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Editorial



I can't believe March is already upon us. I have to admit I'm looking forward to spring and the warmer weather. It'll certainly make the walks to and from school with the children more pleasant!

This issue seems to have taken on a Climate Change theme. Canon Marvin talks about his concerns, especially following Sir David Attenborough's recent speech where he made the statement "The moment of crisis has come". St Martin's Primary school submitted their first article to the magazine this month sharing information about terracycling and what the children are doing to make a difference. Even Daisy the Cow from East Woodhay has shared her thoughts on the climate issue! It certainly makes a thought-provoking read.

Mother's Day takes place this month (Sunday 22 March). I've shared a roundup of ways to treat mothers and grandmothers – while supporting local groups and businesses at the same time.

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to everyone who has passed on kind comments about the issues I've edited. I can't believe my final issue for the year is already at an end. It's been a challenge getting my head around the new role, but I've thoroughly enjoyed it.

Enjoy March and I'll be back next year!

Abbie.

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Front cover: Woolton Hill resident, Tim Escudier, is running the London Marathon 2020 even though he has Macular Degeneration (which means his vision is limited). You can read more about Tim and his challenge in this month's magazine.

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Diary of Events March 2020

Monday	2 nd	Evergreens	HVH	2.00pm - 4.15pm
		Woolton Hill Brownies	WHCH	4.00pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday	4 th	NWR		8pm
		Chapel Service: a short monthly service	Sandham Memorial Chapel	10.15am
		EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Thur	5 th	St Martin's Kneeler Group	Jack's Cottage, Knights Lane, Ball Hill	10.30am
Friday	6 th	Walking for health	WHCH	10.30am
		Community café	St Thomas' Church	9.30am - 11am
		Papercraft Workshop: creating cards & 3D projects from colourful paper & card	Sandham Memorial Chapel	11am
		Découpage on glass workshop: learn the art of decoupage to create decorations on a glass bowl	Sandham Memorial Chapel	2pm
Monday	9 th	Woolton Hill Brownies	WHCH	4.00pm - 5.30pm
		Chapel Talk: Hear about the origins of Stanley Spencer's Holy Box	Sandham Memorial Chapel	11am
Tuesday	10 th	East Woodhay WI: Crockery Painting	Ugly Duckling, Newbury Town Centre	2.30pm
Wednesday	11 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Thur	12 th	Highclere Ladies Group	Highclere Church, Dunlop Room	7.30pm
Friday	13 th	Walking for health	Rampant Cat Pub	10.30am
		Community café	St Thomas' Church	9.30am - 11am
Monday	16 th	EW Local History Society: Mike Robinson, The History of Farming	EWVH	8pm

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		Woolton Hill Brownies	WHCH	4.00pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday	17 th	Arbor Flora	HVH	2pm
Wednesday	18 th	NWR		8pm
		EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Friday	20 th	Walking for health	WHCH	10.30am
		Community café	St Thomas' Church	9.30am - 11am
Monday	23 rd	Woolton Hill Brownies	WHCH	4.00pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday	25 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Thur	26 th	WH & District Gardeners' Club	WHCH	7.45pm
Friday	27 th	Walking for health	Rampant Cat Pub	10.30am
		Community café	St Thomas' Church	9.30am - 11am
Saturday	28 th	Woolton Hill Village Market	WHCH	10am - 1pm
Monday	30 th	Woolton Hill Brownies	WHCH	4.00pm - 5.30pm
		East Woodhay Parish Council	EWVH	6.30pm
11 - 29 March		Saturated Space Art Exhibition: An exhibition of work by Chapel Arts Studios artists in response to themes of the Chapel and its paintings	Sandham Memorial Chapel	11am - 4pm
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		East Woodhay Village Hall	EWVH	
		Highclere Village Hall	HVH	

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St Thomas' Infant School

January 2020 topic: "What happened on 2 September 1666 that changed our lives today?"

The new term in January started with a lot of excitement as the KS1 children started their new learning challenge topic: 'What happened on the 2 September 1666 that changed our lives today?'

The children came to school dressed up as characters from the era. We had bakers, maids, queens, kings and even Samuel Pepys.

We spent the day learning about the history of the nursery rhyme 'London's Burning' and the children made their own melodies with instruments.

In addition there were drama and dance activities and we found out about the different 'occupations' and 'roles' of their class mates (who were in costume).

The Early Years children also started a learning challenge about "People Who Help Us". The children came into school dressed as nurses, doctors, firefighters, vets and many other occupations.

Claire Pearce-King, Head Teacher.



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Woolton Hill Junior School

Hello readers. This is Erin and Thomas again.



On our first day back to school after Christmas, we celebrated our annual Safer Internet day which had the theme of "Exploring identity online".

The assembly reminded us that we should speak to an adult if someone online has worried or upset us. We also cannot just use the excuse that "it's my online identity talking not me." Each class then completed researched to identify similarities and differences about what we do online.

Later that week we started our new geography topic. We learnt about different countries and sampled some of the food that originated in these countries. There was Swiss cheese, Italian salami, French croissant, English apples, Spanish olives and German sauerkraut (sour cabbage).

Our action-packed day continued with a different practical workshop where we learnt about different types of mountains, we did a volcano experiment (we got some tin foil, made it into a volcano shape, filled up with red icing and then took turns squeezing it so it erupted), a tectonic plate demonstration (we used a piece of chocolate rice crispy cake and pushed it together to demonstrate how tectonic plates rub together). Our favourite part was that we were allowed to eat the cake!

Our last week in February will be Arts Week. We will let you know how that goes in the next edition.

Woolton Hill & District Gardeners' Club



Twenty years ago our speaker, Jenny Carter, had a Speaker's Audition with the WI, a graphics career, was a Cub's Leader, and ran an allotment with her husband

Jenny took 48 of us on a 'tour' of Canada commencing in Toronto and Niagra Falls before concentrating on British Columbia and travelling north.

The dramatic scenery and flora were impressive, with glaciers and the cold being the focus of the journey up in Alaska. We had a glimpse of the Butchart Gardens in Victoria, on Vancouver Island, where a huge quarry had been transformed into the current gardens between 1906 and 1926. It takes 50 gardeners to keep the gardens in superb condition.

Jenny also showed us her skills in Quilting to depict the images experienced on her journeys.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 26 March, when we will explore 'Undercover Work' with John Negus.

Nick

East End

St Martin's CE Primary School



Making a difference

For those of you who don't know us, St Martin's Primary School is a small school consisting of five classes located in the village of East End. As a church school, our Christian ethos, vision and school values of respect, friendship, courage and creativity underpin everything we do and we are constantly striving to make the world a better place. We wanted to share with you a few of our current initiatives, in the hope that you may be able to support us.

Bukuya School

St Martin's School has a link to Bukuya School in Uganda, which was established in 2006 through the Whitchurch Deanery. In summer 2019, a school family visited Bukuya and found many of the buildings old and in need of repair. We shared photos from this visit in worship and it was clear we ALL wanted to help. We pledged to raise £1500 for a much needed new 4-hole latrine (a set of four squat toilets). The children started their fund raising on World Toilet Day, collected money at our St Martin's Day and Christmas services, and set up a crowd funding page on the internet. This received amazing support and we're delighted to have reached our £1500 target! However the children want to do more. They have just set their sights on another £1000 to pay for metal windows to protect the classrooms at Bukuya from termites. More information is available on the crowd funding page: <https://donatemyschool.com/stmartinsbukuya2078>



Children from St Martin's School collecting items for the local community!

Terracycling

Terracycling is a growing initiative which involves recycling items traditionally not recyclable. After learning about it in school worship, the children were keen to get involved. Initially, we wanted to terracycle everything but, after taking advice, we decided to start small, with crisp packets – all crisp, popcorn and pretzel packets are eligible and they don't need to be washed. There are now special bins in our school for crisp packets and this month we started collecting from local residents. We will be at the Woolton Hill Village Market on Saturday 28 March and would love to see you with any contributions!

Charity Point

Last year our School Council set up a Charity Collection Point. We're currently collecting stamps, ink cartridges, milk bottle tops and foreign currency/old coins. This is already having a positive impact. For example, just before Christmas, we raised over £60 by recycling old ink cartridges. Great news for the Macmillan Cancer Research (the charity we donated them for) as well as for our environment! We would be very grateful for any donations and will be collecting them, along with crisp packets, at the Woolton Hill Village market.

We're incredibly proud of the children at our school and the positive impact they are having on our world at a local, national and global level!

If you would like to find out more about our school, get involved with any of these projects or would be interested in helping and supporting our school in any way, please get in contact with the School Office. We would be delighted to welcome you into school!

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St Thomas' Church

30th Annual Trivial Pursuits Championship



Since 1990, the first weekend in February has seen Woolton Hill Church Hall host the St Thomas' Church Trivial Pursuits Championship.

The evening started with a celebratory drink for the 30 years of continued fun and fellowship. Seventy two players turned up to play and everyone was taken in hand by our very able Quizmaster, Rob Small, who in addition to running the evening had also created the questions.

Once again the Mad Hatters, who have been a team playing from the very beginning, walked away with the treasured trophy after a very close competition—the top five teams were only a couple of points apart!

Margaret and Brian Burgham started the Quiz back in 1990 when there was very little entertainment in the village. As we all know, it has been a great success on every occasion, sometimes with people battling against adverse weather conditions, especially the nine inches of snow last year!

It has given entertainment over the years to hundreds of people from many different areas of the community and beyond, and has raised thousands of pounds for the ongoing maintenance of our beautiful church.

The Quiz will now continue 'under new management' in the very capable hands of Jayne and Ian Roch, together with Rob Small, the invaluable Question Master.

The next night will be held on 6 February 2021.



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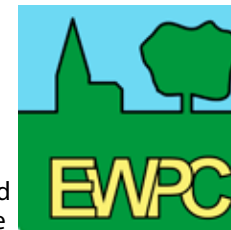
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Trade Street improvements

More good news (hopefully) is that after years of badgering Hampshire County Council to develop a long term solution to the awful road condition of Trade Street near the surgery, they've now started a project to find a durable solution. To steal a Churchill quote: "This is not the beginning of the end but maybe the end of the beginning".

Prune a path

Spring is now on the horizon and new growth of vegetation will be appearing everywhere. This does mean footpaths and pavements may start to have growth impeding free access. We'd like to suggest that footpath users carry secateurs with them and trim back anything growing into the

pathway. We're not suggesting major trimming just a little here and there. Brambles are very fast growing and quite unpleasant.

Road safety

Following on from last month's item a number of people have observed motorists often pass cyclists by very closely. Our roads are narrow and not in the best of repair so it's to be expected cyclists will not always be able to be close to the road edge. Therefore, it's safer to give them a wide berth on the road. It may slow your journey, but it'll be a lot less than all the paperwork if you run one down!

St Thomas' Handbell Ringers

Let the bells ring out! Well the handbells anyway. The PC has approved a request for funds to purchase additional bells for the St Thomas' Handbell Ringers who do much charitable work. Perhaps we'll get a performance at the annual parish meeting this year!

Phil.

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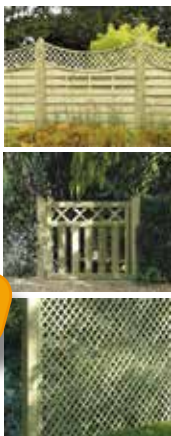
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The new site is now managed by East Woodhay Society, with myself and John Angle as administrators. We would like to thank Helen Carlile for all her work over the years on the previous website as we know it has been a source of great information to many. There is a community section, information about clubs, societies and facilities, the diary of events, a 'how to' area with associated links, and all sorts of details about our local area.

If you see anything that's wrong please let me know and we'll make sure this is addressed. Also if you think anything is missing or you have an idea for the website we'll be happy to make additions.

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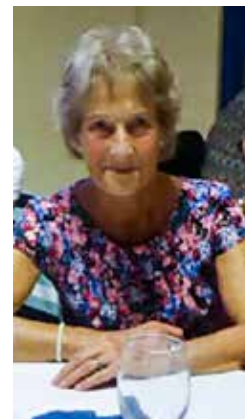
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East Woodhay

Twinning Association



The EWTA held its Annual General Meeting on 15 January in Woolton Hill Church Hall and we were delighted to welcome several members who joined us.



Perhaps our biggest news was that Moyra Harkness, who has been our Secretary for many years, had decided to step down. Moyra has been the stalwart of the Association for more than 20 years. She's been instrumental in helping organise the visits to Normandy and the return trips here, writing numerous articles for Spectrum, helping organise Quiz nights, summer and Christmas parties, and much more. She will be a very hard act to follow! We are very indebted for all the work Moyra has contributed to the EWTA; she will be sorely missed.

This meant a few changes to the Committee. Genie Stapleton very kindly agreed to continue standing as Chairman, Alan Stapleton as Treasurer, and Helen Allen agreed to take on the role of Secretary. Peter Stanley remains our Membership Secretary, and we continue to be supported by Mike Jenkins and Ian Hancock. As a result of Moyra's departure, we do

have one space on the Committee, so if anyone feels like joining us, you would be more than welcome.

Our Christmas party was a great success and enjoyed by most of our members. We had a wonderful selection of food and a few quizzes to keep everyone amused.

Our next Twinning visit will be at the beginning of May, so we're very much looking forward to meeting up with our wonderful French hosts in the villages of Anisy, Colomby-Anguery and Villons les Buissons.

The EWTA Quiz night takes place on Saturday 7 March at Woolton Hill Church Hall, from 7.30pm, and includes a hot supper. Each table should have six participants, so if you're interested in taking part, let me know and I'll send you the necessary details. We will also be organising a spring walk. More details about this in due course.

If you're interested in joining us or wish to find out more about the Twinning Association, do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Committee.

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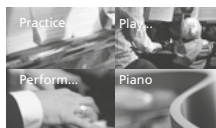
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Mother's Day Celebrations In The Village

Mother's Day is on Sunday 22 March. To show support for groups and businesses in our villages, Spectrum has compiled a roundup of events and gifts to give you a few ideas for treating mothers, grandmothers and wives this year.

FREE Treat Afternoon, Saturday 21 March, St Thomas' Church



Calling all Mums! St Thomas' Church invites you to a 'treat afternoon' on Saturday 21 March at 3pm in the Church Hall. Children are welcome and we will entertain them for you with activities whilst you have space to enjoy a relaxing time with tea and cake! We would love to welcome you to recognise and celebrate all you do as Mums (and Grandmas!) Spaces are limited and booking by 13 March is essential.

This is a free event. To make a booking please email stthomassundayclub@gmail.com, send us a message on Facebook @stthomassundayclub, or call Lucy on 07979 292289 or Jenny on 07843238796.

Holistic Therapy Treatments for Mums, Waves of Life, Woolton Hill

Jacqui Valentine, who lives in Woolton Hill, founded Waves of Life a holistic therapy business that offers treatments including Reflexology, Indian Head Massage, Meditation and holistic facials. Jacqui is also a hypnotherapist. Treatments take place in Woolton Hill. You can book sessions for mums and grandmothers or purchase gift vouchers for a relaxing Mother's Day gift.

Visit www.wavesoflife.co.uk and www.valentinehypnotherapy.co.uk for more information.

French Style Baskets from Le Papillon Vert, Woolton Hill

Rebecca Cooke, who also lives in Woolton Hill, founded Le Papillon Vert in 2011 with a view to offer a more sustainable and stylish alternative to plastic bags.



Rebecca's business has moved from her spare room to a warehouse in Lambourn where she now supplies wholesale to shops, PR agencies for product launches, as well as retailing from her website. Rebecca designs the baskets and works with artisans in Morocco to hand weave and embellish them. One of Le Papillon Vert's French Style Baskets would make a very desirable gift for Mother's Day! You can purchase the baskets at www.lepapillonvert.co.uk

Beauty Therapy gifts and vouchers from The Outhouse, Ball Hill



Nicole Hearn founded The Outhouse a relaxing beauty therapy experience in Ball Hill. Nicole offers many treatments every Mum or Grandmother could ever want, including manicures, pedicures, massages, facials and eye lash tints and lifts. You can book appointments for a Mother's Day treat or purchase gift vouchers.

Visit The Outhouse's Facebook Page to book @TheOuthouseBeauty

Restorative Meditation classes by Mindful Medicine, Woolton Hill Church Hall

Gillian Ward founded Mindful Medicine where she runs wellbeing classes and 1-2-1 treatment sessions to help people relax, relieve stress and promote overall wellbeing. Gillian runs a Restorative Meditation class once a month at Woolton Hill Church Hall. The class as a Mother's Day gift would no doubt make many busy mothers and grandmothers very happy! Gillian offers gift vouchers too.

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East Woodhay Twinning Association

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This Lent our churches are using the Church of England **#LiveLent** resources – you can subscribe directly to these at www.churchofengland.org/livelent.

Archbishops, Justin Welby and John Sentamu, have launched **#LiveLent** saying:

‘This Lent, we hope both adults and children might engage in God’s plea for us to “Care for Creation”. It is an opportunity for us to rebuild our relationship with our planet, and in turn with the God who is Lord of everything. During this time, we hope you might engage in prayer, learn more about the remarkable world we have been given and build habits that last beyond the season to protect and honour the earth.’

There is opportunity to join with others at a weekly Lent lunch or Evening Prayer. These include a short talk on the **#LiveLent** themes, discussion and actions we can take to increase our Care for God’s Creation.

#LiveLent weekly themes	Lent Lunch & Reflection	Evening Prayer & Reflection
	Mondays	Tuesdays
1. Light & Energy 2. Water 3. Land & Plants 4. Stars & Seasons 5. Creatures of Sea & Sky	2 nd March	3 rd March
	9 th March	10 th March
	16 th March	17 th March
	23 rd March	24 th March
	30 th March	31 st March
	Time: 12.30-1.30pm	Time: 8.00-9.00pm
	Venue: Dunlop Room St Michael & All Angels, Highclere	Venue: St Thomas’ Woolton Hill

All are welcome. It will help planning to know if you intend to join in, so do please contact Mike Sarson (*contact below*). There is also a **blog** with local updates and links to online resources. You can subscribe to this by e-mailing Mike using the heading **#LiveLent**.

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Dear friends,

I am, by nature, a hopeful and optimistic person but when Sir David Attenborough says that we are soon to reach crisis point with regard to global warming and its serious impact on humanity, then I become concerned.

Earth's climate has warmed and cooled throughout history but in the last 250 years we have developed such a globally sophisticated way of life that climatologists agree the impact of burning fossil fuels; uncontrolled tree-felling; rising temperatures leading to polar ice and glacial melting causing rising sea levels; population growth; changes in weather patterns causing problems for food production and water-stressed regions, is likely to be devastating.

The challenges are great but there are some hopeful signs – not least in the awareness of young people to these issues. Someone once said – The present generation does not own the earth; we are stewards of creation and have a duty of care to pass it on to the next generation.

Several positive developments are taking place, for example in India cement producers (an industry which generates huge amounts of CO2) have developed a new method of production which vastly reduces CO2 emissions.

In Denmark a major company is moving into production of the next generation of wind-turbines which will lead to a growing percentage of green electricity.

Across the world botanists are working with local peoples to re-green areas which have seen trees cut down; and a commitment to plant one billion trees by 2025 has been agreed by governments.

Scientists in the USA are developing large-scale production of a new gas which will mean that the dangerous HFC gases used in fridges and air-conditioning units can be phased out.

Trades union officials are seeking ways of helping coal-mining communities and their governments of the need to phase out coal for energy production.

And locally on Saturday March 28 at Woolton Hill Village Market the local churches 'GO GREEN' group has booked the Community Table to share ideas on how we can take this issue even more seriously – do come long.

Canon Marvin
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From the Church Registers: January 2020		
Baptism: we ask God's blessing on the life of...		
26 th January	Ava Winnie Margaret Brown	Highclere
Funeral: may they rest in peace		
6 th January	Helen Elaine Millard	East Woodhay
Burial: may she rest in peace		
3 rd January	Mary Craig	Woolton Hill churchyard

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SUN 8th <i>Lent 2</i>	Holy Communion Parish Communion – <i>with Sunday Club</i> Matins Holy Communion	East Woodhay Woolton Hill Highclere Ashmansworth	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am
SUN 15th <i>Lent 3</i>	Morning Worship Family Service Family Communion <i>with Baptism</i> Evensong	Woolton Hill East Woodhay Highclere Crux Easton	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm
SUN 22nd <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Holy Communion Family Communion Mothering Sunday Service Mothering Sunday Service Mothering Sunday Service	Highclere Woolton Hill Highclere East Woodhay Ashmansworth	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.00pm
SUN 29th <i>Lent 5</i>	Benefice Communion	Ashmansworth	10.00am
Sun 5th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Blessing of Palms Blessing of Palms Blessing of Palms Blessing of Palms <i>...the procession gathers at St Martin's School</i> <i>...to proceed to St Martin's Church for the Triumphant...</i> <i>...entry to Jerusalem</i>	Woolton Hill Highclere Ashmansworth Crux Easton East End East Woodhay	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.15am 11.00am
WED 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	10.00am Holy Communion	Woolton Hill	
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New Year's Honours List

Our first meeting of 2020 was 'Who would be on our honours list'.

As usual we were not short of views and our discussions strayed into whether we thought the current honours system was fit for purpose. The overwhelming view was that honours should not be given for professional sporting achievements, celebrity status, for paid work or to politicians. Instead the emphasis should be on exceptional local voluntary and charitable work.

Having put the 'system to rights', the people who we would nominate for an honour included inspirational guide leaders, outstanding foster carers, Gareth Malone for his work with young people (honour already received in 2012), a childminder and carer, Chris Evans for his charitable work, Mary Berry for high quality cooking and her books and James Bond!

People who are working hard to combat climate change were also mentioned for honours. Looking back in history Emily Pankhurst and the founding members of the Royal Society were also thought to be worthy of an honour. Finally, one local group, The Neighbourhood Care team who never fail to turn out to ensure that patients can make their medical appointments.

We concluded the evening agreeing that the current honours system needs to be

overhauled and updated for the 21st century.

What the Papers Say

'What the Papers Say' or NEWS (Notable Events Weather Sport) or the plural of the adjective 'new'.

Attendees searched for something amusing or uplifting. We managed to avoid BREXIT and only one mention of MEXIT! Many of us chose the story of the stray horse loose on the A48 in Cardiff. The horse was captured and calmed but the problem was how to get it to safety. Along came a local bus and with the aid of ramps for wheelchair access, the horse got on board. The horse was delivered to the 'Park and Ride' where he was collected by his grateful owners!

The topics were incredibly disparate ranging from major world problems, such as climate change and demographics, to topics closer to home. These included: Cat grooming/ seduction, Smart Motorways, Problems of Celebrities living near footpaths, Campaign for a memorial to Joseph Merrick (Elephant Man), The Power of the Internet to raise awareness of the need for people to register as blood cancer donors, and the story of the Petersfield Bookshop saved by Twitter.

SW & DY

Tim Escudiar

Woolton Hill Resident, Tim Escudiar, Is Running London Marathon 2020 Despite Losing His Eye-Sight!

Tim Escudiar, who lives in Woolton Hill, lost the central vision in his right eye in 1997. Seven years later, Tim also started to lose sight in his left 'good' eye which forced him into retirement from full-time work.

Tim suffers from Macular Degeneration which is the deterioration of the macula—the part of the eye that's responsible for our central vision. Losing the ability to use your macula largely affects everyday situations such as reading, driving, walking, and even identifying faces.

Non-runner, Tim, took on the challenge to run the Paris Marathon in 2016 with RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People) to raise awareness of Macular Degeneration. Despite Tim completing the marathon he was left with injuries preventing him from running that distance for a long time after.

The year 2020 has been named the year of 'vision'. Tim also turns 65 this year. He felt the two occasions combined together were enough to encourage him to get his running shoes on again and enter the London Marathon 2020.

Tim has entered with the RNIB team again in the hope to raise awareness and money for the charity, which has supported him with his own eyesight condition.

Tim said: "RNIB do great work supporting people with vision loss. Raising money for the charity this year seemed the perfect symmetry for my own personal challenges with my sight, the year 2020, and my age!

"My legs are very slowly getting stronger as I run around our beautiful Woolton Hill countryside. I'd hugely appreciate your support and encouragement as I navigate my training schedule through our British winter!"

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Letter to the Editor

Following on from a previous letter about Climate Change in Spectrum's November 2019 issue, 'Daisy the Cow' an East Woodhay resident has written a response.

Chewing the cud—thoughts from Daisy...

"As a dairy cow, I feel much maligned by misconceptions concerning my contributions to climate change. Plants and trees are nature's way of dealing with carbon emissions but this process produces cellulose, a carbohydrate humans are unable to digest. However, I love to eat it and I convert it into milk and beef, which you enjoy as part of your balanced diet.

I do apologise for the methane I produce but, have your scientists told you that this breaks down naturally and is reabsorbed by plants, thus completing a natural cycle?

Because of better breeding, I produce more milk and meat than my grandparents did, so fewer cows are needed, hence our carbon footprint has actually decreased.

I do wish you humans would acknowledge that 80% of greenhouse gasses come from fossil fuel consuming industries, which include factories producing processed soya, almond and other somewhat artificial drinks masquerading as milk!"

Yours, Daisy.

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East Woodhay Local History Society



Our first talk of the New Year was by Dr Hugh Pihlens where we heard about his family's Latvian history. It proved to be fascinating and superbly presented.

At the start of the 20th century Dr Pihlens' grandfather, James, was interested in politics and freeing Latvia from Czarist Russian control. He was called up for military service but failed the medical as 'completely unfit for service' (even though he lived to 82!)

James joined the Free Latvian Society and was watched by the secret police who sent a search party to the family farm in Barta. James escaped on horseback to the nearest port.

When he got to Liepaja, he smuggled himself in the anchor chain locker of a ship and got to Hamburg, Newcastle on Tyne and eventually, London. Here James worked in a furniture 'sweat shop' in the West India Docks (now Canary Wharf). He was on the verge of returning to Latvia, however he was advised to travel further afield and went to the West Country where he got talking to Rev. Benson.

Rev Benson arranged for James to go and work for his brother. His interest in cars lead to him looking after his employer's cars and being his chauffeur. The wealthy Bensons owned several homes including Alton Towers House where James met his future wife, Carrie.

Mr Benson joined the army during the Great War, and James looked after his property plus a garage business. Later James managed to buy some land and a bungalow where he set up his own garage plus tobacconist, tea shop and bed and breakfast. He secured a deal with Austin cars and Sir Herbert Austin came in person to sign the contract to sell six cars a year!

Whilst James was establishing himself, Latvia had gained independence and some of his ex-colleagues were now in power, including the Prime Minister. James' brother sent a letter by ship to Gloucester. He was encouraged to return and be a part of the Government, but he was now running five garages in Cheltenham and had two children! His daughter tragically got bone cancer and died five days before her 24th birthday. Her mother, Carrie, couldn't bear parting from her family and contact was stopped with Latvia, which was soon to be back in Russian hands following WW2. Contact was not re-established with Latvia until Dr Pihlens' father had a letter from a cousin in 1989. Communication was difficult as the Russians censored all letters and both the cousins died in the 1990s. However, Dr Pihlens' father had written a booklet "Our Baltic Story" in 1985 and it was this that lead to him doing more research.

Since then there have been visits to Latvia by the present family. There was a story that James' father, Peter, had been a noted folk singer. This love of singing right across all three Baltic States lead to 'The Singing Revolution' (1989-1991) where people came together to sing and show they would not be trodden down by the Russians. Every five years they still hold a festival to celebrate their independence. We ended the evening by watching a video of this moving concert.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 16 March at 8pm in the Village Hall, Heath End. Mike Robinson will give a talk on 'The History of Farming'. All are welcome.

Woolton Hill Brownies Have Spaces!

Woolton Hill Brownies wants to invite girls aged between 7 – 10 years old to come along and see what the group gets up to.

Brownies introduces girls to a world of new opportunities, challenges and fun. In a safe, welcoming space girls can try new things to build their confidence, help other people and develop their passions and talents. All while having fun with a group of ready-made friends!



Each term the Brownies plan a range of fun activities such as craft work, fundraising, orienteering, local visits, team work and games. As well as working towards getting badges in the group meetings, girls can choose from a range of Interest Badges to do independently for areas they'd like to know more about.



Woolton Hill Brownies meet at Woolton Hill Church Hall every Monday from 4.00-5.30pm (during school term times).

If you're daughter or granddaughter is interested and would like to find out more about the Brownies please contact the group by emailing 2whbrownies@gmail.com or registering your interest on the Girl Guiding website www.girlguiding.org.uk

The Brownies are always looking for adult volunteers too, so if you're interested in becoming a helper contact using the email address above.

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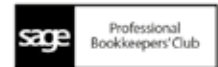
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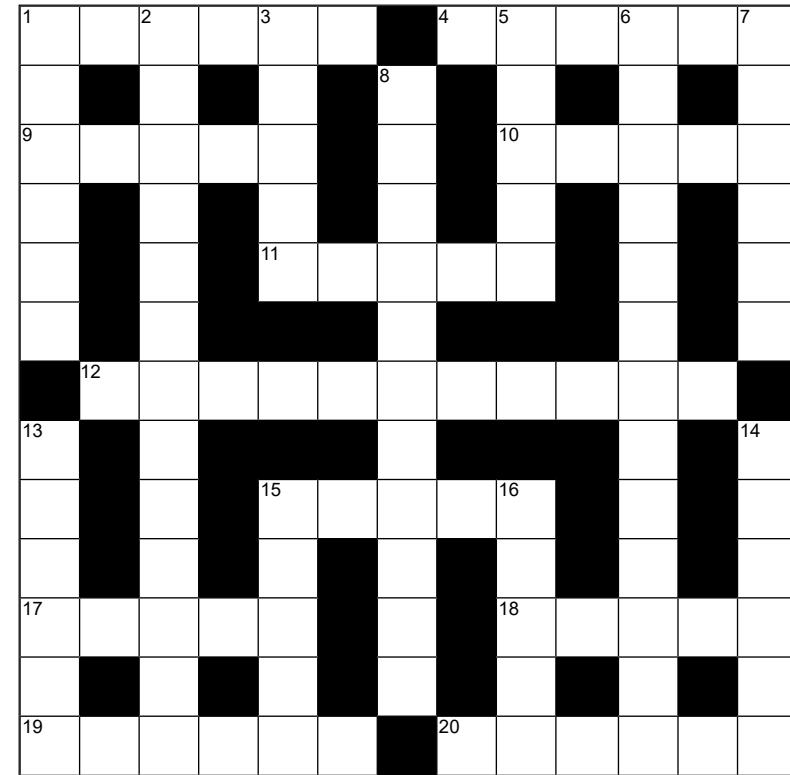
Seven ringers, complete with festive headgear and suitably adorned music stands, took their places in the atrium ready to perform their favourite carols, albeit in competition with a somewhat noisy air-conditioning system.

Being the Friday before Christmas the shop was busy and the customers very appreciative. Many, including a few with small children, stopped for a while to listen to several numbers. Some even applauded and enthusiastic comments were overheard. One little girl was delighted to be treated to an encore of Jingle Bells! Many expressed their enjoyment by throwing donations into the tinsel bucket in aid of local homeless charity, Loose Ends. At the end of the hour the collection totalled £110—a very satisfying bonus for what had been a new and extremely rewarding experience for the team.

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Across: 1 Gospel, 4 Fathom, 9 Nancy, 10 Atlas, 11 Third, 12 Village quiz, 15 Scout, 17 Quite, 18 Prime, 19 Easier, 20 Adonis
Down: 1 Ginger, 2 Sensibilities, 3 Egypt, 5 Award, 6 Hallucination, 7 Museum, 8 Springboard, 13 Torque, 14 Sheets, 15 Scene, 16 Tepid

Across

1. Cat holding confused prisoner of war in mound of manure (6)
4. Puce horse provides breakfast tableware (6)
9. Greek letter found in estuary (5)
10. Fifty turn to eat with extra layer (5)
11. Glad to be extra quiet in the hay (5)
12. With time short, five fleecy ones acted to achieve desired result (11)
15. Boy licks spiral we hear (5)
17. I join fat Scottish landowner (5)
18. Native has no time for the unsophisticated (5)
19. Sample treats (6)
20. Pseudonym used on many occasions (6)

Down

1. Indulge someone by cooking them an egg (6)
2. Did Sid wall off flowers because they were feral? (13)
3. Had a freshen up, but used much too much water (5)
5. Fielding position in channel (5)
6. I can tell son to find a pattern in the night sky (13)
7. Picky person taped around pole (6)
8. I spy that oil is spoiling guests' reception (11)
13. To live is to flower (6)
14. Extra wide stem attracted admiration (6)
15. Prevaricate about boundary (5)
16. None rise up to mark the spot where noble element is found (5)

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