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Happy 112th Birthday Gertie!

Editorial



AS I WRITE, we are in the sixth week of this third lockdown. We are now settled into our new daily routines, the vaccination programme is progressing, and I think I can safely speak for all families when I say we are most definitely ready for half term next week. Our poem this month accurately reflects the homeschool juggle!

With the very sad news of the passing of Captain Sir Tom at the beginning of February came happier news of our own local hero, Gertie, who celebrated her 112th birthday on 1st February. We think that deserved her spot on this month's front cover. She celebrated in style, opening cards from the children of St. Thomas' Infant School, as well as from the Queen.

At the end of January, we were all treated to a snow day, which was a welcome break from our regular lockdown regimes, and as it fell on a Sunday, everyone was able to enjoy it. See some of the fantastic photos we received from our readers in our double-page spread.

While winter is on the way out, the RSPB 'Big Garden Birdwatch' was a wonderful way to celebrate the spring. We spotted 16 bird species in our garden alone! Hopefully, the spring will bring with it some warmer weather and life can slowly start returning to normal.

Speaking of 'returning to normal', this month's issue contains a very interesting article about the history of our local pubs. Sadly, many of them have long since closed their doors, but I'm sure we are all looking forward to the reopening of pubs once lockdown comes to an end and hearing that familiar call of 'last orders please!'

This March issue brings my stint as co-editor to an end until next year. Abbie and I now hand over to Mary Gulliver for the next three months. May we take this opportunity to wish you all a happier, brighter and more jovial remainder of 2021. Life will taste that much sweeter once we have put this all behind us.

We'll be back next year. Take care for now.
Sarah

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Cover: Woolton Hill resident Gertie celebrates her 112th birthday.

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Poem by local resident, Moyra Harkness

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So stoically they soldier on; the day seems long to pass.
No friendly faces, just a screen, unlike the work in class.

Such tons of work keep piling in from teachers far away.
The projects must be finished and be emailed back same day.

But not all's quite so gloomy, there are yummy treats at break.
Mum opens packs of biscuits and the tin of homemade cake.

Lunch time is also jolly, Mum and Dad can leave their desks.
The family then compare results, so who has worked the best?!

At last the weekend comes along, no deadlines now to meet.
Everybody's happy at achieving such a feat.

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East Woodhay Women's Institute



GAINING an extra hour of daylight, spring lambs and mad March hares are all significant to this month. Along with the gradual colouring of the hedgerows and our gardens. Last March we saw the glorious result of the daffodils planted round East Woodhay War Memorial by the ladies of East Woodhay WI in celebration of their WI Centenary. This year the cheerful sight can be seen from all three approach roads. The humble daffodil in its many forms trumpets the delight of a new season and renewed hope to have again the joy of being with family and friends.

To eventually plan our holidays and outings when it will be safe to do so. Like many organisations it is a whole year since we formally met. A year in our lives so different from any other and yet we got through it – somehow. Mostly because we accepted change and acknowledged the generosity of others who gave their time and selves to our needs.

For those who didn't venture away from their homes during the lockdowns this was a lifeline, and we are truly grateful. Some of our ladies have knitted and sewed, using their time for worthwhile causes. Others have planted seeds or cared for cuttings for tomorrow's delight. More books have been read than in any other year with memories of childhood adventures; of historic romance and far away islands; walking in nature and turning the bend for another perspective. Some have anticipated the criminal mind solving the who done it stories. The artistic have produced amazing results on canvas or the medium of their choice creating a tapestry of wonder from flowers to beloved animals or created gift cards for family and friends using materials and imagination with messages of happiness and hope. The therapy of music whether it is loud, soft, harmonious or foot tapping has brought its own rewards and enjoyed alone, with families or zoomed gatherings at home.

During the year milestone birthdays have come and gone all with individual memories and promises of more celebrations when it is safe to do so but grateful that we have seen another year. Sharing thoughts, anecdotes, quotations and stories sometimes tongue in cheek or with a wry sense of humour have brought moments of delight and a smile to repeat at quiet moments.

Online Denman WI courses have offered a wide range of activities including cookery, craft, history, exercise, cities, buildings, literature, architecture, World Wars, tracing your family tree, ukulele singing and more. These courses are open to everyone, men, women, WI members and non-members. To see what's in store for 2021 or book a course please go to: denman.org.uk.

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Time, Gentlemen Please!

The Public Houses of East Woodhay in the 19th Century



IN THE DAYS before radio, television or other mass media the 'pub' played a central role in the social life of the parish. Even the village halls weren't built until the early 20th century and the farm labourers' cottages were small and crowded.

It might surprise Spectrum readers to know that there used to be nine public houses in East Woodhay. There were more pubs in the older part of the village in the past. This related partly to their position on the old drove roads which ran through East Woodhay.

North End had two public houses which were next door to each other; The Plough and The Fox. In addition, there was The New Inn to the south of the village. People would walk from as far as Linkenholt to catch the carrier's cart there to go to Newbury market.

East End had three, maybe four, pubs: The Axe and Compasses, The Sun, The Horse and Groom and The Carpenters Arms. The Carpenters is a bit of a mystery and we still haven't decided for sure whether this was in fact The Axe and Compasses, known by two different names.

Ball Hill had and still has The Furze Bush. Woolton Hill had The Coopers Arms and The Wheatsheaf, now known as the Rampant Cat.

The families who ran the pubs are interesting, not least the Pickernells, an old East Woodhay family. In 1948 Miss Lena Pickernell wrote to the Daily Mirror:

"Five generations of my family have held in succession, the licence of the Axe and Compasses, East Woodhay, Newbury, for over 100 years. Is this a record?"

The first landlord of The Furze Bush was probably William Cannings. In 1858 he successfully applied for a licence to sell spirits. He was able to produce a testimonial "numerously signed" to the effect that he had kept the beer house for 23 years with no complaint against him.

Another well-known and respected landlord was Cornelius Wernham at the Horse and Groom in East End. The first reference to him is in the 1851 census. He was granted a full licence in 1857, despite opposition from the owners of The Axe and Compasses the previous year. The Horse and Groom is a private house today, the first on the left as you approach East End from Woolton Hill.

The landlord of The Sun in East End from 1888 to 1897 was Walter Daniel Challis, born in Newbury in c.1846 where his parents ran The Old London Apprentice. In 1897 he sold up and returned to Newbury and his old trade of wheelwright and coach builder.

In more recent times the Dodd family ran The Coopers Arms from 1936 until its closure in 1997. Both Ron Dodd and his successor Eric Gill (a Dodd by marriage) were popular and fondly remembered landlords. The pub was already scheduled for closure when Eric died but stayed open until his funeral. The cortege left the pub to walk to the church and, on their return, drank the pub dry.



Left: Ron Dodd, landlord of the Coopers Arms in Woolton Hill.

Below: The Fox in North End in 1899.

To be continued...Part 2 of "Time, gentlemen please" will be continued in the April issue.

Val Pollitt

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THE CLUB was back on track with the latest presentation in the Zoom Programme, and we were given an interesting background to the history and development of a garden in Headley called Old Camps. This talk provided in detail what was seen in July 2019 when many of our members had the opportunity to walk around the very interesting garden, which boasts so many different pockets and styles of planting, ranging from Tropical to Northern Climate species. I especially remember the excellent

for the first 50 years of its existence. Small changes were made by the next owner.

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for the extremely hard work. Roman pottery was found on the premises. From 2009 to the present day, the style and planting of the garden has been developed along the lines of a Roman Villa and garden. They have even had fresh bananas from trees which are grown without special measures for frost protection! On the

terrace they started with nectarine, which suffered leaf curl, and they found that peach grew more happily.

Old Camps is part of the National Garden Scheme, and they welcome visitors. All the information can be found on the website www.oldcamps.co.uk and it is a great garden to visit.

Nick



cakes and tea. It is on the site of a Roman encampment, and was a plot purchased from the owners of Beenham Court, now Cheam School.

Adam Vetere took us back to 1929, when the first owners built an interestingly different shaped house but with quite an ordinary garden, and there it remained largely untouched

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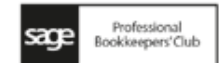
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Gertie's 112th Birthday

THERE WAS a very special reason to celebrate 1st February 2021, as our own local hero, Gertrude Kingston, otherwise known as Gertie, celebrated her 112th birthday. What an incredible milestone!

Gertie was born on 1st February 1909, in Farnborough, but spent most of her life in Yattendon. She moved to Enbridge Care Home in Woolton Hill nearly twelve years ago, having moved a couple of times after her health deteriorated. This year she received yet another birthday card from the Queen and celebrated her birthday in style.

She received a mountain of other cards, many of which were very kindly made by the children of St. Thomas' Infant School. Her cake represents some of her passions, namely horse racing and snooker.

She is currently the second oldest woman in Britain – interestingly, the oldest man is fortieth on the list!

We wish Gertie a very happy birthday and hope she has plenty more to come.



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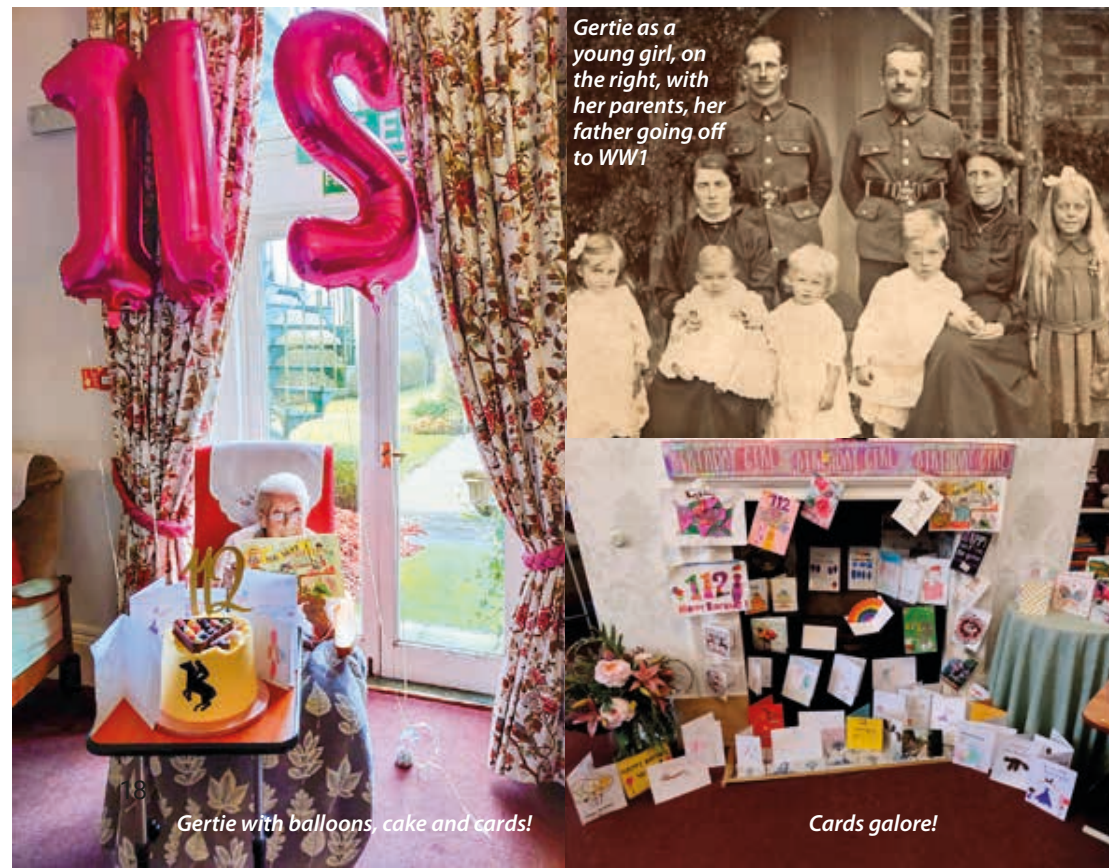
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The Spectrum Editors have recently received many letters of appreciation and admiration for Sue and Raj who run the Woolton Hill Village Stores. They have kept us all going through the respective lockdowns with their positive spirit; not to mention their wonderfully stocked shop and well-run post office! We therefore only felt it right that we should include a special note of thanks to Sue and Raj for all the services they provide and for their community support. Here is one such letter from Linda Krauesslar of Woolton Hill:

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Linda Krauesslar

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For the Church the season of Lent is also about getting back to basics, the basics of faith and spiritual life. For generations prayer, the reading of the scriptures (especially the Gospels), and the discipline of worship have sustained and inspired Christian folk through the days of Lent in preparing for the Easter festival, when the risen Jesus sends his first followers to 'go and tell' others. So, the Church began, inspired by hope in the resurrection and the message of love which Jesus shared.

If you are someone who prays, or even if you are not, time spent this Lent with perhaps the most 'basic', or at least most traditional, of all prayers, the Lord's Prayer may prove to be time well spent. It is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him to teach them to pray. He showed them in just a few words how to shape prayer: beginning with God and finding our place in his love and purpose, asking for our daily needs, for forgiveness and for protection. It is a prayer so many of us know off by heart and is so easy to recite without a thought. In a time when we have been thinking a lot about the fundamentals of life then perhaps it is also a time to notice afresh the Lord's Prayer; to linger a little over its words and phrases. To discover again this prayer among all prayers which helps us to be open to God and which also, in its common familiarity, helps hold us all together.

Our Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done...

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18th January	Pauline Mavis (May) Scripps	Highclere

Burial of ashes: may they rest in peace

6th January	Josephine Head	Woolton Hill
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A note about worship: services in March will continue online (via 'Zoom') while the lockdown continues. As restrictions ease, we will display any changes to services on our church noticeboards, on social media and give details through the Rector's regular e-mail update. If you would like joining details for online services, please send your e-mail to our coordinator, Sue, at coordinator.nwhb@outlook.com and ask to join the Rector's e-mail update which has all service details.

All our churches are open for private prayer on Sundays. Whether online or in church, most importantly our prayer continues... everyone is welcome... please join us!

SUN 7th Lent 3	All Together / Family Service Benefice Communion	Online 'zoom' Online 'zoom'	9.30am 11.00am
SUN 14th <i>Mothering</i> <i>Sunday / Lent 4</i>	Benefice Communion Mothering Sunday Service	Online 'zoom' Online 'zoom'	10.00am 4.00pm
SUN 21st <i>Lent 5</i>	Benefice Communion	Online 'zoom'	10.00am
SUN 28th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Benefice Communion Evensong	Online 'zoom' Online 'zoom'	10.00am 6.00pm

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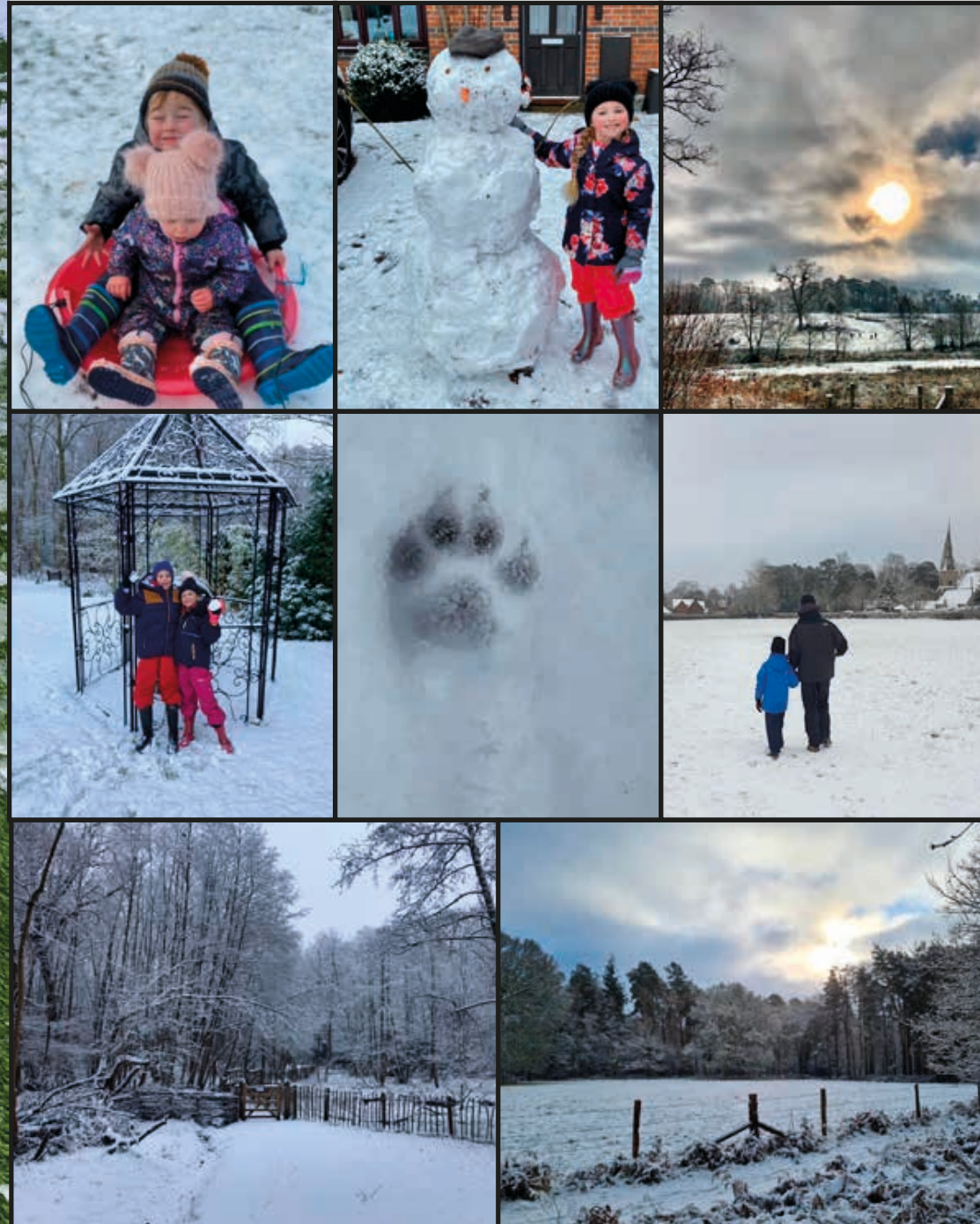


SNOW DAY!

We were treated to a day of snow at the end of January and there was much local excitement as we all enjoyed a break from lockdown routine.

Curtains were drawn in the morning to discover a beautiful blanket of snow had descended in the night. Children were outside at the crack of dawn to partake in snowball fights and snowman building, families had fun sledging down hills and others enjoyed walking through the peaceful white landscapes.

It was a day of much-needed fun and quite literally a change of scenery; a day in which we could temporarily forget the wider world around us and just live in the moment. Here are a few snowy pictures for you to enjoy!



Opposite: Lockdown snowman made by Alex Hammond, Woolton Hill, above L to R: William and Isla Burton having fun sledging, Francesca Ansell of Woolton Hill with her snowman, Sunset in the snow taken by Alice Britton, Rupert and Charlotte Allchurch in a snowball fight!, Footprint in the snow by Vicky Brackstone, Snowy village walk taken by Helen Barraclough, Early morning in The Chase taken by Jenny Herbert & Sunset in the Chase by Justine Fry.



Annual local birdwatch count

Every year we align with the RSPB birdwatch count and ask for people to send us the birds they have logged

Bird Species	Change from Previous Year	Ranking 2021	Percent
Goldfinch	=	1	10.9%
Blue Tit	=	2	10.5%
Great Tit	+2	3	8.0%
Wood Pigeon	+2	3	8.0%
Chaffinch	-2	5	6.5%
Blackbird	+2	6	6.2%
House Sparrow	-3	7	5.8%
Robin	+5	8	5.3%
Long Tailed Tit	=	9	4.9%
Coal Tit	+1	10	4.0%
Jackdaw	-3	10	4.0%

during a one-hour period over the last weekend of January. This year we had a record number of people taking part and this resulted in 36% more birds being counted. Indeed 31 different species were seen.



As with last year the highest number counted in the local area was the Goldfinch, which again just pipped our 2019 'winner', the Blue Tit.

Alongside is the top 10 and percentages are rounded to one decimal place.

Do send me an email if you would like more detail on the birds seen or a list of all 31 species observed.

Local News during Covid-19 restrictions

We continue to be aligned closely with Neighbourcare who provide a local support line 01635 745 600 to help with:

- The collection of shopping
- The delivery of medication on prescription from Woolton Hill Surgery
- Transport to and from medical appointments including the vaccination centre
- Companionship and a friendly chat on the phone if you feel at all worried

We know that these are difficult times for people, and we produce a regular newsletter. These are available on www.wooltonhill.com website where we also publish the latest COVID-19 numbers for the local area. Do send me an email if you would like these to be sent to you via email.

We are including photos which people have sent in of the local area.



Do send me any you have taken so we can include them in the newsletters; we live in such a wonderful area and they help to brighten things up.

Thanks to Lisa Hill who sent us this lovely shot taken in the mist looking back towards the parish whilst walking up Ashmansworth Hill.

Mark Rand – Chair EWS

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Plant & Jumble Sale

Saturday 15th May (fingers crossed !)

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National Women's Register



ZOOM enabled the group to have our January meetings remotely. They were both great fun and provided much entertainment.

Let's Dance – Wednesday 6 January

We all said how much we liked to dance and heard reminiscences about childhood ballet and ballroom classes, the demands of teachers for the instant provision of costumes, and dancing skills for weddings. The group's favourite dances came from the same energetic and upbeat genre – twist, lindy hop, jive, northern soul and Zumba. Because there are no right or wrong steps in Zumba we could put it on a future NWR programme!

Two national dances were mentioned. The colourful and joyous ancient folk Spanish sardana folkloric dance which is an integral part of the Catalan region and the Scottish Sword Dance which was an ancient war dance and perhaps originated in 1054 when a warrior chief, fighting for King Malcolm, slayed his opponent and after removing his sword crossed it on the ground with his own sword and danced around it.

Tell us about your oldest possession – Wednesday 20 January

We took a wonderful trip down memory lane remembering grandparents, relatives and childhood experiences.

Books included a copy of Pilgrims Progress printed in 1809 by John Bunyan, with inscriptions from an ancestor who emigrated to the USA and became a millionaire in New York, and an early Penguin book from 1943 called "First Days of the Summer

Holidays" (which the member could recite word perfectly).

There was a much-loved childhood teddy bear, a Panda puppet and other childhood favourite toys.

We saw an amazing visitors' book containing poetry, limericks, beautiful pen and ink drawings, Latin ditties and cartoons providing a snapshot of social history between 1893 and the reign of George V, a letter from an aunt written in 1959 to a member when she was 8 years old and a newspaper cutting from 1920 when a member's grandfather thwarted an IRA attack on a London railway line.

One member had her first baby shoes, which were red and in very good condition. Other items of sentimental value included a large 100-year-old sideboard, and some very heavy old pudding basins and mixing bowls evoking memories of grandma making bread, and Christmas puddings, a silver spoon from the British Empire exhibition in Wembley in 1925, an ornate porcelain powder bowl, a glass sugar bowl, a shiny glass ashtray, a copper jelly-mould and some very old gold jewellery belonging to grandparents. The last item was a piece of coral that had been washed up on a beach on Magnetic Island (near Australia) evoking memories of a member's first big holiday, and a carved ivory of the leaning tower of Pisa brought back by an uncle from a grand tour.

And finally the answers to last month's cake clues: Absorbent Queen – Victoria Sponge Floozy in the Trafford Centre – Manchester Tart

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East Woodhay Parish Council



Further to the PC Chairman's invitation to the Parish in the January Spectrum here is some further info from East Woodhay PC.

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Within the Parish there are no doubt many people who have some expertise or enthusiasm for some aspect of life and we would like these attributes to be harnessed for the positive benefit of the community. If you feel you have something to offer

why not approach the council with an offer to help on some project or perhaps even put your name forward to join the council in the future. We currently have a full complement of councillors, but this does not prevent the use of additional volunteers to work on specific projects.

The remedial work done to the drains in Woolton Hill Road by Hampshire CC has stopped the flooding despite the copious quantities of rain we have had recently. We urged them to do this to protect children going to school. Ironically this concern has all but gone with schools largely closed.

As we approach the anniversary of the first lockdown with vaccination in full swing, we all hope for a swift return to normal social living.

Phil



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Snowdrops: Heralds Of Spring

Botanical name: Galanthus.

According to RHS, a genus of about 19 species, these bulbous perennials are found from Europe to Asia. The plant is originally a native of mainland Europe, even mentioned in ancient Greek literature. The plants are believed to have been introduced to England around the beginning of the 16th century by Italian monks who planted them in the gardens of monasteries. One wild species which came from Crimea, Galanthus plicatus, was probably brought back by soldiers returning from the Crimean War. The flowers were associated in medieval times with the feast of Candlemas (2nd February) and another name for them is Candlemas Bells.

Clumps of these pure white bell-shaped flowers are suddenly appearing in our gardens and woodlands. Their beautiful fragile looks belie their hardiness as they thrive and multiply in cold and frosty locations. Sizes do vary but most are no taller than 3 or 4 inches and the largest can reach a height of 8 inches. The many cultivated varieties appear every spring and survive so well without care or attention for years liking shade, clinging to the edges of fields and damp woods, where trees or bushes provide shelter from the sun.

The Gardeners Club had planned a trip to Cerney House Gardens near Cirencester in February to see their wonderful display of snowdrops and hellebores. Sadly, we are unable to visit this year. Maybe spring 2022? As the snowdrops die down and rest after flowering, daffodils and hellebores will be on their way!




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Remote Learning Again!

Since we are in Lockdown, again, most children are doing their lessons at home like me. We use Google Classroom; our live lessons are on Google Meet and then all the work we need to do is on the online classroom. It's nice to be able to see all my friends on the screen but I do miss talking to them and playing games with them at break time. I struggled to get my completed work uploaded on Google Classroom at first, but my Mum and teachers gave me lots of advice and now I can upload everything I have done myself, so my teachers can mark it.

Last week the school started running some after school clubs online. There is a Games club, an Art club and a Lego club, which I joined. I wasn't sure how it would work being an online club, but I loved it! My teacher has a Lego Safari Book and each week we are going to build something new to create our own Safari scene. So far, we have built a Lookout to spot all the animals from, I can't wait to find out what we will build next. It's really fun building Lego and chatting with my friends online.

One of my favourite online lessons this week was R.E. We were learning about Stewardship and how we have a responsibility to look after Gods creations. I chose to talk about how I look after my dog because he is faithful like a Steward. Stay Safe,

Solomon

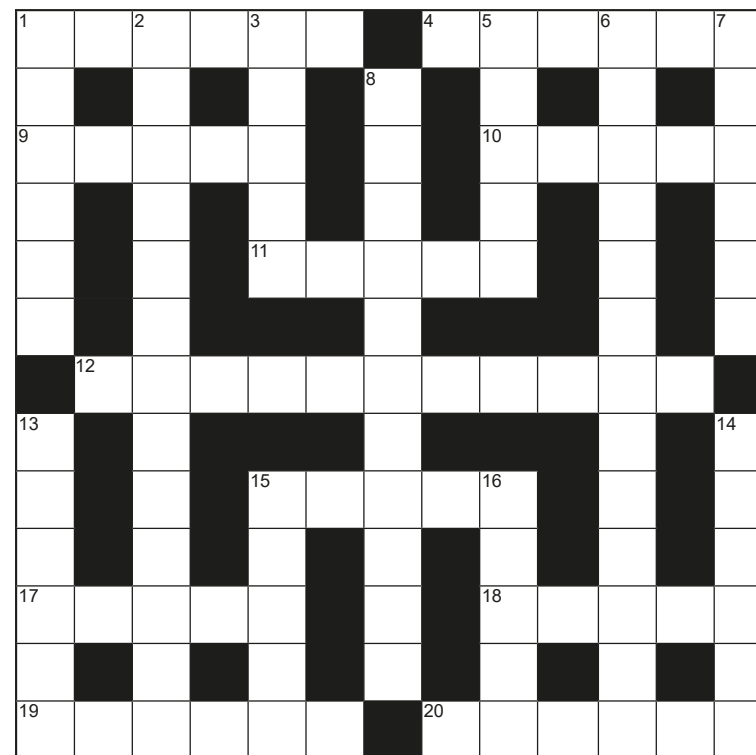
Remote learning is back again! Doing schoolwork online is quite difficult but fun and easy at the same time. The school have given us two timetables to follow; the first one is the times of our google meets – if you don't know what a google meet is, it is just like a zoom call but on a different app called Google Classroom. The second one is for what time we do the google meets, for example we do maths at 9:20, English at 10:40 and a foundation lesson at 13:20 and on Fridays instead of having the google meet for the 13:20 session we have class meets so we get to see our classmates at 12:30 and still do a lesson but just not on live. All of the work is just the same as we would be doing at school. Stay safe!

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Answers crossword no 216
 Across: 1 Damask, 4 Clouds, 9 Amuse, 10 Tacit, 11 Yahoo, 12 Vaccination, 15 Lambs, 17 Rainy, 18 Cabin, 19 Wiggle, 20 Ascent
 Down: 1 Dragon, 2 Mouth-watering, 3 Seedy, 5 Lotto, 6 Uncomfortable, 7 Sitter, 8 Enchantment, 13 Sorrow, 14 Peanut, 15 Loyal, 16 Socks

Across

1. Jump into new season (6)
4. He is on and on about vegetables (6)
9. Threw pole out of the window and lost husband (5)
10. Took up the reins to wash it all out (5)
11. Fifty creep furtively inside (5)
12. Turn up in secret for a silent dance (11)
15. The foundation of what turns out to be a first class Business Support System (5)
17. Slow progress to make a proper examination (5)
18. State of trees I dive into (5)
19. Sat on container meant for ashes of another planet (6)
20. Sounded like a twist, but really I just complained peevishly (6)

Down

1. Sounds as if needle is necessary for planting, it isn't (6)
2. Dreadful to see plover meet end because of all the new building work (13)
3. Time for news about amphibians (5)
5. Never did we see such a cheek (5)
6. Give nation a mentor who will embellish melody (13)
7. Look past and present as children play up and down (6)
8. Do pests grin when this is applied? (3,8)
13. Hear bird swear at spring flower (6)
14. Came down in the middle of Paul and Eddie's place (6)
15. Fellow goes to King and Queen with cakes (5)
16. Looks fancy making a rustling sound (5)



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Editing Spectrum always cheers me up. Reading about all of the happenings, events and stories from the villages highlights every single time what a wonderful community we live in. Despite most of the past three months being spent in lockdown, there's been a lot going on. Zoom catch ups, birdwatching, snow days and even 112th birthday celebrations! Pandemic, who? I really do hope that when Sarah and I come back to editing the magazine this time next year, we'll be back to some form of normality and the children will be in school. I'm not sure I can handle any more maths problem solving! Take care. We'll see you next year.

Abbie.

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