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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 ..**

Wootton Village Hall Spring Craft Fair. See p 5/6.

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 June edition - 15th May :**

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

*Mel*

THE PARISH OF WOOTTON,  
GLYMPTON AND KIDDINGTON

# MAY SERVICES



Sunday 7th	CORONATION SUNDAY SERVICE		
	10.15am	St Mary's, Wootton	Service of celebration
Sunday 14th	10.15am	St Mary's, Glympton	Parish Communion
Sunday 21st	10.15am	St Mary's Wootton	Parish Communion
Sunday 28th	10.15am	St Nicholas, Kiddington	Parish Communion
Tuesday 30th	7.30pm	St Mary's, Wootton	(see below)
Deanery Ascension Day Service			
Thursday 19th	7.30pm	St Magdalene, Woodstock.	

## PARISH POSTING

I am delighted to report that Dr John Reader has been appointed as the next rector of the Parish. He has long experience of ministry in rural parishes and his last appointment was as rector of the Ironstone Benefice in the north of the County. He and his wife, Christine, will be moving into The Rectory towards the end of May and John takes up his appointment as our rector for an initial term of three years on the 30th May. An invitation to his licensing service appears below.

The service at 10.15am on Sunday 7th May in Wootton Church will celebrate the coronation of King

Charles III and Queen Camilla. All are welcome to come and help celebrate this historic occasion.

*Peter Browne*

ON TUESDAY 30TH MAY AT 7.30PM AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, WOOTTON, there will be a service for the Institution by Bishop Gavin and Installation by Archdeacon David of Revd. Dr John Reader as Rector of Wootton, Glympton and Kiddington.

There is an open invitation to all residents of the Parish to come along and give Dr. Reader and his wife, Christine, a warm welcome. Refreshments will be available after the service.

*Ann Leggett*

# Wootton-by-Woodstock OPEN GARDENS AND FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday 3rd June: 2.00 pm - 5.30pm  
Sunday 4th June: 10.00 am - 1.00pm  
and 2.00 pm - 5.30pm

...in St. Mary's Church, Wootton.  
Flower Festival and displays of crafts  
Theme: "Village Crafts, Past and Present".

Afternoon teas in Wootton Village Hall:  
ice-creams available at the Village Stores.

Garden tickets: £6.00 on sale at the church.

Proceeds in aid of the Parish Churches of  
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WOOTTON  
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CRAFT  
FAIR

## Wootton Village Pop Up Tea Room

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## W OOTON VILLAGE HALL SPRING CRAFT FAIR

We were all horrified by accounts of the deadly Turkey/Syria earthquake, with reports of over 50,000 dead and 18million in urgent need of shelter, food and medicine. To help with the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal, the Village Hall Management team decided to host a Spring craft fair, to raise funds for the appeal. With Zoe Wheeler at the helm, on Sunday April 2nd the Village Hall was transformed with bunting, a tea tent and the presence of a charming converted green horsebox serving hot drinks and delicious Danish pastries. Inside was a hive of activity. Fifteen local artisans hosted stalls displaying an array of beautiful gifts including spring themed flower arrangements, jewellery, hand-made clothes, original artworks, skincare and the most covetable wooden items.

Highly scented candles, soaps and aromatic oils made the Hall smell wonderful and we are grateful to the stall holders for donating items to be raffled at the end of the day. Four stallholders from the village also showcased their wares, including Rosa Wheeler and her exquisite lino-cut artwork, Paul Simmons with his hand-crafted pens, Jenny Adams showcasing her bright bold and energetic paintings (for the first time) and Zoe Wheeler's beautiful stationery with a charming illustrated book of her

grandfather's poems.

By lunchtime the hall was very busy indeed, walkers, cyclists and visitors from as far as Witney and Headington enjoyed the sunshine and refreshments outside and the stallholders were doing a roaring trade. The chocolate brownie stall was particularly popular, it was impossible to resist the delicious looking array of chocolate cakes. A total of £520 profit was made from a combination of raffle tickets and door entry proceeds, all of which was donated to the Turkey-Syria appeal.

Thanks to everyone who made the day such a resounding success.

*Marlene Fisher*

## W OOTON PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council met early in April because of the Easter break. There were no countywide issues on the agenda, so we were able to concentrate on some of the more local challenges.

Sadly, it now seems almost certain that the school will be closing at the end of this academic year.

Originally founded in the late 18th century it has been educating children from the village for over two hundred years. There is a photo from about a hundred years ago showing all the children lined up in front of the building. Clearly there were many more children in the area in those days and the school played an key role in the life

of the village. Over the last century, personal mobility and changing social structures have hugely reduced the demand for a school in the village. So now, put simply, there are just not enough children in the village to sustain a separate school. When it closes, a decision will need to be made on the future use of the site, and the parish council will want to play a role helping secure a viable future which as far as possible benefits our village.

One issue which is of immediate concern to local families with children at the school is how will they travel to and from Tackley. The council has been assured that this is something the school authority (ODST) and the county council are discussing. Funding to continue the transport for the first two years has been agreed but the position after that is not yet clear. The council has been pressing our local county councillor to ensure that a fair and satisfactory outcome is agreed. Another issue which came up at the meeting was the change in the route of the No 7 buses, which no longer come up to the Wootton turn. Instead, they turn in the middle of Woodstock. Anyone who has witnessed this manoeuvre will not be surprised to hear that it has caused a serious outcry in Woodstock. The parish council hopes that this opposition together with the concerns from Wootton will lead to a rethink on the route. Anyone who has been

disadvantaged by the change in the route should write to our local county councillor to complain. With the Coronation approaching in May, we heard from the village hall committee of the proposed celebrations and agreed some funding to help. More information will be circulated by the committee soon. The Coronation also means our next meeting has been moved to Monday 15 May. This will be the council's Annual Meeting. On the same evening will be the Annual Parish Meeting - starting at 7.00 pm. Although organised by the council, this is not a parish council meeting, but an open meeting for everyone in the village. Every resident of the parish is entitled to attend and speak or ask questions. It is also an opportunity for local organisations to come and report on their activities during the year. The council will be writing to the main village organisation asking whether they wish to take up this opportunity. If you think there is something about the village which needs to be raised, then this will be your opportunity. Finally, please note that our recently appointed parish clerk, Corina Cheeks, has sadly had to stand down for personal reasons, so Chris Hoad is back as our clerk until we can recruit a permanent replacement.

*John Harwood*



**W**OGAFF  
Would you like to open your garden for WOGAFF (Wootton Open Gardens and Flower Festival)? (See poster) Any size garden will do, and it doesn't have to be perfect. No garden ever is! People just enjoy looking round.  
Or perhaps you'd like to contribute a flower arrangement on the theme of "Village Crafts, Past and Present"? Any number of accessories allowed - pictures, tools, etc.

Do you enjoy making things under the umbrella of "craft"? As long as you are an enthusiastic amateur, you are welcome to add a display of what you make.

If you have any queries, please contact me,

*Ann Leggett*  
anncleggett@gmail.com.

**O**UTREACH  
QUIZ

Gary Timms set the questions for this month's quiz. We had a lively evening with seven teams, being tested on geography, songs with a colourful theme, and how many live worms one can eat in 30 seconds (not a practical question I'm glad to say! The world record was 67, but is now 92. Ugh.) And rather cuter: a group of pandas? An embarrassment.

The Devilish Donuts started strongly, but Martin and the Martians came storming up the inside rail to win by 4 points. The Oaties were third. Well done all!  
No quiz in May. We hope to have one in June on Sunday 11th. If you would like to receive email notifications, please contact me on [pclp@btinternet.com](mailto:pclp@btinternet.com)

*Phil Parker*

**L**IFE'S  
EVENTS



We recently celebrated the happy event of the baptism of Freddie Hall at Kiddington Church. Freddie's parents, James and Fran live in Kiddington and James works for Juxon who farm locally. Our congratulations and best wishes to Freddie Hall and his family and friends.

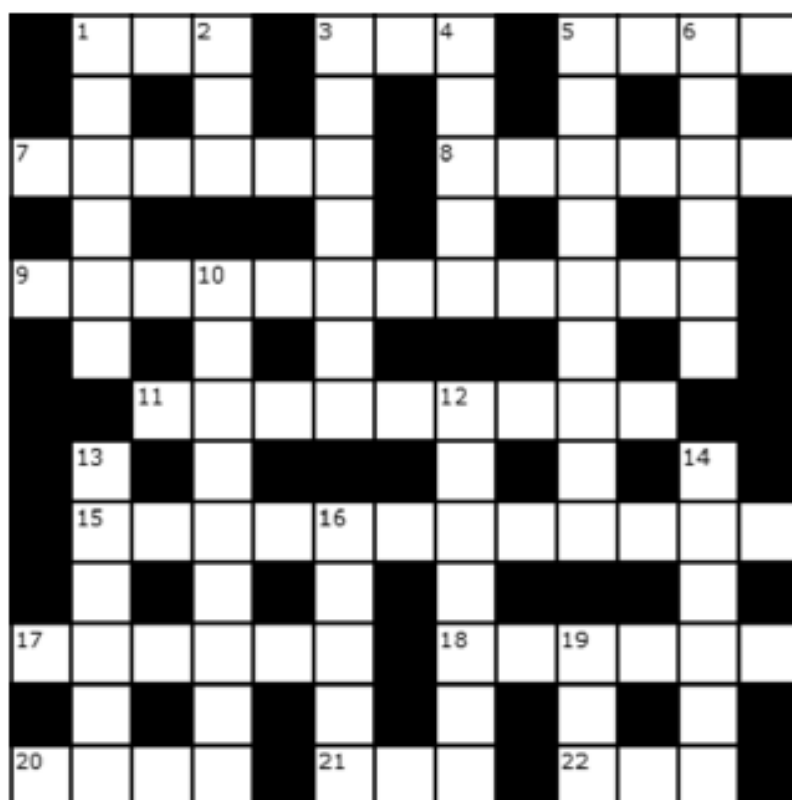
If you would like a Life Event such as a baptism, birthday etc., to be included in Outreach please contact [fiona@mackinlay.net](mailto:fiona@mackinlay.net) or 07880327674, the deadline is the 15th of the month before the next month.

*Fiona*

## THE "OUTREACH" CROISSANT CROSSWORD — No. 215

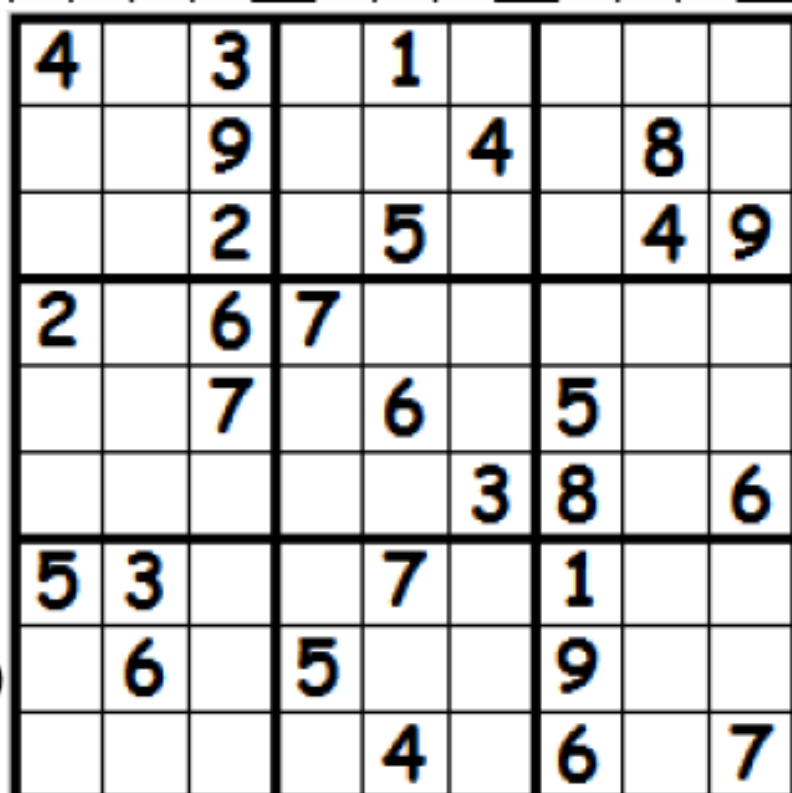
### Across

- 1) Armed conflict (3)
- 3) Clumsy and unintelligent person (3)
- 5) Young bears (4)
- 7) Metamorphic rock (6)
- 8) Relating to dogs (6)
- 9) One a penny, two a penny... (3, 5, 4)
- 11) Inmates (9)
- 15) Causing great sadness (12)
- 17) A figure carved from 6 across (6)
- 18) Skulk (6)
- 20) Burden or responsibility (4)
- 21) Young goat (3)
- 22) Parts required to assemble something (3)



### Down

- 1) Instrument of warfare (6)
- 2) Steal from (3)
- 3) Burdensome (7)
- 4) Things known to be true (5)
- 5) Overcame (9)
- 6) British street artist (6)
- 10) Don Quixote author (9)
- 12) Provoked (7)
- 13) South Asian kingdom (6)
- 14) Swallow (6)
- 16) Make fine adjustments to (5)
- 19) Irritate (3)



Last month's winner, April, was JANE LEE

**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.

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# WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL TALKS

Our next speaker at 7.30pm on Friday May 12th is SIMON PARKER, leading travel writer and film-maker who has reported from over 100 countries - cycling from China to London for the BBC, hiking every route to Machu Picchu in Peru, and cycling the length of Scandinavia. For his talk in Wootton, Simon will be talking about his acclaimed book, *Riding Out* - the remarkable story of how he battled grief and anxiety, one pedal stroke at a time, on a 3,500-mile adventure around Britain.

At 7.30pm on Friday June 9th, we welcome back TIM BIRKHEAD, one of the world's leading ornithologists who will be talking about his latest bestseller, *Birds and Us*, which traces the relationship between humans and birds. Tim says that since the dawn of human history birds have stirred people's imagination - inspiring and challenging our ideas about science, faith, art, and philosophy. Humans have worshipped birds as gods, hunted them for sustenance, adorned themselves with their feathers, studied their wings to engineer flight, and, more recently, attempted to protect them

Entry is £10 in cash - and includes free food featuring delicious rocky-roads. Wine and soft drinks are available for a modest donation. To reserve seats, please contact us through our website

[www.woottontalks.co.uk](http://www.woottontalks.co.uk)

(Children over 16 welcome)

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE DEC UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

In April, Henry Marsh gave an inspiring talk to a packed hall of 100 people about how his life has changed from pioneering brain surgeon to patient after being diagnosed with prostate cancer - and he has written elegantly about the process in his new book *And Finally: Matters of Life and Death*. In conversation with the classical singer, Susanna Spicer, Henry also detailed his advocacy of assisted-dying and his strong association with Ukraine, having worked there for over 30 years teaching surgery and working to reform and update the medical system. Kyiv was bombed during a recent visit there and yet the spirit remains indomitable

Prue Leith, a judge on *The Great British Bake Off* and another advocate of assisted-dying, presented Henry with two bottles of wine. The evening raised £916 for the Ukraine Appeal, making a total since March 2022 of £6,627

*Andy Morgan*  
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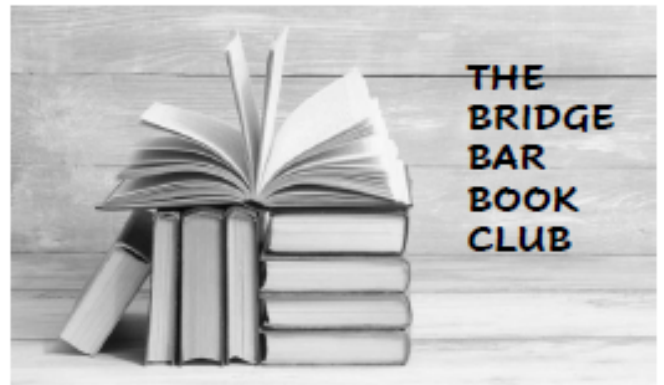


## BREAKFAST OF KINGS AND QUEENS

Now I know I've talked about porridge before, but oats really are a superfood, so bear with me, if you can, for another oat-based musing. Not that I'm set in my ways or anything, but I like to have porridge for breakfast between the clocks going back in Autumn and forward in Spring. But now that we're fully into BST, I've been experimenting with other breakfasts. A weekend treat might be a pain au raisin, or a bit of sourdough with butter and marmite. Through the week, perhaps an egg (fried) on toast. I know, I'm wild. Occasionally it might be a full-blown English, which generally means egg, toast, and whatever else is in the fridge – bacon, sausage, beans, mushrooms, etc. – crowned with a bit of black pudding. Heaven. What's your perfect breakfast?

Sometimes, though, the call of the oatly breakfast gets strong again, and I'm drawn to any kind of oat-based granola/muesli. There are lots of brands to choose from in Wootton Stores – Rude Health, Dorset Cereals, Lizi's Granola, to name a few. Lizi's comes in a sugar-free version, delicious topped with a bit of maple syrup (I know that defeats the purpose, but hey ho!).

*Melanie Waldron*



New:

## THE BRIDGE BAR BOOK CLUB!

Do you love reading? Would you like to talk about some interesting books in a book club? The bridge bar is hosting a brand new book club starting on June 1st.

Everyone is welcome - make sure you read the first book on the list below then come along to the bridge bar at the Burditch Hall at 7pm on Thursday 1st June to talk about what you thought of it. Our hope is for the book club to be open, inclusive and relaxed so please come along - on your own or bring a friend! We've chosen a couple of books to get us going and then we want to choose the next ones together.

Upcoming books and dates:

Thursday 1st June, 7pm -

Metronome by Tom Watson

Thursday 6th July - The Bandit

Queens by Parini Shroff

*Meghan Del Monte*

# S TONESFIELD GARDENING CLUB

The end of April saw the return of our very popular plant sale, held on Pond Hill, courtesy of Sybil and Will Barton. As we go to press, members are busily growing plants to sell and hoping there will be enough warmth in the sun to bring things on!

Our speaker this month will be Chris Day, who will be talking to us about Gardening in a Changing Climate, a useful topic if weather from the recent years is any guide.

*Diane Bates*

*Secretary Stonesfield Gardening Club*  
[www.stonesfieldgardening.info](http://www.stonesfieldgardening.info)

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

15th May at St James' Centre

7.30pm

A Talk ...

**LOCK UP YOUR LAWNMOWER!**

It is often said that summer is the smell of freshly mown grass, but for those who have a garden, how about saying "no" to the mower this May to help our bees, butterflies, wildlife and us?

Plantlife, a British conservation charity who work nationally and internationally to save threatened wild flowers, plants and fungi, has a campaign to encourage us not to mow from the 1st May to until the end of the month.

Plantlife's #NoMowMay campaign doesn't ask you to do much. In fact, it asks you to not do anything at all...

With over 20 million gardens in the UK, even the smallest grassy patches add up to a significant proportion of our land which, if managed properly, can deliver enormous gains for nature, communities and the climate by locking away carbon below ground. Just lock up your lawnmower on May 1st and let the wild flowers in your lawn bloom, providing a feast of nectar for our hungry pollinators.

Plantlife are keen to get a picture of how many gardens and green spaces are taking part in the No Mow May campaign, by completing a short survey. To find out more info please visit <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

*Gaye Olesen*

*Chair*

*Stonesfield Gardening Club*

Remember to submit your Outreach articles or copy by **15th May** to [outreachwgk@gmail.com](mailto:outreachwgk@gmail.com) or leave at:  
Wayside, 3 Glympton Rd.

# WOODSTOCK & DISTRICT U3A

Our next meeting, on Thursday 4th May, at 2 p.m, at St Hugh's Centre in Woodstock, will be primarily concerned with the Branch's Annual General Meeting, although on past form there should be plenty of time for more general discussion and, (always a safe bet) tea and biscuits: not a bad opportunity to come along and find out more about the Branch.

June 1st will then bring another guest speaker, Tim Albert, whose title 'A cub (reporter) on the Moors' hints at the far from cosy life of a junior journalist in strange

territory. Then 6th July will feature a name familiar to many in this district, Liz Woolley talking about 'Local history and 'how to do it'.

Further ahead, but worth noting on calendars, 1 August promises David Hughes with another tasty subject – 'Vineyards and Wine Tasting'.

*Chris Sladen*

This month's Solutions.....*But don't look yet!*

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## **B**OTLEY WEST "SOLAR FARM"

Over the last couple of months Outreach has carried articles from Solar Wootton Awareness Group in their bid to "STOP BOTLEY WEST." The signs proliferate around the village.

I feel that, in the interest of maintaining a balance, it is necessary to look at the alternative argument...

To borrow from an article in The Guardian...Sadiq Khan (*Mayor of London*) has said...

**"There is no greater challenge facing our capital, our country and our world than the climate crisis. The only way we can keep the hope of limiting global heating to 1.5C is if we commit to further and faster action....."**

That's why we must work together wherever possible – across the political divide – to help achieve net zero by cleaning up our rivers and air, insulating our homes, unlocking a revolution

in renewable power and ending our toxic reliance on polluting vehicles."

The Chairman of the UK's independent Committee on Climate Change, Lord Deben, stated that...

**"...local communities cannot take the position of being in favour of things, but somewhere else.**

**To ensure net zero targets are met, everyone must play their part and be on board with the necessary technologies."**

This came after objections from locals to ongoing wind farm applications in Wales – with some members of the public displeased at the visual impact these large facilities could have on scenery. Lord Deben does not believe communities can shirk from their responsibilities; in helping the nation reach net zero.

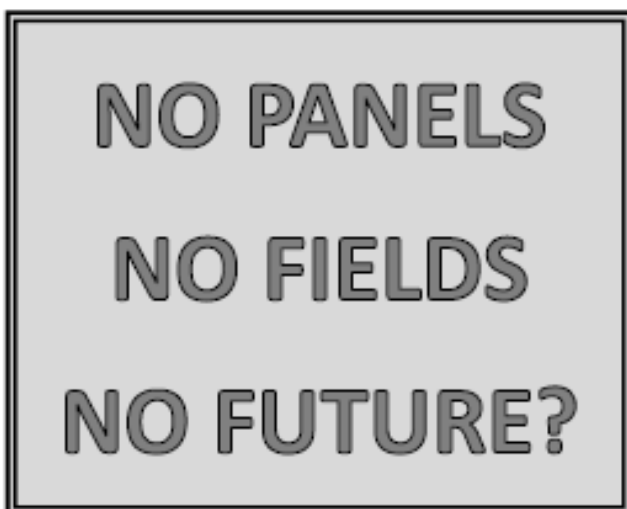
He said: **"I think every community has to say to itself, if we don't have this, what *are* we going to have?"**

I'm concerned that this campaign risks creating a damaging divide in our community. Strident calls for support, risk intimidating anyone holding an alternative view into remaining quiet rather than risk "coming out" with their, equally valid, and sincerely held views. Certain topics are "avoided" in conversations.

There, surely, can be no doubt about the reality of Global Climate Change, we see the evidence around the world of its effects. Fields of solar panels may not be what we're used to, but man's impact on our environment can be seen everywhere - the fields themselves are not *natural*, the roads, buildings, nuclear power stations, reservoirs, airports etc., etc., have all been "not what we're used to", at some time - it's just that we've become inured to their presence and thereby they becomes invisible.

I agree that mitigation needs to be implemented for properties immediately adjacent to the proposed development, but we cannot delay taking action and accepting change NOW, and doing what we can with the available technologies. As individuals we must accept a responsibility for any and all efforts to help the world achieve stability.

Perhaps some signs saying...



*Mel Leggett*

*and on this theme....*

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Do those who are protesting against the Solar Farm not care about the perilous state of the world? Do they not care that ice-caps, ice-floes, glaciers and now, even the tundra are thawing at alarming rates causing sea levels to rise while sinking, cold, melt-water disturbs the ocean currents? Coral reefs are dead or dying and will take many, many years to regenerate - if ever!!

De-forestation is causing soil erosion, extinction of many plants and animals, and the weather is becoming more extreme throughout the world.

Sadly, some of the protesters here are worried about where to walk their dogs if the farm is built. If we do nothing about saving the planet NOW, there will be no world left where they can walk their dogs, even supposing there *are* any dogs still surviving!

And if the Roman settlement at Sansome's Platt is such an important site, why has it not been fully excavated with a visitor centre and car park built and turned into a Heritage Site?

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