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## Editorial



Whilst doing my weekly big shop, I am approached by a lady with a tentative smile and an "I know you, don't I" on her lips. At this point I'm a bit anxious as I do not recognise her. Where have we met or could she be mistaken? I don't want to hurt her feeling by saying I have forgotten her, but I don't want to pretend I know who she is and then find out that I don't. A tricky situation.

Luckily, before I can say anything, the penny drops as she says "I know you from Spectrum". She has just received her copy and seen my photo on this page. We have a good laugh, quite a long chat and discover we have mutual friends.

The worrying part of the story is that I must really look like this photo and not the younger version in my head.

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## Spectrum

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## Diary of Events May 2019

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Chapel Service	Sandham Memorial Chapel	10.15am
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	East Woodhay Village Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	NWR		8.00pm
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Martin's Kneeler Group	Jack's Cottage, Knights Lane	10.30am
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Community Café	St Thomas' Church	9 - 11am
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Walking for Health	WHCH car park	10.30am
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Evergreens	Highclere Village Hall	2 - 4.15pm
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	EW WI	EWH	2.30pm
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWH	7.30pm
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café	St Thomas' Church	9 - 11am
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Walking for Health	The Rampant Cat car park	10.30am
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Pig Racing	WHCH	7pm
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Chapel Talks	Sandham Memorial Chapel	11am - 1pm
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Arbor Flora	HVH	2.00pm
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWH	7.30pm
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	NWR		8.00pm
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café	St Thomas' Church	10.30am
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Walking for Health	WHCH car park	10.30am
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Plant & Jumble sale	EWH	2pm
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWH	7.30pm
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café	St Thomas' Church	9 - 11am
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Walking for Health	The Rampant Cat car park	10.30am
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Village Market	WHCH	10am - 1pm
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	St Martin's Guild Fete	Stargroves	2pm

## Diary of Events May 2019 continued

Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	EW Annual Parish Meeting	WHCH	7.30pm
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWH	7.30pm
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup>	Jewellery Workshop	Sandham Memorial Chapel	2 - 4pm
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### NWR Social Isolation

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### Easter traditions

Our second March meeting took us down memory lane, recalling particular ways in which we celebrated Easter in our childhood. The main features we recalled were of visiting extended family, church attendance and receiving chocolate eggs. One member's experience of beautiful singing in her uncle's church led

to a life-long appreciation of Easter music, while another still remembers that her father used to break up her chocolate egg and she was allowed just one piece a day. Several of us received new outfits for Easter; lovely dresses, socks and pretty underwear were mentioned. A couple had enjoyed Easter egg hunts in the house or garden, though in one case the dog apparently collected more than the children! Traditional foods included hot cross buns on Good Friday—from the baker, not year-round pre-packed from the supermarket as they are today; roast lamb or chicken, and simnel cake which dates back to medieval times though the origins of the name are unclear including a disagreement between a couple called SIMon and NELly which ended in compromise, or more probably comes from the Latin simila meaning finest white flour. One belief is that young girls in service were allowed to take a cake home on Mothering Sunday though this was not widespread. More recently, foreign traditions have crept in and we heard about dying hard boiled eggs, the Polish custom of being at home with family and extensive celebrations in Germany including the extravagant pre-Lent Karnaval and exquisite painted eggs hung from spring branches or from ceiling wreaths.

Today there is an emphasis on gardening and we debated the importance of planting potatoes on Good Friday.

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of his fellow allotment holders who all grew vegetables. As long as dahlias grow in fairly dry conditions, they can be over wintered without moving them. Ponds were a favourite garden feature which stemmed from his love of fishing, and he was able to landscape them to be relaxing and beautiful. His building skills were also evident. His enthusiasm for the Gardening World has led him to be a regular contributor to the 'Dig it' gardening programme on BBC Radio Surrey. His message to gardeners was to delight in colour and variety and be adventuresome.

By the time you read this, Club members will be looking forward to the visit to Exbury in May, Old Camps, Headley, in July, and Cream Tea in August.

Nick



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To conclude another season of interesting talks, our March guest was David Peacock, the Newbury historian. His topic was Donnington Castle, which proved to be fascinating.

Richard Abberbury, who fought with the Black Prince, was granted a licence in 1386 to build the castle. The intention was to have an impressive home for a knight rather than a military post. It commanded the area with its view over the Kennet Valley & to Beacon Hill. In Tudor times it is known that Henry VIII visited in 1539, along with Thomas Cromwell, & again in 1541. Edward VI was the next owner & it was refurbished. It was next owned by the then Princess Elizabeth who used it as a bolthole to avoid the court politics of her sister Mary. Following the Armada, the Lord High Admiral, Charles Baron Howard of Effingham, was given it as thanks for the victory.

We next come to the Civil War which is a very well documented story & too long to go into detail here. Donnington Castle was under siege following the First Battle of Newbury in 1643. The Royalist commander, Colonel John Boys, held the castle & prior to the siege had massive earthworks created around the castle – some of which are still visible today. The siege was not as one normally thinks of them. The Parliamentarians would turn up & have a skirmish but then leave to fight at another battle before returning to try again. They sent messages to Boys politely asking him to leave & he politely replied “No”! This went on for some time.

Cannon brought down the towers but the King arrived with his army for the Second Battle of Newbury but the Royalists realised they couldn't win & crept away in the night under the noses of the Parliamentarians. The King regrouped & returned as he had left the Crown & the Great Seal at the castle! Donnington Castle's siege was finally resolved in 1646. Boys had to surrender but the Royalists left with their munitions, flags flying & drums beating.

After that a lot of materials were stripped & it was left until after WW2 when it was found to be unsafe & was nearly demolished. However Inkpen Estate that owned it gave it to the Ministry of Works who made it safe & it is now in the hands of English Heritage.

Sadly, no one has ever produced a detailed history of the castle & the last brochure dates to 1964. Hopefully someone will take up the gauntlet & produce one so that Donnington Castle is better known.



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## East Woodhay

# Women's Institute

February ('Unfortunately, this report arrived too late for our April issue but we're including it now.')

February saw the return of one of our favourite speakers – Dr Becky Peacock. The title of her talk was "Over The Alps" – a story of the Watercress Line.

The line opened 105yrs ago as the "Mid Hants Railway". Its main use was to take the farm produce to London. Watercress growing, which was a major industry, used the 11 o'clock train to take the crop to the city – so earning the line its aforementioned nickname.

The line is extremely steep at one point – sometimes requiring two engines to move the load – hence "Over the Alps".

Gradually the line began to be used less and in 1973 the line was closed but not forgotten. A preservation society was set up and it is still possible to step back in time for a gentle rail journey today. Lots of events are run during the year and Dr Peacock encouraged us all to visit.

Our next meeting will be flower arranging – perhaps with flowers from our own gardens! As I hoped our flower arranger Liz Castle did use flowers from our gardens and Super markets. She started by showing us what to buy a friend, and then continued with a table full of decorations using maximum greenery and minimum flowers, simple but beautiful. Aren't we lucky to have gardens!

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May 2019

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Dear friends,

As some readers will know I arrived home on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 4 weeks in Uganda – having checked on the progress of a small education charity Sue and myself help to run. My time away was a welcome relief from the ‘B’ word! On arriving home I realised that, whilst passions and rhetoric over ‘Brexit’, are running high and we are in the midst of a serious situation, it could be far worse. In Uganda when there are public demonstrations, such as we’ve seen recently around the U.K., they would be met by tear gas, rubber bullets (and real ones), water cannon, armed riot police, and demonstrators being arrested, taken off to prison, injury, and even death. Meanwhile, locally where I stayed most people were doing their best to cope with the struggles of everyday life – hoping for rain so that newly planted seeds would produce their food for later this year; many walking a distance to collect safe water; others queuing for hours to see a nurse or doctor at the local health centre; everyone walking or traveling on roads which don’t deserve the name; and dozens of young people – many of them girls and orphans–coming to see me seeking some financial support so they could afford to go on a training course to gain a useful skill. These challenges, and many others, are faced by our fellow human beings with determination, dignity, and a beautiful smiling face!

It seems to me we can learn much from such people and the way they cope with so many difficulties – not least because it can help us to put things in to perspective in our current national crisis. Make no mistake – the people I met and work with in Uganda would swap places with you and me today!

At a time when our Archbishops are calling us to come together my prayer for our national life is that we become more thankful for the blessings of our lives, showing courtesy and respect towards everyone – especially towards those with whom we differ.

Every blessing  
Canon Marvin

From the Church Registers: March 2019		
24 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Baptism: we ask God's blessing on the life of...</i> Delphine Charlotte Teresa Ward	East Woodhay
6 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Funeral: may she rest in peace</i> Jean Elizabeth Bridgeman (West Berkshire Crematorium)	Woolton Hill
9 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Burial of ashes: may he rest in peace</i> Michael John Limpus	Woolton Hill

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<b>SUN 12<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Easter 4</i>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Parish Communion – with</b> <i>Sunday Club</i> Matins Holy Communion	<b>East Woodhay</b> <b>Woolton Hill</b> Highclere Ashmansworth	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> 11.00am 11.00am
<b>SUN 19<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Easter 5</i>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Family Service</b> Parish Communion Evensong	<b>Woolton Hill</b> <b>East Woodhay</b> Highclere Crux Easton	<b>9.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b> 11.00am 6.00pm
<b>SUN 26<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Easter 6</i>	Holy Communion <b>Parish Communion</b> Matins <b>Evensong</b>	Highclere <b>Woolton Hill</b> Crux Easton <b>East Woodhay</b>	8.00am <b>9.30am</b> 11.00am <b>6.00pm</b>
<b>THURS 30<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Ascension</i>	Holy Communion	Ashmansworth	10.00am
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> <i>Easter 7</i>	<b>All Together</b> Matins <b>Parish Communion</b> Evensong	<b>Woolton Hill</b> Highclere <b>East Woodhay</b> Ashmansworth	<b>9.30am</b> 11.00am <b>11.00am</b> 6.00pm
<b>WED 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion Woolton Hill</b>			
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## East Woodhay Parish Council



### SSE Power network.

The work to upgrade the electricity power network is well under way with the first phase nearing completion. This is the replacement of overhead transmission lines in Knights Lane with an underground cable. By the time this issue of Spectrum is in your hands the work to replace the overhead cables that have caused so much grief to residents should be well under way with a re-routed underground cable. There is now no legal impediment to the final upgrading and strengthening of the overhead lines to the west of the Gore End Road but the starting date for this is not yet known.

### A date for your diaries...

is the unmissable Annual Parish Meeting. All parishioners are welcome on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm at the Woolton Hill Church Hall. There will be drinks and nibbles provided after the meeting ends.

This will be a golden opportunity for 2 volunteers to step up and join the Parish Council team. Your Parish needs you.

### Parking

Parking in the village has always been a problem but recently people have

taken to parking on the grass verge outside the Church Hall entrance. Not only is this dangerous because it blocks the view of the road but there is a fire hydrant located there which must be kept clear at all times. The council has taken the decision to install protective posts to ensure the area remains clear. Finally anyone passing along the Ball Hill road cannot fail to notice the improved appearance of the classic red telephone box which has been restored to its former glory (without telephone within).

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## East Woodhay Society



### Crafty Craft:

On Bank Holiday Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, East Woodhay Society will be participating in this year's Crafty Craft race which is one of the area's largest annual events. This year the event is being put on by Visit Newbury supported by Newbury Round Table. It is great fun with teams racing home-made rafts from Kintbury to Newbury along the canal. Please do come and support us on the morning; there is always a great atmosphere, especially around Newbury. We would also be extremely grateful if you would like to sponsor us – contact details below. You would be supporting our nominated charity, Young People and Children First, which helps prevent disadvantaged children and young people from being homeless and providing them with support, enabling them to become happy, confident and successful adults.

### Open Studios:

Look out during May for the red flags springing up around our villages signalling the West Berks and North Hampshire Open Studios.

12 local studios are showing the work of 30 artists, sculptors, potters and printers. All will give you a warm welcome, show you around (maybe offer a cuppa) and provide a trail map to find the other venues, and it's free! Do visit the website for more details

<http://www.open-studios.org.uk>

### Walking:

This is an extract taken from Harvard Health Publishing: 'Walking is simple, yet powerful. It can help you stay trim, improve cholesterol levels, strengthen bones, keep blood pressure in check, lift your mood, and lower your risk for a number of diseases (diabetes and heart disease, for example). A number of studies have shown that walking and other physical activities can even improve memory and resist age-related memory loss.'

If you are able why not join our Walking for Health walks on Friday mornings: on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May we walk from St Thomas' Church Hall, where we also finish with a welcome coffee and on 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May we will be starting and ending at the Rampant Cat. These walks last around an hour and start at 10.30am.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

I read with interest the article in April 19 edition of Spectrum regarding IAM Advanced Driving course—an older driver that has questioned their competence and volunteered to attend and update themselves with a driving course with a view to making themselves a safer driver and to feel confident when driving with their grandchild, how fantastic. My own Uncle, still driving a car and riding a motor bike at age 100 years, volunteered himself for both bike and car driving assessment—you can catch up with him on the ITV series 100 Year Old Driving School—Jock Stares.

To add, as a nurse working in a local Memory Clinic, ability and safety to drive is a conversation I frequently have with patients and their relatives/carers. It is a legal requirement to inform the DVLA and insurance company of any health condition that may affect your ability to drive—this obligation applies to drivers of all ages. While health staff advise the onus is always on the driver and ignorance of the law is no defence. In particular with eyesight if you do not wear your prescribed glasses/contact lenses if required to drive you face immediate suspension of your licence and a fine of up to £1000 and penalty points or worse if someone is injured or killed. Memory issues/decline in cognition/dementia can affect driving ability and require the DVLA and insurance company to be informed. Also to note if you choose to drive after taking any prescribed medication that impairs your driving ability (drowsiness etc.) you are breaking the law.

Useful links for further reading -

Check if a health condition affects your driving—GOV.UK <https://www.gov.uk/health-conditions-and-driving>

Dementia and driving—GOV.UK <https://www.gov.uk/dementia-and-driving>

Drugs and driving: the law—GOV.UK <https://www.gov.uk/drug-driving-law>

Driving Mobility—Helping you drive again <https://www.drivingmobility.org.uk/>  
[www.contactthedvla.co.uk/](http://www.contactthedvla.co.uk/)

Safe driving!

Regards

Anne Aston

## Letter to the Editor

***This year we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> year of Open Studios and Plant Sale in aid of The Air Ambulance.***

We would like to thank all our past visitors for their contributions helping us to raise a total of £7,600 for this fantastic cause. We have a great selection of artists and plants this year so don't be afraid to pop in, take a look and wander round the garden. Any spare plants are always welcome.

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We are delighted that we shall be visiting Stargroves for the Fete this year.

**Please note that the entrance to the Fete ground is opposite Church Farm (RG20 0AL); there is no entrance through the front gates – it will be well signed.**

As always, this is our annual reminder and plea for help to everybody.

The funds raised from the day go towards the upkeep and maintenance of St Martin's Church, as well as to local groups, organisations and village projects and we aim to make as much profit as possible.

All the money raised is kept within the Parish.

If you would be interested in getting involved, helping or even just providing a contribution, do contact me or any of the individual stallholders. You will be welcomed with open arms!

Below is a list of this years stallholders and what you can donate to help them. Donations can be given to the individual stall holders, ideally at least a week before the Fete:

<b>Cakes</b>	Freshly baked cakes, buns, fudge.	<b>Rhona Everard</b>	<b>253516</b>
<b>Plants</b>	When you are picking out your annuals and dividing your plants, give us your leftovers. Sarah will also be doing advance sales from her home (Gore End House) during May.	<b>Sarah Porter</b>	<b>254609</b>
<b>Granny's Attic</b>	Gifts and crafts, china, glass and silver, plus good quality undamaged resaleable items for the home. <b>But please don't use us as an alternative to the 'tip'.</b>	<b>Anne Aston</b>	<b>255406</b>
<b>Raffle</b>	Prizes including cash.	<b>Jonathan Hopson</b>	<b>253367</b>
<b>Tombola</b>	Bottles.	<b>Charlotte Wilson</b>	<b>253573</b>
<b>Teddy Tombola</b>	Teddies.	<b>Sarah Leventhorpe</b>	<b>255293</b>
<b>Teas</b>	Freshly baked cakes.	<b>Sarah Ede</b>	<b>253205</b>
<b>Sideshow</b>	Manpower.	<b>Fi Coyne</b>	<b>254033</b>
<b>Books</b>	Hard backs and recently published paperbacks welcome.	<b>Jenny Sanders</b>	<b>254839</b>

There will be guided tours around the gardens but **BY PREBOOKED TICKETS ONLY**. If you would like more information visit our website. Booking is online only and opens on 28 April. Places are limited and booking is essential.

We will be setting up the Fete on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** and will welcome anyone who would like to come and put up tents and collect tables and chairs. Bring your children, bring a picnic; your help will be much appreciated.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SETTING UP TIME IS 4.00pm AT EAST WOODHAY VILLAGE HALL or 4.30pm AT STARGROVES. (Entrance is always opposite Church Farm.)**

If you would like to be involved or help in any way, please email [info@eastwoodhayfete.org.uk](mailto:info@eastwoodhayfete.org.uk) or call me. This is a village affair and everyone is welcome. Thank you in anticipation of your time and generosity.  
Sarah Leventhorpe – Hon Sec (255293)

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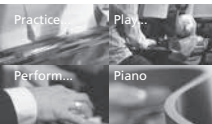
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## St Thomas' Infant School **UGANDAN DAY**

There has been a long tradition of a partnership between St Thomas' Infant School in Woolton Hill and the Bulera School in Uganda. Mrs Watson, one of our teachers, visited Uganda in 2017 to support teaching and learning, and others from the Woolton Hill community have also visited in the past. The emphasis is that both schools with diverse experiences learn from each other.

We wanted to share news with the community about a Uganda Day that was held at St Thomas' earlier this term to help our children understand some of the differences between the UK and Uganda.

The children arrived into school dressed in the colours of the Ugandan flag, black, yellow and red. The school was set up as an airport and the school hall as an aeroplane. The children, in roleplay, flew to Uganda on the special chartered flight from Heathrow to Kampala, the capital of Uganda. Before the children got on the plane all passports were checked and individual boarding passes were collected. During the mock flight the children learnt about Ugandan schools. Bulera School currently does not have any electricity and in the rainy season the classrooms are particularly dark. Thinking about a school with no computers, interactive whiteboards, photocopiers or telephones was particularly poignant for the children. Some of the children were taught with the lights off for part of a lesson so they could experience the problem first hand.

The children saw how all the toys at the school were made from waste, recycled materials or banana leaves. Resourcefulness is one of the personal qualities St Thomas' promotes and seeing what Ugandan children can do provided inspiration and challenged the norms of life.

The children also learnt about the importance of water and how children at Bulera School respect this important resource. Having one tap for the whole school challenged the children's thinking and the need to respect the resources we take for granted.

Over lunch a Ugandan menu was offered and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Finally, to end our insightful and thought-provoking day, the children took part in a carousel of activities including African drumming, dancing and art.



Our children in Key Stage One (6 and 7 year olds) will continue to learn about Uganda through the Learning Challenge curriculum covering topics including geography, art, music, reading and writing.

Mrs Claire Pearce-King, Head Teacher of St Thomas' Infant School, Woolton Hill





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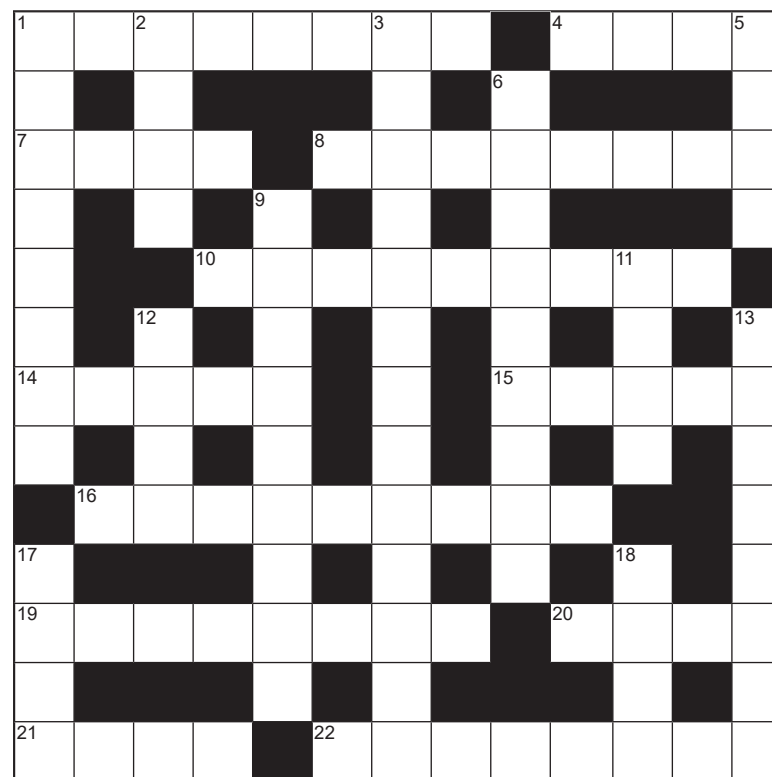
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1. Settle down with crumpets for a good read (8)
4. Turn lid on head of Westminster and find it out of control (4)
7. Drama Keith liked to create inside (4)
8. See officer adjust insect by removing section head (8)
10. Traditional dancers neither boil nor simmer when agitated (6,3)
14. Grid I found to be very stiff (4)
15. Girl we dance for this month (5)
16. Place where directors of Broadmoor meet (9)
19. Sees fair flowers (8)
20. Bucket favoured by milkmaids (4)
21. Laze about street (4)
22. Go for miles on a milky pudding (8)

**Down**

1. Hires map to find coastal vegetable (8)
2. Lakes missing a moose (4)
3. I cured a ranger working on aeroplane's landing gear (13)
5. Sort out Tod's spots (4)
6. Walk evasively, like a cat (9)
9. Tiny bird with precious metal at the top of a mountain (9)
11. Curious flower for Greek God (4)
12. Go first class with currency exchange fee (4)
13. Lava all hard in Asgard (8)
17. A long way away in deaf army (4)
18. Give sir a beautiful garment (4)

**196**

**Answers crossword no 195**  
**Across:** 1 Panorama, 4 Wind, 7 Soap, 8 Bloomers, 10 April Fool 14 Elgin, 15 Torch, 16 Primroses, 19 Mortuary, 20 Mere, 21 Glue, 22 Oddments  
**Down:** 1 Passover, 2 Near, 3 Multicoloured, 5 Dust, 6 Godfather, 9 Eponymous, 11 Ours, 12 Agar, 13 Chickens, 17 Smug, 18 Fern

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# Spectrum History

## Sarah Ede's final observations on Spectrum

Many of the people mentioned in last month's episode are still around and still involved in the community – I shall miss my annual correspondence with Brian Burgham about the advertisement for the January Trivial Pursuits evening! Some are no longer with us and some have moved away, but each has left their mark not only on the creation, production and development of Spectrum, but on our communal lives in East Woodhay.

My final observation, having sifted through the minutes numerous times, is that those involved have been a social bunch and there has always been an excuse for a drink or party!!!! See below:

1971

A Cheese and Wine Party should be organised for all distributors, and committee members for the purposes of airing any problems they have experienced, and of discussing ways for increasing circulation to nearer the 100% mark. It appeared that ~~the~~ <sup>existing</sup> circulation was in the region of 70%. Miss Maggs was asked to name a suitable date after consultation with the other leaders of distributing teams.. Commander Havergal would then arrange a venue for the party. Mr. Hawker kindly offered to provide the wine ; and the committee volunteered to provide the cheese. Spectrum's funds would not, of course, be touched.

1972

to the Stapling team was considered. ~~xxxxpartyxxxx~~ A right-royal party had been given in Mrs. Trice's house, where a sumptuous tea had been provided by Mrs. Trice, Mrs. Cooper, and others. Mrs. Trice said that the cost had been so small that she did not want any contributions from other members of the committee. The committee thanked her for her generosity.

1979

Party for Spectrum Committee, Distributors, Authors, and Helpers : It was approved that a party should be organised at the Dower House , at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, February, the 7th. Sherry and savouries would be provided by the Editorial Committee, who would be ' At Home ' to all who had contributed literary material, and helped Spectrum in other ways. Mr. Wilson Mayne agreed to arrange the provision of the sherry , and Mrs. Mac Gillivray, and Mrs. Trice agreed to organize the savouries ( proposed by Cdr. Havergal).

1980

After a short general discussion with members of the Committee and a further glass of sherry (kindly given by Mrs. Trice) Mrs. Harrison closed the meeting and said she would notify members of the date of the next meeting.

1984

\* Sherry Party Saturday 14th January  
BRIEF Meeting to discuss arrangements for this  
on Monday 12th December at GRAMMAR, Broad  
Laying - at 8pm

1987

### 6. Christmas Celebration

It was agreed to hold an AGM on 15th January 1987, at 8.00 pm in the Church Hall, to which all distributors, helpers, editors, etc would be invited with their spouses. Agenda to include:

- Subscription Year End (31.4.87)
- Subscription rates
- Thanks to distributors
- Reports from officers

A glass of wine, and a few crisps/nuts/etc will round off the evening.

1994 – plans for 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations

iii. It was decided to hold a celebration party in the late spring to which all current distributors and all past committee members who could be traced would be invited.

It was agreed to hold the party at Woolton Hill Church Hall on a Friday evening, possibly in late April, to serve drinks and light refreshments only and to provide some form of entertainment.

2006

A request has been put in for good weather for the Spectrum Summer BBQ – the date agreed was 25<sup>th</sup> June – venue Elm Farm House. Again I'd suggest we have a brief review of any issues at 12.00 followed by a relaxing afternoon.

Jan 2018 (sent electronically)

AOB

\*Summer BBQ to be 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2018. Put date in your diaries now!

Long may it continue!

I have thoroughly enjoyed trawling through the minutes and back copies of Spectrum to research these snippets. Hugh amounts of detail has been left out as there would have been no space for anything else in the last 3 issues had I been more indulgent. I apologise if anyone feels that the wrong bits have been left out, or if I've missed mentioning anyone .

I hope there is another slightly obsessive nerd out there in 25 years' time to re-do the above and fill in the intervening years. Hopefully by then all the old records will have been scanned and stored on a cloud for easy reference: don't look at me .... I shall be dead by then!!!!

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