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The cover of the August 2020 issue of Spectrum magazine features a close-up photograph of a purple aster flower with a yellow center. A tortoiseshell moth is perched on the lower petals of the flower, its wings showing a distinctive orange and black spotted pattern with irregular, scalloped edges. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting foliage. The magazine's title 'Spectrum' is written in a large, orange, cursive font across the middle of the image. The issue date 'August 2020' and the price '50p' are printed in a smaller, orange, serif font in the upper left and right corners, respectively.

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Editorial

This month we have another interesting local history article, once again researched and written by Val Pollitt. This time it's a World War II story, dramatic and poignant, of a downed German bomber and a village boy who finds a piece of wartime history hanging in a tree. With the story of the Heinkel bomber crew at large in the countryside this could be a screenplay just waiting to be written!



We also have a letter from local resident Jon Salter who would like to explore the possibility of 'Spoken Histories' which could be of interest to old and young alike and enrich our knowledge of how village life was many years ago. During the current 'lockdown' period when most normal village activities have been postponed or cancelled it has been very helpful to Spectrum to have so many contributions from readers to make the magazine more interesting in the absence of the usual reports on local events. Thank you, let's keep the editorial team busy!

JH

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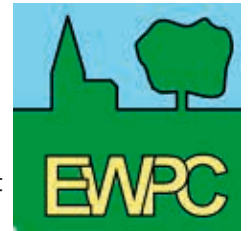
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We again have to announce with great regret that another longstanding councillor, Barry Lambert, is stepping down from the council. Barry was chairman of the planning sub-committee when I joined the council some years ago and only stepped down from that rôle a couple of months ago. The council is united in thanking Barry for his past work and offer our best wishes for the future. Alas Barry is not the only leaver as John Morris has also resigned. John has been treading the footpaths of the parish since Hanne Teece left us last year.

On the good news front we welcome a returning councillor in the form of Graham Dick.

Electricity. SSE are finally ready to complete phase 2 of the infrastructure network renewal and will be doing work to upgrade the power line that runs North to South through Ball Hill, West of Gore End road. This involved getting permissions from many different landowners which took a very long time to finalise. The replacement line should be more robust leading to fewer power interruptions. Anybody likely to suffer interruptions during the work will be pre-warned by SSE. Weather permitting the work should be largely done by the end of July.

Model aircraft flying. We have had complaints of powered model aircraft being flown in the Parish Field. Not only is this against the current rules

pertaining to the permissive path but is actually governed by Act of Parliament and a complex set of rules which are too complex to cover here. However B&D also have a byelaw forbidding the flying of model aircraft including drones on any council owned property which includes the Parish field. Anyone wishing to fly models should join a club where they may fly in a regulated zone or find a friendly farmer and obtain his permission.

We also need to remind everyone that the permissive path is just that. A path through the field. The rest of the field is still used for agriculture (silage) and neither dogs nor people should roam over the field.

We continue to hold Council meetings using Zoom and while they are better than nothing they are a poor substitute for the real thing. Any parishioner wishing to view the proceedings can do so by arrangement with the Parish Clerk. Since the rain started after a long dry spell the vegetation has responded by growing furiously. This is not just your lawns but the hedges too. Nesting season is practically over so now is the time to start trimming hedges in particular where they abut pavements and footways which must be kept clear.

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East Woodhay & Highclere Coronavirus Community Support

As I write this on 6th July it is difficult to predict how the next few weeks will go regarding the Coronavirus guidelines for our area. This past weekend most local pubs and hairdressers were opening, today Kintbury surgery is open and tomorrow the Yew Tree Garden Centre Café is welcoming customers once more. Are things about to transition to what is called a 'new normal'? However, it does feel to have been a rollercoaster ride for those involved with Neighbourcare and it is worth taking a look at what has been done.

First though, we want to say some huge thanks. Lesley Foden, who has been our Chair and done an amazing job in aligning the team to undertake the additional support of Prescription Delivery, Shopping Delivery, Wellbeing Calls and Weekly Newsletters, has stepped down as Chair. We will write more in future months but do give a big thanks to Lesley for staying on longer than intended to help us support the extra services. Also, we couldn't have done all we have, without the incredible technical support from her husband, Mark Foden. Mark is still helping us with technology but is taking a step back to focus on his work. A big thanks to Nicole Bentham who has stepped down as a call coordinator. Nicole will be missed by so many clients who have so become used to her friendly voice on the phone. As said, more on all these changes in the future.

We are delighted and so fortunate that Sarah Garland has agreed to take over as Chair. As Sarah has been on the committee, we know this will be a seamless transition as we work on the next phase of the activities for Neighbourcare. In the same way we are so pleased that Lisa Banwell and Diana Sketchley have joined Freida King and Chris Sketchley as Coordinators, taking calls from clients.

So, what a few months it has been! It all started following a request in March 2020 from Woolton Hill Surgery for assistance in delivering a backlog of approximately 150 uncollected prescriptions that had built up at the surgery following the outbreak of Covid-19. Mark and Lesley Foden collected the backlog and with the assistance of volunteers cleared the outstanding medication over a period of 3 days.

Subsequently the combined Woolton Hill/ Kintbury medical practice closed the Kintbury (KB) surgery for patient access and dispensed all repeat prescription medication from Woolton Hill Surgery (WH) and to deliver all acute prescriptions (these are those that are prescribed following on-the-day appointments) from KB surgery.

To help support the major increase in volume Neighbourcare set up a one phone number system (01635 745 600) and with the help of volunteer drivers arranged to collect and deliver repeat prescription medication from WH and acute prescription medication from KB to patients registered with both WH and KB. This covered not only the Woolton Hill and Kintbury areas but also villages including Hungerford, Combe, Stockcross, Wickham, Wash Common, Burghclere, Crux Easton, Ashmansworth and Inkpen.

WH surgery resumed the dispensing of acute prescriptions for WH patients in June.

Some numbers:

Number of prescriptions delivered – approx. 4000 roughly equally divided between WH and KB patients

Number of volunteer drivers involved – 22

Number of miles driven – approx. 7000

Number of patients delivered to – approx. 1000.

When we set up the shopping service in March 2020 we initially had no idea of the requests we'd receive and how we would facilitate shopping for people. The payment of shopping was particularly tricky. Luckily our two local shops – Woolton Hill Stores and Woodland Stores, Penwood came up trumps and set up an over the phone payment system very quickly. Woolton Hill stores delivered shopping themselves locally and Woodland stores deliver to Penwood and Neighbourcare deliver to those living in the wider area.

The supermarkets their act together but priority system for those on their online shopping collecting clients click they've been unable to Since 26th March until 42 shopping trips for 14 volunteers to 10 prescription delivery, we for this shopping service.

We were also very isolating and change up would take its toll Consequently, a also set up to support of these services being number (01635 745 600).



took some time to get eventually set up a self-isolating/shielding, sites. We have been and collect shopping if get a home delivery slot. now we have undertaken 21 different clients with locations. As with the do not currently charge

conscious that the self-being able to meet on mental wellbeing. wellbeing service was people in the area. All coordinated from the one

The other service was to produce a regular newsletter to keep the community informed of all the Coronavirus information (local and national) plus other news to help the community during this period of the pandemic. At time of writing 16 weekly newsletters have been produced. We are grateful for the feedback we have received, and we did smile at one recent note which was requesting Newsletter #2 again as the person had mislaid this one and wanted to have a complete 'back catalogue'. Goodness, could these be a collector's item in many years to come?

Please do continue to call us if you need any help regarding delivery of prescriptions, shopping or you have any other matters of concern during the current crisis:

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Memories of the double-decker 5B bus!!



by *Bertha Bates*

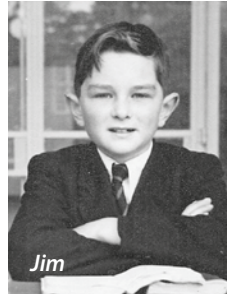
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Bertha



Christine



Jim



Mike

In the 1950's and 60's the 5B bus travelled from Reading via Yattendon to Newbury with many people travelling to work and delightful children to school. On the bus from Yattendon were Bertha Mott (now Bates) and Jim Hannington, and from Hampstead Norreys Mike Robinson and Christine Edwards (now Fairbrother). Bertha & Christine attended Shaw House, Jim, Park House and Mike, the Newbury Grammar School. The journey was as you can imagine full of laughs and pranks.

In those days school uniforms mattered as they gave identity and, sad to say, a form of hierarchy. The great divide was the sixth year at the Newbury Grammar School when the pupils were given more freedom at school and outside especially, as bus prefects – quite dangerous at that age. On occasions 100 lines would be demanded from younger students as punishment for lack of respect on the bus.

All schools were single sex and none of us was allowed to associate in public, so the journey home was quite a revelation. The Grammar School & County Girls High School had to walk to school in the mornings (and I might add, all together). After school the girls were taken to Newbury by bus, leaving school 15mins before the boys, where we all piled onto the 5B bus and travelled home. One of our 'gang' caught the girls' bus to the wharf for a 'dare' and was expelled from the Grammar School. As the boys walked to the bus on their last day at school, the final act of defiance was to throw their caps over the railway bridge so the oncoming train would flatten them.

Villages were quite isolated with little weekend activities so Monday morning on the bus to Newbury was an event in itself. Mike's personal challenge on many occasions was to tie my long plait to the bar which ran along the back of the seats, causing a great deal of pain when I tried to stand up. Why do you think I have short hair!!

Christine lived at a far flung farm in Hampstead Norreys and had to cycle or walk in all weathers to catch the bus. There wasn't any excuse from her parents whatever the weather. Some winters we had very deep snow but we still had to catch the bus. Christine had to struggle home in the dark across the fields and often fell into one of the mucky tractor groves, only to repeat the event the next day. My trip one very

bad winter involved me walking to Hampstead Norreys to catch a bus, as the roads from there to Yattendon were blocked for three weeks. A bus came from Newbury and turned round at Hampstead Norreys to make the journey back. I staggered home several nights in deep snow on what I thought was the road only to find that I was walking on a hedge.

Jim well remembers catching the school bus from Park House to the wharf, often to find the 5B had gone, so it was a mad dash to the Regal cinema to get on there. If there was time he would often buy an ice lolly from Tufnells shop.

We all survived.....Mike went to agricultural college and formed Hall Plank Robinson.

Jim completed time in the RAF and eventually went to the USA, where he worked as Director of Training for the world's largest quick printing franchise, PIP, and then ran his own printing business. Christine went to work at British Hoist & Crane, finishing at Litorque as PA to the CEO, and became Mayor of Newbury in 1988 and 1989 (yes she did serve for two years). Bertha made her mark at Broughton Tyrrell Dental Laboratory, organising many events for the company and completing her time as an executive (and being bossy!!).

So the 5B bus didn't harm any of us and we are all still great friends.

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1. Footwear fit for a Feline? (5)
2. Found in candles and lamps of old, we're told . (6)
3. Friend looking backwards. (4)
4. Phillips, a famous one! (4)
5. Found below streets and railways? (6)
6. Used to torture a weight, then take it to hospital? (14)
7. Reportedly they only trade in cool boxes! (10)
8. To speak to them, do you need to dial around? (4)
9. Saint and detective, maybe. (4,5)
10. Mixed herb. (4)
11. Diverse farming family heard from our nursery days? (9)
12. One immediately following (4)
13. Kool, for example! (3,4)
14. Heard climate kisses in an old fashioned way. (12)
15. Ship outside port has diverse credit. (6,6)
16. Where hens go after shopping here? (4)
17. Spike carries heavy weight. (9)
18. Water feature and terra firma. (8)
19. Another water feature and more terra firma! (5,6)
20. Panacea, perhaps? (9)
21. King George has ingredient for omelettes. (6)
22. Recent nine gear rally ended up in chaos! (5,8,6)
23. I'm comfy in kiddy's bed. (5)
24. No need to go to Reykjavik to shop here! (7)
25. Take an umbrella, just in case... (7)
26. Ideal for young bowls players? (11)
27. Prudish old boat. (7)
28. Offspring after morning moisture, it's said. (6)

29. Flower arrives after a delay. (8)
30. Hydrate Mick, Keith and pals? (11)
31. Her pop's now demented, previously joyful. (5,7)
32. I heard they sell hot dinners! (6)
33. Found everywhere, not just on Catalonian seafronts. (5)
34. Society girl into French hocks! (9)
35. Mind it on the underground. (3)
36. Don, the tall bard, ran amok. (7,3,7)
37. Shows backside to the public, bishop is included! (9)
38. Grub retreats with queen and male sovereign. (6,4)
39. Sound of laughter by river and fishing tools. (7)
40. Find them in the penthouse? (7)
41. Rug by Lord Sugar. (7)
42. Surprising what you'll find in Kate's coat pocket! (5)
43. Into bike accessories? Shop here! (4)
44. A sad blend of shop found everywhere. (4)
45. Noble gas swaps poles. (5)
46. Entombs after saints go without tea. (10)
47. Rather come tiddly, to suit the kids. (10)
48. Strange receptacles. (7)
49. Celebrity money. (9)
50. Price of a knife? (10)

Name that body part quiz answers

1. Brain, 2. Aorta, 3. Spine 4. Liver 5. Temple 6. Leg 7. Eyebrow 8. Heart 9. Navel
 10. Head 11. Uterus 12. Gum 13. Colon 14. Scalp 15. Mouth 16. Palm 17. Chin 18.
 Pupil 19. Prostate 20. Bowel 21. Thigh 22. Calf 23. Hip 24. Gall bladder 25. Hand
 26. Stomach 27. Skin 28. Spleen 29. Forehead 30. Arm 31. Shoulder 32. Finger 33.
 Biceps 34. Vertebra 35. Lung 36. Jaw 37. Eye 38. Pelvis 39. Intestine
 40. Buttocks, 41. Elbow 42. Bone 43. Toenail 44. Rib 45. Ankle 46. Iris 47. Throat 48.
 Hair 49. Tongue 50. Appendix

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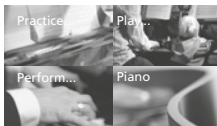
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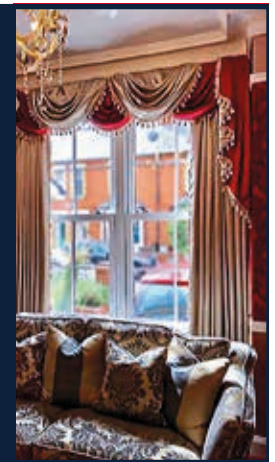
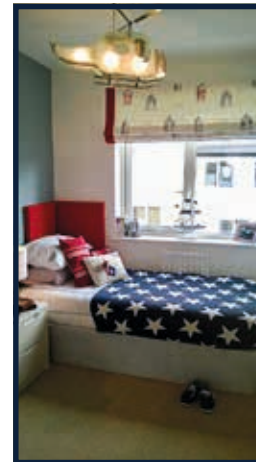
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The Rectory, Woolton Hill

Dear Friends,

What is worse than going into lockdown.... the easing of lockdown! So an article in a national newspaper suggested recently. I have some sympathy with this sentiment.

My experience is of course with how the lockdown impacted our churches. It was easy, even though one did it with a heavy heart, to lock the doors of our precious church buildings. It was the work of a moment, the key turns in the lock and all is secure. Our hearts were perhaps less secure, but gradually many of us became used to it and found new ways to communicate, to worship and pray. Now we are beginning to ease lockdown and worship in church buildings can begin again—and suddenly there are lots of decisions to be made. We cannot just unlock the door and start again, we have to decide about every little or big thing: how to comply with this guideline or that, what is the capacity of our church buildings now, what exactly can we do and how can we make it as safe as possible? It turns out that the easing of lockdown is a really uneasy process!

Is that how it feels for you with the things you are involved with? Having now to consciously make decisions about things that used to be almost second nature and automatic? If this is how it feels for you and for me then we need to be gentle with one another, to give each other time to make those decisions and to find new ways to be ourselves. The world has changed in these last few months in many ways, and sometimes very quickly, and we need time and care—to adjust our expectations of how things we were used to in the past will now be, and to be generous and open in heart to support each other in time of change.

Jesus talks about sharing burdens in Matthew's gospel where he says:

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

(Matthew 11:28-29).

Perhaps the values of gentleness and humility will help us find peace and our way in the days to come.

With every blessing to you all in these changing times,

Canon Christine

From the Church Registers: June 2020

Funeral: may they rest in peace

1 st June	Mary Josephine Open	Crux Easton
4 th June	Bernard William Macklin	Highclere
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27 th June	Eric Edward Hill	Highclere

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A note about worship: in challenging times whilst church buildings have been closed online worship using 'Zoom' has been well attended and appreciated by many. We can now make a start with worshipping again in our church buildings. Feedback tells us that going forward we need to aim for a mix of online and 'in church' services and we are reviewing how this might work in practice. For the month of August, as we are able once again to worship in our church buildings, we will explore how we may experience worship together whilst observing guidelines given - including social distancing and a restriction on singing (*music can still be played*). Everyone is welcome... come and see!

SUN 2nd August <i>Trinity 8</i>	Benefice Communion	Woolton Hill	10.00am
Sun 9th <i>Trinity 9</i>	Benefice Communion Baptism	East Woodhay Highclere	10.00am 12noon
Sun 16th <i>Trinity 10</i>	Benefice Communion	Highclere	10.00am
Sun 23rd <i>Trinity 11</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Benefice Communion	Highclere Woolton Hill	8.00am 10.00am
Sun 30th <i>Trinity 12</i>	Benefice Communion	Highclere	10.00am

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East Woodhay Society



Many thanks to all those who supported the East Woodhay Society 10 day local area quiz and for donating £327 to the local charity Young People and Children First. They support care leavers with accommodation and life skills. Their 10th anniversary fundraiser has been a 10 in 10 challenge to help them keep going during lockdown and also raise funds for a 3rd house.

On their behalf – thank you.

We were delighted with the responses and there were three sets of answers which were exceptional, scoring 36 and 37 out of 40. These were:

Jon Rains,
Ben Saunders & Judi Fell
Clare, Andy, Isabelle & Evie McLaughlin

It was so tight to find an outright winner that we had to refer back to the History Society regarding the date of the Church Hall. Although the plaque on the outside says 1911 for George V coronation, the actual building date they say was 1910. It was this which meant Jon Rains became the outright winner.



Congratulations, Jon.

Thanks to Teresa Munn for organising all the questions, Alan Teece for the 'Macro Photos', John Priest and Simon Ball for the photos around the parish and the History Society for the questions about the area.

Mark Rand – Chair EWS

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War comes to Woodhay! July 28th 1940

by Val Pollitt

In the summer of 1940 a ten-year-old boy was picking apples at his family home in Broad Layings when, to his amazement, he saw a Luftwaffe arm compass hanging from a branch of the apple tree! The boy's name was Frank Baker. That was 80 years



ago but he still lives in Broad Layings. He looked after his treasured find for 68 years before donating it to the Kennet Valley at War Trust's Museum at Littlecote in 2008.



Back in July 1940 ... a few days earlier local people, including Frank, had been woken by the sound of a German bomber's misfiring engine. The plane was reported to have circled the area several times getting lower and lower. Two explosions and a blinding flash then terrified local people. Maureen Smith, who lived at Hollington, remembered seeing the plane, 'like a burning cross' in the sky as it passed over her cottage. The plane crashed into the carefully tended gardens of the houses in Fuller's Lane where the Bray and Drage families lived. Their vegetable plots were destroyed; ammunition was exploding and trees in an adjoining meadow were in flames, but miraculously nobody was hurt.

The following day local people flocked excitedly to the crash site and many took home souvenirs. There is even a story of a girl taking a machine gun home to East End, although the police soon caught up with her! A young man

who was crazy about planes was quickly on the scene as part of the Home Guard. His name was Peter Hewitt and he was waiting to be called up into the RAF. The next morning his mother and sister visited the site and saw a worried looking RAF officer



Heinkel 111P G1+CS from 8/KG55 as it may have appeared on the night of 28/29th July 1940



The unit insignia of Kampfgeschwader 55 (KG55) "Griepen"

The badge of 8/KG55, which was normally painted on the tail unit of each aircraft.



who told them that the dynamo from the plane was missing. When they returned to their digs there was a strange petrol smell in the house. They found Peter in his room with the dynamo in pieces; he had brought it home and dismantled it! Tragically Peter was killed just over a year later, aged 19, on a mission with 601 Fighter Squadron.

The Heinkel bomber had been taking part in an attack on the Bristol Aircraft factory at Filton and the Avonmouth dockyards. Its port engine was damaged by anti-aircraft fire before it reached its targets and it was forced to release its bombs and head for home. However, the damage to the plane was too severe and it crashed in Woolton Hill. The impact broke the aircraft into several pieces but the crew of five managed to parachute clear and survived. The German airmen were on the run! Local families locked their doors; the Home Guard was on high alert and soldiers were drafted in to search woodland on the Highclere Estate.

The nineteen-year-old first engineer was the first to surrender and was taken to Woolton Hill Police Station, where he was given a cup of tea and a biscuit. Three other members of the crew surrendered fairly quickly, leaving the navigator, Josef Maskl, still at large. Josef survived for nine days. He tried to head for the coast and wandered through the Penwood area, surviving on stolen vegetables and wild berries. Finally, he was spotted by Lady Buckland of Woolton House and her chauffeur. Exhausted and hungry, he surrendered to them and they drove him to Newbury Police Station where a sympathetic Lady Buckland requested a good meal for the airman.

The excitement was over, thankfully without casualties. Of course, the war continued to have an impact on the people of East Woodhay and Woolton Hill but never again at quite such close quarters!

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Super Saturday



What a 'Super Saturday' 4th July turned out to be for the plant and cake stalls at St. Thomas' Church. After much deliberation it was decided we would go ahead with the event; would people turn up, would they buy plants and cakes? Well people did turn up and they bought all the cakes, marmalade & jam, and at the end of the afternoon only four plants and two face masks remained! The atmosphere was super, lots of chatter and laughter and friends catching up after weeks of lockdown. The financial result of Super Saturday was £624.50 for church funds.

Thank you to everyone who came to support the event.
Bertha Bates and Chris Vane

From the Archives, August 1945 Election results

Our Parliamentary Election is now an event of the past and the sooner it fades into oblivion the better for all concerned. Elections are invariably most undignified proceedings and provide occasions for bitter party strife, bickering and mud-slinging. The result of the election has surprised most people. The wishes of the people have, however, been made abundantly clear and, as such, claim everyone's utmost consideration. The Labour Party has now an opportunity of proving its worth, which it has not had for many a long while. The task which lies before the Government is both gigantic and unenviable. It is one in which every party and every citizen must co-operate in an endeavour to promote the welfare of all mankind. Those entrusted with such a task need and should have our constant prayers for God's guidance and blessing.

From the Archives, August 1947 Woolton Hill Sports Club

Considerable excitement is working up among members now that the building of the new Club House is definitely taking shape, and the outside interest evinced by non-member friends in the parish makes everyone hope that by the winter we shall have a "happy meeting place" for all, that has been so long the aim of the Club Committee.

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Letters to the Editor

Spoken Histories

Some time ago I watched a story of a northern town that had started doing 'spoken histories' to help protect the experiences and histories of the local area and people. It struck a chord with me as I strongly feel that younger generations have an opportunity to learn from the older generations and also really appreciate how far we have come. Of course I am especially interested in older people who would be happy to talk about their lives and experiences and answer questions. Right now it's just an idea so I am interested to gather sentiment. If you can spare a few minutes please complete the online survey of 4 questions at <https://tinyurl.com/y8kkmks8>. I can then decide if this is worth pursuing. If anyone is interested in helping out, should it happen, please email me at whspokenhistories@outlook.com.

Thank you. Jon Salter.

Metal Detectorist Seeking Permission

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Many thanks to Fred Saunders for this additional information about East Woodhay Post Offices:

The Post Office continued in East End after the Adey's closed their shop. Mrs Watts, the wife of the East End blacksmith, Roly Watts, ran the Post Office from her house next to the forge. Fred also pointed out that Edgar Holmes, not Sam, was the carrier and ran his business from the last house in North End going towards the hills.

Thank you, Fred, for taking the time to contact us with this, your memory is truly amazing.

JH

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The New Pond

The focus on being at home in the lockdown has encouraged Mary and me to move forward with our garden. Successes and failures have been a feature of getting on with things and developing the small garden's



scope. A major target for this year was to renew and refresh the rather old and past its best pond. We wanted to keep the shape but improve everything about it. At the end of June we had arranged for an expert Pond Management Team to come in, remove all the old pond and produce a new home for our fish, frogs, newts and other wild life. Funnily enough we were hampered by some intermittent rainy days, so the two day schedule played out over a Monday and a Friday. You can see by the 'before' photo, when all had been taken away, leaving the original dig, and the photo of the final result. From out of the pond came fifteen fish, twenty-two frogs and some fifteen newts. All back safely, although the frogs have taken umbrage and at the moment only three have come back to their new home. We also had to get rid of about 35cm of sludge which is slowly being distributed back into the garden (I am going to invest in a hand pond pump).

The fish are slowly getting used to an abundance of space to swim in and we are delighted with the result.

With the great possibility of slowly getting back to normal, I hope that the AGM for the Gardeners' Club will take place in the Church Hall on Thursday 3rd September.

Nick

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National Women's Register



We met via Zoom on 20 May to discuss British Islands. Who knew Britain had 6,289 islands, and in turn is the 9th largest island in the world?

We heard about many different islands, some of which we knew well, and others much less so. Three of the Channel Islands (Alderney, Guernsey and Jersey) were described with their main commercial activities of agriculture, tourism, milk, flowers, seafood and e-commerce.



Brownsea Island, Looe Island and Ramsay Island are all now havens for wildlife. Off the coast of Northumberland Holy Island, or Lindisfarne, was the 6th century centre of Celtic Christianity with St Cuthbert famed for his miracles.

In Scotland Nomadic tribes were living on Orkney nearly 7000 years BC. The Norwegians annexed both the Orkneys and Shetlands until they were "absorbed" by Scotland in 1472.

Mull is the fourth largest Scottish island and second largest in the Inner Hebrides. It has a whisky distillery and is an ideal place for fishing, sailing and wild-life watching.

St Helena is a remote volcanic tropical island in the South Atlantic and was the final prison for Napoleon Bonaparte. The Allies used the

island in WWII which brought a number of St Helena residents to the UK. It was an informative evening encouraging many of us to visit parts of the UK we have previously missed.

On 3rd of June, another Zoom meeting, our topic was the Colours of the Rainbow, which gave us so much to talk about. The NHS and Carers during this difficult time is uppermost in our minds. The sequence of the colours reminded us of the mnemonic Richard of York Gave Battle In



We finished on the Isle of Wight where we heard about the 1970 Isle of Wight Festival and Carisbrooke Castle.

Vain, all of the colours feature in different cultures and countries.

Red and orange mean happiness, yellow is popular because the eye processes this colour first. Green is the colour for love and peace and green eyes are not actually green but are a combination of light brown and yellow pigments. Blue is one of the 3 primary colours, together with red and yellow, and symbolises holiness. Indigo is a rich colour, first used in the year 1289 though a plant of this colour is noted in Peru in 4000bc, indigo is the colour used for the traditional denim jeans and signifies intuition and knowledge. Violet is the colour Newton identified in 1672 as one of the seven colours, it is said to represent the future and calm emotions.

We heard a little about the science of the rainbow in that light is reflected, refracted and dispersed through sunlight and raindrops. We remembered many songs of the rainbow, yellow was a popular colour for several songs titles as were some of the other colours with the exception of indigo which didn't appear in any song titles.

East Woodhay Women's Institute



EWVI Memories

Last month June told us that she was a fairly new member of the Women's Institute but had memories of tea in the Village Hall where her mother was a member of the Shaw-cum-Donnington WI. My memories go back a long way too having lived in East End when I was a young girl, going to school there and later working in the local shop. We lived opposite the school and used to collect our water from the well in the middle of the school field. We roamed freely over the fields and hills and through the woods gathering blackberries, mushrooms and nuts to take home. We took conkers to school and enjoyed conker challenges after threading string through the centre. Everyone was friendly and help was at hand during times of need. Our parents grew their own vegetables and shared

with others when crops failed. The farrier worked in the forge opposite the War Memorial and we used to ride the large Suffolk Punches from the farm down to the forge to be shod. On a cold day the heat from the anvil was very welcome. On a sunny day we would sit on the seat outside the shop talking amongst ourselves and to passers-by. As an adult I joined the East Woodhay WI. Some members have lived in the area all their life and others have transferred from other Women's Institutes. They all have interesting stories to tell. Today we are part of the North Downs Group joining with Burghclere and Newtown, Kingsclere and Headley Woodlands and more recently Vernham Dean and Linkenholt. All meeting together four or five times a year for speakers, quizzes, craft, skittles and outings.

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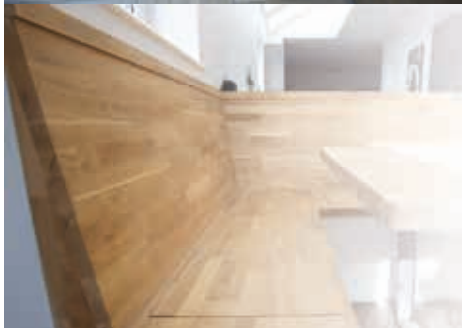


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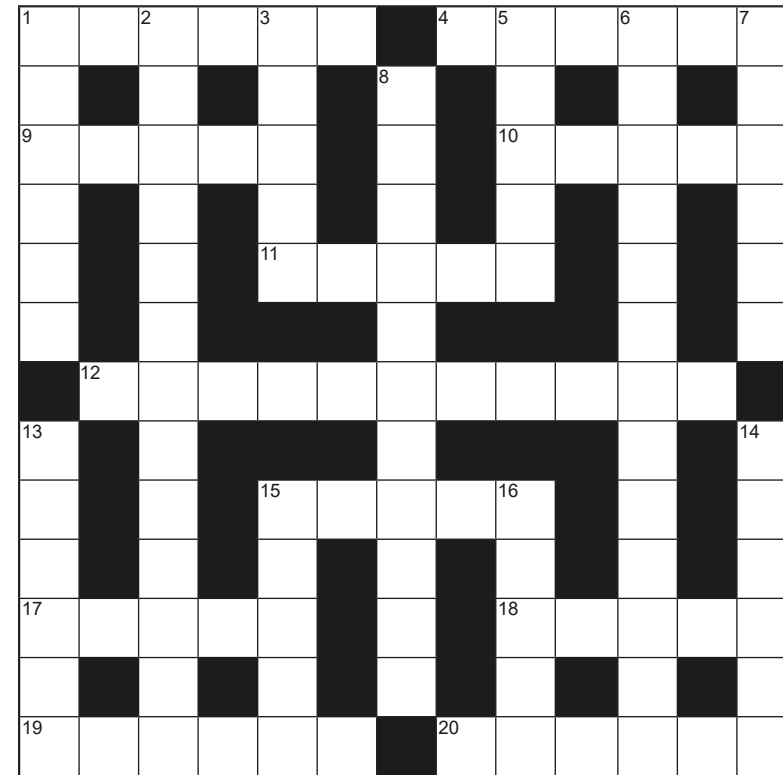
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Answers crossword no 209
Across: 1 Anchor, 4 Aghast, 9 Romeo, 10 Usher, 11 Empty, 12 Politicians, 15 Cocoa, 17 Chips, 18 Slice, 19 Nieces, 20 Lesson
Down: 1 Abroad, 2 Commemorative, 3 Ozone, 5 Gaudy, 6 Aches and pains, 7 Torpid, 8 Crop circles, 13 Beacon, 14 Astern, 15 Caste, 16 Aisle

Across

1. Turns out plan is relating to back (6)
4. Taste horrible meals quietly (6)
9. Egg producer, usually one of a pair, but Royal mostly has five (5)
10. Trips badly and tears one off (5)
11. Downturn for fruit (5)
12. Look for this class and set of constructions at the seaside (11)
15. Throw out the whole affair (5)
17. Farm birds you can see in example looking back (5)
18. Use for sport or war (5)
19. Discovers a hundred in sty he can use at harvest time (6)
20. Fellow approaches Rolls Royce for the Spanish sherry cask (6)

Down

1. Enjoy teatime treat once sorted out inside ship (6)
2. How I would think I'm a spirit arriving at four in old Roman fen city (13)
3. Look at donkey outside by bottomless pit (5)
5. Pose a famous Greek writer might strike when standing up (5)
6. See proper lump ere butterfly emerges (6,7)
7. Give Rex pie, however, he will pass (6)
8. Bitter claims as caustic on delivery as they could be (11)
13. Have fun with us and half a horse in a fairy ring (6)
14. What learner wrote was laid on thick with this (6)
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