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# Editorial

Welcome to December! As I write this a week before our December deadline it is unseasonably warm (long may that continue!), and the clocks will be falling back tonight. It seems as if you blink and the year is gone. It really is full steam ahead now for Christmas when I hope you can all enjoy a bit of relaxation and the company of loved ones.



On another note, the parish council has a very important vote regarding the Neighbourhood Plan coming up in January and as members of the community it is important that you are aware about

it and feel able to vote. Please read the report on Page 20. If you have any questions about it, please email the EWPC secretary, Amy White: clerk@ eastwoodhav-pc.gov.uk. in the first instance.

I hope you enjoy this year's Christmas cover and will be interested to read the report on Page 15 about Good Hope Farm and the work that they do there. It is a very worthwhile cause of which I myself knew little until I was contacted about putting something into this issue.

Finally, this will be my last issue as editor of Spectrum. I have enjoyed my time with you all and do hope you will continue to support the magazine and the new editor. Thank you for all the reports and offerings that you have sent - without them there would be no Spectrum! I would also like to thank the team that I have been part of: Editors, Advertising, Distribution, Lay out and of course our Chairman, Bob King, Take Care and Keep Moving Forward! Kathv

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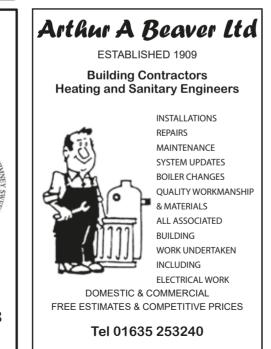
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Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Woodhay Walkers	WHCH	10.30am	
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Community Café	St Thomas Church	10-11.30am	
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1st Wash Common Scout Group Christmas Fayre. Limited Parking	Ramblers Wood, Enborne St Wash Common	6 - 8.30pm	
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm	
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Woodhay Walkers -	check meeting location on Woolton Hill Website	10.30am	
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café	St Thomas Church	10-11.30am	
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	EW WI - Christmas Party	EWVH	2pm	
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Arbor Flora	HVH	2pm	
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm	
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	NWR		8pm	
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Woodhay Walkers	St Thomas Church	10.30am	
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café	St Thomas Church	10-11.30am	
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	EW Silver Band Christmas Concert	EWVH	3pm	
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm	
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Community Café	St Thomas Church	10-11.30am	
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm	
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café	St Thomas Church	10-11.30am	
January 2023					
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Evergreens	HVH	2.00-4.15pm	
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm	
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	NWR		8pm	
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Woodhay Walkers	WHCH	10.30am	
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café	St Thomas Church	10-11.30am	



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first weekend of October. our intrepid Cubs went on their first ever Camp! It felt so good to finally be able to get the aroup out into the outdoors, working together and having lots of fun. Our theme for the camp was 'Minecraft

On the

in Real Life' - in case you don't know, Minecraft is a very popular computer game that all the Cubs play. It involves surviving in the outdoors by making shelters and crafting tools to hunt, mine resources and protect yourself at night when the monsters come out!

Setup on Friday evening was really wet, so we were thankful to see a nice bright, sunny Saturday morning when the Cubs arrived. We spent the morning putting up our tents and making camp before a tasty lunch of pizza, sausages and bananas cooked on the fires we made.



We spent the afternoon playing a variety of wide games and building shelters in our beautiful woodland campsite at Angels Corner near Upper Bucklebury. [This site is owned and managed by Kennet Scout

# 1<sup>st</sup> Woolton Hill Cub Scout Pack

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District for all the Scout groups in the area to use.

By dinner time we were all hungry again, and the adults helping us made a delicious spaghetti bolognese with

chocolate roll and custard for dessert. Mmm! By now the sun had set, and we sent the adult helpers home for an evening off while we finished the washing up then enioved a dame played in the dark out in the woods!

It was then time to light the campfire again and enjoy a

few word games and songs before making cocoa and getting ready for bed in our tents. Rain was forecast overnight, so we hoped the tents didn't leak! Sunday arrived with more sunshine, and after breakfast we spent the morning on tent inspections and making ballistas out of canes before a buffet lunch and our final flag break ceremony.

If you are interested in helping us run Scouting in Woolton Hill, we need more adults to join and

expand our ranks! We presently run **Beavers and Cubs** sections and are trying to start a Scout troop. Please contact our Group Leader mo.osborne@ btinternet.com for more information.







# East Woodhay Society

#### **December and Christmas Walks**

Please see the advert on page 2 for the annual Christmas walk on

27th December which is being organised in association with

Highclere Society. Everyone is welcome to come along to have some fresh air and enjoy a mince pie.

The Woodhay Walkers will be walking on  $2^{nd}$ ,  $9^{th}$  and  $16^{th}$  December. So, if you fancy a local walk with others just put come with some suitable footwear and join us at 10.30am.





walk on 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> December.

We will be walking from St Thomas Church Hall in Woolton Hill on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December where the walks will be about 3 and 4 miles respectively. On 9<sup>th</sup> December we will be walking from a nearby location and *please email woodhaywalkers@gmail.com* or see the Woolton Hill website for more detail. Here we are in October walking in nearby

Hamstead Park where we combined this with a walk along the canal.

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# Good Hope Farm

This small organic farm is dedicated in the interest of the community and specifically benefiting Adults with Learning Difficulties. Set in beautiful open countryside in Hamstead Marshall, Good Hope Farm operates as a Day Centre offering meaningful activities and work experience in a nurturing environment for adults with special needs. The activities build confidence and promote well- being, sustaining and connecting with the natural world.

Karine Giannamore is the founding Director and a passionate advocate of supporting adults with learning difficulties, optimising both physical and mental wellbeing in the outdoors. Karine states, "When the project was started two years ago, there was nothing but a bare field. We have worked very hard since then to put together a safe, beautiful and welcoming garden. We have restored a shed which has become our office and a place to sit and have tea, installed a polytunnel, made a fence, created beds, planted many trees and planted so many flowers. The local community have been incredible with their support."

Recently officially registered as a Community Project with the West Berkshire Social Services, qualifying vulnerable adults can now be referred. This is a huge achievement for us."

A Service Provider for People with Learning Disabilities, Good Hope Farm provides support and meaningful occupation to some of the most isolated members of our community. Many young adults need a place of purposeful activity post school or college and those are sometimes challenging to find once the Education Plan stops. With the right support, most people with a learning disability can lead independent lives at home and can be a real added value in the work environment.

Our farmers take part in horticultural activities, cultivating organically seasonal vegetables, fruit and flowers in order to sell the produce on site and

at local markets and those we help learn about healthy food and the rhythm of the seasons. We work in small, supported groups engaging in activities that benefit their well-being and their physical health, enabling them to build and strengthen practical and vocational skills.

Next steps include improving the accessibility to the site for wheelchair users, create suitable paths and especially make safe drop off and parking facilities for staff and emergency services. Getting stuck in the mud is not an option! Good Hope Farm is fortunate to have a fundraising platform through The Good Exchange. Further information on all of the projects and fundraising can be found at www.goodhopefarm.org.uk Follow our story on Instagram: good\_hope\_farm or email: info@goodhopefarm.org.uk



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# Letter to the Editor

#### Dear Editor

We were at our smallholding in North End tending our animals when a lady with two dogs running free came along the footpath. We asked if she could put them on their leads and she proceeded to tell us in no uncertain terms that they were well behaved and there was no need for their leads. We then explained that Hampshire Constabulary had provided us with notices that we had erected to say that all dogs were required to be on leads. Dogs not only upset sheep but other farm animals and wildlife.

Whilst being berated by having the temerity to even ask the question, one of her dogs took off after one of the farm cats. The lady was still convinced that her dogs were under close control. She went off down our trackway shouting that the signs were illegal and continued to be very offensive until out of earshot. The police have been made aware of the incident and the abusive language.

Just after this incident as we were leaving the farm, we found that the signs aforementioned had been torn down. They were in place when we arrived earlier as we had made some adjustments to them.

We do encourage people to use the footpath as we wish to share the spectacular view towards the North Hampshire Downs, but please kindly obey the signs as failure to do so can cause huge stress and injury to our animals.

Pete & Eileen Mason

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## East Woodhay Parish Council



ou may recall that in my November Spectrum article I described how the East Woodhay Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was undergoing independent examination and how

thorough a legal process that was. I am delighted to announce that the Independent Examiner has recommended the NP proceeds to referendum, subject to a number of minor amendments. The Examiner report is available to view on the BDBC website.

All East Woodhay Parish Councillors confirmed approval of the Examiner's report and the acceptance of the modifications and approved it moving to referendum. This has been formally communicated to BDBC. The East Woodhay NP is now being updated in line with these defined changes and will be sent to BDBC for approval (they will ensure the updated NP is in conformance with the Examiners report). The updated NP will be published on BDBC approval and this will be the version used for referendum.

Indeed with the decision by EWPC to move to referendum the NP has already taken on further legal significance and can start to be used for the guidance of planning applications.

BDBC are now planning for the referendum.





## East Woodhay Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2029



#### Dear Friends,

Sometimes it feels like Christmas begins earlier every year! As usual the shops have been full of Christmas trimmings for weeks and the usual round of Christmas activities is well underway. Even the end of the school term is early this year - 16<sup>th</sup> December, a whole week before Christmas arrives! No wonder Christmas Day may feel a sort of finale at the end of it all.

Christmas Day is not meant to be an ending of festivities, rather it is a beginning. In the Church the season of Advent is a season of preparation which begins four Sundays before Christmas and leads up to Christmas Day. The word Advent means 'coming'. We may feel it is about the coming of Christmas Day, and it does offer a religious dimension to busy preparations and activities. But it is not so much about the coming of Christmas Day as the coming of Christ. Advent is about the waiting, the expectation, the promise and hope that we have in Christ that all will be made new, that His light shines in the darkness and that the world can be a better place for God is with us. As the expectation builds we are prepared for the Christchild to 'be born in us today', as we sing in a well known carol. Advent teaches us that to find Jesus is not just to find a baby in a manger. The baby is part of the truth of Christmas of course, but to find Jesus is to find that God is with us. Even in our current darkness of war and conflict, hardship and poverty. God is with us. God challenges us to have hope and to share in his work of love. The work of love that Christ was born to make real among us and is continued every day through every act of kindness, care and respect.

So let's not lose Advent in the rush that precedes Christmas – let us find time in the busyness for the waiting time, the time for reflection and prayer, and allow our hope and expectation to grow so that when Christmas Day arrives (as it always does on 25<sup>th</sup> December!) we can truly celebrate the gift of the Christchild – not an end but a new beginning, a fresh outpouring of God's love given through Christ each and every day.

with every blessing to you all, Canon Christine

	From the Church Registers: October 20	22
2nd October	Baptism: we ask God's blessing on the life o Roly Nicholas Andrew Colville	f East Woodhay
8th October	Wedding: may God bless their life togethe Erik Li Strandh & Abigail Wooden	er Woolton Hill
3rd October	<b>Funeral: may he rest in peace</b> Jeffrey Phillip Martin West Ber	Highclere kshire Crematorium
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Advent 2	Matins	Highclere	11.00am			
	Christingle Service	Woolton Hill	3.30pm			
	Evensong	Ashmansworth	6.00pm			
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SUN 11 <sup>th</sup> Advent 3	Holy Communion (BCP)	East Woodhay	8.00am			
Auvenii 3	Parish Communion	Woolton Hill	9.30am			
	Matins	Highclere	11.00am			
SUN 18 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion (BCP)	Highclere	8.00am			
Advent 4	Christmas Carol Service	East Woodhay	11.00am			
	Christmas Carol Service	Highclere	11.00am			
	Christmas Carol Service	Ashmansworth	4.00pm			
	Christmas Carol Service	Woolton Hill	6.00pm			
SAT 24 <sup>th</sup>	Crib Service	Woolton Hill	3.30pm			
Christmas Eve	Midnight Mass	East Woodhay	11.30pm			
SUN 25 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion (BCP)	East Woodhay	8.00am			
Chr <i>istmas Day</i>	Christmas Family Service	Woolton Hill	9.30am			
	Christmas Communion	Crux Easton	9.30am			
	Christmas Communion	Highclere	11.00am			
	Christmas Family Service	Ashmansworth	11.00am			
SUN 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan Benefice Communion		East Woodhay	10.00am			
Naming of Jesus						
WED 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec Holy		lill 10.00 am				
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# St Martin's CE Primary School

#### Christmas at St Martin's

St Martin's family is very big on Christmas! We love all the traditional activities and have so much fun in the run up to the festive season.

The first event which happens is the very important task of decorating the Christmas tree! The Year 6 children proudly complete this task and the tree is then displayed in the school hall to be enjoyed by the whole school. During the festive period there is a post box located in the hall where the children can post their own cards that they have written and decorated. The cards are for the whole school community and are collected and delivered to each classroom causing much excitement.

The School Association play a big part in the Christmas celebrations at school. They organise many events which help to raise funds but also shows just how community minded St Martin's is. The Secret Santa stall is always an



enjoyable event – here the children can shop for presents for their family and secretly choose, wrap and label their own gifts. The Year 6 children are head elves for the day and help with the wrapping to ensure no one steals a sneaky peak at the presents before Christmas Day.

The School Association are also organising a wreath making evenings for adults, a raffle and a Christmas Hamper draw. If you, or anyone you know, may be able to help with donations for any of these events, then please do contact the school office.

We also have a whole school trip to the Corn Exchange to look forward to which is partially funded by the SA. We will be watching their performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. There is always much excitement when the whole school get to go out all together!

The school choir has a very busy season planned! They have sung

at the switching on of the Christmas Lights in Newbury and were splendid. They will also be singing at Winchester Market on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December and at St Martin's church on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December. If you haven't heard the choir sing then please do come to one of their performances-they are wonderful and it is such a joy to see their faces light up when they sing.

Lower school and Cherry Class are looking forward to a Christmas Nativity - performing to friends and family is always a real treat.

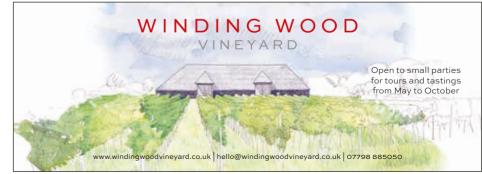
During the last week of the term, the whole school come together to celebrate with a Christmas worship and Christmas lunch. On the last day of term, the whole school community will come together to sing Christmas Carols around the tree before they all leave for the Christmas break.



It is a wonderful time of the year and there are so many amazing opportunities for our children to be a part of. The sense of community is always there at St Martins but during the festive period we are reminded of those around us and how being part of the school community is so important.

For more information on St Martin's School, please visit our website: www.st-martins.hants.sch.uk

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# East Woodhay Women's Institute



ur members day arranged by Julia Ward was on 11<sup>th</sup> **INSPIRING V** October, when a magic lantern show was given by Alan Brindle. It was entitled 'Victorian Humour'. Our speaker arrived, dressed for the part in Victorian clothes and with a



genuine Magic Lantern. This had been adapted to electricity, but the slides themselves were original glass set in wooden frames. One can only imagine the excitement of seeing such a show in the 1850's. Characters began to move their eves and limbs. It must have been amazing to people who had not seen film or T.V. Our show started with some adverts: products remembered from our childhoods and went on to show Nursery Rhymes and traditional stories and 'humorous' pictures. It would seem the Victorians found anything to do with the nose most amusing. It was a fascinating afternoon followed by tea and a raffle. We all judged the competition which was won by Julia with a blanket knitted with a bag of wool she had been given.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, so do join us for our Christmas Party. J.M.



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# East Woodhay Local History Society

ur first meeting of our talks season in October saw Sue Ellis come to talk about "Richard III - Man or Monster". Sue's excellent research & presentation took us through the dynastic history



that caused Richard to become King, as well as his reign including the Princes in the Tower. The audience had to keep their wits about them as there were so many Edwards, Henrys & Richards involved to keep track of during the talk! The general consensus seemed to decide on a more rounded view of Richard rather than a monster

This month's talk (postponed from September) will be on Monday 5th December in the Village Hall at Heath End at 8pm. The speaker will be David Peacock whose subject will be Sandleford Priory.

Chris Dalton (Secretary)

#### **Colourful Boxes**

So many boxes, neatly piled beneath the Christmas tree, With pretty bows and colours - I hope there's one for me. Hidden in the middle there are some without a name, Perhaps there is a mystery and we must play a game?

Inside the first- a message reads - "This box is full of love, It's RED for warmth at Christmas time - give everyone a hug." What would an empty BLUE box say- perhaps make you feel sad The golden YELLOW holds a coin, so now your'e feeling glad!

Holly and some ivy in the GREEN box at the end. A wish for Peace at Christmas and thanks for all our friends

Moyra Harkness

# The Schools of Woolton Hill



#### Harvest Festival Celebrations.

The Schools of Woolton Hill came together last month to celebrate Harvest Festival and donate food gifts to West Berkshire Foodbank who deliver food parcels to families and households in need of support.



The celebration, which was held in St Thomas' Church in Woolton Hill. included a performance of songs, poems, and readings from all the children in the Infant and Junior schools. Parents, family and siblings were invited along to join in and enjoy the Harvest Festival occasion.

The donations weighed in at 198.8kgs which equates to 417 meals that the Woolton Hill Junior and Infants Schools have

provided for West Berks clients who are desperately in need

Head Teacher. Paul Davies said: "It was such as iov to see both schools come together in St Thomas' Church to give thanks for the crops that have been gathered and also



raise awareness about the families and households that need our support especially in a cost of living crisis.

"It was also one of the first occasions since the pandemic where we could invite parents back into the church to see their children having fun and showcase what they have been learning with their friends.

"A big thank you to Reverend Christine and her team for helping us make it happen too."



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## National Women's Register



or our annual film night we settled in to watch The Last Bus starring Timothy Spall (Tom) and Phyllis Logan. We first met Tom as an elderly widower planning a bus trip, carrying a very precious suitcase, from John O'Groats to Land's End using his free bus pass. As his journey progressed we learnt small details of the couple's history together while he travelled south impacting on various fellow travellers along the route. His unlikely interactions on his travels begin to capture the attention of fellow travellers and local people and ultimately Tom and his trip become a nationwide new story. The reason for his trek – hinted at during the film becomes clear in the final minutes of the film, an enjoyable portrayal of the best attitudes of strangers to a fellow traveller, but definitely also a thoughtprovoking and emotional journey.

Our second October meeting was a very interesting talk by Martine Goodrich, a volunteer from the charitable arm of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. She gave us an overview of its history from its inception in 1915 as the Imperial War Graves Commission, following the initial work of Sir Fabian Ware, an ex-soldier. Too old to serve in the First World War, he set about recording the names and locations of the thousands of servicemen who were being killed in Europe.

The CWGC is concerned solely with those who served in WW1 and WW2 who were either killed in action or died subsequently as a result of the wars. The work is funded by six countries, the UK, Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand and South Africa.

The ethos of the Commission is that all casualties are treated equally on the grounds that they lived together, fought together and died together.



Consequently the graves are all identical, no distinction being made between officers and men, and all laid side by side. The original cemeteries were all designed to resemble an English country garden, though this practice had to be amended after WW2 to reflect conditions in other parts of the world.

All the servicemen who have no known grave are listed on memorials. The first of these was the Menin Gate at Ypres unveiled in 1927 where 54,896 names are listed. Many more were built subsequently. The land was given to the Commission by the governments of the host countries so that the memorials could stand in perpetuity, and they are constantly restored so that the inscriptions remain legible. This enables the bereaved to know that *He is not missing. He is here.* 



# East Woodhay Silver Band

t has been such a pleasure to be able to get out and about playing at local events again this Summer after the events of the past two years.

We have played at many local fetes, and have given concerts in Victoria Park, Newbury and Eastrop Park, Basingstoke.

One of the highlights for us was playing at the Village Jubilee Picnic in Woolton Hill playing field on 5 June.

As we gear up for a busy Christmas carolling season, we would like to invite you to join us at our Christmas concert on Saturday 17 December at 3pm in East Woodhay Village Hall. Tickets are £5 (under 12s are free) and you can pay at the door on the day. We will be playing a mix of seasonal favourites along with some carols for you to sing along with to get you in a festive mood.

We are always happy to welcome new players and have a range of instruments available for you to use. If you would like to learn to play then we can teach you (any age from 7 to 100). Please phone me – Rosemary Gittins 07917522180 for more information.

Rosemary Gittins EWSB Secretary

## Kathy Scott

Many of you who read Kathy's editorial will know that she has decided to hang up her red pen as a Spectrum editor. She has been a member of the team since 2017 and on behalf of all the Spectrum Committee I would like to say publicly a very big thank you to her for all the sterling work over the years.

Her decision to step down means there is Spectrum are looking for someone to replace her to edit the editions of October, November and December next year so if you are interested in joining a dedicated team who produce Spectrum please get in touch. Telephone number is at the back of the magazine.

A sincere thank you once again Kathy. You will be missed and we wish you well for the future.

Bob King (Spectrum Chairman)



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# Woolton Hill & District Gardeners' Club

# A talk about a well-loved plant which has many species and cultivars

When selecting a new plant for a garden, most gardeners would not consider one which was susceptible to insect damage from aphids, leafhoppers, scale insects, sawfly larvae, leaf-cutting bees and red spider mite or from diseases such as powdery/ downy mildew, die-back, honey fungus, black spot, canker

crown gall and soil sickness. Most people would not choose a plant covered in prickles, or one that had a tendency to spread rampantly over buildings unless trained and supported. Nor one which required annual pruning using ladders, loppers and stout gloves, leaving bags of woody, thorny cuttings to dispose of, or the need for almost daily watering and deadheading in summer; or a preference for six hours of sun daily and a rigorous feeding and mulching routine with its roots sitting in soil that has a pH of between 6 and 6.5.

The plant I am writing about is, of course, the Rose which was the subject of the Gardener's Club talk at the end of October. Climbers, Ramblers, Bush, Shrub, Miniature, Hybrid Tea, Polyantha, Alba, Gallica, China, Rugosa, the classification and language is complex and intriguing! Found in a variety of habitats across the continents, the exception being the Polar regions, and personally grown successfully by our speaker Glenn Duggan in Libya, Italy, Scotland, London and Hampshire,. The Rose was cultivated thousands of years ago for its perfume and beauty in China, Iran, Egypt and Italy. The Romans had quite an obsession for Rose Water, even using agricultural land in Britain to establish Rose Gardens for this purpose.

So, I wonder, why is the Rose so revered? Why is it chosen by so many gardeners as a fundamental plant in their garden? Why is there a formal Rose Garden in so many stately homes, palaces and botanical gardens? Why is the Rose the subject of sonnets and poems? Why did the Empress Josephine of France plant two hundred and fifty Rose bushes in the garden at Malmaison? And why was the Rose chosen as a symbol for the Yorkists and the



Lancastrians in Tudor times? The answer may lie in the flowers; the beauty, perfect colours and elusive, delicate scent of the blooms; the long flowering season from May through to October; or possibly the longevity of the plant so that memories of summer can be made and passed on through generations. A symbol of love and passion; how could one not choose a Rose?

#### Lorna Rains

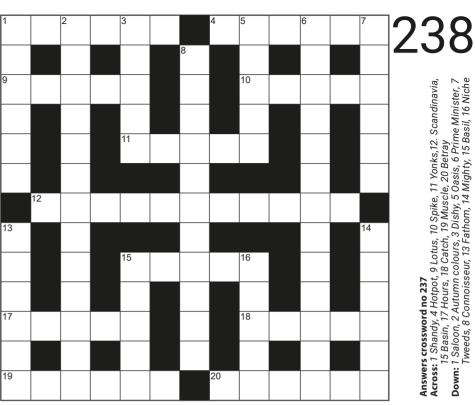
Our next speaker will be Stefan White on the subject 'The Vegetable that Changed the World' on 26th January at 7.30 pm for an 8 pm start. New members always welcome.



- 1. Listen! Keep romantic jewellery safe (6)
- 4. Generous drink for this type of act (6)
- 9. Dreadful to pry at Christmas celebration (5)
- Gaze at you in the middle of filmy fabric (5)
- 11. Time to rain on mode of transport (5)
- 12. How can Martin be endlessly cool whilst rubbing this in? (11)
- 15. How strong you need to be to eat overcooked meat (5)
- 17. Is Imperial College initially our best place to turn up for strange object? (5)
- 18. Stem backward learner inside from getting so hot he does this (5)
- 19. Christmas garland for the war (6)
- 20. A solemn request for those who err and pay dearly (6)

#### Down

- 1. Father has gold, but is totally controlled by another (6)
- 2. Richest master is having a spruce up (9,4)
- 3. A long way to the middle east, yet GP will travel there (5)
- 5. Groan about instrument (5)
- 6. Ugh! Hobo's folly has spoilt decorations (6,2,5)
- 7. Come out from what sounds like a digital combination (6)
- 8. See dangerous head of college murder Babs for Christmas pudding ingredient (11)
- 13. After a short time, see cows turn up in Russian city.
- 14. Also after a short time, user can see he should have a cat (6)
- 15. Is heartless trader out of fish? (5)
- 16. Basketball term right at home with Greek poet (5)



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There are 5 public access defribillators in the Parish, WH Church Hall,
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