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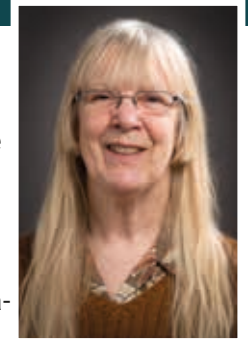
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Editorial



An interesting month ahead of us with so many events planned that there won't be time to cut the grass or do the housework, although to be honest, I use any excuse to avoid the latter.

Please don't miss the Coronation Celebration at Woolton Hill Recreation Ground where, once again, Spectrum is sponsoring the hog roast. I'm sure there will be lots of smaller, local get-togethers around the district to celebrate the coronation and raise a glass to our King and Queen so go out and enjoy yourselves with your friends and neighbours.

I've received a lot of lovely comments on April's front cover photo and the article on Rob Munro. So thank you, Rob, for allowing us to enjoy your beautiful photos. Not sure I'll have the courage to use one of mine in the future!

MEG

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Diary of Events May 2023

Monday	1 st	Evergreens	Highclere Village Hall	2 - 4.15pm
Wednesday	3 rd	EW Short Mat Bowls	East Woodhay Village Hall	7.30pm
Friday	5 th	Community Café	St Thomas' Church	10 - 11.30am
Friday	5 th	Woodhay Walkers	Woolton Hill Church Hall	10.30am
Sunday	7 th	Coronation Picnic	WH Recreation Ground	12.30pm
Tuesday	9 th	EW WI	East Woodhay Village Hall	2.30pm
Wednesday	10 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	East Woodhay Village Hall	7.30pm
Friday	12 th	Community Café	St Thomas' Church	10 - 11.30am
Friday	12 th	Woodhay Walkers	from The Vine, Hannington	10.30am
Saturday	13 th	Open Day	Thorngrove School	10am - 12pm
Saturday	13 th	Plant & Jumble Sale	East Woodhay Village Hall	2pm
Monday	15 th	Simple Social Dancing	Highclere Village Hall	2 - 3.30pm
Tuesday	16 th	Arbor Flora	Highclere Village Hall	2.00pm
Wednesday	17 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	East Woodhay Village Hall	7.30pm
Friday	19 th	Community Café	St Thomas' Church	10 - 11.30am
Friday	19 th	Woodhay Walkers	Woolton Hill Church Hall	10.30am
Monday	22 nd	Simple Social Dancing	Highclere Village Hall	2 - 3.30pm
Wednesday	24 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	East Woodhay Village Hall	7.30pm
Friday	26 th	Community Café	St Thomas' Church	10 - 11.30am
Friday	26 th	Woodhay Walkers	East End or Heath End	10.30am
Saturday	27 th	Village Market	Thorngrove School	10am - 1.00pm
Saturday	27 th	Bicentenary Celebrations	St Martin's Church	11am - 4.00pm
Sunday	28 th	Service & Picnic	St Martin's Church	11am
Monday	29 th	St Martin's Guild Fete	Church Farm	2 - 4.30pm
Wednesday	31 st	EW Short Mat Bowls	East Woodhay Village Hall	7.30pm
Various		Open studio	Rookery Farm	see advert

Woolton Hill & District Gardeners' Club



'Encouraging Wildlife into Your Garden' a talk by Andrew Halstead

Many gardeners are delighted when they find earthworms in their soil and brandling worms in the compost heap; that little spider making a web on a branch on an autumn morning and the goldfinches flying to a bird feeder. But Andrew, who is an entomologist at RHS Wisley, sent our heads spinning with anticipation as he described the exact conditions required for attracting orange tip and tortoiseshell butterflies; solitary bees, such as the carder bee and the leaf-cutting bee; tiny black wasps and different beetles, including one that looks like a wasp, into our gardens. Once your garden has become a haven for insects, other animals will begin to follow, different species of birds, hedgehogs, slow worms, field mice and shrews.

So, what do we need in our gardens to create this habitat? First choose as many **different species** and types of plants as is possible in your space, focusing mainly on native plants. Begin with the canopy, perhaps hawthorn and silver birch which can have 300 different insect species living in them; next a shrub layer to provide protection as animals move around the garden – pollarded

willow, dogwood or Guelder rose and then climbing plants to provide open flowers and berries for bees and birds, such as blackberry (there are thornless varieties) and ivy. Underplant these with perennial herbaceous plants – sedums, euphorbia, bryony, loosestrife and thistles leaving all the stems, foliage and seed heads in the border until spring.

However, as we all probably know, the single most important habitat to introduce into our gardens is **water**, even if this is simply a plastic bowl with some soil in the base, topped up with rainwater sitting on a balcony or outside the back door! Oxygenating plants and marginal plants growing in and around a pond will bring water boatmen, damselflies, copepods, pond skaters and even tadpoles and frogs. Arguably, the most challenging habitat for many of us to provide is the **unmown** lawn because it will provide cover for spiders, ants, ground beetles, grasshoppers and slow worms. Could you leave the lawn to grow long OR introduce a tiny pond, OR leave all your perennials to die back naturally next winter OR even introduce one of the wildlife-friendly plants? I really hope you will join me in trialling this type of gardening! To find out more about this topic, I can recommend the RSPB website which has lots of advice and tips.

Lorna Rains

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The Magician Behind The Scenes

Have you ever wondered, when flicking through a magazine or reading a newspaper, how everything fits in with no empty spaces? Well, the answer is the magician behind the scenes. At Spectrum, ours goes by the name of John. Every month, the editors bombard him with articles, adverts, reports, etc. and he sorts them out, matching items together to fit a page or adding a photo to fill a small space. John is a wiz at finding just the rights pictures when contributors don't have a suitable one or an editor asks him for something special. Just think of Moyra's poems!

Sometimes, the editor has to make a decision to cut the size of an article if it is too long or find something to fill a space or even another page if required. Remember that when we increase our magazine, it has to be 4 extra pages, so sometimes we cut and other times we add but John is the master behind fitting it all in.

When, the editor receives the draft copy from John, all we have to do is check for errors (rare) and that all the items are included, as they usually are.

So thank you John for all your hard work.

MEG

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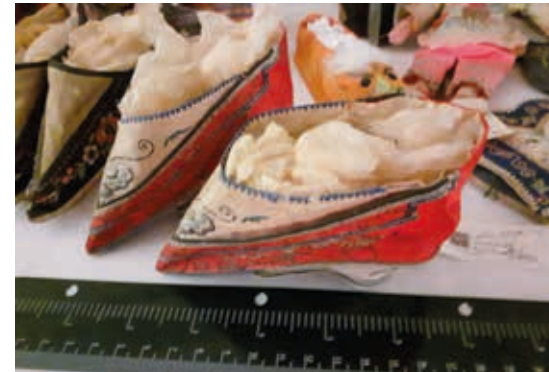


National Women's Register

NWR

The amazing sight of a table displaying around 20 pairs and individual Chinese Lotus Shoes greeted NWR members as they arrived for their Wednesday evening meeting. Wearing Lotus shoes was a unique footwear style in China for which women endured the painful custom of footbinding. It is said to have been inspired by a 10th century court dancer, Yao Niang, who danced on the tips of her toes before Emperor Li Yu. He was entranced by her so gradually other court ladies took

occasions, red ones for ceremonial events like weddings. The "Golden Lotus Shoe" was just 11cms long and this was the desired size that the women wished to achieve. Most of the women would be engaged in producing these shoes as their capacity for work would be limited by their difficulty in standing or walking for any length of time. The shoe got its name from the resemblance the bound foot had to a Lotus flower bud. In 1912 the new Republic of China banned foot binding but the practice carried on in some regions into the 1930's.



We also saw original Door of Hope Dolls. At the beginning of the 20th century destitute young Chinese women would seek refuge at the Door of Hope Mission in Shanghai. They would be given shelter and in return hand made these dolls, dressed in costumes representing the various classes of people in China, for the Mission to sell. These original dolls are much sought after by doll collectors.

up footbinding making it a status symbol and a mark of feminine beauty among the elite. The lower classes also began footbinding as in some provinces it improved marriage prospects. It is estimated that by the 19th century 40-50 % of all Chinese women had bound feet. Binding would start when a girl was between the ages of 5 and 8, with all but the big toe bent under and backwards towards the heel. One cannot comprehend the pain these girls suffered.

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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 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	Sarah Porter	254609
Granny's Attic	Gifts and crafts, china, glass and silver, plus good quality undamaged resaleable items for the home. BUT please don't use as an alternative to the "tip"	Anne Aston	0779 483771
Artisans	Any beautiful fabrics for our wonderful sewing team	Anne Aston	0779 483771
Raffle	Prizes including cash	Jonathan Hopson	253367
Tombola	Bottles, bottles and more bottles	Charlotte Wilson	253573
Teas	Freshly baked cakes and biscuits	Sarah Ede	253205
Games	Manpower	Sarah L	255293
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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 3rd 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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Spring

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Attracting brown butterflies - bees hum and hover.
By the side of a stream, purple foxgloves grow tall.
In the shade of the wood peep anemones, small.
A deer with her fawn, is ready to run
To flee through the bluebells if danger should come.
Cute fledglings are cheeping, well fed and full grown,
They fly from the nest and must cope on their own.
New life - plants and creatures - new growth everywhere.
A feeling of hope comes with Spring in the air.

Moyra Harkness



Dear Friends,

As Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II served so faithfully for so many years there are not many of us who can recall the Coronation Service. This month sees this most momentous of occasions again as King Charles III is crowned at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May. Excitement will build once more as we celebrate both nationally and locally!

The ceremony is rooted in longstanding traditions, but there will be some changes as the service will also reflect the King's role today and look to the future. For example throughout the Coronation weekend we know that themes of community life, volunteering and service will be highlighted and celebrated both nationally and locally.

At the heart of the service is a ritual in which the Archbishop of Canterbury anoints the King with oil. This is a custom which, with roots in the Old Testament, can be traced back to the Coronation of King Edgar by St Dunstan in 973. At King Charles' coronation the oil will come from the Mount of Olives and will have been consecrated for this use in a special ceremony at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem by the local Patriarch and Anglican Archbishop. This outward and visible act of anointing of King Charles signifies an inward grace and we pray that God will set apart King Charles to serve the people of our nation and Commonwealth with humility and joy.

To support our preparations the Church of England has provided daily readings and prayers for the four weeks leading up to the Coronation. Although we will be part way through these by the time you read this, all will be still available on the Church of England website. The resources have helped us to pray for the King, the Queen Consort and the Royal Family; for the family of nations to which we belong and to explore the symbolism and spiritual significance of the Coronation Service.

As we join the celebrations and gather locally in special Coronation Thanksgiving services on Sunday 7th May we will be praying for the King to receive grace to carry out this momentous task to which he has been called. As we do this may we also pray for ourselves that we too, with him, may receive the grace needed to carry out those things to which we have been called.

with every blessing to you all,

Canon Christine

From the Church Registers: March 2023

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

26th March Toby James George Rowe Ashmansworth

Funeral: may they rest in peace

15th March Derek Herbert John Edwards Ashmansworth

Charlton Park Crematorium

30th March Harriet Louise Griffiths Woolton Hill

31st March Eileen Beryl Edwards Woolton Hill

Burial of ashes: may they rest in peace

4th March John (Max) Joseph William Maxwell Woolton Hill

27th March Neil Reid Woolton Hill

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SUN 7th <i>Easter 5</i>	Coronation Thanksgiving Coronation Thanksgiving Coronation Thanksgiving	Woolton Hill Highclere East Woodhay	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am
SUN 14th <i>Easter 6</i>	Holy Communion Parish Communion Matins	East Woodhay Woolton Hill Highclere	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am
THUR 18th <i>Ascension Day</i>	Holy Communion	Ashmansworth	10.00am
SUN 21st <i>Easter 7</i>	Morning Worship Holy Communion Family Communion + <i>Baptism</i> Evensong	Woolton Hill Ashmansworth Highclere East Woodhay	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm
SUN 28th <i>Pentecost</i>	Holy Communion Parish Communion <i>Bicentenary Celebration</i> <i>Service</i> Evensong	Highclere Woolton Hill East Woodhay Crux Easton	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm
WED 3rd May	Holy Communion	Woolton Hill	10.00am
Rector: Revd Canon Christine Dale (<i>Rest day: Friday</i>) 253323			
Associate Priest: Revd Professor Chris Hancock 254718			
Readers: Suki Coe 07990 755323 Reader Emeritus: Rosemary Cahill 253306			



Services of Celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III

Sunday 7th May 2023

9.30am St Thomas' Church, Woolton Hill

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- East Woodhay Silver Band
- Best cake competition (Coronation themed)
The only rule is to bake a cake with a coronation theme.
Bring your cake along before 1pm. The categories are:
 1. Under 10 years old
 2. 10 to 16 years old
 3. Adults (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.

- Best dressed Monarch - judged by Woolton Hill headteacher, Mr Paul Davies
- Hog Roast – available free on first come basis, kindly sponsored by The Spectrum
- DJ Chris Pearce - bring your boogie shoes.

The event will be attended by the Mayor of Basingstoke Councillor Paul Miller. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Woodhay Walkers

I am writing this just after a very wet March but only the Snelsmore / Donnington Castle walk had to be postponed. We will make sure do this circular walk soon. However, we were able to enjoy the wonderful daffodils around the local area, particularly at East End.

May tends to be a lovely time of the year for walking and we are looking forward to seeing many native bluebells which carpet the ground amongst the trees.

Our plans for May 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 28th April up to 4 miles in Burghclere from Carpenters Arms**
- Friday 5th May 3 miles from Woolton Hill Church Hall**
- Friday 12th May up to 4 miles from The Vine, Hannington**
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The Schools of Woolton Hill



Ofsted Success For The Schools Of Woolton Hill

St Thomas Infants and Woolton Hill Juniors have both been graded 'Good' by OFSTED during recent inspections.

In the last 18 months we have worked to create a high quality, clearly structured and properly sequenced curriculum that offers continuity between Infants and Juniors. Our high quality teachers seek to deliver this in an exciting manner that makes learning 'irresistible' for all pupils.

The assessment undertaken by Ofsted is confirmation that the ambitious goals we set ourselves are the right ones and that we are making great progress!

OFTED said; "Leaders, teachers and governors are highly ambitious for this school and the pupils who attend it. They have worked hard to improve the quality of education for pupils since the schools federated in 2020. Pupils are proud to attend this happy village school."

Inspectors recognised that Vision and Values, launched last year, are central to our approach. "Staff have high expectations for all pupils. Leaders ensure that every pupil's 'light shines'."

Other areas of the curriculum were also highlighted by the inspectors. "Lessons are purposeful and pupils work hard. Leaders have redesigned subject content to ensure that pupils learn 'an irresistible curriculum'. They have identified the most important knowledge, skills and vocabulary that they want pupils to learn, year by year, subject by subject."

In the Infant School report, OFSTED noted that "Reading is taught well

across the Federation, reading lessons are clearly delivered with a sharp focus on vocabulary. Children enjoy reading, the new Libraries are popular, as is class story time. A clear phonics scheme is very well implemented in both schools - a real strength."

I was pleased to see the positive comments about our maths provision. "In maths children are taught key number fluency and reasoning skills through concrete, pictorial and abstract approaches. This enables pupils to embed their knowledge and understanding."

Inspectors highlighted behaviour as a strength of the junior school. "They know the three school rules, 'accept, behave, and care' well. They follow instructions and are polite and respectful. Strong relationships permeate throughout the school so that pupils feel safe. Bullying is rare and staff deal with any incidents quickly."

Another area of focus for the school has been our provision and support for children with special educational needs (SEN). This was commented on by the inspector. "Pupils with SEN have their needs met through good leadership, clear systems and effective passports for success." Our inclusive ethos to learning really stood out, especially at the juniors, where this has really improved. We enable all pupils to "find their thing"; and in this we enable pupils to "let their light shine";

I am delighted with the result of both inspections, but we are far from ready to stand still. There is still much to do. Our ethos is very much about continuous improvement and our aim is to be '**Outstanding**' by the time of the next inspection.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of the staff at both schools who not only supported these inspections but who work tirelessly every day to ensure that we push for continuous improvement to provide the best education and allow the children of our schools to "let their light shine".

Paul Davies, Executive Headteacher, The Schools of Woolton Hill



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East Woodhay Parish Council



Backgrounding ref Current State of Roads

There is understandable concern by parishioners about the state of our local major and minor roads. East Woodhay Parish Council (EWPC) is very much aware of the number of potholes in the roads and lanes of the parish and echoes the dissatisfaction of parishioners at the steady and now unacceptable deterioration both of this essential local infrastructure and of the main A343 highway between Penwood and the A34.

However, the EWPC has no responsibility or authority for allocation of county resources to the maintenance of local highways. Nonetheless, over recent years it has continually sought to highlight these

team that further heavy patching repairs are planned for the A343 for the first quarter of the 2023/24 financial year to resolve the current issues and that they will be working with their delivery team to ensure there is no repeat of the recent problems faced with local misleading diversions. EWPC, together with its neighbouring parish councils, will continue to maintain pressure on the elected representatives of Hampshire County Council, and on local MP Kit Malthouse to maintain local infrastructure at an acceptable level.

Parish Project Fulfilment

EWPC has control over the allocation of resources obtained under S106 arrangements from developers, in particular relating to the Meadowbrook development. Having fought to prevent this money being allocated elsewhere in the county, it has financed and managed a number of projects for the benefit of the community.


Successfully completed projects include the provision of enhanced recreation facilities, suitable crossing access at Brownie's corner for wheelchairs and child buggies, a pedestrian footway along Tile Barn Row and a car parking lay-by to improve access to the Doctors' surgery in Trade Street and to smooth through traffic flow.

EWPC will continue to work within its limited resources to deliver local benefit for its parishioners wherever possible.

increasing problems to Hampshire County Council, through local County Councillor Tom Thacker, and latterly by direct communications with the HCC Highways Engineering department.

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When I looked at my programme and read "People on a Plinth" I thought statues, but the talk by Tony Cross turned out to be much more than that.

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It seems we like to relate our memorials to the things pertinent to the area, such as Shepherd & Sheep, the fireman at Eastleigh, Benny Hill the comedian, the bluecoat school boy and the yomper – all in their own settings.

Some memorials are the now familiar blue plaques on buildings and some of the buildings themselves. I am sure we will all be keeping our eyes open now!

The competition this month "a single bloom" was well supported. Next month (April) we hear about the food bank and its valuable work, and showing & decorating Easter Eggs.

May will be our AGM followed by a coronation tea.

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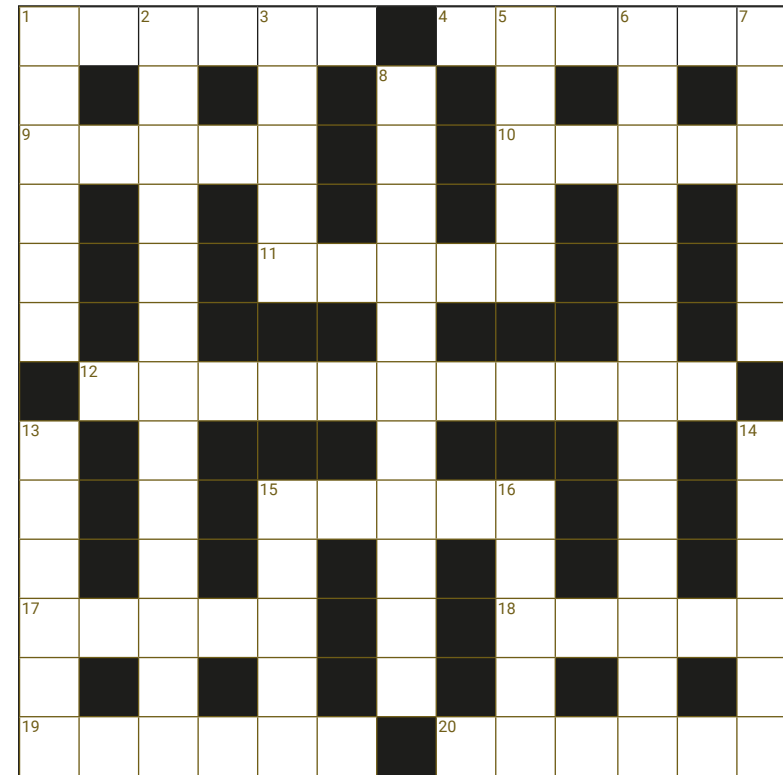


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Answers crossword no 242
Across: 1 Cobweb, 4 Africa, 9 Choir, 10 Bison, 11 Tuffe, 12. Primrose Day, 15 Mushy, 17 Sable, 18 Renal, 19 Crease, 20 Ostler
Down: 1 Cuckoo, 2 Biodegradable, 3 Egret, 5 Fable, 6 Inspirational, 7 Arnold, 8 All Fools' Day, 13 Physic, 14 Howler, 15 Meets, 16 Yarns

Across

1. Choose Mr Cage or Mr Nolte for outside feast (6)
4. How mild physical education shows when you smile (6)
9. Note rust around where it will break open (5)
10. Shrine loses right to direct light (5)
11. Groan miserably as it begins to play (5)
12. Went to market with her last doll (11)
15. Cord I used to create architectural style (5)
17. We hear who gradually lost colour: Fay did! (5)
18. Doctor has unique identifier for Celtic leader (5)
19. Found dead by chaise longue (6)
20. Tear around empty rectory looking for important route (6)

Down

1. Peel small stone around gun (6)
2. Roy cannot do first class event on 6th May (10,3)
3. In short, get right into the prologue (5)
5. Is Ben confusing the father of realism? (5)
6. Not the eldest son, so nothing for me. I rent our pig so we have something to eat (13)
7. Does this to select MP (6)
8. Saw new monarch through thoughtfully placed large chinks (4,7)
13. Type of animal that kicked a ball hard (6)
14. To delay around five hundred would cost lives (6)
15. Successfully avoid American muscle car (5)
16. Cried about having drink with Rosie (5)

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