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HELP IN TIME OF NEED



This month's cover ..

See page 10.

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 October edition - 15th September :
email to outreachwgk@gmail.com**

There'll come a time....

Just to get people thinking (you know who you are!) the role of editor, while very fulfilling, rewarding and enjoyable, sometimes loses its fascination. If you have the time and skills to join me or assume the role in full, I'd be delighted to hear from you.

Mel

THE PARISH OF WOOTTON,
GLYMPTON AND KIDDINGTON



SEPTEMBER
SERVICES



Sunday 3rd 10.15am St Mary's, Wootton Sunday Light
Sunday 10th 10.15am St Mary's, Wootton Patronal Festival, Parish
Communion
Sunday 17th 3.00pm St Mary's, Glympton Harvest Festival and Tea
Sunday 24th 10.15 St Nicholas, Kiddington Parish Communion

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO THE NORMAL PATTERN OF SERVICES



FROM
THE RECTORY

Who carries the stories and the memories of Wootton? There is one simple answer to that: Roy Hanson. I was walking round to church thinking that I had quoted something Roy said to me the week before on the way out of the service but that he wasn't there yesterday to hear me say so. Sat on the bench chatting happily away was Roy. He tells me that this coming month for the Flower Show he will be President while I will be presenting the prizes. So many others in recent weeks have told me about their involvement in this event: where it used to be held; who used to run it; all the stalls to be found; how this was at the heart of village life and still is now that others have taken it

on. This is Wootton; its stories and adventures for all ages. Collectively we are the ones who now carry these memories into the future so that others can attend and enjoy. But what then of our churches and community buildings? The story is not quite so simple. On Friday 18th of August half a dozen of us representing our 3 churches met Peter Preston, an architect who may share with us plans for the future of these buildings. Walking us round in the rain is not a bad way to glimpse the challenges that lie ahead. Flooded gutters and downspouts; damp on internal and external walls; the need for redecoration and reroofing, and, in the case of Kiddington, a floor in a state of collapse that means this church is on the "at risk" register. If this sounds bad, believe it. His view is that in 5 to 10 years' time this church will no longer be open. No

more services; no more memories; a fine building lost to future generations because this one has not taken on the necessary tasks, both minor and major, that will keep this building open for business. Or will it? Can "the church" be revived and restored in the way that events such as the Flower Show have been and kept alive so that others can attend and enjoy? Do enough people care enough? If not, the architect is probably right. We are closer to the end of the road than we think.

This is where it feels to me we are right now: on the edge and in danger of slipping down the other side. I would like to think that in another 50 years' time Roy's successor will be sat on that bench telling the stories of how this parish and its churches reached a critical point and decided to recommit and carry on. Now is the moment to make that commitment.

John the Rector

THE VILLAGE POP-UP TEA ROOM

... opens its doors again on Saturday 23rd September, from 10.30 am - 12 noon. There being a surplus in the coffers, the organisers have decided to give donations to Wootton church, the local food bank, Trio Lunch Club, and the Wootton Conservation Trust.

Ann Leggett



PARISH HARVEST FESTIVAL

St Mary's Church, Glympton
Sunday 17th September at 3pm
All are welcome to join us and to
enjoy a Harvest Tea in
Glympton Village Hall
Please bring along your donations
for our local food bank

Connie Surtees

INDIAN STREET FOOD EVENING JULY 28TH

Last Friday - July 28th - the Burditch Hall/Bridge Bar buzzed with eastern excitement as many of us were treated to another delicious selection of Indian food from Neghat, Malcolm, Dom Knight and their very kind friends! There was a last minute rush for tickets (as news spread and we remembered the previous lovely food) so the kitchen was a frenzy of organised chaos - with the ever-calm chefs (and their Eastaugh sidekicks) happily



**INDIAN STREET
FOOD EVENING**



producing an amazing selection of spices and textures and tastes. In addition, we had the privilege of the West End Mixology team of Carl and Mick producing their famous Lychee Martinis and 'special' Gin cocktails - non-stop on demand. All LOVELY - especially since the rain held off so we could use both inside and out and take advantage of the wonderful Bridge Bar - rebuilt and slickly run by Melanie and Chris - the Waldron Shift and Sage and Rachel - the Jones Shift.

Thankyou so much to everyone who came along to enjoy and support - but mostly to Neghat and Malcom - for whom mass-food-production seems not to be an issue! We are SO lucky in Wootton to have this wide spectrum of skills, enthusiasm and kindness.

Kathy Gabbatiss

"The kebabs were said to be nice, and bhelpuri had not too much spice,
A big chunk of dhokla,
and some well-fried pakora,
were followed by hot dahl and rice."

Neghat and Malcolm would like to say a BIG "Thank you" to all our helpers, and to all of you that attended and made the event such a friendly and successful community occasion.

A special thank you goes to Carl, the

Cocktail King of Wootton, for his generous donation of three delicious cocktails that were enjoyed by many.

The evening raised a significant sum for Wootton Conservation Trust, helping us to maintain the lovely village asset that is Jubilee Meadows.

Neghat and Malcolm



Wootton Community
and Sports Trust

W CAST

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the Indian Street Food Evening to raise funds for the Conservation Trust - it was a wonderful evening! Thanks, too, so much to Neghat and Malcolm and all their helpers for such amazing food and cocktails!

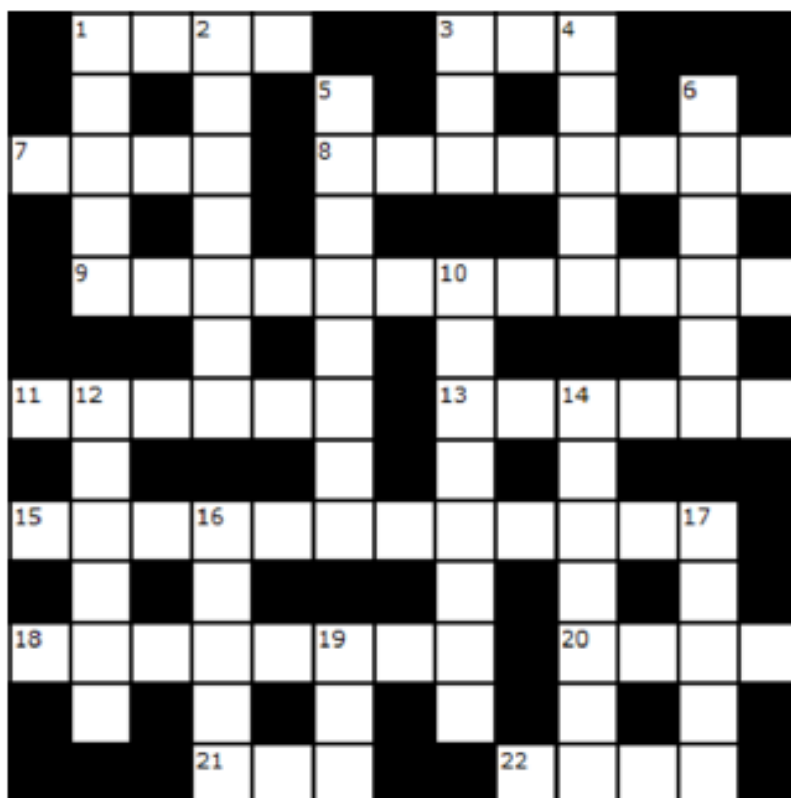
Please come along and join in our community rounders games on Friday evenings in September, all welcome, whatever your skill level! On September 9th, WCAST is happy to announce we will be hosting the Flower Show After Party at the BRIDGE BAR - join us from 7pm for music and fun following a wonderful village day!
Thank you,

Meghan

THE "OUTREACH" CROISSANT CROSSWORD — No. 219

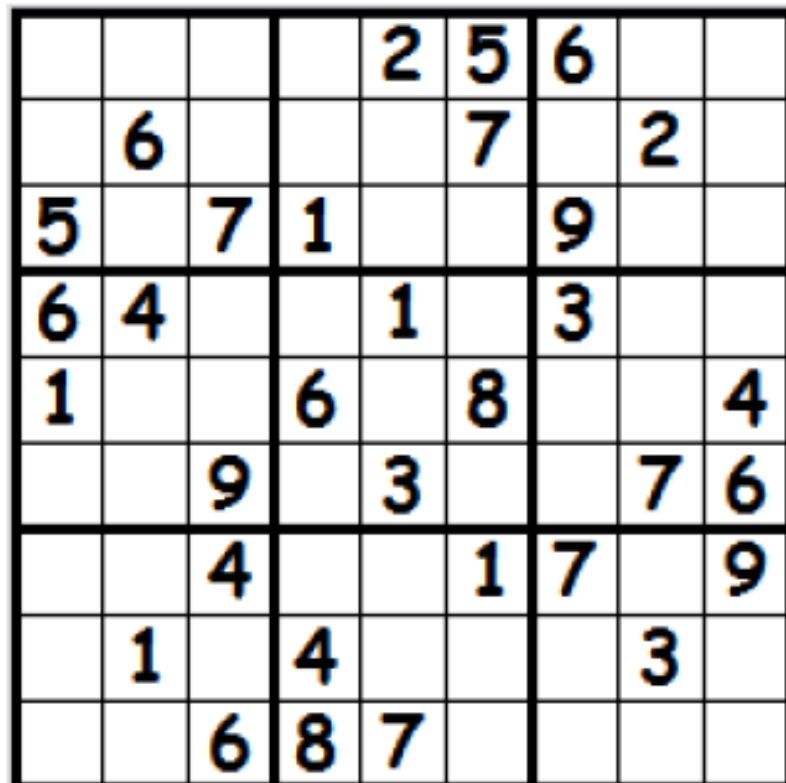
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- 3) Rudimentary building (3)
- 7) Impecunious (4)
- 8) Outdated (8)
- 9) Of benefit (12)
- 11) Garden plant with large flowers (6)
- 13) Unusual (6)
- 15) Ended (12)
- 18) Gather (8)
- 20) African river (4)
- 21) Piece of turf (3)
- 22) Continent (4)



Down

- 1) Czech car manufacturer (5)
- 2) Come apart (7)
- 3) Belonging to him (3)
- 4) Net fabric (5)
- 5) Water feature (8)
- 6) Hit (6)
- 10) Got (8)
- 12) In the middle of (6)
- 14) Large lizards (7)
- 16) Masticates (5)
- 17) Greek letter (5)
- 19) Morally evil (3)



Last month's winner, August, was ...well, sadly, no correct entries I fear. ☹️

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.



I've been feeding my friends' cats while they are on holiday. And their axolotls. Not to be confused with ocelots, which might make more sense for a family of cat lovers. But no, they're definitely axolotls. Kinda cute, kinda strange. They eat bloodworms. And, apparently, each other, if they're of a mind too. It would seem that Wootton in general is a village of animal lovers. There are lots of lovely dogs, and my dog; countless cats; um, snakes; axolotls; guinea pigs; rabbits; tortoises; sheep... Many of us are lucky enough to also have a generous neighbour or friend who is happy to feed / walk / cuddle / tolerate our pets while we are on holiday - thank you! And if you or they ever run out of dog or cat food, Wootton Stores has plenty on offer. No bloodworms though.



Melanie Waldron



STONESFIELD GARDENING CLUB

As is our custom, we had no meeting in August.

I'm sure we have all been busy in our gardens and vegetable patches, enjoying our green lawns and comparing yields with last year, although it would be nice to be able to spend more evenings outside! Everything is growing well, but some heat and sunshine to get things ripe would be very welcome now – fingers crossed for the proverbial Indian Summer.

Our September talk will take place on Monday 4 at 7.30pm in the St James' Centre, when we will welcome local garden designer Lorraine Brodrick. She will be talking to us about Future Proofing our gardens, looking at designing for time, resources and physical capability available. Lots to talk about, I'm sure. Hope to see you there.

Diane Bates
Secretary Stonesfield Gardening Club
www.stonesfieldgardening.info

WOOTTON FLOWER SHOW

Saturday 9th September

2pm - Memorial Playing Field

Come along and join the fun!
£2 entry for adults - children FREE!

DON'T FORGET to get your forms in
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WOOTTON FLOWER SHOW

BOTTLE COLLECTION



Our bottle stall is super popular and always sells out. We never have too many bottles and we'd love it if you could donate a few. Anything from shampoo to Champagne gratefully received. Volunteers will be collecting on Wednesday (6th) night.

place at North Oxfordshire Crematorium on Thursday 31st August at noon.

We send our deepest sympathy and condolences to David's wife Gill and his family.

Fiona

If you would like a Life Event such as a baptism, birthday or anniversary to be included in Outreach please contact fiona@macknlay.net or 07880 327674. The deadline is the 15th of the month before the next month's publication.

OUR COVER PICTURE



LIFE'S EVENTS

It is with great sadness that we report on the death of David Lee (senior) who died peacefully at Bicester community hospital on 2nd August 2023 aged 87 years. David was the church verger for many years in Wootton and will be remembered with his wife Gill for keeping the church, churchyard, memorial and their cottage garden looking beautiful. He loved sitting on the church wall having a good conversation with anyone and everyone who had time to stop and talk. David's funeral service took

WIN RETIREMENT

After many years of service as a trustee and treasurer to the Wootton Relief in Need charity, Ann Day recently announced her resignation from the committee. To recognise the enormous contribution that Ann has made to the charity, the chairman, Simon Heighes presented her with a bouquet of flowers. All of the trustees would like to thank Ann for her many years of dedicated service and send her our very best wishes.

Kati Rankov

WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL TALKS

Our next speaker on Friday September 15th is MENSUN BOUND, the world-renowned marine archaeologist, known as "The Indiana Jones of the Deep" and recently back from a speaking-tour across the United States. Mensun was director of exploration for two expeditions to the Weddell Sea which led to the rediscovery of the Endurance, in which Sir Ernest Shackleton and a crew of 27 men sailed for the Antarctic on the 1914–1917 Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition.

The vessel was crushed by sea-ice and sank on 21 November 1915, forcing Shackleton and his men to make a heroic escape on foot and in small boats. Mensun said: "Without any exaggeration this is by far the finest wooden shipwreck I have ever seen. It is upright, well proud of the seabed, intact, and in a brilliant state of preservation. You can even see the ship's name - ENDURANCE- across its stern. You would have to be made of stone not to feel a bit squishy at the sight" Mensun will be talking about the rediscovery chronicled in his book,

The Ship Beneath The Ice, which has received rave reviews. The Sunday Times described it "as thrilling as any tale from the heroic age of exploration. Bound's account is a triumph"

Mensun has led many expeditions, including the excavation of an Etruscan 6th Century BC shipwreck off Giglio Island, in Italy, the oldest known shipwreck of the Archaic era. Fine wares from the site consisted mainly of Corinthian, Laconian, Ionian and Etruscan fabrics representing a range of shapes. Some were painted with human figures, animals, florals and mythological motifs.

FUTURE EVENTS

Fri October 13th -

TOM FORT, author of gentle best-sellers about village life, angling and punting across England (often Book of the Week in the Sunday Times and made into films for BBC FOUR)

Fri November 10th -

JONATHAN KEATES, former chairman of the Venice in Peril Fund

Fri December 15th -

SALLY WAINWRIGHT, creator of hit-dramas Happy Valley, Last Tango in Halifax and Gentleman Jack

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While the very mixed climate this year has meant a difficult time for our gardens, the combination of hot dry followed by wet warm and now variable weather has meant that the vegetation on the Meadows has thrived. Meadowsweet has been rampant on the Glyme Water Meadow, and Pyramidal Orchids have thrived on Dorn Warren Bank (DWB) and have now appeared on Round Top (RT) and Long Meadow. We now have four orchid species present on the site. Sue Helm, a local botanist, has started surveying the flora and we hope to have a comprehensive list of the species present by next year. The hedgerows are doing well, and we intend to have the tall hedge

between RT and DWB laid this winter in order to improve its wildlife value. This traditional method of maintaining a hedgerow will look a bit drastic at first, but will generate a lot of new growth over the next two years. Other hedges will be left until next year before cutting. We also hope to have the willows along the Glyme pollarded in the winter in order to rejuvenate them and remove the risk of more falling limbs.

You may have noticed that there is new fencing and gates at the bottom of RT. This completes our current fencing program for the time being. Please ensure you close gates after you.

Sheep are now present on the reserve – currently on DWB – and will be moved around as part of the grazing regime that is necessary to maintain the diversity of plants that are special on the site. Please follow the instructions posted on the gates with regards to access, and keep dogs on a lead whilst in fields where sheep are present.

A final note: a BIG thank you to all who have supported the Trust by attending various fund-raising events, and please visit our table at the Wootton Flower Show on September 9th.

Malcolm Barnicote
WCT

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BEN NEVIS CHARITY CLIMB

In 2020, Bryan Butler, a maintenance worker on the Glympton Estate, suffered a spinal injury. This injury caused Bryan intense pain and discomfort in his lower back and numbness in his legs which forced him to cut short his honeymoon (no obvious jokes please!) After a long period of discomfort, time off work, visits to specialists discussing options, including the risks of surgery which could have resulted in Bryan becoming paralysed, Bryan finally underwent surgery in May 2022 at the Oxford Spinal Surgery Unit at the Nuffield Hospital. The surgery was successful, and after a period of recovery, Bryan returned to work on light duties, slowly regaining his strength and movement. There have been a couple of minor setbacks, mainly because Bryan tried to do too much too soon

which knocked his recovery slightly, but he is now well on the mend and back at work. In July 2023 Bryan, along with three work colleagues (Barrie Jones, Richard Moss and Burty Bower with his dog Jim) set off to climb Ben Nevis to raise money for Spinal Surgery Unit. It took the guys eight hours to get up and down the highest mountain in Britain, experiencing four seasons in one day of differing weather. But they made it, raising nearly £3,000 in the process. The whole of Glympton is proud of these chaps, especially Bryan (the one with no hat in the photo) whose cheerfulness and bravery throughout a rough couple of years are an inspiration to us all. If anyone would like to make an additional donation to this fantastic cause, please contact the Estate Office at Glympton and we'll put you in touch.

David Hards



IN OUR GARDEN

A swarm of bees in May
Is worth a load of hay
A swarm of bees in June
Is worth a silver spoon
A swarm of bees in July
Isn't worth a fly.....Sadly,
August isn't covered!

Marlene

QUIZ NIGHT



The August quiz in the Killi was enjoyed by four teams, with some impressive knowledge on display about Disney films, Labour women and alcohol allowance at the border. The Oaties were second, but were just pipped by one point by the other family team "Not Quite 100%".

There will be no Quiz in September (Flower Show weekend!), then we return to the second Sunday slot on October 8th and November 12th. 7pm in the Killi, proceeds all to support Outreach, just turn up - we can form teams on the night! Or come as a ready-formed team of between 4 and 6.

Let me know if you'd like to receive email reminders.

Phil Parker

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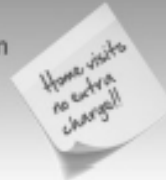
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Enjoy a talk from a Master of Wine as you sample a number of
different wines to see which most appeals to you.

To allow for catering and because numbers will be limited
please purchase your tickets from Wootton Stores by Saturday
September 30th

Tickets cost £25 per head

Proceeds will go towards improvements in Village Hall facilities

Crossword No 218 solution



Sudoku page 7


4	9	1	3	2	5	6	8	7
3	6	8	9	4	7	5	2	1
5	2	7	1	8	6	9	4	3
6	4	5	7	1	2	3	9	8
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8	3	4	2	5	1	7	6	9
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S7 WITNEY— LONG HANBOROUGH— WOODSTOCK—OXFORD.

Stagecoach has confirmed that it has made changes to the S7 timetable to improve punctuality and more accurately reflect running times although the frequency will remain unchanged. Importantly daytime trips will now extend to Wootton Turn instead of Woodstock Town following discussions with Oxfordshire County Council. This is to prevent buses turning in Woodstock town centre during key shopping hours where there are increased pedestrians, and the road can be blocked by parked cars. If you are thinking of using the bus in the early evening, do check whether it will still be running to Wootton turn when you want to use it.

John Harwood

FROM OUR VERY OWN OUTREACH THEATRE "NUT"



SORRY
Kathy!

As most of my friends know, I am a bit of a Theatre obsessive -, and spend most of my spare time either booking, reading about or going to the Theatre - mainly in London and Stratford these days.

I have been debating whether or not to write a little for Outreach about some of the productions I have seen or will see and, when listening to a radio discussion the other week I was so incensed by some of the inaccuracy that thought I would write a little here. One aim (after that) is to counter the belief that it has to cost a fortune - even in London.

I was so sad to hear person after person ringing in to say that it was too much money to take a family to the 'theatre'. I was particularly sad because, as children, my Mother took us to so many wonderful productions - large and small - amateur and professional - good and sometimes awful but all of which were magical experiences. All of which helped develop imagination and a love for the immediacy of and variability of live performance.

TIP 1. Look ahead and use internet to advise on likely good productions for the year and then BOOK early!

TIP 2. Avoid the West End theatres if you can - except for the smaller

newer ones such as The Donmar, The Royal Court, the new @SohoPlace, the Barbican - all of which have tickets starting from about £25

TIP 3. Look at the wonderful (and easily accessible) SouthBank theatres - The Bridge, The Menier Chocolate Factory, The National Theatre, The Young and The Old Vic - all cheaper and all with brilliant productions.

Tip 4. Lots of great local theatres - the Oxford Playhouse used to have excellent touring productions, the Cheltenham Everyman too.

Tip 5. STRATFORD - for those who love Shakespeare wonderful of course - but The Swan theatre productions are usually slightly more accessible and always brilliantly performed with music and dance throughout - whatever the subject. Only 40 minutes by car.

TIP 6. For FAMILIES. I KNOW that the productions like Lion King and Frozen etc are excellent and really aimed at the Children, but they are so expensive. Don't assume they are the only thing.

Local theatres like CREATION make the most imaginative theatre I have ever seen and often aimed at Children particularly around Christmas time.

Next Month I will summarise the best ongoing productions I have seen and would recommend.

Kathy Gabbatiss

WOODSTOCK & DISTRICT U3A

As summer marches on, Woodstock u3a activities continue. Our July speaker meeting welcomed David Hughes who entertained and educated us in the mysteries of wine growing – and drinking. - and how we can all buy wine that is both pleasant to drink (always with food, David stressed), and doesn't break the bank. Perhaps, he suggested, the best value for money can be got from New World vineyards, but worldwide mass-market producers offer uniform, predictable, highly drinkable wine – often with 'mouth watering flavours'. As to wine tourism, however, David was less enthusiastic, suggesting that most European vineyards offered a poor 'visitor experience',

The Branch's next meeting with an invited speaker is on 7th September when our guest speaker will be Sterven Tonkin; his subject: 'Right Light at Night' - yes, your guess is as good as mine: come along to be enlightened – 2. p.m., St. Hugh's, Hensington Road, Woodstock.

Most of the Branch's subject groups have continued to meet through the summer, the recorder players, for example, in a conservatory in Kidlington, the play readers in a Woodstock garden. And the recently formed Historic Churches group has ticked off another interesting local example – St. Bartholomew's in Yarnton: plenty more to come yet!

Chris Sladen

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