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### Editorial

An editor lost for words? Not quite, but an editor reluctant to comment on the current pandemic situation and one who wishes that everyone would just be patient a little longer. On the cover this month we have a photo of the wild garlic in bloom along Hollington Lane to remind us what beautiful sights are right on our doorstep. No need to travel to foreign lands. Just relax at home, be patient, and enjoy some exercise in the spectacular surrounding countryside



with your canine friend, if you have one. If not, you could offer to take your neighbour's dog for a nice long doggie walk. There are many local dog owners who are not able to give their pets the long walks that they need every day and I am sure that they would appreciate your help. There are waterfowl to be seen on the new ponds up Fullers Lane and a large herd of deer to be enjoyed in Malverleys fields by the roadside between Woolton Hill and East End. There is so much to see locally. So regarding lockdown and our freedom, let's stop asking 'Are we there yet?' like children on a long car trip. No, as of writing this, we are not quite there yet but we can still enjoy the liberty we do have in North West Hampshire and be friendly and patient people accepting the global situation.

JH

#### **East Woodhay Plant & Jumble Sale**

The committee would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for the above event, also to the people who attended. A special thanks to Diane and Laura, Neville and Sharon, also Peter Stanley for his help with the tables.

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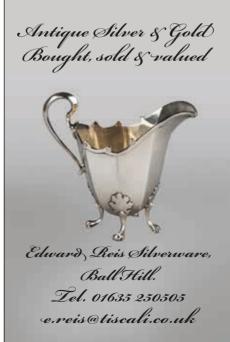
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Answer: the trick here is to remember that all prime number, so if the total of these two you add together two odd numbers you get an even number, so if the total of these two primes is odd (129), one of them must be  $\Sigma$  and the other one must be  $L\Sigma$ .



2. The Little Dongling Rotary Club has 500 members. The club organised a charity dinner where tickets were sold for £14 each for new members and £20 each for old members. All of the new members bought tickets but only 70% of the old members did so. How much money did the club make in ticket sales?

whereas if only 70% of the old members bought tickets then the club received, in effect, £20 x 0.7, or £14, for each old members, so Therefore the club received £14 for each of its 500 members, so the final total was  $500 \times £14$ , or £7,000.

Answer: £7,000. You don't need to know the exact numbers of new and old members; if all of the new members bought tickets then the club received £14 for each new member,

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#### Poetry? Yes Please! (or, No Thanks!)

Seeing such good stuff penned from time to time in Spectrum, I'm wondering whether there may be space in our local life for some of us to come together now and again to read and / or listen to poetry.

To test the waters, I propose a Poetry Evening, to be held in the newly refurbished Westridge Studio in Highclere, Thursday 26th August 2021 at 7.30pm.

I suggest a charge of £10 to include wine (or beer) and nibbles. The costs are being sponsored, so your ticket money will be donated to Daisy's Dream, a Berkshire-based charity supporting children and their families who have been affected by the bereavement or life-threatening illness of someone close to them. My daughter Alex Tanner is fund-raising for Daisy's Dream through their Mount Kilimanjaro challenge.

If you might be interested in coming along to listen—or perhaps to read—or just want to be kept posted on how it goes, please email me (horace@highclerevillage.com) or call on 254677 — email preferred!

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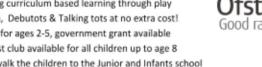
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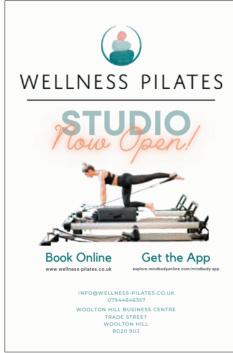






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### St Martin's Guild-Update

May by the Revd Canon Christine. The Raffle has raised £1,1815 which is wonderful, and we would like to thank everyone for their generosity in buying tickets and supporting St Martin's Guild. The funds raised support St Martin's Church as well as St Martin's school, local sports clubs and community groups. For example, a new Defibrillator, paid for by the Guild, has just been positioned in East End outside St Martin's School.

We would also like to thank those who donated prizes: Atkins and Potts who generously gave many lovely hampers, The Furze Bush, the Rampant Cat, the Red House, Griffins of Newbury, Tesco and Penwood Nurseries for their generous vouchers, Cambrook Foods for their Nut gift sets and the Yew Tree Garden Centre for their hanging baskets. Without their support we would not have had such a successful raffle. We would also like to thank the individuals who were so kind and supportive and who donated great prizes too.

For those wondering about the Silent Auction, we have put this on hold until later in the summer. Please keep an eye on our website www.eastwood-hayfete.org.uk and Spectrum for more information.

Please don't forget to send in your recipes for the East Woodhay Cookbook. All details on the website or contact Jenny for more information cookbook@eastwoodhayfete.org.uk

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#### **Dear Friends**

I am looking forward very much, this month, to welcoming some couples to our churches to be married. These will be the first weddings in our parishes this year following restrictions.

Some formal changes to the Marriage Registration process began on 4<sup>th</sup> May and these changes apply to the legal recording of every marriage in England, whether a church wedding or a civil wedding. A most welcome and long overdue change is that now the names of mothers as well as fathers of the bride and groom may be recorded. There is still a 'Signing' at a church wedding—a single Marriage Document will be signed by the couple, their two witnesses and the priest, this is then returned to the local Registrar's Office. The couple can no longer take a copy certificate away on the day, instead the newly married couple must apply for a copy

to the Registrar.

We will get used to the changes and they may even turn out to be a good thing. We clergy however have found it a great sadness to close down our existing green Marriage Register books for each church and return them to the Registrar's Office. It had to be done of course but what history they included! One of our churches had a register dating back to the 1940's and



contained weddings for several generations of local families. We do have a new church register for the recording of weddings in each church, but it does not hold the legal significance of our old green books...

A prayer for those who will be married in our churches:

'Loving God, we pray for those who will come to our churches to declare their love; for those planning weddings here in coming years, those whose love is yet unkindled and the generations still stored up in your bounty that they may live and love in the freedom of your creation. May our churches be to them a sign that their earthly love is a sign of your eternal love, that raised Jesus Christ from the dead and that holds us in life until we come to the kingdom prepared for us in him. Amen.'

With every blessing to you all, Canon Christine

	From the Church Registers: May 2021	
30th May	Baptism: we ask God's blessing on the life of Quinn Eliza Winifred Bacon	Ashmansworth
15th May	Burial of ashes: may she rest in peace Susan Yvonne Halewood	Woolton Hill

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SUN 11 <sup>th</sup> JULY Trinity 6	Parish Communion Matins <i>Baptism</i>	Woolton Hill Highclere <i>Highclere</i>	9.30am 11.00am <i>3.00pm</i>
SUN 18 <sup>th</sup> JULY Trinity 7	Morning Worship Morning Worship Parish Communion Evensong	Woolton Hill East Woodhay Highclere Crux Easton	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm
SUN 25 <sup>th</sup> JULY St James	Holy Communion Parish Communion Holy Communion Baptism Evensong	Highclere Woolton Hill Ashmansworth <i>Woolton Hill</i> East Woodhay	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 3.00pm 6.00pm

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#### **Thank you from East Woodhay Artisans**

We would like to thank everyone who supported our event on Saturday 5th June enabling East Woodhay Artisans to raise £1084 for local charities. The lovely weather, together with a superb range of hand-made items and delicious refreshments in the idyllic surroundings of The Barn at East End Farm, made for a perfect event.

Jackie, Tricia and Team. NB-Follow us on Facebook

### National Women's Register



ur first May meeting saw a welcome return of our Scattergories games evening which all agreed works pretty well on Zoom. Although those playing had developed more skill since the first session, the automatic letter selection set some very tricky challenges. The letter H proved surprisingly difficult! Can you think of a fruit beginning with H?

By the middle of the month everything had changed and we were able to hold our first face to face meeting of 2021, albeit with only 6 members attending. In celebratory mood we started by sampling dry and sweet Spanish Sherry and discussing their differences and merits. We learned that most sherry comes from the Andalusian area of Spain where the sun is reflected from the

white chalky soil surface into the Palomino grape increasing the temperature and intensifying the sugars. The darker sweeter wines are allowed to oxidise in the barrel for five or more years.

Spanish food has been influenced by many cultures over the centuries; the Romans, Arabs, Jews, Christians and imports from the Americas.

The Arabs introduced GAZPACHO and this word is derived from the Arabic for "soaked bread." It is a cold soup usually served in summer and is a mixture of summer vegetables with onions, garlic, olive oil and vinegar, thickened with bread crumbs. There are regional variations.

"Pork is King". It is hard to get away from pork; it is everywhere, and one of Spain's star products is ham. Spain is one of the world's largest producers of grapes and olives. Both of these products are used to produce some of Spain's other signature items, wine and olive oil.

Spain has many colourful and lively festivals throughout the year. Each festival has a completely unique vibe, with unforget-table traditions and customs that make it unlike any other celebration in the world. We were told of several like the Semana Santa (Holy

Week) with parades of floats depicting Christ and the Virgin Mary; Tamborrada San Sebastian, a massive drum parade in the city celebrating their saint St Sebastian; and the Running of the Bulls when groups of men run in front of 6 bulls that have been let loose on a course of narrow streets. The most famous of these is held in Pamplona during a 9 day festival in honour of St Fermin.



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### East Woodhay Parish Council



## Coming Soon East Woodhay Parish Neighbourhood Plan

At the time of writing (early June) we are pleased to advise everyone that we expect the Neighbourhood Plan to be available shortly for all to see and comment upon, as part of the Community Consultation process. Indeed, by the time you read this, we hope that it will be published on the Parish Council website.

#### What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

It is a document which shapes where we live by stating the Vision, Objectives and Policies for all future Planning Applications in the Parish. It has been written following consultation with members of the Parish over the last few years and is an opportunity to influence what happens next.

#### Why is the Neighbourhood Plan important?

It influences development – where new buildings should be placed and what they might look like.

It seeks to ensure that any new development reflects community needs. It helps to maintain the rural character of the Parish and protect Green Space areas.

It facilitates access to funds for the Parish from developers – funds which can be used for our schools and for projects within the Parish e.g. the Parish Field all weather path or new equipment in the playgrounds.

#### Will it affect future Planning applications?

Yes, it is a planning document with legal standing. Planning applications will have to take account of the policies contained within the Neighbourhood Plan (once it has been approved at referendum).

#### What happens next?

The document will soon be available for all to see on the Parish Council website: http://www.eastwoodhay-pc.gov.uk

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is undertaking Community Consultation to gain further input and to update the document.

Then it will be subject to formal independent review.

Finally, every resident will have the opportunity to vote on the document. This is really important, as the document can only be considered 'valid' once it has a majority vote of support from the community.

### East Woodhay Parish Council

### East Woodhay Parish Neighbourhood Plan

#### What are the next steps?

There are set protocols which we have to follow so ...... over the next few weeks (if not already)....we will be:

Writing to all designated interested parties (as advised by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council) across the Parish and outside the Parish.

Arranging meeting places where we can make information about the Neighbourhood Plan easily available to everyone – and where we will be available to answer questions, subject to any Covid-related restrictions.

Arranging set times for 'Zoom' meetings for anyone who would prefer it.

And if you can't make any of those meetings, we will also try to arrange short, personal consultations if necessary.

#### Where can I find out more information about the Neighbourhood Plan?

The Neighbourhood Plan document will be available on the Parish Council website.

Paper copies will be available via Amy, our Parish Clerk – email her on: clerk@eastwoodhay-pc.gov.uk

or telephone her on: 07855 275336 but please be aware we are trying to limit our impact on the environment by reducing the amount of paper copies produced.

Come to one of our presentations in Parish/Church Halls or via Zoom – the meetings will be set at different times of the day and in different venues to accommodate people's working patterns etc.

Details of meetings are available on the Parish Council website (www. eastwoodhay-pc.gov.uk), Parish Council noticeboards (Gore End Road, North End, East End, Trade Street and Broadlayings) and advertised on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/eastwoodhaypc.

Please – we really want your feedback, support and in time, your vote on this document which is important for us all. This is about your community and how it looks and evolves over the next few years. You will be able to feed back to us via our meetings or using the feedback sheets which will be available on the Parish Council website – we want to hear from you...... please get in touch!

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s I write this the weather is wonderful, with the sun shining and it is a great time to enjoy the countryside. Do investigate the footpath maps on the www.wooltonhill.com website.

However, the summer is also peak time for ticks. Their numbers are increasing largely due to higher deer numbers in our area. Attached is a flyer which provides some useful information.

#### **Community Walk**

We had thought of a Community Walk in July but, at the time of writing, we are uncertain as to what the restrictions will be and so have decided to postpone this until September. I will include more details soon on this.

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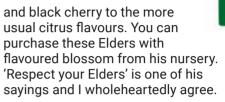
#### Elderflower in May

uring the month of May. inevitably, I begin to look out for elderflowers appearing in the hedgerows around the villages. I have some lovely memories of the elderflower, picking the flowers and shaking off the little insects and rushing home to make cordial which only kept for a few days without a fridge. And on a summer's day, while visiting distant relatives in Scotland, being offered my first taste of elderflower champagne at about

the age of 14. It is amazing how both of these delicious drinks can be made from sugar, lemons, elderflowers and water, with the addition of citric acid for cordial and yeast EC-1118 for champagne.

For the members of the Gardener's Club in May we have a break from evening

meetings and turn to Gardener's World on BBC to help us through the summer. One recent episode featured Ed Brown from Cotswold Garden Flowers in Worcestershire. who holds the national collection of Elder trees or Sambucus nigra to use the Latin name. Ed makes elderflower champagne using some of his own eleven Elder varieties: the flavours range from chocolate marzipan



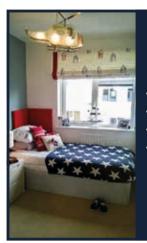
The Elder flower provides pollen for a variety of insects; the leaves provide food for moth caterpillars like the swallowtail and buff ermine and dormice and bank voles are rather keen on the purply-black berries. You can identify the tree by its short trunk

with greyish corky bark and its pinnate or dissected leaves. The flowers are tiny but appear in large umbels about 15 to 20 centimetres across. Apart from the cooked berries and the flowers, the rest of the plant is slightly toxic, so take care not

to be tempted by the leaves and bark The elder is an easy tree to grow as it likes any soil with some moisture, any aspect with some sun and it is hardy during UK winters. An old saying suggests that by planting an Elder in your garden, you can keep out the devil! My favourite variety is Sambucus nigra f. porphyrophylla

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#### **School Recreation Ground Equipment**

At the Public Meeting which was called to consider the guestion of Victory Celebrations at Woolton Hill, only nine people attended.

It was, therefore, decided to abandon any attempt at organised celebrations in the Village. Those present were, however, unanimous in a desire to mark the occasion by inaugurating a fund for the provision of Swings, See-saws, etc., in the Recreation Ground adjoining the School. They formed themselves into a Committee for that purpose. Subscriptions will be gladly received by Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. W. Rolfe and the Vicar.

The proceeds of the Whist Drive and Dance held in the Church Hall, on Whit-Monday, have been allocated to this fund. They amounted to £11 9s.6d.

St.Thomas' Church Magazine, July 1946

#### **Woodhay Football Club**

Another successful season to report. At long last, after 57 years, we have won the League Championships and are champions of the new Premier Division, and Woodhav is the first name to be inscribed on the handsome new Lord Iliffe Cup.

On Easter Monday two coach loads of footballers and supporters paid a return visit to Cowplain. With a rather depleted First XI owing to injuries and work, we managed to defeat Cowplain 4-2 and so retain the "Steer" Cup for another year. After the match we were entertained to a lovely tea in the Hall at Waterlooville, near Portsmouth, followed by a dance, and we returned home tired but happy in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

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### Letter to the Editor



**Fundraising for Trindledown Farm** 

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I will be raising money for the animal charity Trindledown Farm and will be donating £2 from every client's groom that I do from the 11th May until 30th July, with any further donations from people being gratefully received directly to Trindledown Farm nawt.org.uk.

Helen Juniper 07766303476

### **Burt's Blog**

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Burt, I am a Yorkie/miniature poodle and I came down from Birmingham to live in Woolton Hill last summer. I am very happy here. My owner doesn't like walking so I have adopted two people who take me for a nice long walk every day. You may have seen me about. I like meeting people and when my walkers stop to talk to people I always stand very still. I am very spoilt; two places on my walks I am given little treats. I know exactly where to stop for the treats and get very excited. The countryside



here is lovely and there are plenty of interesting scents for me to sniff.

Hope to see you out and about on a walk soon.

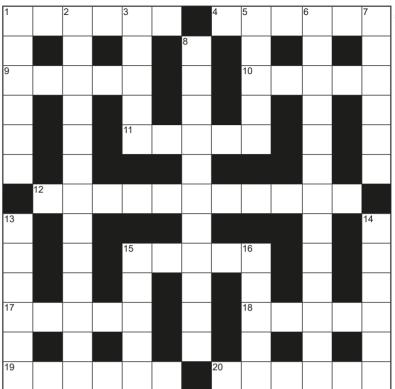
Burt











Answers crossword no 220
Across: 1 Butter, 4 Curlew, 9 Arena, 10 Handy
15 Brook, 17 Cacti, 18 Loins, 2 Settle,
Down: 1 Beaded, 2 The Rampant Cat, 3 Eratk

other, 12 Spendthrift Images Uther, 6 Long suffering Thesis, 15 Brill, 16 Kilim

#### Across

- 1. Damage sustained from being one of twelve (6)
- 4. Looking in from afar, mermaid appears to be in food production (6)
- 9. Family pet joins mother and listens to her unshakeable beliefs (5)
- 10. Whereas an average mother goes before both ham and violets in Italy (5)
- 11. Turns out that when in Rome I have shimmering silk (5)
- 12. What is my style, pray? Revealed on stage to be medieval! (7,4)
- 15. Lose part of chimney to let the bells ring (5)
- 17. Would give great comfort for revolutionary to meet the queen (5)
- Watch Pulic Relations bird move around stealthily
   (5)
- 19. Listen, please get us looking good enough to play records (6)
- 20. Loudly from a narrow shelf, young birds announce that they have wings to fly (6)

#### Down

- 1. What am I doing around here for colour? (6)
- 2. Starting off with a jig, Gerry danced around pokey room getting up to all sorts (7-6)
- 3. Right meal for the whole kingdom (5)
- . And a quiet meal with plenty for everyone (5)
- 6. Don't harm old rags! I'm planting one in the pond (5,8)
- 7. A snore could provide a good one for separate beds (6)
- 8. Mr Hunt in air display with flower (11)
- 13. Nervously prepares to keep trousers up (6)
- 14. Company with two learners that is an absolute dog(6)
- 15. Is decor fussy in Greek Island? (5)
- 16. Throw out of Wizard School perhaps because of previous spell we heard (5)

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#### An introduction to St Martin's School from the School Ambassadors

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We also have learning skills that we like to incorporate into our learning. These are: Curiosity, Perseverance, Reflection, Teamwork, Concentration and Resourcefulness.

There have been lots of exciting things happening this term. We have watched 7 chicks hatching; Boris, Fwaffle, Cherry, Whisp, Blackberry, Nugget and Smartie. We've all had an opportunity to have them in our classroom for the day, they were a cute distraction but weren't very good at maths!

The school council have recently had the opportunity to visit the local food bank, where they learnt all about how the food bank works and then they helped to pack some boxes. They came back to school with a greater understanding of helping people and lots of ideas on how we can raise awareness of the food bank and help them.

Year R have had a visit to a local farm and saw lots of animals. A particular favourite was Pumpkin the pony.

Over the Easter holidays we had a space in the nature area made into our new Prayer space. This is going to be a brilliant addition to our spirituality learning as we can use the space for lots of peaceful thinking and prayer. The worship team are busy putting the final touches to the area before we arrange for Rev Christine to come into school for an official opening and blessing.

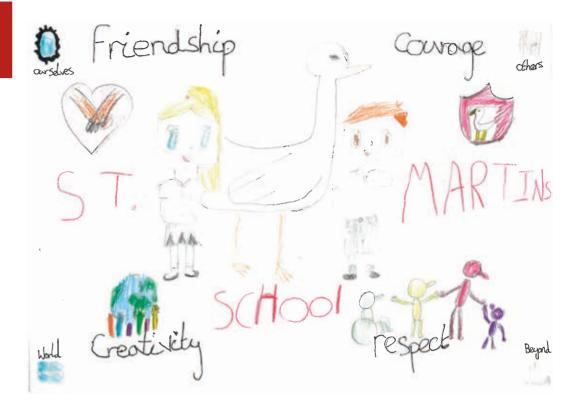
There are many exciting things to look forward to for the remainder of the term. Year 5 and 6 are going on a residential trip to the New Forest and Lower school are planning a trip to Portchester Castle. We also have the Upper School performance of 'Magpie Manor' which is very exciting.

We are so proud to be part of St Martin's school and are excited to be able to share our school with the local community. Look out for more articles from us about our school and the wonderful things we do.

We still have places available for September 2021, please contact the school office to arrange a time for us to show you around and you will see for yourself how amazing the school is!

Written by the School Ambassadors and Vice School Ambassadors
Faustine, Conrad, Beth and Seren

For more information on St Martin's School, please visit our website: www.st-martins.hants.sch.uk Or email the school at adminoffice@st-martins.hants.sch.uk



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