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	<b>Sunday :</b>	<b>12.00 - 15.00 &amp; 18.00 - 20.00</b>

CHERWELL GRAPHICS

# F

## RANK



He's a black and white cat, with a yellow collar. We believe that someone in the village is feeding him because he isn't really eating at home any more. We would be most grateful if whoever is doing it would stop. And, maybe let us know where he's been.

Many thanks,

*Pete Appleford*

Parish of Wootton, Glympton, and Kiddington

# H

## ELP WITH FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

Thanks to the generosity of some parishioners, we are able to offer grants to anyone who is experiencing financial difficulty. Please contact the Chairman of the PCC, Peter Browne, on 01608 658017 or by email: [brownepd49@gmail.com](mailto:brownepd49@gmail.com) giving family details and a summary of your financial commitments.

**HELP IN TIME OF NEED**



### **This month's cover ..**

From our senior resident, Roy Hanson, spotted outside the Village shop in Wootton.

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 August edition - 15th July :  
email to [outreachwgk@gmail.com](mailto: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



JULY  
SERVICES

Sunday 2nd	10.15am	St Mary's, Wootton	Sunday Light
Sunday 9th	10.15am	St Mary's, Glympton	Parish Communion
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

**W**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 over the next couple of months we need to make two appointments. One is for a vacancy which has just arisen with the resignation of Mrs Ann Day, and the term of office of another trustee will end in the autumn. 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](http://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, Cathy Fleet, on [Clerkwpc0@gmail.com](mailto:Clerkwpc0@gmail.com) with a short explanation of what you think you could bring to the charity. Please note that previous applications made earlier this year will be automatically considered unless withdrawn, and that past or current trustees are eligible for appointment.

*John Harwood*

# P

## ARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The parish council met on a humid June evening threatened by thunderstorms, so we much appreciated seeing those villagers who made it to the village hall to join us.

One of the serious issues we are trying to cope with is finding a contractor willing to take on the vergeside grass cutting in the village. Our previous contractors have refused to continue. We have approached a number of firms including those working for nearby parishes but none has been willing to take on additional work. We have received one quotation for a basic single cut round the village. This would cost us £400 (plus vat??) which is three-quarters of our entire annual grass cutting grant from the county council. Despite the cost, we have decided we should accept this quotation while we continue to try to find a longer-term solution. In the meantime, we very much appreciate the efforts of a number of residents who have been keeping the verges and roadside grass under control. Any leads or suggestions for firms or sole contractors with suitable equipment to approach would be most welcome.

We also spent some time discussing the 20 mph speed limit which has now legally come into force. We are keen to improve the visibility of the signage by cutting back foliage

where needed. Also, we are purchasing a supply of 20 mph signs which can be stuck onto people's wheelie bins. These will be available in the village shop when they arrive. We are however conscious that there are still remaining some serious road safety issues, not least involving speeding traffic on the B4027. With the help of Cllr Andy Graham we will be meeting the relevant county council staff to discuss what sort measures could be put in place to improve the situation.

We continue to work on the plans to plant some Coronation trees in Castle Road but the actual planting can't be until October. The details will be published well before then for consultation. The original 1953 trees were donated by a local resident, and we would like to echo this principle by inviting local sponsorship of the new trees. If you would like to sponsor a tree, please contact me or our Clerk. We were given an update on the S7 bus route situation. The county council commissioned an independent safety audit of turning the buses in the middle of Woodstock (rather than using the purpose-built turning by the A44). The audit is very critical of the current practice, and it looks as if OCC will be putting pressure on Stagecoach to revert to the old route. So read next month's report for the latest news on this.



Finally, one of the council's nominees on the Wootton Relief in Need charity, Mrs Ann Day, has decided to stand down. She has served the community in this role and, also, very importantly as the charity's treasurer, for many years. If you might be interested in taking on such a role, then elsewhere in this edition is more information on how to apply. Also, at the meeting we sadly said 'good bye' to Cris Hoad and thanked her for the huge contribution she has made to getting our finances and operations back in order. By the time you read this, our new Clerk, Cathy Fleet, will have taken over. (The Clerk's email remains unchanged: [clerkwpc0@gmail.com](mailto:clerkwpc0@gmail.com)). We have

changed the dates for our meetings which will now take place on the first Monday in the month (unless it is a bank holiday). So our next meeting will be on Monday 3 July.

*John Harwood*

## **S**TONESFIELD GARDENING CLUB

We had a talk from Russell Attwood last month, telling us about his version of No-Dig Gardening. On his allotment this entails covering any weedy patch with a layer of cardboard, which is then in turn covered with wood chips, grass cuttings, pulled weeds, leaves or compost. He will then continue to build up layers as if he were making

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a compost heap. The soil stays moister underneath these layers, and crops can be planted by going through the layers to the soil underneath.

Bearing a strong resemblance to Michael Palin, Russell kept us amused, while we wondered if he was going to burst into the Lumberjack Song. Not a song about trees, but he did treat us to a song about pumpkins at the end! No talk this month, but we will be visiting the garden at Sezincote, near Moreton-in-Marsh on Thursday 13 July.

Please contact me if you would like to be added to the list.

*Diane Bates*

*Secretary Stonesfield Gardening Club*

*diane@bateshome.co.uk*

*www.stonesfieldgardening.info*

#### **NANNYING : JULY-AUGUST**

I have just completed a BA primary education degree and have had 4+ years of experience with children both in my degree (5-11 year olds) and through babysitting (with children younger and older than 5 and my 4 month old niece). I am advertising for a full time nannying role at the end of August and beginning of September. I have a full driving licence and my own car as well as being DBS checked and have paediatric first aid.

*Ellie Oliver*

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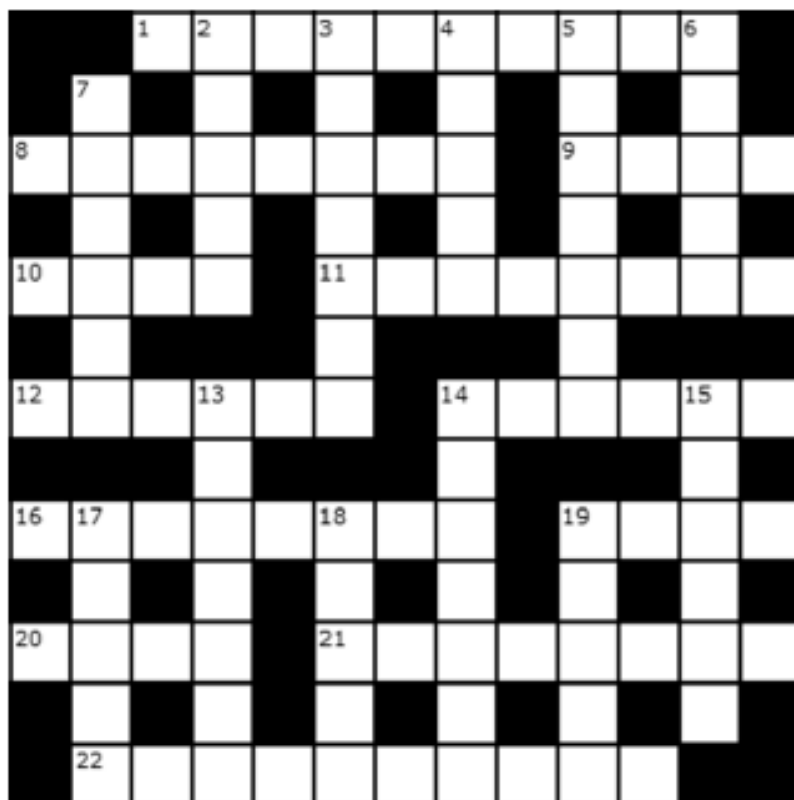
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### Across

- 1) Miser (10)
- 8) Arboreal rodent (8)
- 9) Fair (4)
- 10) Desire (4)
- 11) Flowers (8)
- 12) Lapwing (6)
- 14) Save (6)
- 16) Committed crime (8)
- 19) Cardinal point (4)
- 20) Pig meat (4)
- 21) Inmate (8)
- 22) Supplementary (10)

### Down

- 2) Lift heavy item (5)
- 3) Tumbler (7)
- 4) Volley of fire (5)
- 5) Alters (7)
- 6) Surrey racecourse (5)
- 7) Regular quadrilateral (6)
- 13) Destroyed (7)
- 14) Concierto de Aranjuez  
composer (7)
- 15) Irish province (6)
- 17) Naturally-occurring  
plant life (5)
- 18) Storage location (5)
- 19) Viral disease (5)



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Last month's winner, June, was GARY WARMINGTON -

**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.



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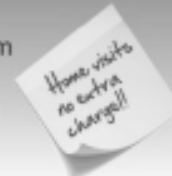
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# UKRAINE EVENING

Lots of people signed flags at the Ukraine fundraiser and they have now reached the front line. This picture shows the soldiers holding one of the flags (faces covered for security). Didier's signature and Melanie's are clear in the photo.

*Frances Bates*

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# W OOTTON OPEN GARDENS AND FLOWER FESTIVAL

It seems a long time ago now, but it's not too late to say a great big "THANKYOU" to everyone who worked hard to make the WOGAFF weekend such a success.



12 gardens and a woodland all looked at their beautiful best in the wonderful sunshine, and the talented creativity on display in Wootton church and Village Hall was truly astounding! Thanks too for the display of tools used in past village crafts, the delicious cakes and scones specially made for the teas, and, of course, the many people who helped by selling tickets, serving the teas and donating raffle prizes.





Just over £2,000 was raised to support the maintenance of the three ancient churches in our parish.

*Ann Leggett*







WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL presents

*An Evening of Poetry*

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would love to hear from you!



# ALL CHANGE

Last month Wootton Stores volunteers, helpers and committee members gathered at the Old Bakehouse (thanks Louise and John! Please can I have your house?) to say goodbye to Rachel Jones as Shop Manager and to thank her for all she has done for the shop and the village over the past years. She was on the original management committee in the early days, 16 years ago, when the shop as it is was first set up. She then took over the role of Shop Manager from Pam Jones 11 years ago and has made the shop the excellent place that it is today. I asked Rachel to give me some thoughts on her time as Shop Manager:

“I’ve loved getting to know people in the village and feel very privileged to now call all the volunteers friends. This I will miss. I think the shop has evolved over the years and I was really happy with the recent development of the courtyard garden and catering kitchen along with the new store room and office that is now in place. This has made life much easier for everyone and the

courtyard is such a beautiful space.

Covid was probably the most challenging of times. Not because we were super busy but because so many of our suppliers had closed down. Sourcing new suppliers and trying to get hold of stock was the difficult part.

Over the years I have helped with roaming sheep, assisted in medical emergencies, returned lost pets, advised on things I’m most certainly not qualified to do – to name but a few things! – but it’s made the role interesting and most certainly memorable.

I’m going to miss chatting to Roy on a Tuesday morning while he has his coffee. (For those who don’t know, Roy likes his cup warmed and then a latte with a quarter of a spoon of sugar!) I’m happy to say I’m off to work for RH which has just opened its first UK gallery at Aynho Park.”

Thank you Rachel, and we wish you all the best in your new job ... and talking of new jobs, we are delighted that Michele Glanville is now the new Shop Manager! I asked Michele to write a bit about herself:





“Hey there! I'm Michele, a person who's all about embracing life and getting involved in the community. Two years back, David and I decided to make this charming village our home. And let me tell you, the community here welcomed us with open arms, making us feel like we truly belong. I have two children, Thomas and Emily, who make me beam with pride. Throughout my career, I've worn many hats in the retail industry, from managing various roles to finally becoming an operations manager for our family business. The shop is the perfect place I can bring that experience to help the community. My journey with the community started as a volunteer in the shop, driven by a desire to give back and

make a difference. Little did I know that this would lead me to where we are now.

I got more involved, and before I knew it, I was asked to join the shop committee. Initially, managing the shop after Rachel's departure was just a temporary gig to help out but it quickly became a role that resonated with me, and I happily accepted the opportunity to serve permanently.

In those rare moments of downtime, I like exploring the local area, seeking out new experiences and hidden treasures. Whether it's visiting nearby towns, or immersing myself in different county events, I'm all about expanding my horizons and sharing my discoveries with others. As the manager of our cherished local shop, I understand the responsibility that comes with it. My vision is to cultivate how the local shop holds a special place in our hearts – where the shop is not just a place to shop but a space that nurtures connections and supports our collective well-being, and I am privileged to be a part of its journey.”



Thank you Michele, we are privileged to have you as our Shop Manager!

*Melanie Waldron*



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# WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL TALKS

For his third appearance at the Talks, Tim Birkhead gave a fascinating and amusing talk on the varied relationship between humans and birds, as detailed in his best-selling new book, *Birds & Us*. Birds have been studied by engineers developing aircraft, while some peoples adorn themselves with their feathers. Others have hunted them both for sustenance, such as puffins in the Faroe Islands, and also for "fun", including pheasant-shoots in the UK when huge amounts are spent breeding birds simply to be shot. (However, some in the audience later offered the opinion that maintaining such shoots had wider benefits for wildlife).

As a link between humans and birds, Tim - a professor at Sheffield University and a Fellow of the Royal Society - highlighted drawings in caves in southern Spain created thousands of years ago where the walls are covered with red images of a wide variety of birds that would have migrated in their millions in the region, often providing a supply of food. Scientists recognize them as

ancestors of those species still largely flying around the area today.

Tim also highlighted major problems facing birdlife, including climate change leading to a loss of habitats and reductions in fish stocks for food. Such issues may be confronting the colonies of guillemots on the island of Skomer, off the Pembrokeshire coast, which Tim has studied for fifty years - but such work may be in doubt after funding was suddenly cut off and other sources are being urgently sought

As a mark of our appreciation, two bottles of fine-wine were presented to Tim by Rev John Reader, the new rector, who was attending his first Wootton Talk with his wife, Christine. The evening was our 125th event and Amanda Salter created a giant rocky-road, with an inscription, which went down a storm. Nicholas Tomlinson had also baked another commemorative cake - but after he left the room to prepare the icing, his dog Zoltan had enjoyed himself eating it (to great amusement all round).

About 115 attended the event and £886.31 was raised for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, leading to a total of £8,044.76 since March last year. Many thanks to those who have supported the Talks - and Ukraine.



Our next evening is on Friday September 15th when the speaker is Mensun Bound, a world-renowned marine archaeologist, known as "The Indiana Jones of the Deep". 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.

He is also renowned for directing 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.

*Andy Morgan*

**Q**UIZ  
NIGHT



Many thanks to Nicholas and Didier for running the June quiz. All six teams enjoyed themselves- but the early promise of an easy quiz proved a little mis-leading as we were all pushed with anagrams, geography, chemical elements and Welsh football. The only country

with each vowel only once?

Mozambique!

The Quartet were third but Team Alb and Pickled Brians needed a tie break to split them - who could get closest to the number of Scilly Isles? There are 140!! Well done to Pickled Brians for going high!

We don't yet have volunteers to run the quiz in July or August. Do let me know if you could run one- or if you want to be added for the email list to let you know when the next quiz will be!

Finally, inflation has finally caught up with us - entry fees will rise from £5/team to £2/person- all donated towards the running of Outreach magazine.

*Phil Parker*

**F**LOWER SHOW  
UPDATE

If your Flower Show schedule has not yet dropped on your door mat, it will arrive any day now. I hope the categories we've come up with this year inspire you to get creative. I think for the first time in the history of the show there's a pasty category, which I'm personally looking forward to. Every year we rely on you all to get involved and help turn the marquee into such a joyous place. You don't need any special talent to enter - just have a go and join in the fun! The more entries the better - and please do

encourage any local children you know to enter as many categories as possible. It's a Wootton tradition we dearly want to live-on with the next generations. We'd love it if you would consider baking a CAKE FOR OUR TEA TENT this year. You'd be amazed at the volume of cake we sell every year, and it's a lot for our volunteers to do. It would be a huge help if you could donate a cake. Just bring it along on the morning of the show. All donations gratefully received. And please do start collecting donations for the BOTTLE STALL. It's always hugely popular and guaranteed to sell out. We can never have too many bottles, and

we'd love it if you would start putting a few aside for us. Maybe you could pop a couple of extra bottles into your trolley the next time you go to the supermarket? They don't have to be alcoholic. They don't even have to be drinkable. Bottles of shampoo are just as welcome as bottles of champagne.

Drop them round to 4 Manor Court any time - just leave them outside if nobody's home. There will also be a bottle collection round on the Wednesday (6th) before the show. DON'T FORGET THE BIG DAY - SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

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As we now move from Spring into summer, the Meadows continues to thrive. Butterflies are on the wing and Damsel flies flutter along the river banks, while overhead Swallows and Swifts wheel and swoop in search of insects.

Yet again, the Spring flora of Celandines and Cowslips has been followed by Buttercups, Birds-foot Trefoil and Wild Thyme to name but



a few. Dorn Warren Bank (DWB) has once more seen a profusion of Pyramidal Orchids, many of which are now appearing in increasing numbers on other parts of the reserve. We now have four species of orchid on the site – Pyramidal, Common Spotted, Bee orchid, and the newly found Common Twayblade. The latter is an unspectacular looking specimen, but a welcome addition to the list which illustrates the success of the current management regime in encouraging a more diverse community of plants. Another recent addition to the list of plants is Yellow Rattle, a parasite on grass which has appeared on DWB. Soon, the riverside fields will be full of the fluffy flowerheads of Meadowsweet, and the air filled with their heady almond aroma. A botanical survey will be undertaken this Summer to give us a fuller picture of the plants that occur on the reserve, and will enable us to better manage the site to encourage those that are of particular importance for the rare habitats we have. While the grass is now rampant, it will probably be topped at the end of July before being grazed by sheep for three months. During this time, dog owners are reminded that dogs must be kept on leads in any field where sheep are present. Notices will be posted on Wootton

WhatsApp and on field gates. We will soon be replacing the fencing that was removed from the Glyme Water Meadow, near the river bend, with new fencing and gates. Hand rails will also be installed on the footbridge over the small stream there.

Once the breeding seeding for birds has finished, work will start on the tree line/hedgerow between RT and DWB. This will involve a contractor hedge laying the line from Valda's Copse for about 130 metres, and us infilling gaps with young plants (whips), possibly with the help of a volunteer work party. This will initially make quite a stark change to the appearance of the hedgerow but will, over about three years, result in a much thicker and healthier hedgerow. The larger, specimen trees will be retained. We will also be managing the Willows along the river, some of which have had limbs break and fall. They will be pollarded by a contractor.

It is probable that, while sheep are grazing or contract work is being undertaken on the site, certain paths will be closed for a short period. Again, notice will be given in advance.

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