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Editorial



I hope you all enjoyed the various Platinum Jubilee celebrations, especially the Picnic in the Park with the hog roast which was sponsored by Spectrum Magazine.

My earliest recollection of the Royal Family was on the morning of my eighth birthday on Wednesday, February 6th 1952. I had arrived in high spirits at Padworth Primary School only to find my teacher, Mrs Wilkins, weeping at her desk.

"It's my birthday, Mrs Wilkins, why are you crying, whatever is the matter?" I asked.

"The King has died," she replied.

Indeed, King George VI had passed away during the night. No one had told me and we had no television or telephone or much mass communication of any kind in those days. Mrs Wilkins must have heard it on the morning radio which was hardly ever on at our house. So as of that day Princess Elizabeth acceded to the throne as Queen Elizabeth II and in June the following year I remember cycling along to Padworth Common to celebrate her coronation. All the children received a commemorative mug as shown in last month's Spectrum but mine is long gone, I'm sorry to say! All so long ago but the Queen is still serving the nation as faithfully as ever and setting the ultimate example of dedication to duty, bless her.

JH

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Diary of Events July 2022

Saturday	2nd	St Thomas' Summer Fair	St Thomas' Church Grounds	2-4pm
Monday	4th	Evergreens	HVH	2-4pm
Wednesday	6th	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
		NWR		8pm
Friday	8th	Community Cafe	St. Thomas' Church	9.30-11am
		Walking for Health	WHCH	10.30am
Saturday	9th	Village Market	WHCH	10.30am-1pm
Tuesday	12th	EW WI	EWVH	2.30pm
Wednesday	13th	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Friday	15th	Community Cafe	St. Thomas' Church	9.30-11am
		Walking for Health	WHCH	10.30am
Tuesday	19th	Arbor Flora	HVH	2pm
Wednesday	20th	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
		NWR		8.00pm
Friday	22nd	Community Cafe	St. Thomas' Church	9.30-11am
		Walking for Health	WHCH	10.30am
Monday	25th	EW Parish Council	EWVH	7.30pm
Wednesday	27th	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Friday	29th	Community Cafe	St. Thomas' Church	9.30-11am
		Walking for Health	WHCH	10.30am

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& St Martin's Guild East Woodhay Jubilee Community Party - 4 June 2022

On behalf of the St Martin's Guild Fete and Party Committee, thank you to everyone who helped with and came to the Fete and the Jubilee Party.

The Fete was blessed with good weather and the crowds came pouring in. Entertainment was provided by the East Woodhay Silver Band who were on fine form. In the Central Arena our ringmaster Simon Everard held Children's Races and the Fun Family Dog Show.

A big thank you also goes to Pete Mason and friends, and Chris Wilkes, who brought some wonderful vintage cars for everyone to look at.

The provisional figures show that we made almost £12,000 on the day and hopefully, including donations and after expenses are taken out, the total should be over £16,000. Individual stall figures will be announced later.

A huge thank you must go to the Stargroves estate especially Charlie Sheppard who did a wonderful job in helping us set-up the Fete, as well as running the Garden Tours.

Thanks to our site manager Graham Heald, to Donald Mackinnon, Hugh Titcomb and Rodolph de Salis who managed the parking, to the gate keepers Hugh Cobbe, Elaine and Andrew Colville and to the amazing tea ladies organised by Sarah Ede. Thanks also to Milly West, Fiona Hurley and volunteers from St Martin's School who ran the spectacular Children's Games alongside the EW Cricket Club and the Woolton Hill Argyle Football Club, the Wheatman family and their beer tent, Anne Aston's Granny's Attic which also included wonderful items sewn by the EW sewing group, the Godfrey family's Ice Cream stall, Rhona Everard's cake stall, Jenny Sanders' Books, the Wilsons' Tombola, Sarah Porter's wonderful plant stall, the Foxons' Sausage Sizzle, and Jonathan Hopson's raffle, Neighbourcare and the W.I., as well as the many willing volunteers who put up the tents, manned the stalls and sideshows all afternoon, put it all away at the end of the day and still had the energy to go again the following day to set up everything for the Jubilee Party.

For the party our thanks go to Kristen Foxon and her wonderful band of flower ladies who made the tent look truly amazing, to the East Woodhay Flower Show and Kim Boreham for their help, to our wonderful auctioneer Chris Boreham and our volunteer bar and security staff.

Thanks also to our caterer Gig Lees as well as the wonderful Jim Meacham and the Fat Chance Band for making it a night to remember.

Thank you everyone.

Sarah Leventhorpe
on behalf of the St Martin's Guild Committee



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Growing2gether–Community Gardening



Growing2gether functions primarily as a horticultural therapy and environmental education centre for adults and young people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities and mental health issues. It also serves as a food growing hub for all members of the local community, particularly children.

A group from East Woodhay Society visited their large site at Cottismore near Kingsclere on an open day in May. We were treated to an extensive tour by the Project Manager, Sharon Chapman, and were really impressed by the way the site has been developed to support a wide range of activities.

Sharon is one of a full time team of four, along with twelve regular volunteers and several more seasonal or occasional helpers, whose skills range from gardening and DIY to construction and even cooking!

The Centre aims to give opportunities to those within the community who are disadvantaged in some way, regardless of age or ability, and has links with several local schools.

Young children can enjoy splashing and bashing in the toddler area while older children can learn about plants or investigate wildlife in the pond dipping zone. Learning to grow food in the orchards, fruit cages or vegetable beds and then learning how to cook it on a BBQ is particularly popular with teenagers.

Adults with learning difficulties are supported in tending the flower beds, and the Centre can offer formal training towards LEAP qualifications.

A huge amount has been achieved in the 15 years of Growing2gether, and they have plans underway for more. A forest trail is in development, along with a pergola and an outdoor cooking zone. Poly tunnels are being established for propagation and further raised beds for wheelchair users.

Gardening with wildlife is a priority, and they aim to be chemical free. Construction materials and tools have been donated and reclaimed / recycled.

How can we help? Money, materials and time!

East Woodhay Society has nominated Growing2gether as their 'good cause of the year', so please contact Chairman Mark Rand on eastwoodhayso-ciety@gmail.com, if you would like to make a donation.

Materials: They would be grateful for ANY gardening tools from dibbers and trowels upwards. (Plant pots not required). Construction materials for gardening projects would also be helpful, contact them to discuss.

Time: If you enjoy basic gardening or DIY, they would appreciate your help. If you just want an hour to yourself in the fresh air you can offer some solitary weeding or planting. If you have more time, perhaps help on one of their new projects, or assist their clients with planting.



The volunteers we met all told us what a friendly place it is to work. Pictured in the orchard are: Mark Rand, Chair East Woodhay Society, Sharon Chapman, Project Manager, Lorna Rains, Secretary, Woolton Hill Gardening Club and Paul Hurst, Vice Chair East Woodhay Parish Council
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A big 'Thank you' to everyone who supported us either by donation or by buying, you all contributed to a successful sale. Special thanks to Neville and Sharon Perris for bringing along their tractor and trailer load of plants and for donating the proceeds to our funds.

Our next event is

 **THE FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW** 

to be held on Saturday 20th August at East Woodhay Village Hall. A fun day which brings the community together in friendly rivalry! **So come on all you gardeners, cooks, crafters, flower arrangers, photographers.....**Check out the classes you can enter at www.eastwoodhayflowershow.co.uk and print off an entry form or pick up a schedule from The Stores, Broad Layings. There is something for the whole family, go on give it a go - there are lots of cups to win and it could be YOU taking one home 🏆🏆🏆

National Women's Register



Our first NWR meeting in May revolved around the questions 'What is great art' and 'Should the arts be government funded?'

Opening comments immediately established great art is very subjective and elicits strong emotional sentiments. Examples of great art as varied as sculpture, literature and opera definitely enriched our lives but without art galleries, libraries, theatres how could we share these riches?

In the UK the arts are partly funded by the government through taxation and many other sources at a cost of approximately £33 per household. In 2009 The Department for Culture, Media and Sport was created directly sponsoring 15 museums and galleries in England mainly in London. The Arts Council of England promoting the performing, visual and literary arts provided a financial lifeline to many professionals during lockdown and since 1994 it has been responsible for distributing Lottery Funding. However, without these two government organisations and the numerous charities and individual sponsors supporting the arts our lives would be unimaginably impoverished.

The second May meeting asked which inventions or innovations over the last 50 years have improved our lives. This subject covered a wide-ranging discussion. Technology and the internet have sparked many new innovations. ATMs have enabled 24hr

service enabling cash withdrawals at any time and bank transfers and payments can now be done at home from laptops. The internet has redefined how we search and share information worldwide while the iPhone has transformed and advanced communications. GPS, a global positioning system, was first advanced by the American military, although the signals are sometimes poor in towns, tunnels and bad weather.

Monsanto, an American agrochemical corporation, developed genetically modified crops which was very controversial. The crop yields are high and can be resistant to disease which benefits many poor countries. 3D printing technology can be traced back to 1980s Japan and by 2009 many businesses, designers, architects, medics and the public had access to this printing technique. Many buildings and medical prostheses are designed using this complicated technique. In 2009 the first prosthetic leg was printed and recently hearing aids too.


Other innovations included solar panels, word processors, digital voice recorders, microwaves, small rechargeable batteries and the Kindle which was launched in 2007. Its main advantages are variable font size and no heavy books to carry! Our final invention was the drone which is used extensively in filming, reporting in war zones and in search and rescue.



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East Woodhay Society



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic in the Park



It probably seems a while ago since we were all enjoying the 4 days at the beginning of June to celebrate her Majesty's Platinum anniversary. Certainly, the wonderful sketch of Paddington with Her Majesty will probably live long in all our thoughts.

Locally we made our own special memories and thank you to everyone who came along on Sunday 5th June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Picnic in the Park in Woolton Hill. We estimate that there were over 500 there. I have received many comments about how it was wonderful to have a cheerful event where people could just catch up with others and have a good time.

Although it could have been warmer, we were extremely fortunate with the weather that it did not start raining until just after all the gazebos and chairs had been put away. Indeed, a couple of days before, the weather forecast was so bad that we wondered if it was going to be a washout. So, we certainly counted our blessings.

Thanks to all those who were involved in the planning and for supporting East Woodhay Society committee in making the event a success. Working with Revd Christine Dale and Angie Maxwell, it was great to dovetail with the civic service at St Thomas' Church earlier on the day.

Thanks on the day to:

Spectrum for sponsoring an excellent hog roast which actually fed 370 rather than the expected 200

Music was provided by East Woodhay Silver Band and Newbury Rock Choir and both really captured the mood of the day

Steve Waite for the ice creams which sold out

Sports Club who provided short tennis coaching for children

..... and whoever organised the extremely low flypast by the Chinook.

The photos alongside were kindly captured by Jim Hannington, this month's Spectrum editor.

Woodhay Walkers



We look forward to our next Friday walks especially as the weather becomes warmer and we can enjoy our wonderful local countryside. These walks are for all so just come along with suitable footwear. Not all information is known at the time of writing so please see the website or send an email (details below).

Friday 24th June - a walk in Burghclere

Friday 1st July - a 3 mile walk starting at 10.30am from Woolton Hill Church

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Friday 8 July - an awayday

Friday 15 July - a 4 mile walk starting at 10.30am from Woolton Hill Church Hall

Friday 22 July - Highclere Park

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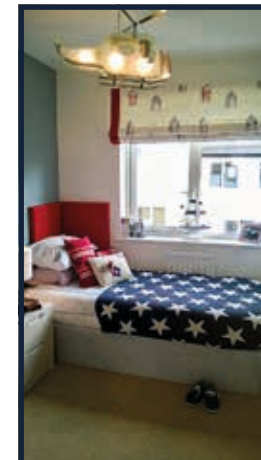
We are delighted that our concrete table tennis tables are now installed in the WH recreation ground. New picnic benches will follow shortly.

Speed Calming Measures

Since our last report in the April edition of Spectrum, we have covered a further 6 sites around the Parish and although the majority of drivers are keeping within the 30 mph limit, there are still some examples of extreme speeds on certain roads within Woolton Hill. The two roads which stand out in this regard are Woolton Hill Road, which we have now monitored in five different locations and Church Road, in two locations.

In the most recent survey on the Woolton Hill Road opposite to the Woolton Hill Sports Club, a speed of 60 mph was recorded with 30% of the vehicles travelling over 30mph. Given the slow signs painted on the road, the entrance to the Woolton Hill Sports Club and the blind bend before the Trade Street/Tile Barn Row crossroads, it is hard to believe that these drivers feel that these speeds are acceptable. In Church Road a speed of 55 mph was recorded at 4.35pm with over 30% of vehicles travelling over 30 mph.

We have meetings planned in June with both the Head of the Junior School and also our local Police representative to organise "Speedwatch" campaigns in these areas of the village which seem to attract the most excessive speed.

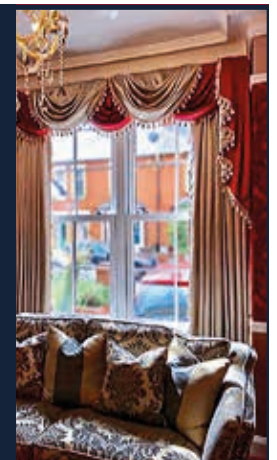


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Jayne Roch & Sarah Pook

From the Church Registers: May 2022

Baptism: we ask God's blessing on the lives of....

29th May	Ophelia Jane Radcliffe) Eleanor Rose Radcliffe)	East Woodhay
29th May	Amelia Grace Ioana Pearce) Eloise Maria Ioana Pearce)	Woolton Hill

Wedding: may God bless their life together

14th May	Mark Carter & Claire Whitworth	Highclere
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Funeral: may she rest in peace

18th May	Carolyn Anne Tomalin	Highclere West Berkshire Crematorium
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Burial of ashes: may they rest in peace

5th May	Peter & Elizabeth Jean Fifield	East Woodhay
27th May	Ronald & Barbara Scribbins	Woolton Hill

Memorial Service: with thanksgiving for their lives

25th May	Henry & Mary Open	Crux Easton
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Fixing the Shed

Now we're in Summer, and weather is fine
There's a long list of jobs—if Dad has the time?
The shed door is broken, Mum calls out "Go fix it"
Dad grumbles and sulks – says "I want to watch cricket!"

He opens the door, had forgotten what's there
It's crammed full of stuff he would first have to clear.
Right at the back, almost hidden from view,
A bag with the cricket set – he knows what to do.

Calls to the kids, "Grab the bag and let's run
Down to the Sports Ground for games and some fun."
Soon all is set up, the game's underway
With friends joining in, all enjoying the play.

A feeling of guilt creeps in—Mum will be cross.
Solution of course is to buy her some chocs!
She's pleased with the treat and this raises a smile,
Says—"Work in the shed?—that can wait for a while!"

Moyra Harkness



Dear friends,

The Clergy House, Highclere

My final Sunday Service in the Benefice is July 24th and I'm deeply grateful to the folk of St Martin's, East Woodhay for hosting this occasion. I am also very grateful to Canon Christine for inviting me to compose a final letter for the Parish and Spectrum magazines.

On retirement, clergy are usually required to settle outside the parish in which they last ministered and so we will be leaving Highclere and North West Hampshire benefice soon after my final Sunday. We are moving 'up north'—to the seaside town of Morecambe—to be near to our eldest son and our lovely daughter-in-law who live some 16 miles further north on the outskirts of Kendal in Cumbria. We will also be much nearer to our younger son who is just across the Irish Sea. In retirement it will be one of our joys to be able to see more of our family. We have been in Highclere for nearly 4 years, and have been very happy. We are truly grateful to folk in the five churches of the benefice, and the wider communities, for your friendship and kindness.

The time has come to move on into the next stage of our journey. I doubt anyone finds change easy because it can be disturbing but life is all about change, and how we deal with that is what makes life interesting! But the real meaning of life "Why are we here?" can, I believe be summed up in the word 'COMPASSION'. If we could all discover what compassion means in any given situation, then we ourselves, and the whole world would be a much happier place. Christian ministry has a part to play in helping people to think about such issues, and we can all play a part by being compassionate people.

Locally my departure leaves Canon Christine, once again, without a local clergy colleague. Please keep her in your prayers and give her the support which she certainly deserves. There are other changes in our Ministry Team personnel due to changing circumstances, with, thankfully, a new licensed minister – lovely Suki Coe – joining the Team from early October.

On moving our email address remains *the same*—marvinandsue72@gmail.com – and our address will be: 12, Ellis Drive, Bare, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA4 6DN – so please feel free to keep in touch.

A final thought: downsizing from our large 4 bedroom home in Highclere to a 2 bed bungalow in Morecambe has been challenging but truly therapeutic – we can recommend it!

Thank you and God bless you all,

Canon Marvin.

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SUN 10th <i>Trinity 4</i>	Holy Communion Parish Communion Matins Holy Communion	East Woodhay Woolton Hill Highclere Ashmansworth	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am
SUN 17th <i>Trinity 5</i>	Morning Worship Matins Parish Communion Evensong	Woolton Hill East Woodhay Highclere Crux Easton	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm
SUN 24th <i>Trinity 6</i>	Holy Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong... <i>...with thanks and farewell to Canon Marvin & Sue</i>	Highclere Woolton Hill East Woodhay	8.00am 9.30am 6.00pm
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Civic Service for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The churches of Woolton Hill and East Woodhay joined together for a Civic Service on 5th June at St Thomas' Church to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The large congregation sang with vigour. St Martin's School Choir performed 'Sing', written and composed by Gary Barlow and Andrew

Lloyd Webber in 2012 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. St Thomas' and St Martin's Church choirs sang 'A life lived with grace' by Vincent Ateuyi and Lucy Kiely, a new song for the Commonwealth written for the Platinum Jubilee and to be sung by choirs in all 54 Commonwealth countries.

The flowers with the Jubilee theme in the church were arranged by members of both church flower teams. (See page 27)

After the service the congregation enjoyed cakes and fizz.



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St Martin's CE Primary School



Year R Offsite Visits

Offsite visits are incredibly important at St Martin's – not only do the children love them, they also enhance the teaching and learning and give children experiences that cannot be had in the classroom!

When the children begin in Year R they have many opportunities to enhance their education through visits to local places of interest. When asked about the trips that they go on, the Year R children were very keen to share what they do, so that others can come to the school and also experience these visits!

The Year R class have just been for a visit to a local smallholding which is run by a friend of the school. They saw many different animals—a definite favourite was the turkey that flapped its wings and caught the Year R teacher in the face! They also spoke about the horses, ponies,

cockerel and lambs. One of the children spoke about the rubber egg that is placed in the hen house. She explained that the farmer puts this in there to show the chickens where they should be laying their eggs.

During the Spring term the children normally take a trip to Donnington Castle in Newbury. This is part of their topic on castles but they also play games, have a snack and enjoy running up the hill!

A regular highlight for the Year R children are the 'Welly Walks'. The

children all change into their wellies and walk up the lane, opposite the school, into the countryside. They explore the area and bring many items back into the classroom to go onto the Nature Table. The children were very keen to tell me that they go on a walk 'even if it's raining and pouring'. These walks may have a purpose, for example collecting fallen leaves for an autumn display, or they may just be used as a learning experience, looking at different seasons and the world around them.

We are also extremely lucky to have some very supportive neighbours in the village who have a wonderful garden and encourage the children at St Martin's to visit. The children are able to walk to the garden and spend some time exploring. This term they saw the lambs and had a picnic.

On all the activities, the children are accompanied by school adults, who know the children well. The benefit of the location of our school is that many of these experiences have no costs involved – we are simply making the most of the amazing environment in which we are situated!

If you would like to find out more about St Martin's School please visit the school website or contact the school office.

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Memories of Chelsea May 2022

Chelsea! Anticipation! Excitement building as we waited for the day to arrive!

Best summer outfits, straw hats and comfortable old shoes! A long, slow journey to London; but still early as we joined the crowd at Sloane Square, everyone smiling and chatting desultorily all the way to Chelsea to secure a glimpse of their favourite garden! Processing straight down Main Avenue with people wearing flowers; on dresses, on scarves, on shirts, on suits and bags, our garden day began.

A beautiful, formal garden, designed by Richard Miers, for 'Perennial' was nearby. I secured a place at the front of the garden, and a volunteer gave me a leaflet. So, we chatted, and I mentioned that I had heard of 'Perennial', as my garden club supported the charity with a small donation every year. "Would you like to come into the garden?" she said. So, amazingly, I found myself in the garden, with everyone wondering why I was important enough to enter a Chelsea Show Garden! The garden, named "The Perennial Garden 'With Love'", was exquisite; a classical formal layout with a central canal leading to a modern, neon sign with a quote by the poet Tennyson; clipped hawthorn trees on either side of the canal;

domes of yew, and the entire space enclosed by hornbeam hedging. I caught the scent of chamomile lawn and roses as I walked slowly along towards a bench at the far end of the canal, from where I had a view down the centre of the garden.

Planting along the length of the garden was in greens, whites and plum colours. Such simplicity and beauty, but all familiar plants, some of which I have in my own garden. Here are a few; Gladiolus x colvillii 'The Bride'—gladioli, Digitalis purpurea f. albiflora—foxglove, Centaurea



montana 'Alba'—cornflower, Paeonia lactiflora 'Duchesse de Nemours'—paeony, Rosa 'Desdemona—rose', Lupinus 'Masterpiece—lupin', Astrantia major 'Large White' and tiny

Viola cornuta 'Alba' for shady spots. The selection of a palette of greens with only two flower colours was indicative of inspired design.

I wasn't surprised that my head was filled with the memory of that garden for days afterwards and I wasn't surprised either when this garden won 'The people's choice' award. If you would like to find out more about the garden, go to the RHS website or perennial.org.uk.

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Olivia Macbeth, a really talented local singer, will be entertaining everyone, and there will be delicious cake and freshly-cooked breakfast rolls, both raising money for local charities.

Our local PCSOs will also be in residence with their patrol car, parked up for the children to explore!

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East Woodhay Women's Institute



May was a very happy month for us as we had two meetings.

On the 10th we met for our A.G.M. followed by an informal quiz and on the 13th eleven of us met at the Hawk Conservancy, Andover for our outing. It was a beautiful day, weather wise. After coffee we set off to the first flying ground where we were treated to an African experience. No one could fail to be impressed by the beautiful birds and the fact that the 'flyers' made sure everyone had a close up view. After lunch, always a highlight, some went to see the Eagles flying and others visited the shop and sat in the sun in the court yard. Thank you, Jane, for organizing such a lovely day.

June Milsom.

What nationality was the Duke of Wellington?



Despite his reputation as one of England's greatest generals, Arthur Wellesley, the 1st Duke of Wellington, was unarguably an Irishman. He was born in Dublin in 1769 into the Wesley family which changed its name to Wellesly in 1798, because it sounded grander.....

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Letters to the Editor

A huge vote of thanks to Mark Rand and the East Woodhay Society who organised the Jubilee Picnic on Sunday 5th June which included great entertainment from our local East Woodhay Silver Band and the excellent Rock Choir. The Hog Roast, provided by Spitting Pig and sponsored by Spectrum Magazine, was fantastic and the staff were still smiling cheerfully when the end of the queue finally reached them. It was lovely to see so many people gathered at the Recreation Ground, eating, drinking, chatting and generally enjoying the whole event.

Thanks again to everyone, I thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

Moyra Harkness

I would like to thank all the vehicle owners who exhibited at the St Martins Guild Jubilee fete. It was an impressive array covering the whole of the Queen's lifetime. I was also grateful that the owners displayed the history of their cars and were on hand to chat to all the interested spectators.

I was especially pleased that Tony Lacy came along in his 1979 Bentley T2 whilst celebrating his 88th birthday. Also, Chris and Mel Wilks with their five cars ranging from 1927 to 1974.

This was the first time that Ed Lawrence had exhibited his 1954 Morris Minor. It originally belonged to his Great Grandfather who had bought it new. It has been handed down through the generations.

Once again, many thanks to all who helped make the vehicle display a memorable event.

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St Thomas' Handbell Ringers



Jubilee Handbell Concert

The handbell concert held in St Thomas' Church on Saturday 4th June gave the local Jubilee celebrations a musical boost. Our audience was entertained with a range of pieces using many well-known tunes to represent the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

At the beginning, our enthusiastic audience sang along to The National Anthem. Many United Kingdom familiar tunes followed like John Peel, English Country Garden, The Ash Grove, Londonderry Air and Hebridean Suite. We moved on to Canada with Maple Leaf Medley and finally arrived at the other side of the world with Waltzing Matilda in Australia and Pokarekare ana, a Maori love song in New Zealand. Finally, the

performance built up to a crescendo with a forceful rendition of Sandra Winter's 'Celebration Ring' which rang out joyfully, like a peal on tower bells as the bride and groom exit the church on their wedding day.

Celebrations continued as the audience enjoyed their tea, sandwiches and cakes while chatting enthusiastically in groups. Many people were commenting on how much they had enjoyed the concert, with one lady expressing her joy in hearing the Ukrainian National Anthem. It was a pleasure to see such a happy gathering. Thanks to their generosity too, we have collected £100 for church funds and £100 for Ukraine via the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).



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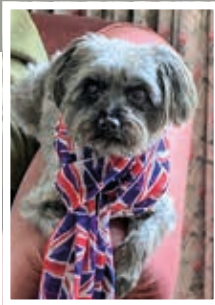
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Burt's Jubilee Blog

Hello again, it's a year ago now since I started my blog and I am delighted to be back. What a weekend the first one in June turned out to be with all the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee. As you can see I got dressed up for the occasion. I went for a visit to Meg at the groomers for a haircut; I then donned my Jubilee scarf for my photo. It has been fantastic to help celebrate the Queen's 70 years on the throne – I wonder if her dogs all put on scarves and waved flags. Perhaps they had extra dog treats? I didn't see any of them on the balcony, but they may have been too frightened by all the noise. All the flags and people in the Mall waving flags was a great sight.



I'm still trotting round the lanes and visiting all my favourite people. I know where they all live and rush to their doors to give them a hearty greeting.

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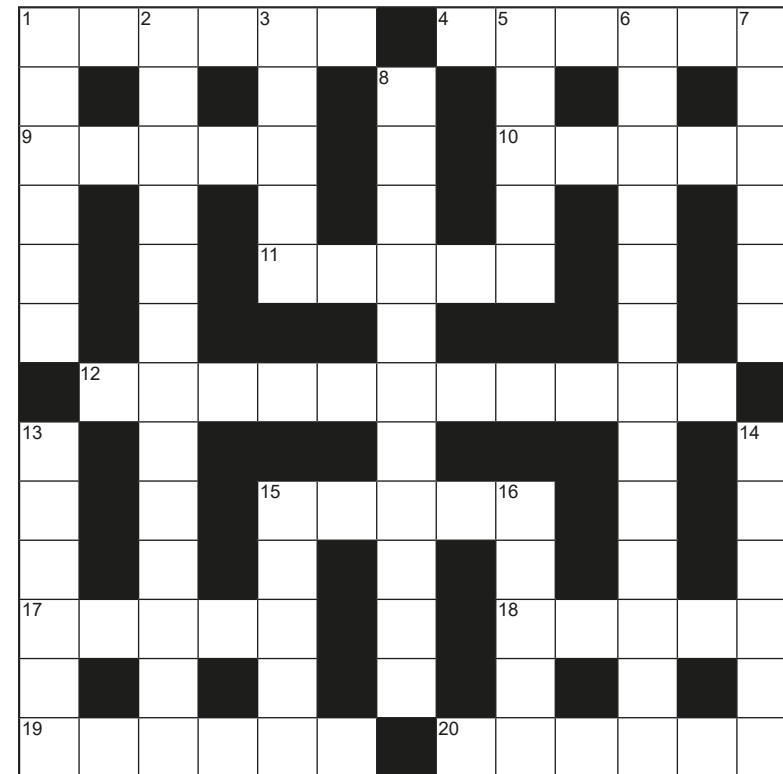
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Down: 1 Gaggle, 2 Mediterranean, 3 Noyes, 4 Night, 6 Hybrid tea rose, 7 Rhesus, 8 Honeysuckle, 13 Almond, 14 Malted, 15 Lance, 16 Larch

Across

1. Ship is twee inside, but full of treats (6)
4. Hear Swedish pop group swear by this old fashioned calculator (6)
9. Lie about alien being superior (5)
10. Vicar rows directly to weapon inside (5)
11. Hummingbird's personification of air (5)
12. Type of tweed jacket, bring her one to unpick (11)
15. Give chef time to go and get it (5)
17. It's bail I have to sort out, even though he has proof he was elsewhere! (5)
18. Right to go to Russian mountains to be in the countryside (5)
19. See the way he is holding back the anger (5)
20. Travelling salesman confused communist friend (6)

Down

1. Pays out for seashore items (6)
2. Like Crossrail, I lie, then blaze into action (9,4)
3. Rest easy initially, then grow from little acorns perhaps (5)
5. Note each place to find 1 down (5)
6. To balance rot, run this type of business (6,7)
7. Popular bee turned from head to tail for JR's family in the 80s (6)
8. Duke's feet not swelling in these! (11)
13. Surprised to see that Sal and Roy make up this family (6)
14. Call about place to store wine (6)
15. Wonder if hat helps girl to believe (5)
16. Animal threw right shoe (5)

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