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“CREATING CHRISTMAS” WORKSHOP

As the nights draw in and the air takes on a delightful fresh chill no doubt many minds will be turning to the seasonal festivities just around the corner. I've not even started my gift shopping yet, but the upcoming Craft Fair will help with that I'm sure.

What about decorations? I imagine many of you have a loft corner with a collection of trusty baubles ready to deck the halls with, which grows each year in the January sales. But have you fancied making striking decorations yourself but always run out of time, or worried about the expertise, or even materials needed? Well this year we're in luck! My partner, Tabitha, is running a 'Creating Christmas'

workshop at the village hall, on the evening of Thursday 23rd November at 6.30pm. It will involve paper craft, sewing, printing, and even marbling and by the end you'll take home some brilliant hand-made decorations to feature in your home for years to come. And what's more I'll be there to serve you all some mince pies to keep you going!

It's £25 per person, so if you're over 16 and want to have a fun evening with something to show for it at the end email tabithamayg@gmail.com to book your places. Hopefully I'll see you there!

Rhys Jones



This month's cover ..

“Bubbles in Wootton” see p17/18

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 December edition - 15th November :

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



NOVEMBER
SERVICES

Sunday 5th	10.15am	St Mary's, Wootton	Sunday Light
Sunday 12th	10.15am	St Mary's, Glympton	Remembrance service
Sunday 19th	10.15am	St Mary's, Wootton	Parish Communion
Sunday 26th	10.15am	St Nicholas, Kiddington	Parish Communion

REVD DR JOHN READER

The shocking and untimely death of John Reader was, first and foremost, a personal tragedy for Christine and their family and our love and deepest sympathy go out to them. John had given a lifetime's service to the Church and especially to rural parishes. Having recently retired, when he saw the advertisement for the post as our



Rector, he felt that he could not resist the call to use his talents for a final period of rural ministry. His time here was to be his swansong as a parish priest. For our part, we felt that our prayers had been answered, to have attracted the

services of a man so pre-eminently suited to lead us over the next few years. In the short time allowed to him, he had already made a significant impact in the life of the parish, where his natural empathy and understanding were immediately evident.

As Christine and her family struggle to come to terms with their loss, please hold them in

your hearts and prayers. And spare a thought for the future of this parish and pray that we may be so fortunate as to attract another such as John.

Peter Browne

A_{NN} DAY

Wootton Village Hall Management Group wishes to pay a very special tribute to Ann Day who died on the 20th September, following a courageous battle with cancer. Ann was our longest serving Trustee and played a big part in the successful refurbishment of the Hall when it was in financial difficulty. She was loyal and enthusiastic, and could always be relied on to help out even when she was clearly unwell after receiving hospital treatment.

Most notably, she was hugely supportive of the programme of Wootton Village Talks, master minded by Andrew Morgan to raise funds for the hall. For more than 100 Talks she checked everyone in and was largely responsible for the free buffet afterwards. Her cakes were legendary - she often made two or three per Talk - and for each anniversary she created a special cake to suit the occasion.

Ann will leave a big gap in Wootton village life. A truly wonderful lady, she was brave and stoic to the end. We will miss her beyond measure, especially the laughter and fun of having her as a friend. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Marlene Fisher

T HANK YOU

Connie, Charlotte and Richard Surtees would like to say thank you for the calls, messages, cards, letters and flowers received following Brian's death at the end of September.

These kind gestures mean an enormous amount, just knowing that you all cared enough to take the time to make contact was a great source of comfort.

As his health declined Brian was seen out and about less frequently, but remained supportive of us all as a family, without which I certainly could not have continued my involvement with village and parish activities.

We are thankful for the loving care Brian received on Wenrisc Ward at Witney Community Hospital, and extremely grateful to the staff who enabled us to fulfil our promise to bring him home.

He died very peacefully with his family beside him.

It was his wish to have a private cremation, but if anyone would like to make a donation in his memory please contact me for details of The Injured Jockey Fund and Wenrisc Ward.

Connie Surtees

C HRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR

18th November

The Wootton Village Hall Committee is excited to be hosting another Craft Fair following the positive feedback from our first back in April.

Our aim once again is to ensure we offer an eclectic mix of sellers, at the perfect time to help kick-off your Christmas shopping. We pride ourselves on supporting small local businesses and individuals who put their heart and soul in to their products whilst keeping quality at a premium.

You'll find everything from ceramics, candles, hand-crafted leather and wooden goods, Christmas cards and even gifts for your pets! We're also keeping it really local with the likes of Little Ox Brewery, Nettlefold and Navah Pottery joining us.

We'd like to thank the wonderful volunteers from the Church Tea Rooms who, this time around have kindly offered to host refreshments throughout the day – from morning tea and coffee, warming soups to afternoon sweet treats, so please do pay them a visit too.

If you'd be willing to volunteer to assist either the fair, or the Tea Room teams then please get in touch with us at:

WoottonVillageHall@hotmail.com

The fair is on 18 November from

10am-5pm with a small entry fee of £2 and we'll be hosting a raffle featuring products kindly donated by our stallholders, proceeds from which will go towards the continued upkeep of the Hall.

For an extra bit of fun we'll have a childrens' den, thanks to the team from Cotswold Bells, which will be a secret spot for little ones to have a play, so we've something for all the family this time.

Please do come along and support us, the sellers and the Tea Rooms and of course tell your friends!

Zoe Wheeler

W OOTTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The parish council met on Monday 2 October. Despite the heavy rain and the thunderstorm outside we had a full turnout of members and a welcome attendance of parishioners.

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We noted first and reflected on the sad news of the deaths of Mrs Ann Day, who had loyally served the village in a number of roles for many years, and of our new Rector, John Reader, who has died suddenly only a few months after moving to Wootton. We asked for our condolences to be relayed to their families.

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Wootton Village Pop-Up Tea Room

Saturday 18th November

10.30am - 4.30pm

in Wootton Church

We are very pleased to be supporting
the Christmas Craft Fair,
which will be in Wootton Village Hall.

In a change from our usual format we'll be serving:

10.30 - 12.00 coffee/tea with biscuits/traybakes

12.00 - 2.00 soup with crusty bread (plus above)

2.00 - 4.30 tea/coffee and cake/scones



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SPEEDING TRAFFIC

We received a progress report on the continuing efforts to encourage more motorists to keep closer to the speed limit. (Thank you to all of you who do.) A Community SpeedWatch group is being set up and is currently applying to the Thames Valley Police for formal accreditation. Training and equipment will be made available by the TVP and the group will be able to report speeding to the police. Anyone who is worried about excessive speed through the village and would like to join the group should contact Mel Leggett. Apart from that, there are still 20mph stickers for wheelie bins available from the shop if you would like one.

CORONATION TREES

Marcus Brown is leading on the project to plant some trees this winter to commemorate the Coronation earlier in the year. Advice has been taken on appropriate species and the locations proposed in Castle Road. The council is now appealing to local people or firms to sponsor some of the trees. If you would like to offer sponsorship, please contact Marcus or me direct.

BURDITCH BANK ASH TREES

There is concern among the residents of Burditch bank about the state of the ash trees overhanging the road. The

probable last owners of Burditch bank before it was adopted as a highway have now been identified and we have passed the details to the county council. Following the meeting, our county councillor visited the site and we had a helpful discussion. He agrees there is a risk of large branches falling into the road and is seeing whether the county council can remove these before they do.

IMPROVING LOCAL TRAVEL

The council is now part of the network of parish councils around Woodstock working on ways to improve local travel options and to lobby for road safety improvements. We have produced a map and schedule showing the improvements being proposed. This is available on both the PC and Wootton village websites.

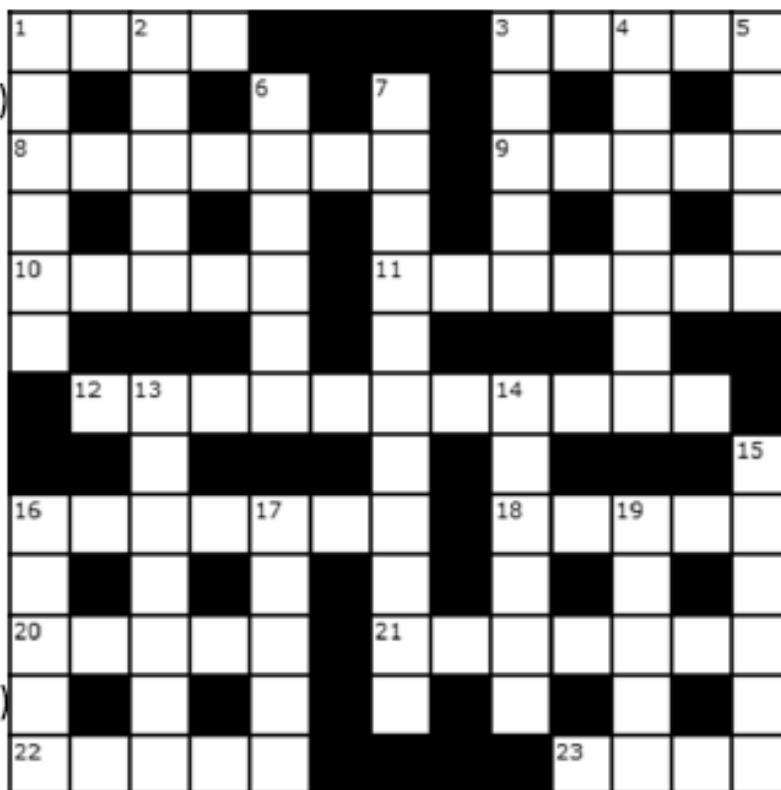
CREATING A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

As part of the council's work to develop a neighbourhood plan for the parish, the council would like to set up a steering committee where a wider group of people from the village can have a substantial input. We think such a plan would be an important step in influencing the sort of development permitted in the village and what is discouraged. But it is vital that the plan really reflects the views of local people - and that is the purpose of the steering group. If you are

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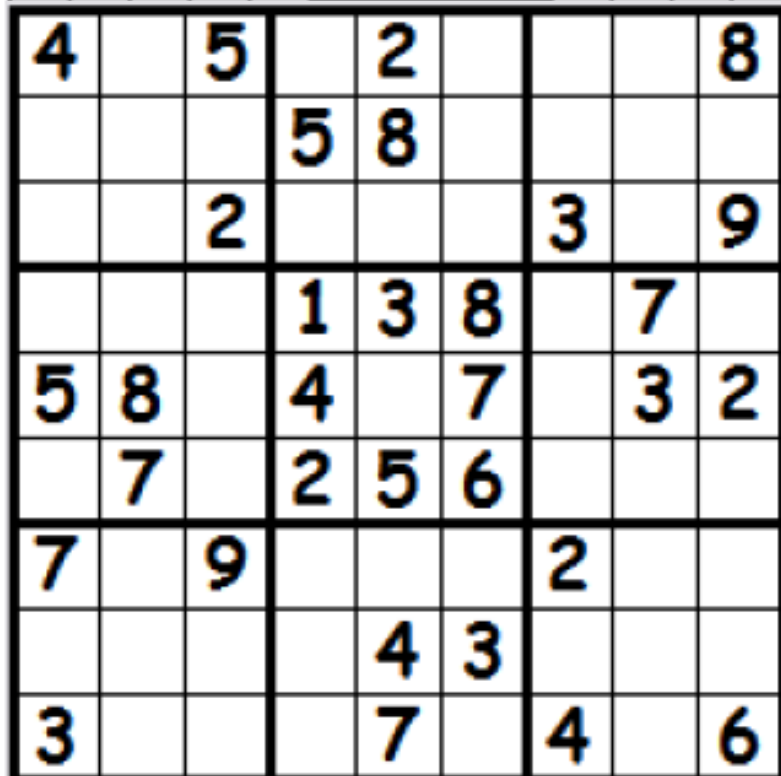
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- 9) Workers' organization (5)
- 10) Abyss (5)
- 11) Not ascertained (7)
- 12) US actress (6,5)
- 16) Mexican dish (7)
- 18) More attractive (5)
- 20) Female spouses (5)
- 21) Cheese on toast (7)
- 22) Invest, endow (5)
- 23) His Dark Materials heroine (4)



Down

- 1) Discover (6)
- 2) Brazilian dance (5)
- 3) Intoxicated (5)
- 4) Single part of TV serial (7)
- 5) Flax-based textile (5)
- 6) Former students (6)
- 7) Travelling poets (11)
- 13) Turned up (7)
- 14) Happens (6)
- 15) Green, elopers' destination (6)
- 16) David, English singer-songwriter (5)
- 17) Topic for debate (5)
- 19) Short and fat (5)



Last month's winner, October, was ... **JANE 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.



interested in how Wootton could develop over the next 10-15 years and would like to get involved in helping to devise the plan then please register your interest by emailing our Clerk, Cathy Fleet, on clerkwpc0@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Monday 6 November at the usual time (7.30 pm) in the village hall. We will be discussing next year's budget and the Section 137 grants to local and village organisations.

John Harwood



Wootton is creating a Neighbourhood Plan

HAVE YOUR SAY

THE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE ARE SEEKING PEOPLE IN WOOTTON TO JOIN THE STEERING COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP THE FINAL PLAN

WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

Wootton's Neighbourhood plan will give you the opportunity to influence future planning and development of our area. It is a formal, published document produced with the support of WODC and others. Once approved at a referendum, our Plan becomes part of the Council's statutory development plan, carrying significant weight in how planning is decided in our neighbourhood.



Issues you may be interested in, which the plan will include are:

- Design and development of existing buildings, extensions, new housing and land applications for home and work life
- Climate and ecology— including energy, building materials, open spaces and wellbeing
- Transport – including cycle paths, footpaths, bus routes, shelters and EV charging
- The natural environment – rivers, meadows, biodiversity, conservation and dark skies

If you are interested in how Wootton could develop over the next 10-15 years and would like to get involved please contact:
clerkwpc0@gmail.com - Wootton Parish Council

NOTE - All residents will have the opportunity to comment whether or not they are on the Steering Committee

WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL TALKS

To celebrate the 15th birthday of the Talks, we welcomed Tom Fort, leading writer and broadcaster as our 126th speaker. Tom has written a series of best-seller books on village life, fishing, punting across England and the obsession for many - the weather and lawns - as well as making films about some of them for BBC FOUR

For our landmark evening, Tom spoke brilliantly about his latest book - Rivets, Trivets and Galvanised Buckets - which follows the twists and turns after his daughter-in-law bought a hundred-year old hardware store in south Oxfordshire. For props, Tom brought along items stocked in the shop and shared the background to screw-drivers, Rawlplugs, WD 40 and his own favourite, the spirit-level - showing how the apparently mundane can have a fascinating history

Amanda Salter created her usual rocky-roads as well as a fabulous inscribed birthday cake. Jayne Day once again supplied the sandwiches - having done so for every talk over the past 15 years - and the evening raised over 650 Pounds for the Ukraine Appeal

Over the years, the Talks Teams



Bridget and Ed Taylor and Angela Ramsdale with the birthday cake made by Amanda Salter

raised at least £30,000 Pounds to help upgrade the village hall, as well donating £5,500 to the Wootton Conservation Trust. Since March last year, we have raised over £9,000 for Ukraine. Happily, many of the evenings are sold out - but the majority of our supporters come from outside Wootton. So, please give us a try, if you haven't been before.

Our next speaker at 7.30pm on Friday November 10th is JONATHAN KEATES, former chairman of the Venice in Peril Fund and he will be talking about his highly acclaimed new book, called La Serenissima (a Byzantine title bestowed on the Republic of Venice, meaning "Most Serene") - as well as commenting on the current condition of the city. Jonathan is a Fellow of the Royal Society and also the author of a number of acclaimed biographies, including works on Handel, Purcell and Stendhal, as well as several travel books about Italy.

Entry is £10 in cash - and includes free food. Wine and soft drinks are available for a modest donation.

(Children over 16 welcome)

To reserve seats, please contact us through our website

www.woottontalks.co.uk

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YOUR VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.woottonbywoodstock.co.uk

A reminder that the Wootton website strives to showcase our beautiful village to visitors, promote upcoming events, publicise community announcements and to connect the community online. We are keen to ensure it's used, kept updated and meets your needs so always welcome comments and feedback. Your trusted Outreach can also be viewed digitally on the site.

If you are a local business that would like to advertise (free of charge) or if you offer a service such as dog grooming, beauty treatments, gardening etc and would like to feature, then please get in touch.

It is also run purely voluntarily so if you are computer-savvy and would have an hour or two a week to assist with its upkeep then please contact Zoe – woottonbywoodstock@hotmail.com

WOOTTON CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, on: SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER.

This will be in Wootton Church from 2.00-4.00pm. There will be the ever-popular Bottle Tombola and teas with mince pies, along with stalls selling Christmas decorations, cakes, preserves, three really good raffles, a "re-gifting" stall and activities for children. Hot chestnuts and marshmallows to toast will be available outside the porch.

Following the displays of beautiful craftwork of all kinds for the Flower Festival in June, the organisers are wondering whether the talented people of Wootton could generously donate one or two small items for a "Made in Wootton" stall? If so, please contact me on anncleggett@gmail.com.

Many thanks!

Ann Leggett

QUIZ NIGHT



Seven teams enjoyed the October quiz in the Killi, raising money for Outreach as ever. Martin Eastaugh tested our knowledge of mythology and Monopoly, our aural dexterity and our aerial knowledge of cities. Team Alb came out on top, with The Desperados in second place. The next quiz will be on Sunday 12th November (second Sunday, as usual) at 7pm, with Frank setting





the questions. Do come and join in, and support Outreach at the same time!

There will be no quiz in December. If you might be able to run one of the quizzes next year, please let me know at pclp@btinternet.com.

Phil Parker

COMBE COMMUNITY CINEMA IN THE COMBE HUB

On Friday 24th November, we are showing "The Man who Knew Infinity", a 2015 British drama about the first Indian to be elected as a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, Srinivasa Ramanujan. Screen Daily says it's "such a good story that it is hard to resist..."

As usual, doors open at 7:30 for 8.00 pm start and our "Cine-bar" will be serving soft drinks, wine and a selection of beers. Come and meet friends for a chat, a drink or two and an enjoyable film night. £5 per ticket - cash and card payment accepted. For more information, contact Combecommunitycinema@gmail.com

Deborah Manning

STONESFIELD GARDENING CLUB

In a change from our usual talk, October's meeting took the form of a wine tasting, with the excuse being that we were also learning about how climate affects the growing of grapes! Andrew Wood, a post graduate student at Oxford, gave us a talk entitled, "Bordeaux: A Story from

Vine to Wine" which took us on a journey using our eyes, noses and palates to taste the 6 wines that he had brought along.

A great evening, fully booked by members – a steal at £4 per head, so no wonder. One of the many benefits of gardening club membership!

November's talk is by another Oxford student – this time introducing us to the mysteries of mistletoe.

A Date for your diary:

Monday 13th November 7.30pm St James' Centre

Diane Bates

Secretary

www.stonesfieldgardening.info

WOODSTOCK & DISTRICT U3A

October saw a virtually full house of u3a Branch members and guests give a warm welcome to guest speaker, Chrissie Harper, accompanied by feathered friends - two out of the many owls and birds of prey with whom she has worked for more than 27 years. The Branch's next monthly meeting turns to the, perhaps imagined, pleasures of mere mortals: with David Grylls's subject "Love, Sex and Victorian Fiction". Tuesday 2nd November, 2 p.m. St. Hugh's Centre, Hensington Road, Woodstock. Guests, as always, most welcome.

Chris Sladen

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WOOTTON STORES

Soups and a lovely shoe

Come November, I start gravitating towards my soup recipes. Who doesn't love a good bowl of warm soup in the colder months?! (Although it must be said that I also love a good bowl of cold soup in the warmer months.) Soup also gives me a good memory of my gran. She loved a good bowl of soup, and would always comment, 'these are good soups!' She had a thing about singular/plural – if she saw you newly shod, she would say, 'oh, that's a lovely shoe.' I used to ask her which one she meant. Anyway, I've got two suggestions for easy soup. The first:



1) Go to Wootton Stores and buy a can of Heinz tomato soup.

2) Take home, heat, enjoy. Alternatively, if you have a

little more time, the second:

1) Roast a few large tomatoes and a de-seeded large red pepper with a good glug of olive oil and some salt/pepper.

2) If you like, discard the skins. I don't bother. I like a bit of roughage.

3) Blitz together with a measure of bouillon powder/stock cube and a little bit of hot water.

4) Enjoy. Remember someone you loved. Admire your shoe.

Melanie Waldron

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BUBBLES IN WOOTTON

On Saturday October 14th the Village Hall was fizzing. Delicious aromas of sun warmed grapes drifted out into the crisp sunshine as guests sauntered in to the first champagne tasting to be held in our Village Hall. Brainchild of Neghat Lakdawala and Malcolm Barnicote the Hall looked very festive with crisp table cloths and flickering candles as guests settled in with a glass of prosecco to sample a selection of sparkling wines from all over the world. Sommelier for the evening, Jeremy Parke was both entertaining and knowledgeable as he explained that we would be served wine samples in pairs for comparison and comment. He went on to give us some interesting facts about the vineyards concerned and the champagne making process. At first this all worked perfectly but by the time we were sampling the final pair everyone was in great form and some guests had forgotten why they were there. Champagne corks popped, accompanied by a never ending array of delicious food. The party was soon in full swing as we were introduced to the final sample of sparkling red which was surprisingly delicious. A big thank you to everyone who came to join the fun and, of course, to all the volunteers who helped to make this such a successful evening:

Louise Webster, Caroline Bateman and Marlene Fisher for their excellent canapes.

John Webster and Famida Chandegra for their assistance in pouring the drinks.

Taryn and Lousia, our excellent waitresses.

Zoe Wheeler for her help behind the scenes and, again, Marlene Fisher for the superb table and hall decorations.

All profits will go towards the support of our Village Hall

The "Bubbles" team

Crossword No 220 solution

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