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Spectrum



Editorial



Well, Hello Everyone! Here we are once again. As usual our headline story is celebrating the Flower Show – actually happened way back in August, but this is the first edition it is available for sharing with you all. Otherwise as I write; children are back to school, holidays probably all over for the year and lots to look forward to in the way of Halloween, Guy Fawkes Night and yes, afraid I'm going to say Christmas too! I can't believe that shops are beginning their Christmas Advent Calendars and chocolates already (and this is whilst the holidays are still on!). I'm really looking forward to some delicious warming soups: butternut & rosemary, parsnip & pear, to name but two of my favourites!

I hope you will find plenty to read about in the pages of this month's Spectrum, and don't forget to let me know if you have any news or celebrations that you would like to share with the community through these pages.

Kathy

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Monday	3 rd	Evergreens	HVH	2 - 4.15pm
Tuesday	4 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Wednesday	5 th	NWR		8pm
Friday	7 th	Woodhay Walkers	from WHCH	10.30am
Friday	7 th	Community Café	St Thomas Church	10-11.30am
Tuesday	11 th	EW WI - A Lantern Show of Victorian Humour	EWVH	2.30pm
Wednesday	12 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Friday	14 th	Woodhay Walkers	from WHCH	10.30am
Friday	14 th	Community Café	St Thomas Church	10-11.30am
Monday	17 th	EWLHS - Sue Ellis, Richard III, Man or Monster	Heath End VH	8pm
Tuesday	18 th	Arbor Flora	HVH	2pm
Wednesday	19 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Wednesday	19 th	NWR		8pm
Friday	21 st	Woodhay Walkers	from WHCH	10.30am
Friday	21 st	Community Café	St Thomas Church	10-11.30am
Wednesday	26 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Thursday	27 th	WH & District Gardening Club: How to Grow Roses Successfully	WHCH	7.45pm
Friday	28 th	Woodhay Walkers	from WHCH	10.30am
Friday	28 th	Community Café	St Thomas Church	10-11.30am
Saturday	29 th	Village Market	WHCH	10 - 1pm
Monday	31 st	EW Parish Council	EWVH	7.30pm
Nov-22				
Tuesday	1 st	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Wednesday	2 nd	NWR		8pm
Thursday	3 rd	AGM East Woodhay Village Hall Committee	EWVH	7.30pm
Friday	4 th	Woodhay Walkers	from WHCH	10.30am
Friday	4 th	Community Café	St Thomas Church	10-11.30am
Monday	7 th	Evergreens	HVH	2-4.15pm
Tuesday	8 th	EW WI - The History of Knitting 1800-1945	EWVH	2.30pm
Wednesday	9 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Friday	11 th	Woodhay Walkers	from WHCH	10.30am
Friday	11 th	Community Café	St Thomas Church	10-11.30am

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Woolton Hill & District Gardeners' Club

Petunias, Tea, Scones And A Lovely Afternoon At The Stapleton's



I wonder if any Garden Club members or other Spectrum readers can guess why I have grouped these annual garden flowers together: sweet pea, fuchsia, pelargonium, surfinia, nasturtium, begonia, dahlia and petunia. Yes, they are all summer 'bedding' plants, but they are also all flowers which have been grown for the annual Summer Garden Party Competition.

According to the Club's written archive, the 'Growing Competition' dates to 1984, when a silver salver was donated by **Mrs R E N Ball** as a prize for the best garden. I can hardly believe that Garden Club members entered their entire gardens in those days, not just one pot-grown flowering plant as happens now. Can you imagine the amount of work involved; pruning, mowing, feeding, growing and watering all summer, trying to make sure the gardens were looking their best on the day of the competition. The very first winner was **Mrs G Elliot**. How exciting it would be to revisit this idea again, although in 2023, such a competition may have to be held in late spring, before the climate-change droughts of summer begin!

But times change and now all our efforts are focused on just one plant each year: the flowers mentioned above, as well as a selection of different vegetables and occasionally, a rose, a miniature garden or, surprisingly, in 1995, a photograph of a gnome! The most successful of our vegetable-growing members was **Shirley Webb** in 2008, 2010 and 2011 who won the salver for French beans, potatoes and onions. Our most expert flower-growing member and this year's winner is **Margaret Falconer** who has also won the salver three times, in 2003, 2014 and 2022, with a pelargonium, a fuchsia and a petunia – a beautiful pink, double-flowered petunia which you can see in the photo.

October is not really the time for tips on how to grow the best petunia – most of this year's will have been consigned to the compost heap by now – but a little suggestion for next year might be welcome: Margaret's tiny plug plant from Hillier's Nursery was potted up in the very best-quality peat-free compost in a

small pot, potted on into a clay pot in the same type of compost, hardened-off before going outside, followed by regular feeding of any suitable tomato fertiliser. I wonder if Margaret gave her pelargonium and fuchsia the same treatment in 2003 and 2014?. The sharp-eyed amongst you may have noticed that Margaret is holding a cup, not a salver – just a tiny mistake on the day about the correct prize, undiscovered until I delved into the archive and to be sorted out next year.

The programme published in last month's Spectrum has two alterations. In October, the talk will be 'How to Grow Roses Successfully' and the talk in March 2023 will be 'How to Encourage Wildlife into Your Garden'. The full programme can be found on the East Woodhay Society website.

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Woodhay Walkers

Although, as I write this the rains have eventually come, it has been an exceptionally dry summer and, with the water restrictions, our gardens have been looking more parched than ever. Woodhay Walkers have been out and about on various Friday morning walks and we have seen just how dry the local countryside and area had become. I wanted to share this photo of one walk we had on Greenham Common as it certainly shows the results of this extreme weather.

At various times we have had 24 different people come along for a walk and a chat and, if you fancy joining us then 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 to woodhaywalkers@gmail.com.

Friday 30th September – no walk

Friday 7th October - a 3 mile walk starting 10.30am from Woolton Hill Church Hall (no stiles)

Friday 14th October – email for details or see www.wooltonhill.com

Friday 21st October - a 4 mile walk starting 10.30am from Woolton Hill Church Hall (no stiles)

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Phoenix Lacrosse Club



An update on the work of Phoenix Lacrosse

In our first 3 months, our club attracted 63 students and provided them with over 450 hours of sporting activity, including 40 matches against schools and in tournaments. Eleven club members took part in the Regional Academy Assessments and 8 are training with the England Lacrosse Talent Pathway. Our 19 outreach sessions reached 123 children at 7 state primary schools, including Woolton Hill Primary. You can find out more about our work here: https://phoenixlax.co.uk/?page_id=25180

As a new Head takes over at St Bart's, we hope this is an opportunity for the school to reconsider its decision to discontinue competitive lacrosse.

Chris Winchester
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The Schools of Woolton Hill



As part of becoming a Federation, St Thomas' CE Infant School and Woolton Hill Junior School have recently developed a shared vision statement across our two schools.

The vision is a really important part of improving the quality of education in our schools. It paints a picture of what our school will look, feel and sound like when we have got things right. It is the blue-print for our Federation.

Our vision is best summed up by the instruction in the Book of Matthew to "let your light shine before others..." As a Federation, our job is to develop the unique talents of all of our pupils and develop their knowledge, their skills and their passion for learning, so they are best placed to go out into the world and 'let their light shine'.

We believe in a child focused approach. Through the learning opportunities we offer, we seek to challenge, support and engage all of our pupils. Our children love to learn and we want to ensure that we always provide them with the very best topics, trips and hooks into learning! We are always seeking and striving for ways to unleash the creative talents of our community – this might be through art or musical events, sports activities and opportunities for children to take on leadership roles within our schools.

During the summer Term of 2022, our children, staff and governors undertook a project to design our new logo. We are excited to include our new logo as part of this article. Not only did we want it to be relevant to our village context, but we also wanted it to represent what we stand for as school and the 'Primary School experience' that we are creating.

The image of a single branch changing through the seasons not only represents our wonderful school environment, but it also shows the journey of change our pupils undertake as they move from St Thomas Infant School, through Woolton Hill Junior and beyond. The children grow, change adapt and renew as they learn the knowledge, skills and behaviours necessary to succeed.

We are always looking for the support of our local community. Perhaps you would like to volunteer some time to listen to our children read or perhaps you have a skill or talent that you would like to share? If you feel you would like to volunteer and help in our schools please do get in touch through our

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Limp flowers, all wilting, few colours are seen.

So much can change quickly, with Autumn's arrival.
Birds flying; plants thriving; a happy revival!
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As yet, there are no plans in place to offer any support within our community, although I'm sure we will all be aware of our neighbours needs and try to help as we can. Meantime please note the following websites where advice and help may be sought.

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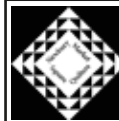
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Thanks to Neil Salmon for his concern and wish to bring this information to everyone. If you want to contact him with the odd question, his email address is:

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Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor,

In the September issue my letter was printed asking for information concerning a small memorial at Crux Easton. Norman Powers' encyclopaedic knowledge of the area meant he knew of a gentleman who was able to shed light on it.

Two USAAF Lockheed Lightnings were flying near Three Legged Cross from their base near Weyhill, Andover when they saw some Land Army girls in the fields. They decided to put on a show for them by flying low over the fields. Sadly, their wings touched and one crashed at Crux Easton & the other at Ashmansworth, killing both pilots. This led to the garden memorial being set up and a poppy cross was also laid at Ashmansworth regularly.

I am carrying out further research and have already been able to come up with the names of the two pilots: William E. Evers and Thomas D. Stewart. They were both part of the USAAF 402nd Fighter Squadron, part of the 370th Fighter Group based at RAF Andover. The incident occurred on 15 May 1944 at 16:55. I hope to find out more.

I am so glad I finally got around to asking about this memorial and thank Norman and his friend for supplying the information.

Christine Dalton

East Woodhay Flower and Produce Show

Saturday 20th August



East Woodhay residents Lord and Lady Hamilton opened this year's Show, a longstanding community event, which despite record breaking summer temperatures and deep-fried crispy gardens, saw some impressive exhibits and an increased number of entrants across the classes.

A good crowd enjoyed a lovely day looking at the exhibits and seeing how their entries had fared, perusing the various stalls, and listening to the East Woodhay Silver Band while enjoying a cup of tea and a slice of homemade cake or a freshly cooked burger. The day concluded with an auction of donated exhibits and produce with auctioneer Chris Boreham persuading everyone that they couldn't possibly leave without 3 marrows or 5 bunches of dahlias.



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- The Cecil Tate Memorial Cup (9-12 yrs) – No entries*
- The Barber Cup (5-8 yrs) – William Collins*
- The Chairman's Cup (under 5 yrs) – Isla Collins*
- The Jane Wells Cup (Child's Flower arrangement) – Emily McGraghan*
- The Canon Stephenson Cup (Best roses) – Les Barber*
- The Ellen Webb Challenge Cup (Best vase of flowers) – Les Wallace*
- The Floral Cup – Judith Collins*
- The Frederick Marsh Cup (Best amateur photograph) – Kim Boreham*
- 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 – Edmond Chau*

You can never be too old or too young to enter! Pictured - Les Barber aged 95 with Grace Collins aged 16 months.

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Dear Friends,

Last month I wrote about the ministry and vocation of a Cathedral Verger as we celebrated, with Ann Harris, her new role at Winchester Cathedral. I commented that her vocation reminds us of the importance and value of all the different vocations that make up the whole life of the Church, and indeed of all society.

For many years I served as a Vocations Adviser. It was a part of my contribution to the wider life of our Diocese. It was a privilege to walk alongside those exploring a vocation to the Church. Often the first step is to realise that vocation is not always about the Church! Vocation begins with a journey into our own wholeness – Jesus always encouraged his disciples to discover the love of God and to find freedom to be themselves - to 'realise their potential' as the saying goes.

So vocation is about our passions, our relationships and the unique gifts we each have to give to the world. My niece would say she has a vocation to design jewellery, and through study and hard work she has made a career from her passion. For us it might be our love of gardening, or mechanics, or teaching, or music, or cooking. It is also our relationships - as a husband or wife, parent, brother, sister or friend. Wherever we find there is something special we can give or receive, there we find a vocation.

For Christians vocation is about discipleship with Christ: expressed through worship and faithful service in loving our neighbour – perhaps through various roles in church, or with charities, or in the community. Sometimes, a vocation is to be a Licensed Lay Minister or a priest. These are not more important, but they are distinct and do involve a demanding selection process and training.

This month we celebrate with Suki Coe who, after three years of training, is being licensed to serve as a Licensed Lay Minister in our parishes. We rejoice with her, and a number of us will be joining her for her licensing at Winchester Cathedral at 11am on Saturday 8th October.

Please give thanks for Suki, for one another and for the call upon each of our lives. May the flourishing of Suki's vocation be an encouragement to us all in discovering our own path in life.

With every blessing to you all,
Canon Christine

From the Church Registers: August 2022

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18th August	Gordon Claude Stacey	Woolton Hill

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SUN 2nd <i>Harvest/ Trinity 16</i>	Harvest Family Service Matins (<i>Trinity 16</i>) Harvest Communion <i>with Baptism</i> Harvest Service	Woolton Hill Highclere East Woodhay Ashmansworth	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.00pm
SUN 9th <i>Trinity 17</i>	Holy Communion Parish Communion Matins	East Woodhay Woolton Hill Highclere	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am
SUN 16th <i>Trinity 18/ Harvest</i>	Holy Communion Morning Worship Harvest Communion Evensong	Ashmansworth Woolton Hill Highclere East Woodhay	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm
SUN 23rd <i>Bible Sunday</i>	Holy Communion Parish Communion Morning Worship Evensong	Highclere Woolton Hill East Woodhay Crux Easton	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm
SUN 30th <i>All Saints</i>	Benefice Communion	Highclere	10.00am
WED 5 th Oct Holy Communion Woolton Hill 10.00 am <i>(this service is monthly and is held on the first Wednesday of each month)</i>			
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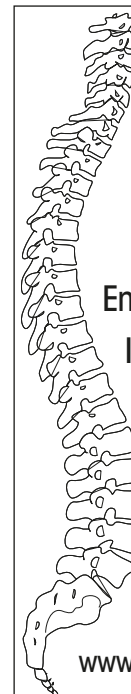
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Update on the Neighbourhood Plan from Paul Hurst V.Ch EWPC

You may recall that our Neighbourhood Plan (NP) had to rerun the Regulation 16 consultation process. This was because the Basingstoke and Deane environmental analysis (that is part of the NP) had not included the area of the parish that drains into the Test Valley. This environmental analysis was published, approved by the required agencies and the additional 7 weeks consultation completed. Representations during the consultation period have gone to the independent examiner. The examiner has commenced her review of the NP and has asked the NP team for any response to the representations. We will respond where necessary. The examiner will then continue the detailed review of the NP and supporting materials, producing a final report on the NP to determine if it can move forward to referendum.

East Woodhay Local History Society



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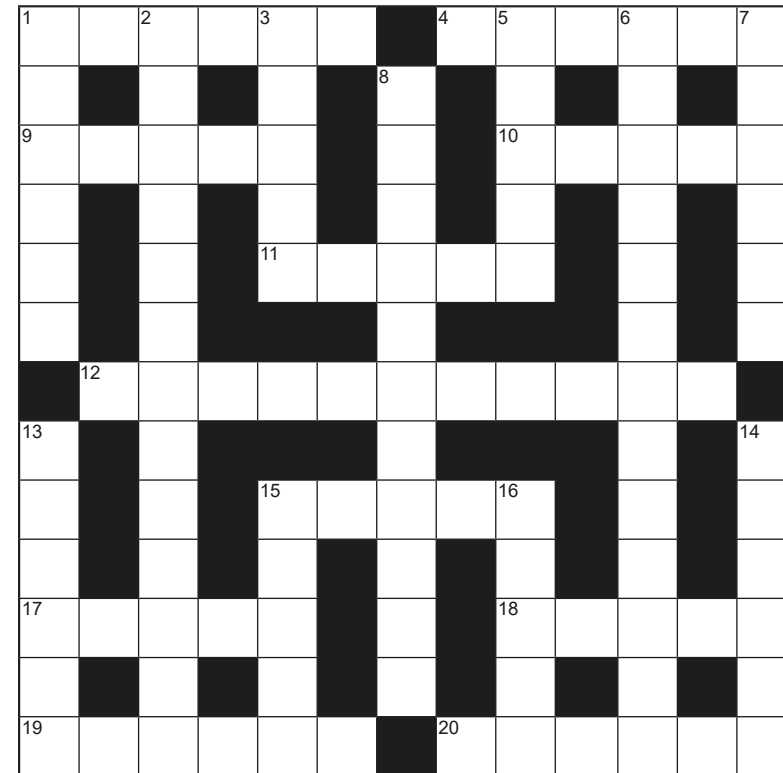
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Answers crossword no 235
Across: 1 Conker, 4 Damson, 9 Tower, 10 Ashen, 11 Lucid,
12 Convulvulus, 15 Orbit, 17 Wheat, 18 Crops, 19 Barrow, 20 Atomic
Down: 1 Cattle, 2 New School Year, 3 Enrol, 5 Award, 6 School uniform,
7 Nonage, 8 Stickleback, 13 Cobweb, 14 Barsac, 15 Outdo, 16 Tacit

Across

1. To exist, then to arrive transformed (6)
4. True ship turns red like an apple (6)
9. I like the thought of turning greeny blue at full volume (5)
10. Another red ship, but how to decorate it? (5)
11. Rolls Royce too upset by spinning part (5)
12. Heartless Mark has puppies in to make seasonal desserts (7,4)
15. Tires during exam, then has to do this (5)
17. Metal worker could be black, gold or silver (5)
18. Nuisance comes to nothing when sauce arrives (5)
19. Area between Isle of Wight and mainland stolen! (6)
20. Stare hard and one of four suits will appear (6)

Down

1. Describe how it came earlier for bee (6)
2. Is Queen last icon to be of any importance? (13)
3. Mary has nothing, but turns out to be head of town council (5)
5. Applaud Derby for providing source of milk (5)
6. Enthusiastic bell ringer, perhaps, finds horse on street, please cheer! (13)
7. One who samples a four poster bed for example (6)
8. Bad winter stems from position of government (11)
13. Apparition ends relationship with no explanation (6)
14. Spies who scare people (6)
15. A horn, likely belonging to Tolkein's Riders of the Mark (5)
16. Will extra wide pet fit in tent? (5)

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