARCELS

Donations of the following items are needed.

Tins - ham and salmon

Nibbles – crisps, Pringles, little cheesy biscuits

Biscuits – Fancy Christmas boxes, crackers

Sweets – children’s and chocolates

Usual toiletries – shampoo, shower gel, soap.

There will be collecting boxes in Wootton shop and church.

These items are needed by

**14th December,**

in time for distribution for Christmas please.

*Connie Surtees*



# NEWS FROM WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council met on 6th November with the most important issue being the council's budget for next year.

This was agreed with a small increase well below the level of inflation.

Overall this will enable the council to cope with the significant increases in some of our costs, especially for the verge and grass cutting. It will allow us to continue to replenish our reserves, so we are better able to deal with unexpected future expenses.

The budget also increases the amount available next year for grants to local organisations to help maintain and improve village facilities. This coincides with a change to the grant application system to reduce significantly the time between organisations applying and then receiving their grant. We hope this will be a simpler and better system.

As well as agreeing the budget we discussed:

## BURDITCH BANK TREES

The county council has agreed to remove the potentially dangerous branches from the four trees affected by ash die-back. Hopefully this will happen before too long.



## GLYMPTON QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday December 2 7:30 PM

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## SPEEDING

The setting up of the Community SpeedWatch group has now been approved with Mel Leggett appointed as the coordinator. A number of people have already expressed an interest in joining the group which will be officially authorised to monitor traffic speeds and report illegally speeding vehicles to the TVP who will then contact the offending drivers. More volunteers would be welcome and anyone interested should get in touch with Mel.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We want to create a neighbourhood plan for the village, which will help protect us from inappropriate development. But this has to be a plan which has wide support across the community. So we need volunteers to sit on the steering group. We will be getting specialist help so it won't be too daunting. If you would like to help decide how our village develops over the next 10-15 years then please contact our parish clerk Cathy Fleet, on [clerkwpc0@gmail.com](mailto:clerkwpc0@gmail.com).

## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Monday 4 December at 7.30 in the village hall. If you feel we should be discussing something which doesn't appear on our agenda, then let us know!

*John Harwood*  
Chair

## TURKISH CHRISTMAS FESTIVE LUNCH



The next lunch will be on Thursday December 14th at 12.30

*Turkey and all the trimmings*  
*Christmas pudding and mince pies*  
*Wine, bubbles and crackers*  
*Chocolates and Christmas cheer*  
Please book your seat with Stella on 01993 811728 £8 per person thanks to the generous donation from the Wootton Tea Room team.

*Sylvia Lodge*

## WOOTTON QUIZ NIGHT



Five teams turned out for the November quiz. Frank was setting the questions, with the usual entertaining mix of subjects, from Blue Moons to weather vanes on Castle Rd, and the Sargasso Sea to the rookeries of penguins. And he seriously tested our sense of smells with his mystery jam jars. The Oaties won, leading Rupert and His Bears by four points. Congrats to all.

**NO QUIZ IN DECEMBER.**

Gary is setting the questions in January: 7pm Sunday 14th. Do come and join in!

*Phil Parker*

Thanks Phil, the Quiz night is a major contributor to Outreach, so get your teams ready for the New Year!

*Mel*



# WILLING WORKER!



This Halloween I made chilli for The Bridge to raise money for the roof repairs; last year I did the same to donate to Wootton school. Both times my daughter Livvy has helped with the mammoth task of chopping lots of vegetables . Thanks Livvy !

*Deb Davis*



## STONESFIELD GARDENING CLUB

Another month, another very entertaining Oxford University graduate student entertaining us with their hard-earned knowledge – great to be able to take advantage of all this local talent!

Oliver Spacey came to talk to us about the Mysteries of Mistletoe, clad I may say in a very fetching pair of red dungarees adorned with hand printed mistletoe berries and leaves. Not only that, but we were treated to refreshing cups of mistletoe tea – made with the leaves thankfully, as the berries are poisonous. The tea is very popular in Europe where it is regularly drunk as a cure for hypertension.

Mistletoe has a long history, being sacred to the Druids who thought of it as a cure for the barren and an antidote to poison. Like so many ancient beliefs regarding plants, mistletoe's possible use in medicine is currently being researched. Banned for many centuries due to its link with a pagan religion, mistletoe was another of our Christmas traditions that became popular in Victorian times.

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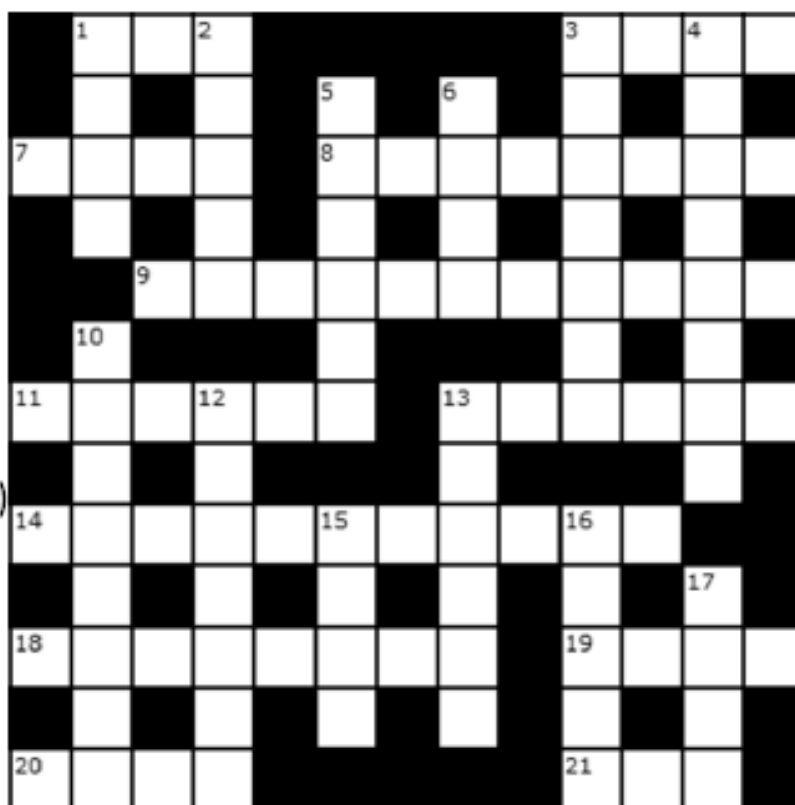
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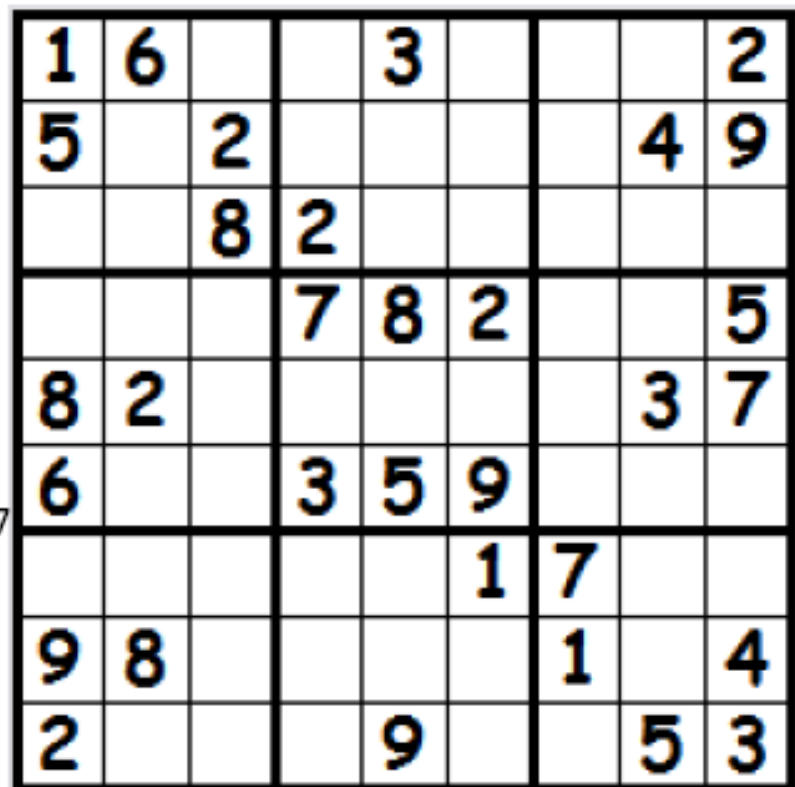
### Across

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- 3) Leg joint (4)
- 7) Blood vessel (4)
- 8) Not desired (8)
- 9) Led Zeppelin vocalist (6, 5)
- 11) Tree spirits (6)
- 13) Calm and composed (6)
- 14) Former European country (4, 7)
- 18) "Friends" character portrayed by Matthew Perry (8)
- 19) Small rodent (4)
- 20) Percussion instrument (4)
- 21) Rule, edict (3)



### Down

- 1) Draft animals (4)
- 2) Drupe (5)
- 3) Started (a fire) (7)
- 4) Infinite time (8)
- 5) Pupils (6)
- 6) Hit, e.g. a fly (4)
- 10) A pause for rest (8)
- 12) Word with opposite meaning (7)
- 13) Melancholy (6)
- 15) Snakelike fishes (4)
- 16) Work of fiction (5)
- 17) Travelled by air (4)



Last month's winner, November, was ... *JILL LEE* - 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.





As a parasite, it can only grow on other plants, favouring fruiting trees in this country, particularly apple and lime. It provides berries for birds, who have developed an immunity to its toxins.

As our climate warms it is found further and further north, as it is not happy in cold winters. It used to extend no further north than Northampton, but that has changed recently. There is currently a research project underway called MistleGO that is looking at how much mistletoe there is in the country and where it can be found. Our last meeting of the year will be our members' social event on 11 December, featuring one of Suzy Boardman's fiendish quizzes and mulled wine to help the thinking process. Members are asked to bring along plant based (not necessarily vegan) snacks – test your ingenuity!

*Diane Bates*

Secretary Stonesfield Gardening Club

[www.stonesfieldgardening.info](http://www.stonesfieldgardening.info)

Date for the diary

Monday 11 December Members'

Social 7.30pm St James' Centre



## TURKEY OR TÜRKIYE?

A series of books I'm working on at the moment has a fair few mentions of Turkey – not the bird that many of us will be eating on Christmas Day (and Boxing Day, and the day after that ...) but the country, now requesting to be known as Türkiye. Fair enough – Cambridge English Dictionary has an informal definition of turkey as 'something that fails badly'. So I'm keeping a lookout and changing all the spellings.

If you are looking to enjoy a bit of Türkiye turkey over Christmas, you can order one from Wootton Stores. And don't forget the trimmings – chipolatas, bacon, chipolatas, sprouts, chipolatas, carrots, chipolatas. Yum. And when you're looking for inspiration for all that leftover Türkiye turkey, pop into the shop and pick up some lovely spicy sauce to make a curry. But make sure you've noted down the shop's opening hours!

23/24 December – normal opening hours (8am–1.30pm / 3pm–7pm)

25 December – closed

26 December – 9am–11am

27/28/29 December – 8am–1.30pm (closed in the afternoons)







30/31 December – normal opening hours

1 January – 9am–11am

2 January onwards – normal opening hours

*Melanie Waldron*

THE DIRECTORS OF WOOTTON STORES LTD ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME DIDIER FELLOTT AS A NEW DIRECTOR. He replaces Jack Gibbs who has been a director for many years. We are very grateful to him for his long service and particularly for his knowledge of business and banking. The board of directors now consists of Miles Tuely (chairman), Simon Linnett, Pauline Briggs and Didier Felot.

This is a good moment to explain the structure of the company which owns the building and how it came into existence.

In 1993 the owners of the shop wished to retire and put the building on the market. There were no buyers but there was interest from people who wanted to close the business and use the building as a private house.

There was immediate resistance to this idea in the village and thanks to a determined group of residents it was decided to form a consortium and buy the shop for the village. The main members of the group were Howard Dyer, Simon Linnett and Clare Stott. Without the first two, it just would not have

happened. We were also fortunate that the rector at the time, the Rev. Leonard Doolan, grasped the challenge and personally canvassed a number of people to contribute and become shareholders. Several were extremely generous.

So the shop was bought but we needed a mortgage to top up the contributions. In 1997 it was decided to pay off the mortgage and a further round of fundraising ensued. This time the money raised was in the form of debenture stock which attracts interest whereas the original shareholders have never received a dividend. Initially, we employed managers to run the business and then we let the premises to tenants who lived on site. This did not work well as the directors had no control and the shop started to struggle.

We therefore decided to separate the shop from the flat on the first floor. The shop is now let to The Wootton Community Shop Association and is run as a community owned business which employs a salaried Manager but is otherwise run by volunteers. It is an extremely well run organisation and we have been lucky to have had two excellent managers.

The shop pays a rent to Wootton Stores Ltd based on turnover. The flat is let at an open market rent. This income has enabled us to carry out many vital repairs to the



structure of the building and make considerable improvements to both shop and flat.

*Miles Tuely*

## WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL TALKS

In November, Jonathan Keates, former chairman of the Venice in Peril Fund - gave a peerless insight into this fascinating city, highlighting its astonishing history and remarkable buildings - all constructed on top of millions of larch-poles driven into the swamp before a solid layer of clay was reached.

In addition, he detailed the first printed books to emerge from the city, as well as the varied artists and musicians - and the labyrinthian system of electing the doge or head of state - which gave us the word "ballot", one of many words first used in Venice which spread throughout Europe

Jonathan also highlighted the pressures facing this remarkable city, including the increased frequency of flooding through climate change, ever-growing levels of tourism and the constant reduction in the full-time population

- now under 50,000 - with properties often only used a few times a year by those living in other Italian cities or elsewhere in Europe. However, Jonathan added that some palazzos are still inhabited by families going back generations, even if they may now only occupy a single floor.

The evening, at a packed village hall, raised £874 for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, taking the total to nearly £10,500 since March last year.

Our next evening on Friday December 15th with Sally Wainwright, creator of major BBC award-winning dramas like Happy Valley and Last Tango in Halifax, sold out some time ago - many thanks to those who booked seats. The Talks programme will start again in January and events are due to continue throughout 2024, raising funds for the Ukraine Appeal - so please keep any eye on our website for future speakers [www.wootontalks.co.uk](http://www.wootontalks.co.uk)

The Talks Team wishes everybody a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

*Andy Morgan*  
01993 813016





**W**OOTTON VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR  
We had a wonderful kick-off to the festive season at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 18 November in the Village Hall. Despite the drizzle we saw lots of familiar faces and welcomed many new ones too so thank you so much for all the support.



A huge thanks to the amazing team from the Church Tearoom who kept everyone fed and watered throughout the (long and tiring) day. The traybakes, warming soups and sweet treats were hugely appreciated by everyone.



The Hall felt very festive and we wanted to give a particular shout-out to the ladies from Cotswold Bells Glamping in Kidlington who transformed our dingy back room in to a magical Christmas grotto for children to play whilst the grown-ups shopped.



We had stallholders selling a wonderful mix of ceramics, photography, jewellery, flowers, clothing and lots more and they all were made to feel extremely welcome. Thanks to them, and everyone who purchased their entry and raffle tickets, we were able to raise some much-needed funds for the Hall in the process.

*Zoe Wheeler*





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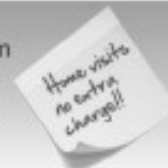
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# WOODSTOCK & DISTRICT U3A

Another full house at our November Speaker Meeting was rewarded with guest speaker David Grylls' entertaining skip through Victorian fiction and its treatment of love, sex – and scandal. Although now perhaps too readily written off as staid and lacking spice, Grylls illustrated how a close reading of 19th century novels can pick up oblique pictorial and verbal references to sexuality – not least with regard to the way female characters' hair is described: a woman's hair said to be “always dressed” suggesting that her love life is firmly under control, while

'revealingly dishevelled' hints at something different.

Our final speaker of the year, Nick Brazil, will be taking a general look at the arts of our home region: his talk, 'Literary and Artistic Footprints of the Thames Valley' is at 2 p.m. on Thursday 7 December, again at St. Hugh's. Hensington Road, Woodstock.

New members always welcome. Meanwhile, the Branch's long established Walking Group meets twice monthly, and starting off at 10 a.m., members can choose between longer or shorter walks. Also out and about, the Historic Churches Group appears to be spreading its net further, looking at visits to churches in Oxford itself. A



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welcome recent innovation has been regular Saturday coffee mornings at a Woodstock hostelry. Safely indoors, too, the Play Reading Group has been tackling Alan Ayckbourn's comedies and the two Board Games groups have become so popular that there is a waiting list for new members – very short, I'm assured.. Further information at [www.woodstocku3a.uk](http://www.woodstocku3a.uk).

*Chris Sladen*

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## COMEDY CLUB COMES TO WOOTTON!

Once Christmas and New Year festivities are done and dusted there's usually little to look forward to in January, but not so in Wootton!

The Village Hall is organising an evening of comedy to sweep away the January blues. This is a new venture for the hall and we'd love to see anyone from far and wide coming down for a fantastic fun filled evening. If it goes well then there'll be more! Four brilliant comedians from the UK stand up circuit coming to our lovely village and your very doorstep.

When? January 12th at 8pm.

Where? The Village Hall

How do I get tickets? Either on Eventbrite (see the posters, or village website for more details) or at Wootton Stores. Don't wait to book!

What will there be? Three comedians, a compere, a bar, and all of you!

How much? £15 per person

*Rhys Jones*

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