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Editorial

I hope you like my front cover photo this month. My father always maintained that the dandelion is a much maligned plant with lovely flowers, although he also admitted that the stems are not very pretty. However, the seed head must be one of the loveliest of any flower. I remember being told when a child that you shouldn't pick dandelions as they made you wet the bed and I did read somewhere that there is something in that horrid white sap that can have that effect but it did not stop me from picking the seed head and



blowing it to tell the time or picking the flower head for wine making and ending up with yellow hands and wine I was too young to drink.

Another yellow flower of childhood myths is the buttercup, held below the chin to see if you liked butter. I do hope today's children have the same fun.

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Cover: A promise of more dandelion in my garden!

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Monday	3 rd	Evergreens	Highclere Village Hall	2 - 4.15pm
Wednesday	5 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	East Woodhay Village Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday	5 th	NWR		8.00pm
Thursday	6 th	St Martin's Kneeler Group	Yew Tree Cottage, North End	10.30am
Friday	7 th	Community Café	St Thomas'Church	9 - 11am
Friday	7 th	Walking for Health	WHCH car park	10.30am
Tuesday	11 th	EW WI	EWVH - History Talk	2:30pm
Wednesday	12 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Friday	14 th	Community Café	St Thomas' Church	9 - 11am
Friday	14 th	Walking for Health	The Rampant Cat car park	10:30am
Tuesday	18 th	Arbor Flora	HVH	2.00 pm
Wednesday	19 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Wednesday	19 th	NWR		8.00pm
Friday	21 st	Community Café	St Thomas'Church	10:30am
Friday	21 st	Walking for Health	WHCH car park	10.30am
Sunday	23 rd	Open Gardens	See advertisement for details	12 - 4pm
Monday	24 th	EW Parish Council Meeting	WHCH	7.30pm
Wednesday	26 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Friday	28 th	Community Café	St Thomas'Church	9 - 11am
Friday	28 th	Walking for Health	The Rampant Cat car park	10.30am
Saturday	29 th	Village Market	WHCH	10am - 1pm
		July 2019		
Wednesday	3 rd	Tea with Joanna Trollope	The Bapsy Hall, Winchester	3 - 6pm
Saturday	6 th	St Thomas' Fete	In the Church Grounds	2pm

Garden Finds

Over the years, I have found many interesting objects in our garden ranging from old Eiffel Tower Lemonade bottles and other small glass items to broken clay pipes



and lots of broken china. Not long ago, I found part of a buckle from the Boar war, and one of those clay pipes had images of Queen Victoria and the dates of her coronation and jubilee.

Last weekend, whilst weeding the vegetable patch before planting, I found a small flat piece of dirty metal which on closer examination appeared to be of a dragon with writing below. I read the word Princess Charlotte but had trouble in deciphering the rest but my husband did on online search and found a picture

of my find (but in much better condition). The full wording was Princess Charlotte of Wales's and is a military item, possible a cap badge. As this Princess was born in 1796 and died in 1817, this must be my oldest find so far. It is damaged and has lost any shine but I've cleaned it up a little so the words can be read and more of the detail seen. The poor dragon has lost a foot and fire coming out of his mouth and is rather bent. However, I'm so pleased I noticed this tiny object in the soil. Makes weeding so much more interesting.

I am still searching for a Roman mosaic or some Samian ware but meanwhile I'll make do with this bit of history.

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NWR Games Evening

Our first April meeting was themed on make your own fun! So we held a games evening and indeed we all had a lot of fun. We started with a game of 'Call My Bluff' which was certainly challenging as we laughed at the false and true meanings of the chosen words and at our applied logic to reach a meaning. Who would have thought that Hornswoggle was not Australian slang for a wooden weapon but in truth a 19thcentury slang word meaning to cheat, trick or baffle. Or that a Kibitzer was not a middle-eastern lamb dish but a meddlesome person! We progressed to a unique game created by one of our own. Imagine something like 'Join the Dots' with numbers and letters to create an outline of one of the Wonders of the Ancient World and you get the idea. The last game used Story Cubes; the images displayed on the thrown cubes dictate the story each team had to devise. We felt that there were some budding children's storywriters amongst us by the end of this entertaining game. Another fun and challenging game which tested creative and imaginative skills.

Pot Luck

The title of our next meeting, 'Pot Luck', might have caused a bit of scratching of the head but we had been instructed beforehand. Talking about a topic for two minutes may sound easy but not so easy if you've literally just pulled it out of a hat! It never ceases to surprise what you might learn from such an exercise not only about the topic but the speaker's previous life. Did you know what 'The Pinks' are? Evidently these are the term used for sports newspapers in the North of England as we found out from a member talking about 'Sport'. For another member the topic 'Dance' brought back memories of being a teenager and disco dancing on stage to an audience on Saturday nights. Other topics included: Who would you choose to play you in the story of your life and what gualities make that person most suitable? Does maths explain everything? What is the bravest thing you have ever done and would you do it again? Modern technology – a blessing or a curse? Do you have an unfulfilled ambition? What was your favourite open-air pop concert? An eclectic mix of topics which made for a testing but nevertheless fun evening. JR & CMC

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This is the new name for the Basingstoke & Deane Borough ward we live in and is the result of the consultation on boundary changes to enable a reduction in the number of wards by 6 leading to a new total of 18. Each will be served by 3 councillors.

The name Evingar has not been dreamed up by a computer but is a historical name. The Evingar Hundred was mentioned in the Domesday book and comprised much that the new Borough ward does now.

Perhaps the Historical Society would care to expand on the Evingar Hundred.

Electricity

The burial of power lines in Knights lane



is completed and I

hope by the time this article is published we will be at the end of the next phase of overhead cable replacement with the re-routing and burial of the line to the "Burlyns" substation.

The grass verge area with its fire hydrant just outside the Woolton Hill Church Hall is now protected by posts which should stop the hazardous parking and the itinerant car salesman.

The annual parish meeting has now taken place and I trust it all went well and hopefully a couple of new people will have volunteered to join the council to bring our numbers up to standard. Phil Jarvis





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East Woodhay Women's Institute

April

It seems that most of our members have been following the programs on the television about Queen Victoria – so we were pleased to welcome lain Kennedy, an expert on the Queen and her life, to our April meeting.



He talked about the Queen's summer home at Osborne House on the Isle of Wight – designed by Prince Albert and built by Thomas Cubbit. The original house was completely rebuilt in 3 sections. One section was called the "Durbar Rooms", built to contain her Indian gifts after she became Empress of India.

The Queen spent much time there and as she aged her sight and hearing began to fail and she relied on Abdul Karim

 her Indian servant or "Munchi" which means Teacher (Made into a recent film "Victoria & Abdul").

She died in 1901 with her grandson, the Kaiser, beside her. Her funeral was arranged and her coffin was carried to the mainland on HMS Alberta – the royal yacht. Our next meeting will be the AGM and we shall be entertained by the playgroup. June Milsom



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Phil Beaver

Phil was a founder member of the St Martin's Kneeler Group when it was started by Miss Irene Gordon in 1979. She was a most accomplished needlewoman and produced beautiful work. She completed nineteen kneelers, designing most of them herself. The first one was an oak tree followed by flowers and birds in our flora and fauna scheme. Phil loved to design commemorative kneelers so she did one for the Millennium, the Queen's Jubilee, the Women's' Institute, St Martin's Guild Centenary and another for 175 years of St Martin's School. When we started our pew seat project Phil was the first to complete one. She suggested that we should have a design of various crosses and we have followed this on subsequent seats. She was working on her fifth seat when she died – they are 1.5 metres long, so no mean feat.

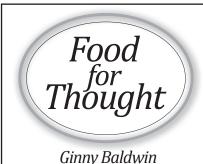


What a wonderful legacy Phil has left for St Martin's church and we will miss her at our meetings with her wise words and sense of humour. If ever she or anyone else made a little mistake in their needlework she always said the same thing – 'a blind man would be happy to see it ' so don't bother to unpick it!

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Dear Friends,

In pride of place in my study is my certificate confirming my completion on foot of the ancient pilgrimage route of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. Hanging with it is my pilgrim shell which I carried with me – an ancient sign of a pilgrim – a scallop shell which once would have been used to scoop water for drinking or as a bowl for food. I reminisce about my pilgrimage at this time of year as it was on Trinity Sunday six years ago that I joined the Pilgrims' Mass at the great Cathedral in Santiago. My journey apparently complete–and yet, as in all staging posts in life, somehow only just beginning...

I had learnt a lot about walking and about celebrating common humanity. What it was like to walk day after day: to find my own pace and to take in the world at walking pace. It was a joy to find there was time to take in the landscape around you, to meet people along the way, to listen, to talk and to pray. Every day was full of joys and challenges, of way markers and bird song, of conversations and of silence. Then at the end of each day the wonderful relief of finding a bed in a pilgrims' hostel and sitting with other pilgrims from many places sharing stories and eating simple, wholesome and always completely delicious food. I felt blessed.

Recently I conducted a Holy Communion service for a group of pilgrims in one of our churches as they concluded a pilgrimage in our country. In the Gospel reading for the day we read Jesus' words to his disciples 'I am the bread of life'. It was a privilege to pray with them and then to eat with them. As strangers and pilgrims together in those moments we shared the bread that is Christ. The bread that, like pilgrimage, knows no boundaries, or differences in status or position. Bread symbolically broken for us and its fragments uniting us: Christ within–crucified, risen, ascended.

So I am reminded that whatever our differences the most important thing to remember and celebrate is our common humanity. Let's begin there, it is a profound start – and then we will be able to work through our differences.

With every blessing to you all, Canon Christine

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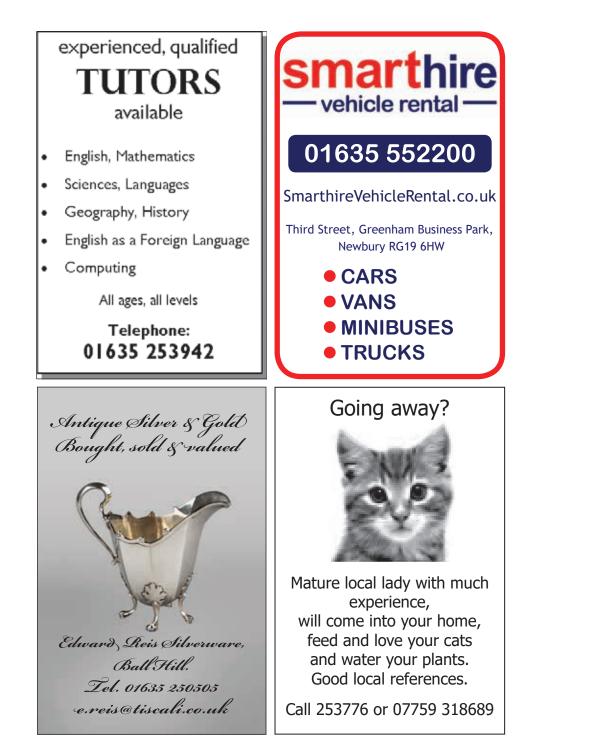
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Evensong	Ashmansworth	6.00pm
Holy Communion Parish Communion – <i>with</i> <i>Sunday Club</i>	East Woodhay Woolton Hill	8.00am 9.30am
Matins – <i>with Baptism</i> Holy Communion Deanery Songs of Praise preceded by tea from 3.00pm	Highclere Ashmansworth Whitchurch	11.00am 11.00am 5.00pm
Morning Worship	Woolton Hill	9.30am
Family Service	East Woodhay	9.30am
Parish Communion	Highclere	11.00am
Evensong	Crux Easton	6.00pm
Holy Communion	Highclere	8.00am
Parish Communion	Woolton Hill	9.30am
Messy Church	Ashmansworth	11.00am
Holy Communion	Crux Easton	11.00am
Garden Praise (Church Farm)	East Woodhay	5.30pm
Benefice Communion	Ashmansworth	10.00am
All Together	Woolton Hill	9.30am
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28 th April	Eva Mae Juniper	Ashmansworth
	Funeral: may they rest in peace	
25 th April	Jeanie, Countess of Carnarvon	Highclere
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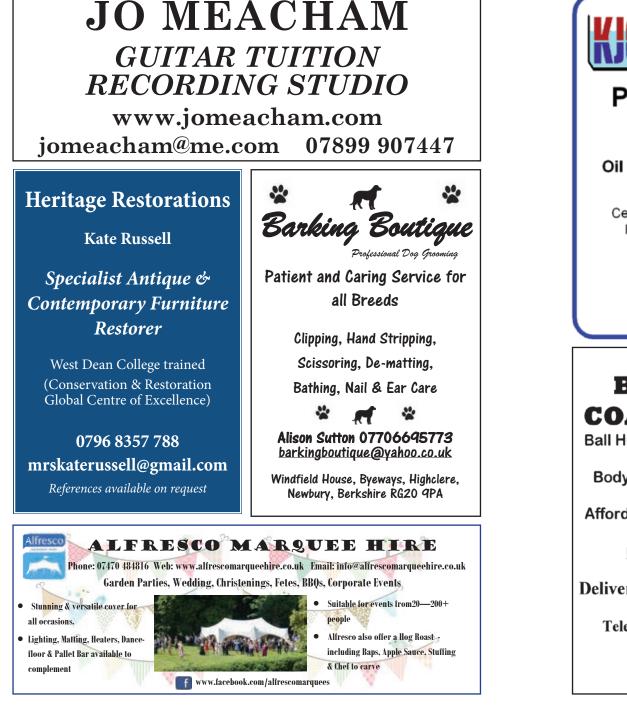
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Woolton Hill & District Gardeners' Club

The final talk for this season, by Mat Reese, was about Planting a border from scratch. While most of us don't have room for a border on the scale of Great Dixter or Malverleys, the pictures Mat showed provided lots of ideas and inspiration. The main keys are contrasts in height and colour; these are "the bones of the garden" (Vita Sackville



West). With plenty of advice on soil, planning, planting and management, we were all encouraged to look again at our own efforts!

Our plant stall was a great success. If you have any plants to spare for our stall at St.Thomas' Fete on Saturday 6th July, they would be most welcome, but please remember – the first questions people ask are 'What is it?' and 'What colour are the flowers?', so please make sure this information is on the label.

Let's hope we have a good summer in the garden, and that our flowers and vegetables give us lots of pleasure!

Chris Vane

Did you know?

The earliest evidence of people known to be living in the area goes back to somewhere between 10000 and 4000 BC. Evidence of Neolithic occupation of this area was confirmed when a stone axe was found in 1939.

Courtesy of East Woodhay Society Newsletter.



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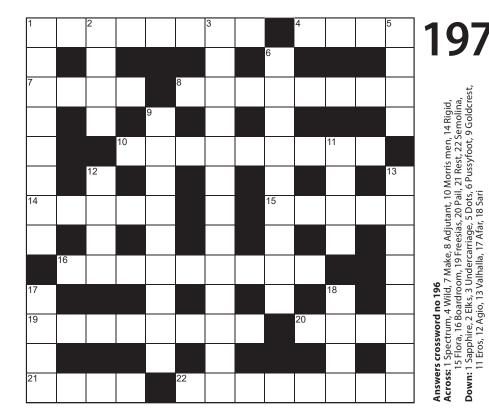


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Across

- 1. I rant at a bride, it isn't kind (8)
- 4. Stole endlessly until nothing could be found (4)
- Cab reverses hard into composer (4) 7.
- 8. I recognize the probem, and yet find I am confused (8)
- 10. I posted an envelope to Australia, or could have been New Zealand (9)
- 14. Sounds like police are in the wood (5)
- 15. Give drink to fellow about to dance (5)
- 16. Being in endless peril gives you an advantage (9)
- 19. If you have a fan and a flute you are wealthy (8)
- 20. Ship with two rings? Not bad, not great (2,2)
- 21. Looking in a little after, flick through book found on tree (4)
- 22. Guess you will see me at site (8)

Down

- 1. Bad girl turns to little grebe (8)
- 2. I leave chair to greatest enemy (4)
- 3. Pillows, duvets etc for undercover workers in garden (7,6)
- 5. Flirts with the idea of child's playthings (4)
- 6. Once gone, a cure needs support to be found (9)
- 9. Try hard to find Andover in Europe (9)
- 11. The Spanish manuscript concerned trees (4)
- 12. Local shop raps (4)
- 13. Looking for strength, Bob and Ken can lose direction (8)
- 17. Sal and I travel by water (4)
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cold there were hundreds of people lining the route and it was great to hear all the encouragement. This year's theme was History of Newbury and all sorts of home-made crafts took part, making it again a great fun event. We named our craft "Crew's Missile" and we were pleased to finish in the fastest time, 1hour 21 minutes, which was 12 minutes ahead of the next quickest. This year we were delighted to team up with our nominated charity for 2019–Young People and Children

First – and had several young people participate on many of the sections between

locks. This local charity helps prevent disadvantaged young people, mostly from foster homes, from being homeless. It is great to raise money for a worthwhile cause but by also working with them on the day they would have gained a lot around teamwork and practical life skills. It was good too that they could take the winning trophy and I know it will proudly sit in one of their two houses as recognition of what they achieved.





Thank you to Spectrum and others who sponsored us for this charity and every pound raised will be doubled up via the Good Exchange and presented to Young People and Children First in November. Please let me know if you would like to contribute and you can transfer any money to sort code 40-34-12 A/c 61871412 with the reference YPandCF along with with your name.

Walking:

The Friday morning Walking for Health is popular and a way of joining up with others to have some regular exercise. If you are able why not join our Walking for Health walks on Friday mornings: on 7th and 21st June we walk from St Thomas' Church Hall, where we also finish with a welcome coffee and on 14th and 28th June we will be staring and ending at the Rampant Cat. These walks last around an hour and start at 10.30am.



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