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Editorial

ello to you all once again. I hope you are all well, have fuel in your car and that we are enjoying some beautiful autumnal days!

This month of course we celebrate another year of Remembrance, I'm sure that most of us have a loved one who has died or taken part in conflict and they so deserve our respect and thanks for all sacrifices they have made. I recently found amongst some belongings, an old school



exercise book of mine. My Dad had used it to write up his diary and memories of WWII. He was 23 when he joined up so that it would all be over quickly and life could return to normal. Well, that didn't happen did it? It is a very honest account of hardships and friendships and a wonderful treasure to have of his training in the Signals Corp and four years spent abroad in Egypt and then Cevlon. Thanks to Bertha and Nicole for sending other photos to me with their stories for this issue.

As you can see, we have a very full issue this month, so many more reports and items of interest for you to read about, I hope you enjoy it!

Finally, the beautiful flower arrangement on the cover of October's Spectrum deserves proper attribution. Please accept my apology for that and hope it is helpful to have it now; The arrangement was created by Judith Collins and the class was 'A Medieval Banquet'.

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East Woodhay Women's Institute



September saw our members turn into the "Ladies who lunch" – about 18 of us met at the Furze Bush where we were warmly welcomed. Our next meeting is the members meeting organised by non-committee people. We have a very special person coming – a real craft woman who has been on TV and whose work has been in film – October 12th. Do come & join us!

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St Martin's Playground Fund reaches Halfway to Target

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parents, carers and staff too. If you don't know us, we are situated in the small village of East end about 5 minutes outside Newbury.

This close-knit family community is what gives St Martin's such a warm feeling – and never is it more apparent than when everyone come together to help raise money for our school.

The St Martin's School Association (SA), often known as the PTA, plans events for children (and adults!) to enjoy – all focused on raising funds for the school. Every parent and carer is automatically part of our SA, which is led by a small team of co-chairs, a secretary and treasurer, and everyone gets a chance to put forward fundraising ideas and support activities that ultimately benefit our children.

This year, our goal is to raise funds for a vital new playground for our school. The old play-area became unfit for use and has now been removed – and the cost of a replacement is huge. We're already halfway to reaching our target, but there's still a lot of fundraising to do!

Generating income via SA events is crucial, but the smiles on the children's faces are equally as important as the money raised. From Movie Night, where children enjoy a film complete with popcorn and sweets, to Dare to Be Different Day, when pupils can display their personality through wacky hair or funky outfits, the children at St Martin's benefit just as much as the school.

Other regular SA events include a Secret Santa Shop, where pupils can buy Christmas presents for their loved ones, and the School Disco, when they



get dressed to the nines and show off some groovy moves. We're hoping to hold our Summer Fete again next year after two years of restrictions, and the whole community will be invited – so watch this space!

As a relatively small primary school, it can be challenging to raise money through SA events compared to a larger school with a bigger pool of parents. However, the enthusiasm and

St Martin's CE Primary School



generosity of our school families always ensures that fundraising events are well supported, and there is never a shortage of willing volunteers who are happy to help.

You can help too! We are delighted to have been chosen as one of the charities for Tesco's Community Grants Scheme. If you shop in Newbury's Tesco Extra between 1 October to 24 December, collect a blue token at the till and please vote for us – simply drop it in the St Martin's Playground slot.

You can find out more about our fantastic school, including details of our open events, at

www.st-martins.hants.sch.uk , or contact us by emailing adminoffice@ st-martins.hants.sch.uk .

St Martin's Guild

Christmas Sale - 13 November 2021

St Martin's Guild is planning to hold a Christmas Sale on 13th November, in St Martin's Church, East Woodhay, from 11am-3pm.

We shall be launching the East Woodhay Cookery Book "Eat Well – Live Well"; a collection of recipes from the East Woodhay community.

The East Woodhay Artisans will be selling their latest beautifully sewn items perfect for Christmas presents.

Cakes and coffee/tea will also be on sale.

Please do come and join us for some early Christmas shopping.

Money raised by St Martin's Guild goes towards the Church; the renovation of the Bell Tower, as well as community projects.

If anyone would like to be involved, please contact Sarah Leventhorpe on 01635 255293.

We shall of course be subject to any relevant Government advice and restrictions.





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Halloween Fun

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As darkness descends and with torches for light Large groups of keen "tricksters" set off in the night. Impressive carved pumpkins sit by the front doors Together with bowls full of sweeties- of course! There's so many children, the race has begun To reach sweets and chocolates before they're all gone!

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The Community Café has settled back into a happy weekly event again. Our visitors have news to share with each other whilst enjoying a hot drink (cold is available brrr) and a biscuit or two.

Although it currently seems to be a local group please invite anyone to join in and perhaps meet more new people. The café is open every Friday from 10.00 to 11.30 and is held in St Thomas Church in Woolton Hill. You may know one or two of our coffee/tea makers – Angie Maxwell, Carol Currey

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GOOD NEWS Beaver Scouts are Back ! We now have a super new Beaver Leader and an Assistant.

We held an Introduction meeting for parents and children where we played some games, made aeroplanes and had sing-song.

Beavers will now be meeting every Monday evening at East Woodhay Village Hall.

The Beavers have now held their first 'real 'meeting and have already started to earn some Badges, and learning about Maps in a fun way. They have been playing games, making things, and singing songs and now planning an adventure outdoors when they will be practicing their new skills.



Meanwhile, the Cubs in the Cub Pack have been very busy too.

They've had a super time grass sledging, been on a Nature hike, learning about recycling and making a model town.

Soon we hope to go on a night hike through the forest and visit the West Berkshire Foodbank to help them in their work.

There are plans for more exciting activities, lots of badges to earn

We would like to take in more children in Cubs and Beavers so we are looking for more adult so we can expand our numbers

If you think you can help our Cubs or Beavers, and want to know more of what is involved please contact mo.osborne@btinternet.com



From The Archives

P.C.C

The Parochial Church Council met for the quarterly meeting on October 13th.

A letter read from the Parish Council stated that they fully accepted responsibility for the tidiness of the gravel surround of the War Memorial. The wooden surround is to be repaired from the Memorial Fund.

St.Thomas'Church Magazine, November 1958

Dear friends,

The Clergy House, 2 Flexford Close, Highclere

November is a month of various Remembrances. The 1st is All Saints Day when the Christian Church gives thanks for the many saints of every generation; these are people regarded as examples of what it means to be a faithful, dedicated. and courageous follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christian folk are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of the saints in faith, hope, and love. November 2nd is All Souls Day (more commonly known as a day to commemorate the faithful departed); this is a very personal day when the church invites us to remember, and to give thanks for, the people who are special to us. There will be a Church Service in St Thomas's. Woolton Hill for local people to remember loved ones see the page with a list of church services. November 5th recalls an infamous day in English national history, during a period of religious turmoil, when a small aroup of desperate men attempted the overthrow of the king and the ruling classes. Bonfire Night hides the significance of a pivotal point from 400 years ago in our national story. November 8th is the day when the saints and martyrs of England are remembered – some of these folk were instrumental in forging the early English nation; some of them played a major part in the development of the English state – courageous men such as William Tyndale who was regarded as a threat to the Tudor state at the height of the English Reformation because of his translation of the Bible into English - a forerunner of the King James Bible of 1604 which 'gave God an English voice!'. November 11th is Remembrance Day which, along with Remembrance Sunday falling this year on the 14th. are poignant national, Commonwealth, and international days when nations recall the conflicts of the past - giving thanks for the sacrifices of millions of people in overcoming the militarism and fascism of two world wars. Details of Remembrance Day Services can be found on the Church Services page.

Meanwhile, fighting on another front continues – against Coronavirus! Even if you have been double-vaccinated it is not 100% protection against COVID-19. If you haven't been vaccinated my question would be "Why is that?" Being vaccinated protects everyone – so that is a way of showing our care and respect for one another – what I like to call 'the Common Good'. The pandemic is not over, the virus is still around, thousands of people are infected every week; so we would be wise to continue to observe sensible precautions – helping to protect others as well as ourselves. What with great concern around fuel supplies, energy price rises, and a rising cost of living, we try, as Canon Christine would say, to "Keep calm and carry on!"

Canon Marvin.

Fi	rom the Church Registers: September 20	21
1st September 6th September	Funeral: may they rest in peace Vernon Stuart Stuart-Smith Lynette Judy Burgess Peet	Woolton Hill Crux Easton
	Burial of ashes: may they rest in peace	
1st September	Margaret Marsh	Woolton Hill
6th September	Ronald Hugh Peet	Crux Easton
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Christ the King Matins (BCP) East Woodhay 9.30a
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Evensong (BCP) Crux Easton 5.00p
SUN 28 th Holy Communion (<i>BCP</i>) Highclere 8.00a
Advent Parish Communion Woolton Hill 9.30a
Sunday Messy Church Ashmansworth 9.30a
Advent Carol Service East Woodhay 6.00p
WED 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th Nov Holy Communion Woolton Hill 10.00 am
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East Woodhay Local History Society

A fter a break of 19 months, the History Society met on September 20th with a wonderful turnout of 32 members. The speaker was Sue Ellis, with the topic being about Anglo Saxon Hoards. She mainly talked about the Sutton Hoo ship burial and the Staffordshire hoard.

Sutton Hoo is near Woodbridge in Suffolk where there had been a lot of Saxon activity. The site had been found in Victorian times and some iron screw bolts were found. They thought they were Roman and sent them to the blacksmith to be melted



A so-called 'ghostly' image of the buried ship was revealed during excavations in 1939. The 'ghost' effect was the result of sand discoloured by the organic matter which had rotted away. Still from a film made by H. J. Phillips, brother of Charles Phillips.

down! Eventually the site belonged to Mrs Edith May Pretty who, in the late 1930s, thought it required further investigation. She was recommended



archaeologist, Basil Brown, and this proved an excellent choice as he was very methodical and rigorous in his excavations. This led to highly detailed records being kept – written, mapped and drawn. Not only was there the main ship burial but there was also a smaller ship burial plus two cremation sites nearby. 1939 saw the main excavation begin with Basil being assisted by Edith's gardener and gamekeeper and they gradually uncovered the 90-foot ship and its treasures.

to contact a local

At this point professional archaeologists became involved with Basil staying on site to prevent looting. No body was found due to the nature of the soil that had totally decayed the bones. The finds were declared treasure trove with Edith the legal owner. She promptly donated it all to the country and it was all removed to London just as World War 2 was starting. The ship was covered over with bracken and soil.

Following the war, the research into the artefacts restarted. It was a highly complex job as they were in many pieces with the famous helmet being in miniscule bits. However, the task was made slightly easier due to Basil's precise recording. Up to this point, the Saxons were not thought to be particularly skilled but these finds changed all that. The precision and detail were of the highest order and it is still not known how they achieved

East Woodhay Local History Society

the quality. For example, there are many small pieces of garnet that have all been cut to the same size and shape but it is not known how they achieved that feat. It was also discovered that some of the metals came from places far away, such as Sri Lanka, which showed a far more complex system of trade routes than previously known. The buckle is an excellent example of their work and was made in three pieces. A hollow section was found in it and it is thought that it might have contained a holy relic as, at this time, Christianity was becoming established though they still held on to their Pagan beliefs. It is thought there may be



A replica of the Sutton Hoo helmet produced for the British Museum by the Royal Armouries

more of these burials yet to be found and, in 2003, the 'Prince of Prittlewell' burial was found in Essex.

In 2009, in a field near Lichfield, Staffordshire, a metal detectorist made a discovery that led to over 4,000 pieces being found. They had been placed in a pit and were all muddled up with pieces coming from swords, spears and helmets. The hoard was bought by the Birmingham and Stoke-on-Trent City Councils with the proceeds being split between the detectorist and the field owner. Research showed that Sutton Hoo's artefacts were earlier but the items

showed the same high level of craftmanship. This proved that, at the time, this was the norm, nationwide and continuing for some time. As the pieces had been removed from the swords and spears, and then bent, it is thought that they are spoils of war. It is now thought that the weapons themselves could not be reused as they embodied the spirit of the owner hence, they only took the gold and jewels.

All in all, this was a wonderful talk and well-illustrated by Sue's photographs. More can be found online as well as by visiting the relevant museums.

This month's meeting will be on Monday 15th November at 8pm in the Village Hall, Heath End. Phil Wood will be talking about the history of Newbury's Pubs.



East Woodhay Society

November Walks

After such a long break due to Covid it was great to meet up again for Walking for Health and have a chat whilst walking in our lovely area. 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 5^{th} and 19^{th} November.

AGM and Charity

The EWS AGM will be on Thursday 11th November at 7pm and will be held by Zoom. With many Covid cases still in the area (see www. wooltonhill.com for latest numbers) it was felt it would be safer to hold the event via teleconference.

Thank you for the couple of suggestions of local charities I have received. Please do send me details if you know of a charity with a local focus which we should consider supporting.



Congratulations

to EWS member James Mitchell for running the London Marathon at the beginning of October.

James said, 'The obvious charity to support for me was Mencap. My Downs brother Rupert has been a constant source of amazement and fun for us all. Rupert has touched so many lives in a positive way and Mencap have been a huge help and support to Rupert, us, and the whole Downs community.'

After the race James told me that the run had gone really well but he had hated the final 750m. I have a feeling I may have hated the other 26miles and seen the final 750m as a relief that the finish was eventually arriving. I guess that shows a lot in our relative fitness!

Well done James, this is a fantastic achievement. If anyone would like to donate to Mencap, please go to https:// uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/ make-a-donation/ and

search for James.

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The embroidered cards were sent to her and her Mother. The Christmas



one opens up and there is a note inside written by Walter which says – To Rhoda. A merry Christmas and a happy New Year. From Walt in France.

I treasure these items and cannot believe that they are still in very good condition after 104 years.

Bertha Bates









My parents Brian and Jeanne Hornsey on the steps of the Town Hall on their wedding day in Brussels in November 1945.



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My father was in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, and my mother was serving with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration working with refugees from Eastern Europe.

Though she had not actually fought in the war she had been active in the Belgian Resistance and had been imprisoned by the German SS. Along with many other prisoners she had been on a train bound for Germany and the concentration camps but thanks to ingenious stalling tactics by brave members of the Resistance they were released just ahead of the Allies' liberation of Brussels in September 1944.

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or many gardeners managing the • 'ups and downs' of nurturing and tending plants helps us to face similar experiences in everyday life. and this was the position Annabelle Padwick, our speaker for September, found herself in at the age of 27 when she began cultivating an allotment. Raising edible plants from seed. growing a giant marrow and eating her own produce gave her a great sense of achievement, despite some small failures! Within the space of a few years, Annabelle had trained in horticulture and psychotherapy and had set up her own small gardening charity 'Life at Number 27' for the benefit of local people in Oxford who may be experiencing anxiety, stress, isolation and depression.

Annabelle spoke enthusiastically about the positive impact that looking after a small 4 x 3 metre plot can have on a person. Selecting one's favourite vegetables, choosing the cultivation methods to use and organising



the layout of the plot whilst still having some experts on hand to give support for mental health as well as horticulture

is key to the ethos of the charity. Volunteer helpers often stand back a little and just allow those successes and failures to happen, as this is what helps to build resilience in their clients.

But individual 'allotmenteering' is not the only work undertaken by the charity. Annabelle also works with groups of children in local schools; a primary after-school club '50 Minutes in the Garden' and supporting a group of young teenagers who enjoy making beauty products, such as lotions and balms, with different plants. Annabelle believes that this 'muddy play' and 'being present' in the moment are what is most beneficial to the children taking part in the activities and indeed, for the adults taking on an allotment. And really, this is gardening - an opportunity to put one's hands in the soil and become immersed in the activity!

The photographs this month are of my daughter's allotment. She began cultivating her allotment at the age of 30, just a few years older than Annabelle, and would agree that it has been a very positive experience.

If you would like to find out more about 'Life at No 27', you can follow them on 'Facebook'. Or research 'Thrive' which is another gardening charity doing similar work. Lorna Rains



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Diversity

The topic of our September meeting was Diversity, defined as: the practice or quality of including or involving people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds and of different genders, sexual orientations, etc.

The 2011 census revealed that 14% of the UK population is ethnic minority. There is clear evidence of a growing acceptance of diversity in social and workplace settings. Positive discrimination has obviously helped although care has to be taken in satisfying diversity guidelines.

After many centuries of discrimination against women, the tide has turned. Businesses and organisations now welcome and encourage women into senior roles. In the past, priority for training was given to young men. Women had to wait their turn, and according to one of our group that turn never came. Some of us remembered when employers dictated what women should not wear and terminated their employment when they became pregnant. At last, diversity has reached the fashion houses and magazines. Adverts regularly feature larger women of varying ages and ethnicity in their photo shoots.

These were just some aspects of difference which started the discussion. This led onto the trials of living with disability. One member highlighted how the life chances of disabled children and adults are steadily improving with support for their families in addition to extra financial provision. There are now far more opportunities in business, in the media and in sport. Their success in the recent Paralympic Games was one such example.

Finally, the resettlement of refugees, the hidden talents of some with autism (think Chris Packham) and matters concerning LGBT and trans people All in all, an evening of lively discussion.



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- Connect Provide a bit of tailored support to help a person to get connected to the service they need. This may be making a phone call, filling in a form on their behalf or making first introductions to a group.

Examples include: reviewing benefit eligibility; completing forms, such as Attendance Allowance and Blue Badge; locating tradespeople for your home and garden; finding transport; signposting to home services, such as cleaners and meal delivery, and much more.

You can contact Sarah, East Woodhay & Highclere's Community Information Volunteer, on 07806659449



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East Woodhay Parish Council



Traffic Calming Measures – Church Road report

We have now downloaded the information from our first site in Church Road and it makes for interesting reading. Consider that for most of its length, with the exception of the entrances to the Infant school and the Church, this road has no pavement.

During the period from the 21^{st} September to the 4^{th} October we recorded a total of 7150 movements. This equates to an average weekday volume of traffic of 580 movements a day with 510 at the weekends. Unsurprisingly, the peak times were between 8 - 9 am in the morning with 78 movements an hour (62 at weekends) and between 3 and 4 pm in the afternoon with 80 movements an hour and 63 at weekends.

During this period the top speed was 55 mph, although this was at 6am in the morning. Of more concern was the fact that of the 7150 movements, over 25% of the people were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. Even travelling at 30 mph the stopping distance on a dry road is 23 metres. This is extended by 5 metres, to 28 metres when travelling at 35 mph. In wet conditions, which is probably more common as we move into winter, at 30 mph stopping distance is increased by 3 up to 12 metres depending upon the depth of tread in your tyres. In the worst case this could mean a 35 metre stopping distance, even at 30 mph.

The next site will be in Trade Street and we will be reporting on the findings in the December edition of Spectrum.

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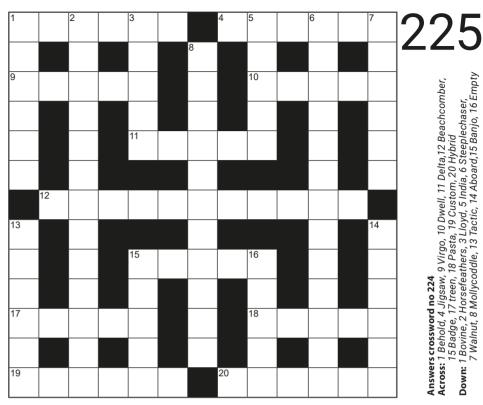
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Across

- 1. Bird delivers short magazine before pastry dish (6)
- 4. Hard to find fuel here, might be some on the Spanish side (6)
- 9. What you hope your vehicle will do when carrying goods (5)
- 10. With the right shot it doesn't matter if you aren't tall enough (5)
- 11. Long for year to go north (5)
- 12. Son is late, an extraordinary event! (9)
- 15. Father sly about paralysis and tremors (5)
- 17. Soppily, is out when curious growth is discovered (5)
- 18. Crouch down in fear when cow heads for queen (5)
- 19. She bore my child carelessly; this is how it began (6)
- 20. Is rain strange, because fruit has dried? (6)

Down

- 1. Take a moment for Robin Goodfellow to set up a model (6)
- 2. Note grand recluse turning out to form local association (9,4)
- 3. See Roy in a different light when being sarcastic, though quite amusing (5)
- 5. Playwright in crib sends for a doll's house (5)
- 6. Slab worth most to indoor sport (5,3,5)
- 7. Find moisturiser in loot (6)
- 8. Test parable by wearing armour (11)
- 13. Lights are low, begin to say 'please', and smile to reveal attractive feature (6)
- 14. Old coin for little Linda (6)
- 15. Summer bloomer with appeal in November (5)
- 16. Another summer bloomer, sounds nasty at first (5)

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