

Spectrum



Editorial



After a busy May with lots of events, June may seem relatively quiet. However, that doesn't mean you have to stay indoors when there are so many lovely walks in and around our Parish. Do look out for adders as they seem fairly numerous at present and when with young will not be friendly if disturbed. So when walking your dog, keep a good look out as an inquisitive dog is more likely to be bitten than you.

I love strolling along the Wayfarer's Walk and looking down over our local area, trying to spot houses I know but are hidden by the trees. The many fields are multi-coloured with different crops and divided by lovely hedgerows. When we first moved here, there would always be skylarks to spot and listen to as they soared above. Unfortunately, these are now rarely heard. You are more likely to see red kites sweeping the sky and gliding below the hilltops.

We live in such a beautiful place with so many splendid trees and our roadsides are full of so many different varieties of wild flowers. Go out and enjoy it.

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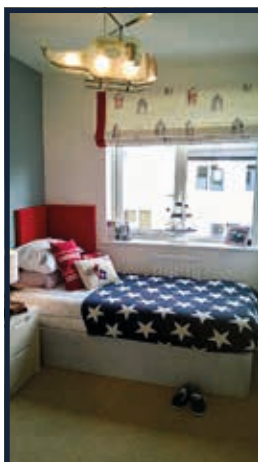
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Diary of Events June 2023

Friday	2 nd	Community Café	St Thomas' Church	10 - 11.30am
Friday	2 nd	Woodhay Walkers	Woolton Hill Church Hall	10.30am
Monday	5 th	Evergreens	Highclere Village Hall	2 - 4.15pm
Wednesday	7 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	East Woodhay Village Hall	7.30pm
Friday	9 th	Community Café	St Thomas' Church	10 - 11.30am
Friday	9 th	Woodhay Walkers	Bowlers Arms, Wash Common	10.30am
Tuesday	13 th	EW WI	East Woodhay Village Hall	2.30pm
Wednesday	14 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	East Woodhay Village Hall	7.30pm
Friday	16 th	Community Café	St Thomas' Church	10 - 11.30am
Friday	16 th	Woodhay Walkers	Woolton Hill Church Hall	10.30am
Tuesday	20 th	Arbor Flora	Highclere Village Hall	2.00pm
Tuesday	20 th	Highclere Poetry Group	Brick Kiln Cottage - see advert	7.30pm
Wednesday	21 st	EW Short Mat Bowls	East Woodhay Village Hall	7.30pm
Friday	23 rd	Community Café	St Thomas' Church	10 - 11.30am
Friday	23 rd	Woodhay Walkers	Crown & Garter, Inkpen	10.30am
Saturday	24 th	Village Market	Thorngrove School	10am - 1.00pm
Wednesday	28 th	EW Short Mat Bowls	East Woodhay Village Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday	28 th	Kingsclere Players	The Crown, Kingsclere	7.30pm
Friday	30 th	Community Café	St Thomas' Church	10 - 11.30am
Friday	30 th	Woodhay Walkers	EW Village Hall or Malverleys	10.30am
July 2023				
Saturday	1 st	Summer Fair	St Thomas' Church	2 - 4pm



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The Garden Centre

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 My list gets longer – compost, tools -a spray to kill the weeds.

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 As well as plants and shrubs I see the huge glazed pots look nice.

They're rather heavy – what to do? How could I get them home?
 I spot another smaller choice -a cheery garden gnome!

He'll brighten up the flower beds, I'll smile when I am weeding.
 He'll be no trouble – unlike birds -because he won't need feeding!

Returning to the job in hand, my trolley's overflowing
 With gorgeous plants and flowers – which will take me
 hours of sowing.

Home at last, unload the car. Phew, that took quite
 some time.

Should I now start planting? No! Relax with glass of wine.

Moyra Harkness



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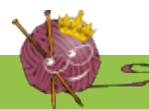
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East Woodhay Flower & Produce Show



Saturday 19th August

Dear Friends and Residents of East Woodhay Parish

We are writing to introduce the annual Flower and Produce Show, which has been happening in the Parish for over 70 years. For most of that time it was a thriving event as local people grew produce, made produce, and generally joined in in any way they could to make it a lively and much anticipated local event.

Over recent years however participation at all levels has declined and now only a handful of dedicated gardeners and craft people take part. We want to revitalise this traditional local event because we believe that it still has lots to offer both as a community event and also to encourage crafts, gardening, and horticulture which are so vital to our general well-being. So, if you have a garden or allotment; if you can bake a cake or tart; if you can make jams or chutneys; if you can sew, knit, take photos, arrange flowers, or do any type of craft, then we need you to join in. It is the taking part that matters! There are also classes for children of all ages with categories for under 5s; 5-8 yrs; 9-12 yrs and 13-16 yrs – So whatever your age you can enter!

Here are just a few of the many classes this year:

Potatoes (5 white)

Potatoes (5 coloured)

Vase of Sweet Peas – 7 stems

1 pot of jelly (in plain glass jar covered with waxed disc and labelled with name of fruit)

Make a soft toy, material or knitted (not a kit)

} These are to have been grown
by the exhibitor in their own
garden or allotment

The show is always held on the third Saturday in August and with your support it has the potential to continue to be a fun and fulfilling local event for all the family. Alongside the exhibition classes there are stalls such as raffle, tombola, plants, cakes, and a few side shows. Any help running the stalls or donating to them would be most welcome.

Lastly we would appreciate ideas for ways to not only encourage more people to take part but also to attract the public to come and support this important local event.

Show classes can be found online at www.eastwoodhayflowershow.co.uk or a schedule can be picked up at The Stores in Broad Layings; Woolton Hill Surgery; and Marsh Fuels. If you would like to help please contact Diana Brindley on 01635 278435/dianambrindley@icloud.com or Judith Collins on 01635 254712/jpmssz@aol.com.

We look forward to seeing you (hopefully with exhibits!) at the Show on Saturday 19th August.

The Show Committee



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East Woodhay Women's Institute



East Woodhay WI – April 2023

I have a half an hour ride home from WI which always gives me time to think – sometimes I am full of laughter from a speaker's witty remarks but not so after our last meeting about the Food Bank.

Something I have been supporting for a while, but Rosie Ginn really brought home to us the vital work and its serious nature. She explained how the Trussel Trust started in the 1990's and how it has spread and helped so many people. The donations are taken to a warehouse on Greenham where the volunteers send them out checking for age & suitability – who wants out of date food or if your cooking facilities are limited e.g. you might not have an oven!

After being referred by the Social Services, the parcels are delivered to the recipient by car – this ensures that no-one sees a van with a name to identify it. A limit of 3 weeks of food is allowed before a reassessment. The need is great and at the moment shows no sign of slowing so please be generous if you can & are asked.

June Milsom



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Kingsclere Players



Peter Pan is flying into Kingsclere this Christmas!

Kingsclere Players in partnership with Kingsclere Community Association are bringing Neverland to The Fieldgate Centre this Christmas.

We're looking for all creative talents of all ages... Take part in acting or set design, sewing of costumes to lighting and sound effects. Whether you're onstage, backstage or just part of making the magic and having a laugh, we want you to be there with us!

If you are interested then SAVE THESE DATES!

Peter Pan Promo Days – Find out how you can take part
Wednesday 28th June, 7:30pm, The Crown, Kingsclere
Saturday 8th July, 3pm – KIDS DAY (Ages 6-17), The Crown, Kingsclere

Peter Pan Audition Day
Sunday 9th July, 3pm, The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere

Email Kingsclere Players by 30th June if you'd like to get involved but can't make one of those dates at kingsclere.players@yahoo.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you there!

St Thomas' Summer Fair

Saturday 1st July 2.00pm in the church grounds

*If you would like to donate Cakes and Jams, or an item for the raffle please contact **Bertha Bates 253199***

*If you would like to donate bottles please contact **Bob King 253378***

The Schools of Woolton Hill



The Schools of Woolton Hill's new look!

We're really excited to be launching our new look in September this year as both the infant school and the junior school roll out a new uniform as part of our Federation that has created The Schools of Woolton Hill.

The new uniform marks the next step in our federation's journey to bring both schools in Woolton Hill together and be a physical representation of what we stand for: allowing children to 'let their light shine' throughout primary years, secondary years, and beyond.

We began our 'new look' project by asking the children and their parents what they wanted from their uniform in September. The answers were pretty clear - no ties, not too light colours (to ensure uniforms withstand plenty of outdoor play), and a jumper or cardigan that could be worn in both schools and passed down to siblings and friends. The children are extremely passionate about sustainability and looking after our planet, so the last request was one we wanted to make sure we achieved.

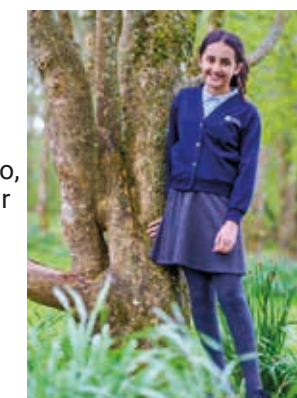
Following the initial research stage we gave the children plenty of uniform options to choose from, and they voted, with the help of our School Councillors, for the new uniform of choice.

We're thrilled to announce that from September there will be no ties, all children can wear a light blue polo shirt (instead of white), and jumpers and cardigans will only include The Schools of Woolton Hill logo which means they can be worn from Year R all the way through to Year 6. What's more we've smartened up our PE kit. Previously, children wore our House colours; yellow, green, red or blue. But now the PE kit will include a navy sports top with light blue details, and navy joggers or shorts.

Finally, to ensure 'old' uniforms don't go to waste, we've teamed up with the charity Goods for Good who will transport the uniform items no longer required to communities abroad that are in need.

The children are really excited to wear the new uniform and it will be a huge milestone starting the next academic year wearing The Schools of Woolton Hill's logo, further cementing the Federation and moving us on in our journey to be outstanding.

Paul Davies, Executive Headteacher,
The Schools of Woolton Hill



Woolton Hill & District Gardeners' Club



The Garden Club's talk in April was 'Big Gardens in Small Spaces' by Martyn Cox, Horticultural Journalist and Author.

The single most transformative project to change a small space, or even no space at all into an oasis of green tranquility must be the green, living or vertical wall. The 'green wall' was just one of many ideas suggested to us by Martyn in his talk and it was this idea which resonated with me personally. Whichever city I have visited across Europe and beyond, I have always been interested in how the people living there introduce plants into their lives – on balconies, in hanging pots and baskets, planters lining alleyways and 'living green' walls. I was delighted to be asked recently to help in the renovation of a green wall in my son's garden in Thailand which involved dismantling and repotting about one hundred plants. The only concern here was to discover a green pit viper nestling inside one of the pots!

As with many trends in gardening, we often find evidence of similar ideas from times past and I am sure you will all be familiar with The Hanging Gardens of Babylon (Iraq today), dating from 600 BC. Irrigation channels were built to allow spring water to travel from the top of the palace walls through the garden. A similar irrigation system is used at The Alhambra in Granada in Spain. Both examples allow for an exuberance of planting with palms, cypress trees, citrus fruits and vines being grown in a small space. The 'Patio



Festival' in Cordoba in Spain is a celebration of the 'living wall' where traditional terracotta pots are hung on white-painted walls in tiny courtyards. The pots are usually overflowing with pelargoniums in flower and the



Woolton Hill & District Gardeners' Club



presence of water, citrus trees and palms within the patios, create the same sense of tranquillity desired by King Nebuchadnezzar for his wife in ancient Babylon.

It wasn't until 1938 that Stanley Hart White, a landscape architect from Illinois, patented his 'Botanical Bricks' idea, which was the first modern irrigated green wall. This idea has since been developed by Patrick Blanc, a botanist who invented 'Mur Vegetal' or 'Vertical Garden'. Inspired by tropical plants with lush green foliage, low-growing vegetation clinging to high rocky structures and the waterfall habitats of Thailand and Brazil, he has designed green walls for famous landmark buildings around the world, including the 'Caixa Forum' in Madrid, 'Dolce Vita' in Lisbon and 'Paragon Siam' in Bangkok. The well-being of city dwellers is often at the heart of the decision to create a green wall, but research shows that they have other benefits such as animal biodiversity, improvements in air quality and insulation for buildings. Usually, it is simply that people love green spaces and have an overwhelming impulse to create them in any way possible.

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It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the facilities in the recreation ground on Sunday 7th May at the Coronation Event. The play/sports equipment, table tennis, tennis court and boules court were all enjoyed to the max in the sunshine. A huge thank you



to everyone who came along and took home all of their rubbish; it is much appreciated.

On the day the Deputy Mayor of Basingstoke, David Leeks and his wife, Deputy Mayoress Amanda Leeks joined the celebration, enjoying the cake from one of the competition entries. Cllr Paul Hurst and Cllr Mark Rand are pictured with the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress.

EWPC has now taken over the maintenance of the top part of Meadowbrook kick around area. This will now be added to our scheduled grass cutting and maintenance by Scofell.

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National Women's Register



An exploration of the Roaring Twenties provided an entertaining and informative afternoon.

It was the age of the movies which saw the birth of Mickey Mouse, an American cartoon character co-created in 1928 by Walt Disney and the cartoonist and animator Ub Iwerks and famous to this day. The first Mickey Mouse Film to be a hit was "Steamboat Willie".

In the early 1920s every movie was silent. Cinemas employed musicians to play the piano or organ to accompany the films. Cinema became the main form of popular entertainment and people of all ages attended the movies, sometimes two or three times a week, and produced the first generation of movie stars like Charlie Chaplin. In 1927 talking pictures began with "The Jazz Singer" starring Al Jolson, a Lithuanian/American Jewish singer and one of the highest paid stars of the 1920s. The "talkies" created such stars as Douglas Fairbanks, Greta Garbo, Mary Pickford, Buster Keaton and Rudolph Valentino, to name but a few.

Dance music resembled what we came to call "The Big Band Sound". Dances included the Black Bottom, the Shimmy, the Foxtrot, the Lindy Hop and the Charleston. Popular songs included "Swanee" written by George Gershwin and associated with Al Jolson.

Flappers were a sub-culture of young western women who wore short skirts, bobbed hair, rebelled against strict protocol, wore make up, drank, smoked, drove cars, and this

was seen as a reaction to the end of World War One.

In 1917 alcohol was banned in several American states. During the war there was also a ban on brewing alcohol from grain because the grain was needed for food and in 1919 Congress passed the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, outlawing the manufacture, transport and sale of alcohol. However, prohibition eventually failed because there were not enough officers to enforce it and the system was corrupted

by organised crime and gangsters (such as Al Capone) who fixed gambling and bribed the police. Also, there were too many Americans who wanted to drink alcohol!!

Huge economic growth followed World War One. Mass production made available to the middle classes goods such as radios, vacuum cleaners and cars. It all came to an abrupt end in October 1929 when the stock market crashed.



June 2023

Dear Friends,

Well what a summer it is turning out to be. Beginning as it has with the Coronation of King Charles III with all its state pageantry, pomp and circumstance! The theme the King set for his Coronation weekend was **'celebrating community, faith and service'**. The Coronation Service and the surrounding events and activities reminded us that, after all the finery and the splendour, the heart of the role of our Monarch is that of humble service. Inspired by the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, the Monarch is called to be one who serves, both in serving others and in affirming the service of others in many and various ways.

Following on from all the wonderful Coronation celebrations we are now settling back into the annual summer local round of fetes, fairs, flower shows and markets. All of these events are at heart a glorious and visible expression of our service to one another. We see folk of all ages giving of their time, energy and skills to put on events that bring us together for the sharing of interests, activities, fun and fund raising. We should not underestimate how important these occasions are for the making, affirming, renewing and wellbeing of our communities and friendships.

So I want to say thank you, thank you to everyone who this summer is giving so much to our communities through the service of their volunteer time and energy. Thank you also to the Spectrum team who month by month work behind the scenes to collate the news and details that add to, and promote, our common life. Through all we do for one another and all of our support for one another we make visible our common life. Long may this continue... and God save the King!

with every blessing to you all,
Canon Christine

From the Church Registers: April 2023

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

23rd April	Louis Albert Snoeck	Ashmansworth
23rd April	Cosima Catherine Roskill	Ashmansworth
23rd April	Amelia Rose Dennis	Highclere

Funeral: may they rest in peace

13th April	Margaret Doris Barrett	East Woodhay
	West Berkshire Crematorium	
25th April	Florence Maud Wilson	Woolton Hill
	West Berkshire Crematorium	
26th April	Angela Mary Myers	Crux Easton

Burial of ashes: may they rest in peace

20th March	Colin Finley Mountjoy Edwards	Woolton Hill
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Coronation Picnic in the Park

In between a wet Saturday Coronation Day and a damp bank holiday Monday, we enjoyed the most wonderful sunny Sunday afternoon for the EWS 'Coronation Picnic in the Park', where hundreds of families and friends came together for a memorable community event with a lovely atmosphere.

A big thanks to all who helped make the event so special, including:

- Spectrum for providing the free hog roast with Bob and Frieda King serving
- East Woodhay Silver Band and Chris Pearce for the musical entertainment
- Woolton Hill Argyle Football Club for the 'beat the goalie' competition
- Those who came dressed as Monarchs and entered the Coronation Cake competition
- Vaishali Patel for her intricate henna designs

It was great to see Basingstoke & Deane Deputy Mayor David Leeks and his wife Amanda attend the event.

Thanks to Mary Gulliver for these photos which provide a great flavour of the afternoon.

Woodhay Walkers

Our plans for June 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 conditions. We start promptly at 10.30am.

- Friday 2nd June 3 miles from Woolton Hill Church Hall
- Friday 9th June up to 4 miles from Bowlers Arms, Wash Common
- Friday 16th June 4 miles from Woolton Hill Church Hall
- Friday 23rd June 4 miles from Crown & Garter, Inkpen
- Friday 30th June 4 miles from East Woodhay Village Hall or Malverleys (please email to check)

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The free hog roast with Bob & Frieda King serving



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Prayer at St Martin's

Prayer is a very important part of St Martin's school. As a church school, worship is an integral part of everyday life but we also ensure that every child understands the importance of prayer and how it can be used to support them and others.

The Worship team, which is a group of children made up of 2 children from every class, is very involved in all areas of worship at St Martin's. They are responsible for setting up the school hall for worship, organising the outdoor prayer area in the nature garden, promoting worship and prayer across the school and encouraging all to become involved.

In the main school hall, the worship table is always set up with our cross, our class candles, prayer pebbles and prayer squares. The prayer pebbles are different coloured glass pebbles which represent the different prayers the children can make - purple represents sorry, green represents please, gold represents thank you and our newly introduced blue pebbles are for mixed prayers. These were introduced following some pupil conferencing where the children explained that sometimes their prayers came into more than one category and then they didn't know which colour to use. The pebbles are left in baskets around the school and the children can take one and put it into the prayer basket in the main hall at the start of worship as they say their prayer.

Also in the hall is our prayer wall, where children (and staff and visitors) can add a 'prayer square'. These are special notes where prayers can be written by pupils, parents, teachers and all visitors to the school. These notes are then attached to the ribbons on the prayer wall - the ribbons are the same colours as the prayer pebbles.

Each class also has a special worship area - this varies depending on the age of the children in the class but every area includes the class candle, prayer pebbles and prayer squares so that children can write their own prayers.

We are very lucky to have an outdoor prayer area, which the children can access at break and lunch times. This is a quiet area where children can go to say a prayer or spend some time in quiet reflection. It has its own special prayer wall, as well as prayer pebbles and prayer squares.



Recently the worship team organised a special a 'pop up prayer space'. This was a tent set up at the front of the school so all visitors could complete a prayer square and add it to the wall. This was a wonderful idea as it really helped all visitors to the school to understand how we value prayer at the school - we even had a couple of visits from members of the St Martin's church PCC to add a prayer. This was so successful that it is going to become a termly event.

If you would like to include your own prayer on our prayer wall then please do get in touch with the school office.

East Woodhay Charities

Chris Boreham & Mary Harcourt



At our March meeting we were sad to say goodbye to two long serving members: Mary Harcourt who has been a trustee since 1995, and Chris Boreham who joined the Charities as a trustee in 2013. Rev Christine thanked both Mary and Chris for all their hard work during their time as trustees, and particularly thanked Chris for his assistance with the process of the sale of the charities' land.

East Woodhay Charities is made up of two charities: 'Relief in Need' and 'Relief in Sickness'. The charities exist to provide assistance to residents of the civil parish of East Woodhay, either in need or in sickness. All requests for assistance are treated sensitively and confidentially.

Following the investment of proceeds from the sale of charities' land the funds available for distribution have increased, and we have reviewed the application process. In future the trustees will meet in January and July each year, and the following deadlines for grant applications will be applied:

Book/technology grants for first year students of up to £100

These grants are for students going off to college or university for the first time. The deadline for applications will be the **30th June each year**. Applications will be considered at the July meeting. This will enable the grants to be paid in plenty of time before the start of term.

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These grants are for people struggling to pay their fuel bills, especially during the colder months. The deadline for applications will be the **31st December each year**. Applications will be considered at the January meeting and paid by the end of January.

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These grants are for when unexpected costs arise, causing people to find themselves in very difficult circumstances. Because of the nature of these grants there is no deadline for applications. Requests will be considered either at the next scheduled meeting, or between meetings if appropriate.

Sue Wren, Rev Christine, Sarah Garland and Susan Cooper



How to apply:

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Bluebell or not bluebell?

There are many bluebells in our garden but this year we have a stranger in their midst. Does anyone recognise this or know why it is different to all the other flowers? It was quite normal last year!

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Letter to the Editor

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So, please think of pedestrians and their safety, and park where you should park - on the road.

David J Skyrme

Re: Brian Burgham's photo in the May issue.

Snap!

We had the same formation in mid-January and we had had another several winters ago. Below is an explanation from the Met Office website though more scientific ones are also available.

'Ice spikes form as a result of the way water freezes, from the outside in.

As the 'skin' of ice thickens, if a weakness or hole appears in the ice skin, the liquid water gets squeezed up through the hole.

The water that is squeezed out then forms the beginning of the spike and the process continues until the tip of the spike freezes.

For an ice spike to form, the air conditions need to be just right. It can't be too cold or the water freezes too quickly, and a little breeze (but not too windy) helps the process.'



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New Garden Pond

The Gardeners' Club had an interesting Talk on bringing Wildlife into the garden at the end of March 23. On hearing that our Pond held a large number of Goldfish, our Speaker clearly let me know that however much I might feed them, they are the Apex predators and would eat everything else. As it happens, they have done. So, on Good Friday I dug out a new pond, small, and on Easter Monday I had lined and filled it with water. Two days later, 12 April, we were delighted to spot a female newt, which clearly was so happy with the new surroundings, and best of all no predators. We have no idea where it came from, but as our Speaker said, just wait to see and enjoy the results of the work.

Three weeks later, 2 May, we saw a second newt, a male with a ridge on its back and much larger. I think we are more excited than the newts are! The good news is that they appear to be getting along well together.

Our Speaker said, just construct, fill with water, put some plants in and wait. You will not be disappointed. We are so pleased with the results so far. In addition to these chaps, we also have all kinds of swimming beetles, and pond skaters. For the fun of watching wildlife grow in front of our eyes, I can recommend this to anyone.



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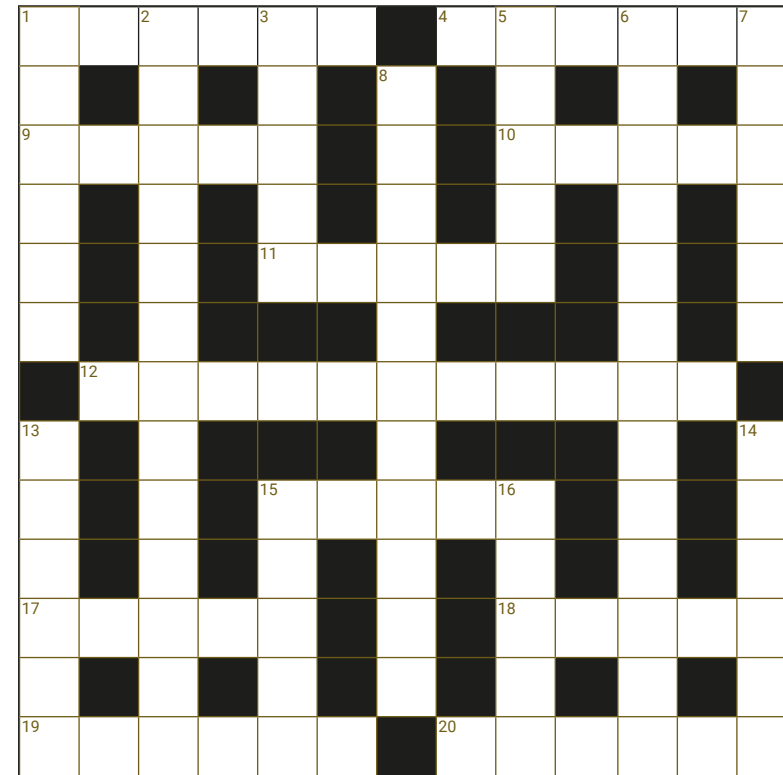
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Across

1. A confused friend goes to California to find member of Camel family (6)
4. Run about playfully, sounds like a bet! (6)
9. Note some twigs used to make a broom (5)
10. Fellow unwilling to approach headless hulk (5)
11. Rode around to the right as per instruction (5)
12. The men cannot be under a spell without ring (11)
15. Hits hard with footwear (5)
17. Could we rot if left in here? (5)
18. Stories of working the lates (5)
19. Type of chair for Lorna? Not the one she wanted! (6)
20. Change of gear for animals looking for food (6)

Down

1. Lamb ushers in surprise attack (6)
2. Beautiful bloomer, but Ron spoils a few (13)
3. Came with nothing but a piece of jewellery for small role (5)
5. Girl's name could be a warning (5)
6. Flower I give a bull on a rampage (13)
7. Already feeling ill, key makes it almost certain to happen (6)
8. When right out of danger, wicked food is served (11)
13. Crust I offer as being plain and simple (6)
14. Short front of ship (6)
15. See public relations needed for period of unrestrained activity (5)
16. Toots really quietly (5)

Answers crossword no 243
Across: 1 Picnic, 4 Dimple, 9 Burst, 10 Shine, 11 Organ, 12 Stallholder, 15 Doric,
17 Faded, 18 Druid, 19 Daybed, 20 Artery
Down: 1 Pebble, 2 Coronation Day, 3 Intro, 5 Ibsen, 6 Primogeniture, 7 Elects
8 King Charles, 13 Hoofed, 14 Deadly, 15 Cider

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