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## Editorial

very winter, I remove the netting from on top of our fruit cage in case we have snow and it gets so heavy the cage could be damaged. Then every spring, back on it goes. Each year, I wonder if I really need to do this, so this year I didn't

This morning, early March, I awoke to a beautiful scene of white, covering the ground, decorating the trees and even balancing on the washing line. Footprints on the lawn showed the activity of a rabbit, a cat and many birds. Lovely.

However, the netting on the fruit cage was blanketed in snow and weighed down to within a foot of the ground. I spent the next half hour knocking the netting to bring down the covering and save the cage. The moral of the tale is never to take our weather for granted!

Hopefully when you read this the sun will be shining.

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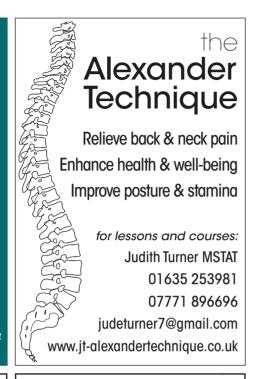
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## Diary of Events April 2023

| N    | londay | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Evergreens              | Highclere Village Hall         | 2 - 4.15pm    |
|------|--------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Wedi | nesday | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | EW Short Mat Bowls      | East Woodhay Village Hall      | 7.30pm        |
| Wedi | nesday | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Highclere Poetry Club   | Westridge Studio               | 7.30pm        |
|      | Friday | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Community Café          | St Thomas' Church              | 10 - 11.30am  |
|      | Friday | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Woodhay Walkers         | Woolton Hill Church Hall       | 10.30am       |
| To   | uesday | 11 <sup>th</sup> | EW WI                   | East Woodhay Village Hall      | 2.30pm        |
| Wedi | nesday | 12 <sup>th</sup> | EW Short Mat Bowls      | East Woodhay Village Hall      | 7.30pm        |
|      | Friday | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Community Café          | St Thomas' Church              | 10 - 11.30am  |
|      | Friday | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Woodhay Walkers         | Red House, Marsh<br>Benham     | 10.30am       |
| N    | londay | 17 <sup>th</sup> | Simple Social Dancing   | Highclere Village Hall         | 2 - 3.30pm    |
| Ti   | uesday | 18 <sup>th</sup> | Arbor Flora             | Highclere Village Hall         | 2.00pm        |
| Wedi | nesday | 19 <sup>th</sup> | EW Short Mat Bowls      | East Woodhay Village Hall      | 7.30pm        |
|      | Friday | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Community Café          | St Thomas' Church              | 10 - 11.30am  |
|      | Friday | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Woodhay Walkers         | Woolton Hill Church Hall       | 10.30am       |
| N    | londay | 24 <sup>th</sup> | Simple Social Dancing   | Highclere Village Hall         | 2 - 3.30pm    |
| Wedi | nesday | 26 <sup>th</sup> | EW Short Mat Bowls      | East Woodhay Village Hall      | 7.30pm        |
| Th   | ursday | 27 <sup>th</sup> | WH & District Gardeners | East Woodhay Village Hall      | 7.45pm        |
|      | Friday | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Community Café          | St Thomas' Church              | 10 - 11.30am  |
|      | Friday | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Woodhay Walkers         | Carpenters Arms,<br>Burghclere | 10.30am       |
| Sa   | turday | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Village Market          | Thorngrove School              | 10am - 1.00pm |
|      |        |                  | May 20                  | 023                            |               |
| 9    | Sunday | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Coronation Picnic       | WH Recreation Ground           | 12.30pm       |

#### **April Showers**

Winds which blew in March, rattled window panes. Remnants of the winter, those gales and lashing rain.

Now the weather's calmer - gentle April showers. Seedlings sprouting bravely, soon show Springtime flowers.

Time to tackle gardening, between those April showers. Watch your back - go easy – work for just an hour?

Birds enjoy the showers – what a noise they make Splashing in the bird bath, while you take a break.

Ready for the planting, but not out in the rain! Study gardening books, then carry on again.

Neatly labelled rows – the birds had watched your moves, Pecked up all the seeds, so you're an "April Fool!"

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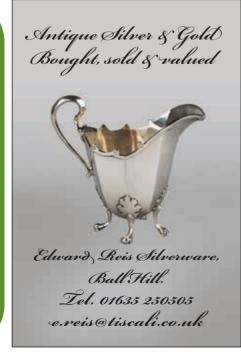
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### **Notable Double** Acts

You have heard of Laual and Hardy. Morecombe and Wise, Harry Kane and Son Heung-min (Yes I am a long suffering Spurs supporter) well now you can add Abbie and Sarah to the list.

You will have seen from last months editorial that Abbie and Sarah have decided to take a break from



the editors role for Spectrum. I choose the words "take a break" very carefully as they have both said they would like to come back to the role when home/work life is not quite so hectic.

Quarter 1 of the year is always a difficult quarter as there are no fetes or flower shows to report on but they have both found interesting articles to report on during their tenure. On behalf of the Spectrum Committee I would like to thank them both for their contributions and wish them well.

We look forward to having them back.

Bob King, Spectrum Chairman



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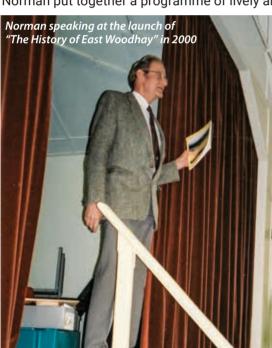
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## East Woodhay Local History Society

he February meeting of the History Society was the AGM.
Norman Powers stood down as Chairman after 25 years in that role. Also, his wife, Pat, retired from overseeing the refreshments. The Society presented cards, a cheque & flowers to them both in appreciation of all they have done over those many years. Norman was also invited to become Honorary President of the Society which he accepted. Val Pollitt made a speech on behalf of all the members:

"The society was founded in 1997, just 25 years ago. Norman and Dorrie Cooper wanted the history of the parish they had grown up in to be remembered. They had both given talks to the local primary schools and felt that it was important that the next generation should understand how life in the villages had changed.

They then realised that there was also an interest in local history amongst the adults in the parish and came up with the idea of a local history society where we could meet and listen to interesting speakers. For many years Norman put together a programme of lively and engaging talks and arranging



a spring outing. The society has also had a commitment to research into the people, businesses, houses and daily life here in the past.

That side of the society came to the fore with the publication of the History of East Woodhay in 2000, a team effort but led of course by Norman. Also, the exhibitions and booklets to mark the impact of the 2 world wars on the area led to extensive research into the lives of those commemorated on our war memorials.

Pat has always been a key member of the society, providing us with refreshments at the end of every talk and at our exhibitions, which have always been much appreciated."

We also had an illuminating talk about the area's

## East Woodhay Local History Society



history of land use, its biodiversity and other environmental concerns, including The Chase, by Harvey Carter. This was most appropriate as Harvey, when at Infant School, participated in one of Norman's history talks to local schools. We wished Harvey well in his future exams and studies at University. The evening ended with wine and nibbles.

Chris Dalton (Secretary)

## Poetry? Prose on Steroids!

If you enjoy it, join us at Highclere Poetry Club Westridge Studio, Star Lane, Highclere, RG20 9QS April 5th, 7.30

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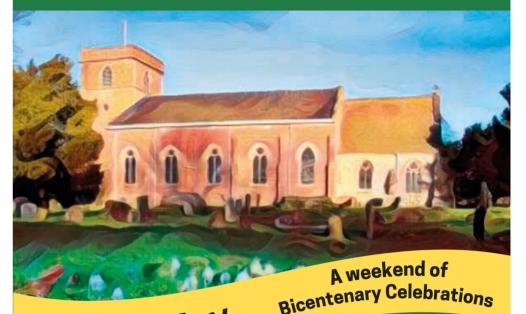


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joined WI as an avid crafter and over the years have 'tasted' many different things - some never to be touched again and some to be with me forever. Tuesday was billed as 'A Sgraffito workshop', something I had no idea about.



Jane Little, one of our members took the meeting. She told us the history of the craft, from its use on pottery and decorating the outsides of buildings, both here and round the world.

Simply, it is a coloured layer covered in black. The design is then scratched off with a sharp tool to reveal the colour below.

We all had a card covered in black which had been prepared for us and we were given a sharp pointed implement to scratch out a picture. We were given a card and envelope to make one to take home.

Everyone who took part produced something lovely – the group really enjoyed it (Thank you Jane!). A quiet & peaceful time – very good for us all.

Next month, we have a talk with an intriguing title "people on plinths"

April will be the Food Bank lady and our "Bring & Buy Sale" which will be supporting them, plus a food collection.

June Milsom

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#### St Martin's Guild Fete - Monday, 29 May

WEBSITE: www.eastwoodhayfete.org.uk

This year St Martin's Guild Fete will be held at Church Farm, on Monday, 29 May as it will form part of St Martin's Church Bicentenary weekend celebrations. Parking will be in the field opposite the gate to Church Farm, RG20 0AL. As always, this is our usual reminder and plea for help to everybody.

The funds raised from the Fete will go towards the upkeep of St Martin's Church, as well as to St Martin's School, purchase of local defibrillators, sports groups, community organisations and village projects and we aim to make as much profit as possible.

All the money raised is kept within the Parish.

| Cakes             | Freshly baked cakes, buns, fudge                                                                                                                                            | Rhona<br>Everard 253516   |                |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Plants            | When you are picking out your annuals and dividing your plants, do give us your leftovers. Sarah will also be doing advance sales from her home (Gore End House) during May |                           | 254609         |
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| Tombola           | Bottles, bottles and more bottles                                                                                                                                           | Charlotte<br>Wilson       | 253573         |
| Teas              | Freshly baked cakes and biscuits                                                                                                                                            | Sarah Ede                 | 253205         |
| Games             | Manpower                                                                                                                                                                    | Sarah L                   | 255293         |
| Books             | Children's books and two year old paperbacks only                                                                                                                           | Jenny<br>Sanders          | 254839         |

### St Martin's Guild Fete - Monday, 29 May

WEBSITE: www.eastwoodhayfete.org.uk

If you would be interested in getting involved, helping or even just providing a contribution, do contact me or any of the individual stallholders. You will be welcomed with open arms!

Opposite is a list of this years stallholders and what you can donate to help them. Donations can be given to the individual stall holders, ideally at least a week before the Fete:

Garden Tours of The Old Rectory will be available, but BY PREBOOKED TICKETS ONLY. If you would like more information visit our website. Booking is online only and opens on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Places are limited and booking is essential. We will be setting up the Fete on Sunday, 28 May and will welcome anyone who would like to come and put up tents and collect tables and chairs. Your help will be much appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SETTING UP TIME IS 4.00pm at Church Farm. Setting up will continue on Monday, 29 May from 10am.

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Considering inflation and an ever-increasing portfolio, the parish council would need to increase the precept by 16% to keep the income and expenditure in balance.

However, we know that these are difficult times for many people and therefore the parish council has agreed to keep the percentage increase to 6%, which equates to 97p for a band D household. Be assured we will not be decreasing services such as reducing the number of times the recreation ground grass is cut, but will be using money held in reserves to cover the shortfall.

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Dear Friends,

This April I would like to encourage you to 'count your blessings' each day. Every evening or each morning (or both!) take a moment to reflect on your day or on the world around you and notice what has been or is good. What lifts your heart or stirs your spirit? Is it the wonder and intricacy of a newly blooming flower, or the beauty and warmth of sunlight? Is it a smile or touch from a loved one or the innocence of a child's comment? Is it a win for your favourite sports team or a quiet moment with a cup of tea in hand? Whatever you count as a blessing, give thanks for it in your heart and if you can share it with someone – it might lift their day too.

Counting our blessings is so important for our wellbeing, it can help our mental health by shining a little light into our lives and chasing a little darkness away. Many of us find it easier to dwell on things that haven't gone well or that we find endlessly frustrating. Perhaps dwelling just as much on the blessings in front of us would help us find a balance in which the smallest of joys will make it easier to face our challenges.

This year April begins with Holy Week and Easter during which we remember how the first disciples faced the darkness of Jesus' death and their own devastating betrayal of him. Something about their faith and their journey with Jesus was sufficient blessing to keep them together and hoping, until the moment they met Jesus once more, risen to new life. Then they knew fresh blessings and a new future. With the Easter festival we celebrate the mystery and wonder of the resurrection of Christ and the renewal of life he offers to us all, with all its blessings of faith, hope and love to enrich our lives...

with Easter blessings to you all,

Canon Christine



## Services of Celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III

Sunday 7th May 2023

9.30am St Thomas' Church, Woolton Hill II.00am St Martin's Church, East Woodhay

Come and join in giving thanks for the Coronation of King Charles III, and to pray for the King and the Royal Family.

#### From the Church Registers: February 2023

Funeral: may she rest in peace

20th February Elizabeth (Liz) Marion Castle East Woodhay

Burial of ashes: may she rest in peace

18th February Joan Mary Speller Highclere

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| SUN 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                          | Palm Procession from Highclere Cricket Ground                                                                               |                                                                                          | 9.45am                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Palm Sunday                                                  | to Benefice Communion for Palm Sunday Highclere                                                                             |                                                                                          | 10.00am                                                     |
| MON 3 <sup>rd</sup> TUES 4 <sup>th</sup> WED 5 <sup>th</sup> | Compline Compline Holy Communion Compline                                                                                   | East Woodhay<br>Ashmansworth<br>Woolton Hill<br>East Woodhay                             | 8.00pm<br>8.00pm<br>10.00am<br>8.00pm                       |
| THURS 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Maundy Thursday                     | Holy Communion & Watch                                                                                                      | Woolton Hill                                                                             | 7.30pm                                                      |
| FRI 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Good Friday                           | Family Service An Hour at the Cross At the Foot of the Cross                                                                | Woolton Hill<br>Highclere<br>East Woodhay                                                | 11.00am<br>11.00am<br>2.00pm                                |
| SUN 9 <sup>th</sup><br>Easter Day                            | Service of Light Festival Communion Festival Communion (BCP) Festival Communion Festival Communion Holy Communion (ext BCP) | East Woodhay<br>Woolton Hill<br>Ashmansworth<br>Highclere<br>East Woodhay<br>Crux Easton | 6.00am<br>9.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am |
| SUN 16 <sup>th</sup><br>Easter 2                             | Morning Worship<br>Holy Communion<br>Parish Communion<br>Evensong                                                           | Woolton Hill<br>Ashmansworth<br>Highclere<br>East Woodhay                                | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am<br>6.00pm                       |
| SUN 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>Easter 3                             | Holy Communion Parish Communion Morning Worship Baptism Baptism Evensong                                                    | Highclere<br>Woolton Hill<br>East Woodhay<br>Highclere<br>Ashmansworth<br>Crux Easton    | 8.00am<br>9.30am<br>9.30am<br>12noon<br>12noon<br>5.00pm    |
| SUN 30 <sup>th</sup> Easter 4                                | Benefice Communion                                                                                                          | East Woodhay                                                                             | 10.00am                                                     |

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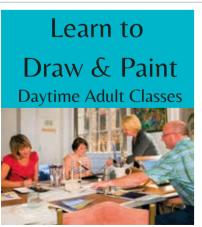


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## The Schools of Woolton Hill



#### An Evening of Star Gazing

upils across the Schools of Woolton Hill were recently treated to an Evening of Star Gazing, supported by the Newbury Astronomical Society. Inspired by the development of our new school house teams, (which are all constellations in the sky above our village), the children asked if they could have an opportunity to spot the star patterns for themselves.

The children started by learning about Astronomy that morning, with a talk to all the children by Society Chairman, George Sallit who took the children on a multi-media "Journey to the Stars". The children listened with rapt attention and asked plenty of questions.

Clearly inspired from the day's activities, over 60 children and parents packed into the school hall in the evening to be entertained with more information from the society and an opportunity to use their powerful telescopes.

Although there was a bit more cloud in the sky that night, it didn't stop our intrepid star gazers going on to the playground, armed with their own telescopes, binoculars and star gazing Apps to put what they'd learnt into action. The society was on hand with their laser pens to point out areas of interest and answer the children's questions.

Thanks to the Newbury Astronomical Society for inspiring our children and also a big thank you to the 'Friends of Woolton Hill Junior School' for providing the tasty refreshments.





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We would like to encourage anyone with an interest in gardening to come to our next meeting in April, at 7.30pm at East Woodhay Village Hall when Martyn Cox will be giving a talk on 'Big Ideas for Small Spaces'. There will be a small charge for this event. There is still time to join in with our summer activities.



#### Programme 2023/2024

| 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2023<br>Martyn Cox          | Big Ideas for Small Spaces                           |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 18 <sup>th</sup> May or 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2023  | Visit to Wisley Gardens                              |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023                          | Summer Outing to Stourhead                           |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2023                       | Cheese and Wine Party                                |
| Nev                                                | v Gardening Club Year                                |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2023                     | Annual General Meeting                               |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2023<br>Paul Sievers    | Great British Gardens in Southern England            |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023<br>Charlotte Popescu | In Praise of Apples                                  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023<br>Jonathan Rogers  | Growing Grapes and Viticulture                       |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023                     | Christmas Party                                      |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2024<br>Glenn Duggan      | The Darrien Gap, Orchids, Terrorists and Kidnappings |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024<br>Pauline Weeks    | You, Your Garden and Climate Change                  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024<br>Kelvin Mason        | Simple Propagation – Talk and Demonstration          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2024<br>Ray Broughton       | Planting in Containers – Planting and<br>Management  |

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## East Woodhay Society

#### Sunday 7th May 2023, Coronation Picnic in the Park

Following on from the success of last year's picnic we are excited about this year's picnic from 12.30pm on Sunday 7th May in the Woolton Hill Recreation Ground to celebrate the coronation of His

Majesty King Charles III.

Are you inspired by Bake Off? We are holding a Coronation Cake themed

competition for children and adults. The only rule is to bake a cake with a coronation theme. The categories are:

Under 10 years old / 10 to 16 years old / 17 and above Judging during the afternoon will be by a member of the local Women's Institute and prizes will be given to the best entries.

To all primary school children. Come along dressed as a king and we will be awarding prizes for the best costumes.

Please bring along a picnic and we are delighted that Spectrum are kindly sponsoring a hog roast. We will also

be serving a Pimm's to help quench your thirst. Thanks to East Woodhay Silver Band who will again be playing during the afternoon.

#### **Woodhay Walkers**

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We have had many lovely walks recently and have taken the opportunity of some unseasonably dry spring weather to enjoy our local countryside. The snowdrops are such a feature of our area with many hedgerows a carpet of white.

The new born lambs at Berries Farm was a highlight when we enjoyed a circular walk from East Woodhay Village Hall.

Our plans for April are as below but please email woodhaywalkers@gmail.com if you are planning to join us as there may need to be some last-minute changes given weather and mud conditions.



Friday 7th April will be a 3 mile walk from Woolton Hill Church Hall Friday 14th April up to 4 miles from Red House in Marsh Benham Friday 21st April up to 4 miles from Woolton Hill Church Hall Friday 28th April up to 4 miles in Burghclere from Carpenters Arms

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## Woolton Hill and Highclere Village Market

he first Woolton Hill and Highclere Village Market of 2023 took place at the end of February. And what an event it was!

The organisers estimate that well over 1000 visitors turned up to show their support at the new venue, Thorngrove School, far exceeding expectations. The market's 'dog friendly' status was certainly welcomed, as many locals took advantage of the bright, if chilly, weather to combine a visit to the market with their morning dog walk.

The school hall accommodated more than 40 stalls, ranging from fresh produce to homewares and plants. Lord Carnarvon popped down from Highclere Castle to show his support and officially open the market, along with local MP Kit Malthouse.

Guide Dogs West Berkshire fundraising group did a fantastic job of running the tea room, raising a total of £350 for the charity through sales of homemade cakes, hot drinks and a popular tombola. Even more popular were the very well behaved Guide Dog puppies in training – Po, Sonny and Tilly – who came along as part of their training to experience new sights, sounds and smells.

A big thank you too to all the volunteers, including Rob and Beks who kept hungry visitors happy at the brunch bar with sausages and bacon from Fernworth Farm.

The committee have had a fantastic response from the local community, with dozens of positive messages and emails. Everyone loved the friendly atmosphere, the wide range of stalls, and the increased space for browsing.

Make sure you mark Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April in the diary, when the next market will celebrate the forthcoming Coronation of His Majesty the King. There will be more parking available, alleviating the traffic that some visitors experienced last month. If you live nearby and are able to walk to Thorngrove, please consider doing so!



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This might be a great opportunity for someone at the beginning of their career to develop their CV - great to add that they are Treasurer or Secretary of their local hall - showing community spirit, leadership and team skills to name a few!

Or it might suit a young professional who has taken time off work to look after their children - keep your hand in, mind active and help the local community.

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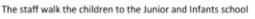
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## St Martin's CE Primary School

#### **Brave Day**

f you ask the children at St Martin's 'What is your favourite day at school?' a large number of them would reply 'Brave Day'! If you ask the teachers, the answers may be different! Brave Day is a very special day at our school, where everyone has to be brave and embrace a different type of learning!

Brave Day happens once a year and is a chance for everyone in school to do something brave for the day and push themselves to see what they are capable of. As a school we start with an inspiration, which might be an idea, a picture, a video etc. and then each class discusses possible activities linked to the inspiration.

During the day the children work individually or in small groups on a task identified, chosen and planned by themselves. In the past this has included art work, cooking, embroidery, potion making, puppet shows, story writing or anything else the children can think of! It is an amazing opportunity for the children to use the school learning skills and develop their teamwork, perseverance, reflection, concentration, curiosity and resourcefulness – a real chance to be brave!

As an important part of a Brave Day is the children working independently and having to resolve their own problems, the staff often have to sit

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back and let them struggle with things, before making suggestions or offering help - trust us this is very difficult, and means that the adults need to be brave too! However, it does really help the children to develop as learners and feel a sense of achievement with their end results.

This year our theme was 'Light of Life' and the idea of 'Humans as Hope'. The inspiration came from the sculptor Peter Walker and the Light of Hope Project, which involved many cathedrals across the UK, including Winchester Cathedral. The children interpreted this in many different ways and there were many exciting activities happening all over the school. There was a real mixture of activities including cooking, DT, model making, puppet shows, Lego construction, cartoon drawing and computer animation to name a few!

All the children had carefully thought about the activity that they wanted to carry out and how it related to the inspiration. One of our favourite comments from a group of Year 2 children who said, 'we made the whole world and put our faces on it because inside of all of us is a hope of light.'

During the national lockdown, we organised a Brave Day for the children while they were learning from home. We have left it on our website to give everyone and idea of what is involved in Brave Day.

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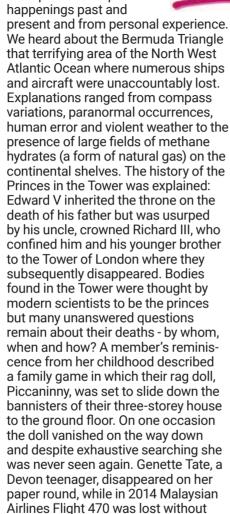
he topic for our first meeting was the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and everyone admitted that their knowledge of this country was very limited though all had fond memories of Radio Luxembourg in the 50's and 60's.

Today Luxembourg is the only Grand Duchy country left in the world. having been an independent sovereign state since the Treaty of London in 1839. Grand Duke Henri is a monarch with formal and limited rights: the country is governed by a democratically elected parliament, the Chamber of Deputies, made up of 60 MPs serving a 5 year term.

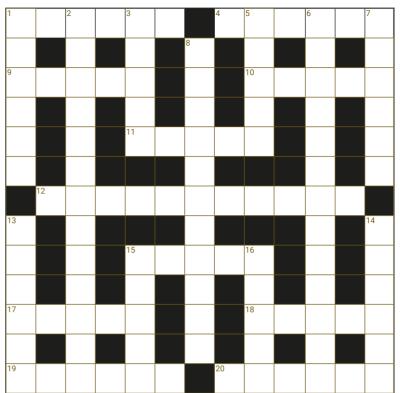
Luxembourg has a population of approximately 650,000, less than the city of Bristol yet it plays a significant role due to its location and thriving economy. Many of the inhabitants are foreign residents attracted by its trading opportunities, international banking centre and mixed economy. It is a multilingual country with French, German and Luxembourgish being official languages, all three used in education. English and Portuguese are also widely spoken. Cuisine is a fusion of French and German. Public transport is free but the cost of living, accommodation and food is high. Luxembourg has a wealth of ancient heritage and over 100 castles which make for interesting visits.

The theme of our next meeting, Mysterious Disappearances, provided examples of unexplained happenings past and that terrifying area of the North West and aircraft were unaccountably lost. Explanations ranged from compass variations, paranormal occurrences. presence of large fields of methane Princes in the Tower was explained: Edward V inherited the throne on the death of his father but was usurped by his uncle, crowned Richard III, who confined him and his vounger brother to the Tower of London where they subsequently disappeared. Bodies found in the Tower were thought by modern scientists to be the princes but many unanswered questions remain about their deaths - by whom. when and how? A member's reminiscence from her childhood described a family game in which their rag doll. Piccaninny, was set to slide down the bannisters of their three-storey house to the ground floor. On one occasion the doll vanished on the way down and despite exhaustive searching she was never seen again. Genette Tate, a Devon teenager, disappeared on her paper round, while in 2014 Malaysian Airlines Flight 470 was lost without trace. The Flannan Isle Lighthouse

> failure of the liahthouse one night in 1900 and the baffling absence of the lighthouse keepers.







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- 1. Turns out cook from Coventry University does not bring up her own children (6)
- 2. To satisfy his ego, a bridal bed was prepared that was environmentally friendly (13)
- Regret losing head to bird (5)
- 5. Able to hear moral tale with animals after loud beginning (5)
- 6. Nation I spiral from with lots of great ideas (13)
- Ex-governor growing old ran to keep fit (6)
- 8. In 24 hours we sold a folly, a silly move perhaps (3,5,3)
- 13. Atrophy, sickness, all can be treated inside with medicine (5)
- 14. Monkey made hilarious mistake (6)
- 15. Comes together to discuss butcher's produce we hear (5)
- 16. Unlikely tales about knitting material (5)

#### **Across**

- 1. Evidence left by spider where stocky horse went online (6)
- 4. What if a car drove around this continent? (6)
- 9. Nothing rich about these singers (5)
- 10. A note is on the plains where this animal roams (5)
- 11. Light volcanic rock to the east in northwestern France (5)
- 13. Prised mayor away from celebration to remember Disraeli (8,3)
- 15. Mother's Union initially shy about how they like their peas (5)
- 17. Siberian weasel type found in bundles of hay or straw (5)
- 18. Is this the right lane for kidneys? (5)
- 19. Will cricketer crumple his trousers here? (6)
- 20. Stole right to look after horses at inn (6)



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