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Editorial

ello Everyone. Autumn is upon us once again and I am here to herald its arrival, along with the spiders and cobwebs which are diving into our homes at this time. As soon as you think you've cleaned them all out – you spot another one!!! I do hope you greet my editorship of Spectrum with more joy than you do the spiders!

I'm sure you recall Basil Fawlty's (in)famous line:
'Don't mention the War' Well, I would just like to say that I 'Won't 'Mention the Pandemic' – except to say I hope 2021 has treated you all more kindly than the previous year.

I hope you enjoy the reports and information to be found in this issue, and please don't forget to let me know if you have a story or any information that you feel the community would like to hear about in the months ahead.

Notable groups that will be re-starting are Walking for Health, and Beavers in EWVH. For all the details, please see the reports further in.

Request for November issue I would love to create a page of loved ones in uniform that fought in any war this century. If you could send me a jpg with just their name and relationship to you, I believe it might make a fitting remembrance issue.

See you soon, Kathy

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East Woodhay Society

Walks starting again

We are really pleased to be starting the Walking for Health walks again. These last about an hour. starting and ending at the Woolton Hill Church Hall car park on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday of the month.

So, if you fancy a local walk with others just put come with some suitable footwear and join us at 10.30am. We will be walking on 1st, 15th and 29th October.

We have a lovely area in which to walk, and we would love to see you. You do not need to be an EWS member but in these Covid times a booking is required. Please send me an email or see www.Wooltonhill.com for details on how to do this.

Woolton Hill Parish Field after the hay was cut

AGM and Charity

The EWS AGM will be on Thursday 11th November at 7pm and will be held by Zoom (I will send out contact details via email). We had hoped to hold the AGM alongside the ever-popular Wine Quiz but with

Covid cases on the rise, it would not be practical to hold an indoor event with many people in close proximity, drinking wine. Hopefully, we will be in a different situation next year and can return to holding this event.

Over the past two years, we have been raising money for Young Children & Children First, a local charity, based in Newbury, which helps young adults who have had a difficult upbringing make the transition to adult life. This is a great local cause and the money raised goes directly to helping young people develop the skills needed for independent life.

We are now looking for another local charity to raise money for and please let us know if you have any recommendations for a charity which has a focus in the nearby area.

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Obituary Gertrude Annie Kingston (nee Brown) 1909-2021

Gertie was born on the 1st February 1909 at Farnborough, Hampshire, to Rhoda and Walter Brown. She had a younger brother Michael. Her earliest memory is her father going off to World War 1 in 1914

While her father was at war the family moved to Aldermaston where Gertie started school. When she was 8 she remembered coming home from school to find her mother crying. Walter had been killed in the trenches just before, what was to be, his first visit home to the family in 1917.

Later they moved to Yattendon where she finished her schooling and spent the rest of her life.

In Yattendon she was employed as a companion for Miss Florence Waterhouse at Barn Close. Here her musical talents flourished, she learned to play the violin and the cello. Miss Waterhouse had a choir of several village residents and each year they went to Newbury Corn Exchange for the music festival. It was a day trip, rehearsal late morning and afternoon, and then the highlight was tea in Newbury and back to the Corn Exchange for the performance. Gertie also sang in Yattendon church choir, Miss Flo being the organist. As a young girl I was taken to church by Gertie and sat in the choir – quite daunting for me. However, I have always enjoyed church music and still sing in the church choir at Woolton Hill. In my teens I was taken to the Corn Exchange by Gertie to listen to Newbury Choral Society singing the Messiah. Taking my seat I was handed the score and Gertie tapped the words and music for me to follow.

Gertie played tennis for Yattendon and I am told that if Gertie was across the net from you 'watch out' for her return of the ball.

She was also a founder member of the '67 Drama Group in the village playing many leading parts. A member of the WI and secretary for many years, she also typed the stencils for the village magazine the Broadsheet onto the old fashioned stencils – and never a mistake.

She taught Country Dancing – and yes I was taken to that as well. I can still recall the dances, and hearing 'Bertha, you did that wrong, now we must start again'. It was not always my fault, I might add. Strip the Willow and Brighton Camp were her favourites.

After Miss Flo died in 1954 Gertie went to work at the School of Military Survey as a typist where she met Ernie. They married in 1960 and continued to live in Yattendon. Ernie died in 1983 and she remained living next door to her cousin, Ruth my Mother, until she went into hospital after a 'funny turn'. From there she went to a flat at Leslie Southern Court in Newbury, eventually going to Herbert Potter House, and for the last 12 and a half years she had been at Enbridge House Care Home in Woolton Hill where she passed away peacefully.

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East Woodhay Local History Society

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This month's meeting will take place on Monday 18 October at 8pm in the Village Hall at Heath End. The speaker will be one of our members, Mike Robinson, with the topic being 'The History of Farming'.

Mike is an authority on the development of agriculture and this talk will be a sequel to his previous fascinating talk about agriculture in general. This time he will focus on the local area, its estates and tenant farms.

New members welcome-£7.50 annual membership. Visitors also welcome-£4.

Chris Dalton.

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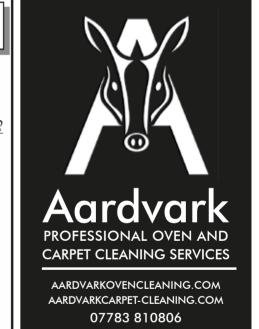
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n spite of the relaxation of Covid restrictions, the last two events of our 2020-21 programme were held out of doors. The first, a light-hearted treasure trail around the village, culminated in a get-together with light refreshments in a member's garden. To round off the season we held a Summer Garden Party on a glorious evening and enjoyed delicious supper, a garden-themed quiz and some garden games to test our skills.

In September we were delighted to resume face to face meetings. Our first session of the new term is usually a book review where we



are sent a Big Read List from the NWR head office to choose from. This year the selection reflected the 6 decades of NWR with a best seller chosen from each decade.

Out of that list came: *The Kite Runner* by

Khaled Hosseini which proved to be very topical describing 2 boys growing up in Afghanistan and how their friendship affects the rest of their lives.

Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver had a mixed reception from those who had read it. It is a story told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce, evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959 and how their lives are shaped by the experience while Actress by Anne Enright was a good example of how being nominated for a national book prize was no guarantee of being a good read for everyone. This novel paints a vivid portrait of actress Katherine O'Dell, lovingly drawn by her daughter Norah. As Norah recalls her mother's life and researches the past, we gradually learn the harsh truths concealed by her mother's romanticizing of her life's events.

You People by Nikita Lalwani is the story of a London pizzeria that is largely staffed by undocumented migrants and presided over by the charming and enigmatic Tuli. It raises fundamental questions about what it means to be kind in an unkind world.

Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell is a novel based on the story of Shakespeare's son. It is an absorbing tale of the bond between twins and of a marriage pushed to the brink by grief, with fascinating side plots.

Do you think our activities sound interesting and fun? Ever considered joining us? How about coming along for a taster session? You'd be very welcome to attend one of our meetings to find out more. Just call Val on 255168.

EAST WOODHAY FLOWER AND PRODUCE 70th ANNIVERSARY SHOW

Saturday 21st August

After an enforced break in 2020, the Show bounced back to celebrate its 70th anniversary, with 46 entrants keen to compete again. The Show was opened by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Councillor Graham Falconer, and a celebratory cake was made by Louise Embling of Plain 'n' Fancy cakes.

Ninety-five year old Les Barber continued his success at the Show by winning 5 cups; achieving the highest points in both the Vegetables & Flower classes; best roses; best vase of flowers; and the Floral Cup, awarded for the most points in the floral art section, which included a class for an arrangement entitled 'Over the Rainbow', and also one with the theme 'Winter'. Other cups were awarded as follows:

Most points in the Dahlia section-Les Wallace

Best Begonia-Bill Webb

Best Runner Beans in show-Cathy Neller

Best Carrots in show-Norman Powers

Winners of the Children's classes were:

13-16yrs-Emily McGraghan

9-12yrs-Jack McGraghan

Under 5yrs-Fred Pocock

A good crowd attended the Show and enjoyed looking at the exhibits, perusing the stalls, being entertained by the East Woodhay Silver Band, and watching local artist Helen Mortimer giving a demonstration on how to paint on silk, with the opportunity of then 'having a go'.

Grateful thanks from the committee to all our sponsors, volunteers and loyal supporters.

The Hayes Challenge Cup - Les Barber

The Arthur Curnick Cup - Les Barber

The Coronation Cup - Les Wallace

The John Partridge Memorial Cup - Charlie Sheppard. Runner up - Mike Robinson

The Ladies Challenge Cup – Jean Partridge

The Sampson Cup – June Powell

The Carden Challenge Cup (13-16 vrs) – Emily McGraghan

The Cecil Tate Memorial Cup (9-12 yrs) - Jack McGraghan

The Barber Cup (5-8 yrs) - No Entries

The Chairman's Cup (under 5 yrs) – Fred Pocock

The Canon Stephenson Cup (Best roses) - Les Barber

The Ellen Webb Challenge Cup – Les Barber

The George Tilling Memorial Cup (Best dahlias) - Les Wallace

The Floral Cup - Les Barber

The Frederick Marsh Cup (Best Amateur photograph) - Diana Brindley

The Bill James Cup (Best begonias) - Bill Webb

The Tom Trice Memorial Cup (Best carrots) – Norman Powers

The Walt Hills Memorial Cup (Best runner beans) - Cathy Neller

The Mrs. R. Thomas Cup - Eileen Mason

The Jane Wells Cup -













Dear Friends,

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Locally it is time for us to thank Mary Herbert, who has retired after 20 years from her role as an LLM (she is not retiring from the church, she will still be very much involved I am glad to say!). Mary moved to our parishes some 11 years ago from Pembrokeshire, where she already served as an LLM, as she had before that in Staffordshire. Mary brought us a different voice of experience shaped in other Dioceses and parishes which has enriched our ministry. Besides her faithful participation in leading services and preaching, some of you will know Mary from her support and contribution to school worship and her active involvement with Messy Church and children's ministry. She has also led study groups and been pro-active in facilitating the 'Pins and Needles' group (knitting and sewing for charities). This is really only the tip of the iceberg of all that Mary has contributed to our church life as an LLM. In the last Parish Communion service of September, as her current licence came to an end, Mary put down her Reader's blue preaching scarf for the last time to take up instead, in her own words, her 'place in the pew'. As one ministry comes to an end new opportunities begin and, I know, that Mary will soon be pursuing some new ideas from the pew...

Thank you so much, Mary, for all you have given us and for your continuing fellowship among us. Your example and vocation have been a wonderful inspiration and encouragement to our shared faith and service.

> With every blessing, Canon Christine

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SUN 17 th Trinity 20	Morning Worship Matins Parish Communion Harvest Evensong	Woolton Hill East Woodhay Highclere Crux Easton	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am <u>5.00pm</u>
SUN 24 th Bible Sunday	Holy Communion Parish Communion Messy Church Holy Communion Baptism Evensong	Highclere Woolton Hill Ashmansworth Crux Easton Woolton Hill East Woodhay	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am <i>12noon</i> 6.00pm
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From the Church Registers: August 2021 Continued

Wedding: may God bless their lives together

14thAugust Harry Herbert & Clodagh McKenna Highclere

Funeral: may she rest in peace

19th August Gertrude Annie Kingston Woolton Hill West Berks Crem

Burial of ashes: may they rest in peace

21st August Harry Pearce Woolton Hill

24th August Percy Alfred & Helen (Nellie) Hayes Woolton Hill

East Woodhay Women's Institute



approached the August coffee morning with some trepidation, as we only had twelve members at our last meeting.

This is our major money raiser – but I need not have worried.

A beautiful day and a beautiful garden (thank-you Pat) ensured a lovely setting

The committee had worked hard and we had about forty generous visitors (Thank you to the stall holders). Everyone seemed very happy and we took the opportunity to tell people about our October meeting (Oct 12th at 14:30pm) when we hope to be back in the hall!

The talk is about knitting through the ages – with an emphasis on military use. This entertaining lady has worked in film & television industries besides giving many talks.

Hope to see you there! June Milsom





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Over the past difficult year, the Cubs and their Leaders have kept going-with some rather different Zoom meetings. As well as some fun and games, they learnt some mapping skills which helped them to find the whereabouts of some Hidden Treasure which they were able to eat!

Over the Summer Term the Cubs were able to get back together and have been very busy catching up on some Badges. They have been hiking using those map reading skills, did some science experiments, learnt how to keep fit and healthy, took part in activities involving food and eating and played loads of games with lots of Teamwork!

It will soon be time to start a new term in September.

1st WOOLTON HILL BEAVER COLONY

Beaver Scouts are the younger section for 6 – 8 year-olds, and they do similar activities to the Cub Scouts but focussed for their age group.

Unfortunately, our Beaver Colony had been suspended as our previous Leaders were unable to continue.

GOOD NEWS -We now have a volunteer who is prepared to be our Beaver Leader.

HELP NEEDED-Before we can re-open we need at least one more regular Assistant to help plan, prepare and attend the weekly meetings.

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St Martin's CE Primary School

What is happening in the Autumn Term at St Martin's

After the long summer holidays, we are thrilled to have all children back at school. This term is always a busy one, with lots of settling in and exciting activities for all of the children at school.

The children have all come back into school eager to learn and are embracing the opportunity to return to 'normal' learning. We are still following the Government guidelines to try to keep everyone as safe as possible, but there are more opportunities for us to come together as a school, both at playtimes and for worship—the first whole school worship since March 2020 was quite an emotional one for all involved!

We have welcomed a new Year R class who are all settling in well and thoroughly enjoying the experiences on offer. Their learning this half-term is all linked to bears and rhymes, with opportunities to go on a bear hunt, take part in a teddy bear's picnic and find lost bears in our nature area! During October, we are hoping to totally transform their outdoor learning space with a brand-new,

purpose-built area. This new area will include space for imaginative play, creative learning, physical development and will be a fantastic addition to our school. We can't wait to have it finished.

Lower school have a busy term ahead with lots

of activities related to their topic of Wings, Wheels and Water, whereas Upper School's learning is all linked to Mythical Creatures.

Although we are only a few weeks into term. lots has already happened; Year 6 have taken part in bikeability, (a scheme designed to promote cycle safety); we have organised our regularly collection for the West Berks Food bank; all children in Year 2.3 and 4 have been trained to use our WoW (Walk on Weekdays) scheme to help minimise traffic at the school gate during drop off by providing a drop and walk option from the triangle (this has not been operational during the coronavirus pandemic); and we have collected items from the village for our charity collection points.

We also have lots to look forward to this term. The whole school is excited to be able to plan our traditional whole school events again and are looking forward to our Harvest Festival, our St Martin's Day service and our Christmas Service; the Lower School children are looking



St Martin's CE Primary School

forward to their nativity play; the choir are busy practising to perform at the Winchester Christmas market and Year 5 and 6 are already counting down the days until they go on residential at the end of October and have the opportunity to experience a range of adventurous activities including den building, bridge building, canoeing, abseiling and lots, lots more.

Finally, pupil voice is really important at St Martin's and we have started the new academic year with lots of children applying to take on roles as ambassadors, house captains or to become members of our School Council, Stewards of God's Earth group or Worship team – it is wonderful to see the children so passionate about their school and wanting to take an active role in making a difference, to the school, the local community and further afield. We can't wait to see everything they achieve this year!



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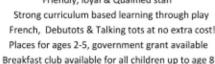


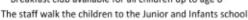
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I qualified as an independent patrol officer in July 2021. As I was being tutored in Basingstoke Town centre I am still getting used to life as a rural officer. Being a PCSO is very different to my previous job as a baker but I absolutely love it!

I am very much looking forward to meeting the community and taking part in parish council meetings, additionally it will be great to take part in any activities that may be happening in East Woodhav.

Remember I am a friendly face and if you see me in the area, do not be afraid to stop me and say hello.



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East Woodhay Parish Council

he month of August is typically a quiet one for the Parish Council; not so this year. We have been very busy with the consultation phase of our Neighbourhood Plan, a document which is so important if we want to protect our rural Parish, and particularly relevant when thinking of the Watermill Bridge proposal at Wash Water (to which the Parish Council is against). As we move into Autumn, the NP group will be collating and responding to feedback, ahead of the submission to Basingstoke and Deane.

Our speed awareness project is up and running; 10 locations have been identified and the newly purchased Speed Indicator Device (SID) will be moved around the locations on a bi- weekly rota. The aim is to remind motorists of the legal requirement to stick to the speed limit and the data collected can be analysed and published.

Play areas: we are aware that there are patchy areas of playground surface in the Woolton Hill playground. These will be fixed as soon as a contractor can come out and repair them. Every 2 weeks, Basingstoke and Deane checks the play equipment in both Heath End and Woolton Hill.

In the recreation ground in Woolton Hill we will soon be in receipt of some brand new exercise equipment, and a boules court, funded by S106 monies received after the Meadowbrook development.

We are also looking to buy benches for around the Parish, have you got any ideas of ideal locations? Pictures would be helpful too. Just let our Clerk know.

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The first ingredient required is a period of about 18 months without a single social function of any kind; the second, an opportunity for gardeners to share anecdotes about their horticultural successes and failures in the delightful surroundings of the churchyard at sundown. And finally, the offer of cheese and wine, which had been purchased and prepared with much excitement during the afternoon by an able team of garden club caterers – Mary, Genie and Ann.

For me, your roving reporter, a highlight of the evening was an opportunity to interrogate (my apologies, chat to), some of our members about their gardens during the summer, so here are a few of their achievements:

- * Margaret just let the grass grow higher and higher and only cut a tiny narrow path through the red campion and poppies which had appeared, as if by magic.
- * Bronwen was thrilled with her experiment of growing 'Sweet Million' cherry tomatoes in a trough, from seed, for the first time.
- * Sonja's new purchase was a miniature buddleia 'Pink Cerise' which she placed in a pot in her gravel garden to attract butterflies.
- * Betty and Barry's garden has a low fence and backs onto woodland. They have been delighted by the response of walkers to their planting scheme of dahlias, canterbury bells, double white daisies and runner beans; a veritable cottage garden of traditional plants!
- * Molly has experienced the almost forgotten delights of a hedgehog visiting the garden during a rainstorm.
- * Heather, Julie and John are all expert vegetable growers of runner beans, tomatoes, beetroot, parsnips and carrots and I am sure they will be looking forward to our talk later in the year on this very subject. I certainly am.

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Across: 1 Powder, 4 Bantam, 9 Tides, 10 Baker, 11 Diver, 12 Impulsively, 15 Abhor, 17 Miami, 19 Frill, 19 Darned, 20 Crusty

Down: 1 Patrol, 2 Widecombe Fair, 3 Eased, 5 Amber, 6 Tokyo Olympics, 7 Market, 8 Harvest Home, 13 Harmed, 14 Barley, 15 Alice, 16 Refe

Across

- 1. See how wonderful to exist and take in your arms (6)
- 4. Puzzle over how to saw with narrow blade (6)
- 9. Five go with Inland Revenue to sixth sign (5)
- 10. Note well where we live (5)
- 11. And note dangerous late arrival at river mouth (5)
- 12. Leaving little Robert in creche, Mother went to see what the tide had brought in (11)
- 15. Badger not right to show membership pin (5)
- 17. Enter curiously, and discover wooden antiques (5)
- 18. As Pat would say: Spaghetti! (5)
- 19. If Queen tagged along he would buy something, but if not it was just a habit (6)
- 20. Why bridle contained a combination of two elements (5)

Down

- 1. Find six in bone and know it belongs to cattle (6)
- 2. To her, those fears are stuff and nonsense (13)
- 3. Local gym for David and Dolly? (5)
- 5. Find aid in this country (5)
- 6. Plaster cheese over cross country runner? (13)
- 7. Law backs bolt fastener with hard shelled fruit (6)
- 8. See girl cook egg in indulgent fashion (11)
- 13. Bookmaker's language confused strategy (6)
- 14. On ship and ready to travel, fellow backs on to winding road (6)
- 15. Ban little Joseph from playing this (5)
- 16. In some ways I think my pet lacks sincerity (5)

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