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# Editorial



This month's cover photo (taken last year) was rather optimistic when it was chosen because at the time the long, overly ripe grass in the parish field was still standing, devoid of all nutritional value and rotting where it stood. To make matters worse, a new growth of green grass was already halfway up the stems of the unharvested crop! The wet weather has delayed the hay making for so long that the hay is now not much use for anything, certainly not animal feed, as more energy would be expended by the animals digesting it than it would provide to them. Also the ground is too wet for the heavy machinery. However, if it is cut this year it will probably have to be dumped and left to rot down, being no use even for bedding. If it is not cut it will rot where it stands, the new growth will come through and the field will be in a very wild condition, which to some people may seem like a good outcome. Another option, suggested to me by an agronomist friend, would be to kill off all the existing grass, plough and disc harrow the field and sow wild flower seeds. Also, perhaps, add the odd oak tree here and there to make the parish field a truly beautiful and natural place to walk across. I watch with interest.

JH

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## Diary of Events September 2023

Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Community Cafe	St Thomas' Church	10-11.30am
		Woodhay Walkers	WHCH	10.30am
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Highclere Evergreens	HVH	2-4.15pm
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Gardener's Club AGM	WHCH	7.30pm
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Community Cafe	St. Thomas' Church	10-11.30am
		Woodhay Walkers	The Vine, Hannington	10.30am
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Simple Traditional Dancing	HVH	2-3.30pm
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	EWVI	EWVH	2.30pm
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Woodhay Walkers	WHCH	10.30am
		Community Cafe	St. Thomas' Church	10-11.30am
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	EW Local History Society	EWVH	8pm
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Arbor Flora	HVH	2.00pm
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Community Cafe	St. Thomas' Church	10-11.30am
		Woodhay Walkers	Red House, Marsh Benham	10.30am
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	EWPC	EWVH	7.30pm
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Gardener's Club	WHCH	7.30pm
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Woodhay Walkers	Malverleys	10.30am
		Community Cafe	St. Thomas' Church	10-11.30am
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	WH Village Market	Thorngrove School	10.30am-1pm

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Saturday the 29th July saw the 4th Woolton Hill and Highclere Village Market of the year held at Thorngrove School in Highclere. The market was well attended by both stall holders and visitors with over 50 stalls offering a vast array of goods, from fresh fruit and vegetables, sweet treats, and chocolate, to gift items and skincare.

The tearoom was run by not-for-profit organisation the Newbury Sugarcraft Guild Cygnets. They had a very successful day and raised over £360 for their cause which will help young local people learn cake decorating techniques and skills.

The market was appreciated by a lot of families and stall holders and positive feedback was received to say:

"It was a great market, bought cakes, fruit and sandals. Could have purchased so much more."

"What a great market, See you September".

"Thank you for the great organisation and making us always feel so welcome. See you in September."

The next market is on Saturday 30th September where you will find another hall full of interesting and varied stalls and the tearoom will be run by St Thomas' church. Your support will be appreciated. Please keep the date in your diary.



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**W**e had a different venue for our July meeting. Inclement weather was forecast so Jane Little kindly agreed to host the meeting at her home in Newbury. Thirteen members met to listen to our old friend "David the Shepherd" from Hurstbourne Tarrant.

Many of us had met David before and knew of his passion for sheep. He outlined his career and told us of his innovative ideas which are being used to this day. In spite of his age he still has a flock of 30 sheep. We all greatly enjoyed our afternoon!

The winner of the year's competition was announced – Jackie Milsom! Well Done!

Events to come:

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Auction  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup> – Members meeting

June Milsom



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# East Woodhay Local History Society



Our new season of talks commences this month with our first speaker, Jonathan Hopson.

He is a member of the society and also a member of the Hopson family which ran Newbury's department store for many years. He will tell us the story of how the Camp and Hopson families came together and how their two businesses amalgamated.

We will meet at the Village Hall, Heath End at 8pm on Monday September 18<sup>th</sup>. Visitors welcome.

Chris Dalton (Secretary)

## St Martin's Guild

### Allocation of funds

The Guild Committee are meeting in September to distribute the funds raised at this year's fete. As usual the majority of our funds will be going to St Martin's church to help towards the upkeep and maintenance of the fabric of this historic building. However, we also help St Martin's School, local groups, organisations and village projects. If you are involved in any of these and would like to be considered for a donation from the profits of the Fete, please contact me or any of the other committee members, briefly outlining the aim of your venture and what the money would be used for.

Sarah Leventhorpe, Hon. Sec. (255293)  
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## New Spectrum Editors!



The new Spectrum editors. Left to right  
Denys Blakeway, Denny Blakeway and Avril Cole

It is with great pleasure and thanks that we welcome three new editors to Spectrum. Avril Cole will edit October, November and December, and Denny & Denys Blakeway will be the editorial team for January, February and March.

Welcome aboard!



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# London Marathon 2024



Beth in training

My name is Beth Roch, I have lived in Woolton Hill all my life and I am currently a student at The University of East Anglia, Norwich. I took up running 6 months ago to help me to keep fit and found that I enjoyed it! I was keen to take part in the 2024 London Marathon and wanted my efforts to raise money for a good cause. I am fundraising in support of Wessex Children's Hospice Trust (Naomi House & Jackspace), registered charity 1002832. Naomi House and Jackspace are local hospices that support life limited and life threatened young people and their families in Berkshire, Hampshire and surrounding areas. Their vision is that every child, young adult and their families receive the care services and support that they need for as long as they need them. I have been familiar with this charity for many years as it is one of the charities regularly supported by St Thomas' church.

Any donations would be appreciated, my fundraising page can be found at <https://2024tcsllondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/beth-roch>

As well as my regular training, the next big milestone in my preparations is The London Big Half Marathon in September. I will let you know how that goes. In the meantime say hello if you see me training in and around the village!

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## Our 1960's family 'Memories' By: Shirley Davis-Fox MBE (nee Gott) & Barbara Wallace (nee Ritchie-Hayden)

What an amazing place to be raised. Overnight we had an extra 23 brothers, sisters, and a donkey - not forgetting all the staff, the gardener, the cleaners, and our favourite cook. They all became part of our 'family'.

Barbara and I travelled to Woolton Hill in May this year, our memory journey. St Thomas' Church was not only pivotal to our day out but to our lives at Abbey Wells. In the 1960s, all the children at Abbey Wells made kneelers for the church. This was instigated by the church warden's daughter, Georgiana De Salis. It was so good to see them all again on our recent visit, albeit a little worse for wear. Many years later, we remember an article in a WI magazine, when their members made kneelers

for their church. They were grown women, whereas ours were made by boys and girls aged 8 onwards.

Most of us were confirmed at St Thomas' Church, but whether this was because the Vicar's wife used to give us hot chocolate and biscuits at confirmation classes, well.....

Aunty and Uncle Topping were the parents that most of us didn't have. We were given the love, stability and



Abbey Wells Staff - Mrs Powell - Cleaner, Barbara and Ruth - Members of Staff, Mr Austin - Gardener, Mrs Austin - Cleaner, Lucy Barber - Cook.

fun that 'normal' families had. In fact, we probably had more than most, like holidays by the seaside, trips to Savernake Forest, and those wonderful picnics on Pilot Hill.

Many years after we left, whilst visiting Aunty and Uncle, we admitted to being 'naughty' to Uncle when we spent some of our church collection monies in Mrs Rolfes shop on sweets, only putting a penny in the collection bag instead of two and flicking the side of the bag as we thought he would know the sound difference between twopence and one penny. He laughed and, looking lovingly at Aunty, asked us did we think he **really** didn't know.

Visiting Abbey Wells on that day was so very special and of course prompted more memories that had long been forgotten. Bonfire night was one, with our 'Mr Austin's' jacket potatoes and toffee apples. They really were the best. One of the photographs we took on our day, was of where the boiler house used to be, prompting the story of the coke run. Mr Austin was aware of the rivalry between the girls and boys when wheelbarrowing coke from the barn at the top of the drive to the boiler. The boys always made it in record time, until Mr Austin built the steps on the inside of the barn door. This enabled us girls to climb up, jump on the top of the coke mountain, sliding down to fill the wheelbarrow in one action and running like the wind down to the boiler house. This was one up for the girls and we kept the time record until we left.

Oh, the memories! If only Spectrum had room for another 1000 words.

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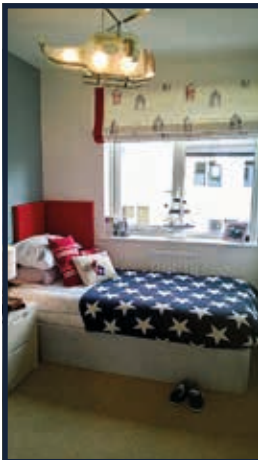
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# East Woodhay Society



## Woodhay Walkers

One of the walks we can only do in summer because of specific date restrictions within the Highclere Estate is the Temple Walk. This walk has many lovely views and provides much



*Walkers on the Highclere Estate*

variety. Unfortunately, this July when we did the walk was rather wet but this did not put off quite a few walkers and as you can see from the photo we still enjoyed it. It was good to dry off in the Carpenters Arms where many of us enjoyed lunch.

There are many physical and mental health benefits to walking and even when the weather is not so pleasant, we still have a good time and come back feeling refreshed.

The other photo shows one of our other walks in July which was from the Downgate pub on Hungerford Common. This was a new circular walk for us which also combined a section along the canal.



*Walkers by canal at Hungerford*

We try and make a varied program of walks but always make the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month what we term 'anchor walks' from Woolton Hill Church Hall.

If you would like to come along on any of the walks please email [woodhay-walkers@gmail.com](mailto:woodhay-walkers@gmail.com). This is because it is possible there may need to be some last-minute changes, e.g. weather conditions, etc. We start promptly at 10.30am.

Friday 1st Sept – around 3 miles from Woolton Hill Church Hall

Friday 8th Sept - up to 4 miles from The Vine at Hannington

Friday 15th Sept – up to 4 miles from Woolton Hill Church Hall

Friday 22nd Sept – up to 4 miles from Red House, Marsh Benham for walk in Craven Estate

Friday 29th Sept – around 4 miles from Malverleys

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# Growing Proteins – by Mike Robinson

Agriculture has been primarily concerned with growing crops such as wheat, barley, rice and maize. Whilst forming the basis of nutrition for the population it is also used for animals and therefore the supply of animal derived protein from cattle, pigs and poultry.

In principle this could be classified as an inefficient source of nutrient as in the case of cattle only 10% of the energy they used will be available to be eaten by humans. It is a much greater percentage however in the case of pigs and poultry. Also we must accept that large areas of available land for agriculture (only 3% of the surface area of the planet) are only suitable for animal grazing and of no use to produce arable crops.

Although all crops contain some protein it is generally insufficient in quality and quantity for balanced human nutrition. Animal production is able to convert plant based protein to a form which is much more relevant and available for human needs. Different challenges exist for vegan and vegetarian diets which exclude animal proteins.

## Arable Protein Crops

Pulses such as peas and beans produce a large amount of plant protein worldwide. Also they are legumes which means they use atmospheric nitrogen as a nutrient rather than it being applied as an oil based fertiliser. However this restricts yield potential compared to cereals and grass where yields can be massively increased with the use of added nitrogen. Some recent research has looked at modification of wheat to a legume but yields have been much reduced.

## Soya Beans

These are grown on a massive scale in North and South America and through the equatorial belt. It is more difficult to grow them in Europe due to the climate challenges. China imports 50-80 million tons each year mainly for poultry and pig feeding as a major source of quality protein for the population.

## Peas and Beans

These are grown across Europe and are much less demanding climatically. They can be frozen in limited quantities and flour from the dried crops is used for bread making in the Middle East and North Africa, Some beans can be used on salmon farms but they are mainly used in animal feed systems. Large quantities of American Navy beans are used for processing into baked beans, but they also do not grow well in Europe.

## Legumes for Forage and other Forage Crops

Many crops can be grown to produce protein which cannot be used as a source of human nutrition. These are also able to use nitrogen from the air and include lucerne, sanfoin and all forms of clover. They are at the centre of organic production but, of course, can only be used by grazing animals.

Cost and availability of nitrogen as an oil-based fertiliser are central to the wider use of forage crops but management and utilisation remain a problem. It is very unlikely that animal derived proteins will disappear in the near future due to the nutrient balance and protein quality of meat and the difficulty in the digestion of plant proteins in our diets.

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Soya beans growing in Argentina

Dear Friends

**Food for thought....**

My wife Suzie and I have been royally entertained since moving here. Thank you! There is (almost) nothing better than sharing a good meal with family and friends, colleagues and new acquaintances. In my international work over the years, I have often found my hosts uneasy until we have sat together at table. Then they relax. Food has bonded us culturally. We have shared a meal as host and guest. We have connected at a deep level with ancient traditions of hospitality and generosity. What a privilege to give and receive in this way! How sad when fast food, the i-Phone, and an infinite number of TV channels, disrupt healthy community customs and renewing domestic relationships. For, after all, tables are places to feed and learn. They are where values are shared with the vegetables. Here a frustrated parent faces the mystery of personal 'taste' as their children consume like gannets – or complain about things they 'hate'! Shared meals remind us there is always more work to be done to understand...

Suzie and I had a delightful dinner this week with a senior (ex-military) colleague and his wife. Having been central to NATO, my colleague has been drawn back into critical thinking about the on-going conflict in Ukraine. He shared harrowing tales from his times there recently and was full of praise for the courage and resilience of the Ukrainians he met. How very different the scarce or shared food in a bomb building or front-line trench, or the lack of it in a Sudanese refugee camp. How pitifully ungrateful we can be by comparison. Suzie and I came away from the meal very glad to have made time to sit still and eat well in another busy week and to listen and learn about life and other people's lives. We weren't so much royally entertained as loyally served by good people whose lives were more than worthy of our respect.

The Judeo-Christian tradition that is honoured in faithful churches today has shared meals at its heart. From the promise of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, that God 'prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies', to Jesus thanking God for, and then breaking and blessing bread and wine in the first 'Communion' (literally, uniting) service, to the 'heavenly banquet' said to await those who believe, the Hebrew Scripture and Christian Bible celebrate the transformative power of meals. Yes, life – real life – lies before us on any, and every table, including on the altars of our parish.

Chris Hancock, Associate Priest

From the Church Registers: July 2023

	<b>Baptism: we ask God's blessing on the life of....</b>	
23rd July	Beatrice Laura Wallis Allin	Woolton Hill
	<b>Burial of ashes: may they rest in peace</b>	
6th July	Margaret Doris Barrett	East Woodhay
8th July	Derek Herbert John Edwards	Ashmansworth
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<b>SUN 10<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Trinity 14</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Matins (BCP)	East Woodhay Woolton Hill Highclere	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am
<b>SUN 17<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Trinity 15</i>	Morning Worship Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion <i>with Baptism</i> Evensong (BCP)	Woolton Hill Ashmansworth Highclere East Woodhay	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm
<b>SUN 24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Trinity 16</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Morning Worship <b>Harvest Evensong (BCP)</b>	Highclere Woolton Hill East Woodhay Crux Easton	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm
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# The Schools of Woolton Hill



## Saying farewell to Year 6

### and celebrating Year 2's transition to Juniors

The end of the school year at the Schools of Woolton Hill is always filled with many new opportunities, outdoor events and all round fun. However, it can also be emotional saying farewell to Year 6 moving onto secondary school and Year 2 moving from an Infant setting to a Junior setting where things suddenly feel more grown up!

We always mark these milestones to celebrate the children's achievements and wish them good luck in their new adventures.

### Year 2: Leavers Service at Romsey Abbey



Being a Church of England school means we are part of the Winchester Diocese. Each year many Hampshire CofE schools in the same Diocese come together at Romsey Abbey for a very special service that celebrates the children's growth and wishes them well as they go onto the next stage of their school journey.

This year the theme for the service was 'friendship', which was echoed across many aspects of the afternoon:

*Friendship bracelets* - children were tasked to make friendship bracelets at school to place into a basket at the service. This basket was shared around and one-by-one the children chose a bracelet made by another pupil, raised their hands and were given a blessing.

*Artwork* - each school created a piece of 3D or 2D artwork that depicted 'friendship' and these formed the centrepiece of the service.

*Hymns* - the hymns for the service were also chosen to fit in with the theme and included: Life is Always Better, Big Family of God, My Lighthouse, and You Shall Go Out With Joy.

It was a wonderful day filled with special memories that the children will no doubt remember for a very long time.

### Year 6: An Afternoon of Celebration



This year, our Year 6 pupils came together for a special service attended by teachers and parents.

Each child shared their warmest moments from their time at the Schools of Woolton Hill, ahead of an Oscar-style awards ceremony.

Created by the teachers, awards were given to all pupils for a skill or attribute they have demonstrated in the past year. Some of the awards were also 'tongue in cheek' to highlight memorable moments that made everyone smile!

After the ceremony, everyone joined together for a tea party, and pupils received a signed photo of their year group and a Leavers Hoodie to give them a keepsake to look back on.

For families who have children starting Year R or Year 3 in 2024 our Open Days have been announced and are on Wednesday 27 September, Tuesday 31 October and Wednesday 29 November 2023.

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## A visit to Stourhead Gardens and the meaning of 'ma' in Japanese

The Japanese word '**ma**' refers to 'the space between', and 'negative space' in art and landscapes, or 'intervals' in music and dance. In 'ikebana', a form of flower arranging in Japan, flowering and woody stems are arranged asymmetrically in a triangular form to create negative space. The space around the stems and flowers is as important as the stems themselves and the arrangement is anchored by a symmetrical pot or holder. In Japanese gravel gardens, rocks are grounded or anchored within the space created by raked gravel bringing 'energy' into the garden. 'Cloud pruning' is a technique whereby the leaves of evergreens are trimmed to form spherical shapes at different places on the branches of the tree, causing the eye to focus on the 'space between', searching out the beauty of the bark on branches and the sky beyond. Similarly, in designed landscapes and gardens, trees and shrubs are placed carefully to frame an object or view, to enhance emptiness and to allow vistas, buildings, rocks and specimen plants to reveal themselves. Branches are often manipulated into different positions and held in place to create 'space between'.



This philosophy of garden design was, in my view, used inadvertently by Henry the Magnificent, the owner of Stourhead in the latter part of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. With the help of 50 gardeners, he created the first landscape garden in this country, using a river valley to create lakes and waterfalls, planting native trees and forming paths which led to temples and bridges in the Roman style, modelled on architecture he had seen previously on his travels. I am not sure if Henry had any knowledge of garden design in Japan, but similar ideas were taken a step further by a descendant of his, Richard Colt Hoare, in the 1820s. This was when the concept of '**ma**' really came to life. Fir trees were removed, and tulip trees, limes and acers were introduced. These deciduous trees which revealed light behind their leaves, with space in front and beyond, were placed to frame vistas, to cause the follies to be hidden and then for glimpses to reveal themselves. This concept of objects being 'seen or hidden' is known as 'miegakari' in Japan. The manipulation of space and perspective continues today as trees planted long ago enter senescence and die or diseases such as 'ash dieback' occur. If you decide to visit Stourhead, walk slowly, meander, look through and around the trees, focus on light reflecting on water and how shadows play in open space. Open your mind, look for 'the space between' and discover your own 'path to go' or 'michiyuki'.

Lorna Rains





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It's nearly time to plant some bulbs, with much anticipation! By Spring, these lifeless shapes transform to rainbow bright creations!

A problem now presents itself, you planted some last year. Where can you put these latest ones, so that they're not too near?

Meanwhile the grass keeps growing, just a few more cuts – that's clear! Another job; spread 'weed and feed' for a luscious lawn next year?

Eventually we all slow down; will slugs slow down? They might! The plants need time to build their strength to toughen for the fight!

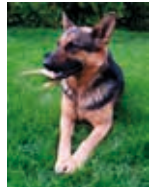
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## National Women's Register



We were lucky that our first July meeting coincided with a sunny, dry evening as many of us met up in Burghclere for a circular walk along the old railway track and back via the fields before joining the rest of our members for a light supper and chat about the future direction of our group.

The second meeting was a popular topic from the past where we bring a selection of our favourite music to share. We had a wonderful variety of music to listen to, from pop (Frankie Avalon) to Enya, Bach as you have never heard him before, and likewise Debussy. Shostakovich featured also Mozart, and Aled Jones singing with himself as a boy soprano! All very interesting and something for everyone.

This will be our last report as NWR since our group has decided to disaffiliate from the national organisation. In September we are relaunching under a new name **Women in Touch**, which reflects the friendships that the members of the group have formed over the last 15 years, as well as our interest in a broad range of issues. Our future meetings will be along similar lines with topics for discussion, opportunities for learning, outings and social occasions. We continue to welcome new members and to offer congenial company, friendship and fun.

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# Burt's Blog



Hello again everybody, this is my last blog for this year so I do hope you have enjoyed my jottings. Gracious me, what some mixed weather we've had! I seem to have been wet more times than dry when I've been out walking. I have a nice little green Mac that I wear which keeps most of me dry, but my legs and head still get very wet and muddy. When I come home I get popped into the sink with some nice warm water and shampoo. The best bit is being wrapped in a towel to be dried off, as I always get a cuddle. I feel very sorry

for the farmers trying to get the hay and the harvest in and for everyone on holiday at the seaside. The rain causes so many problems and you can't make a sandcastle in the rain but we must always remember that without the rain we would have no pretty rainbows!

Oh well, time for me to put away my notebook and pen until next year. See you around when I'm out walking, hopefully in the sunshine.

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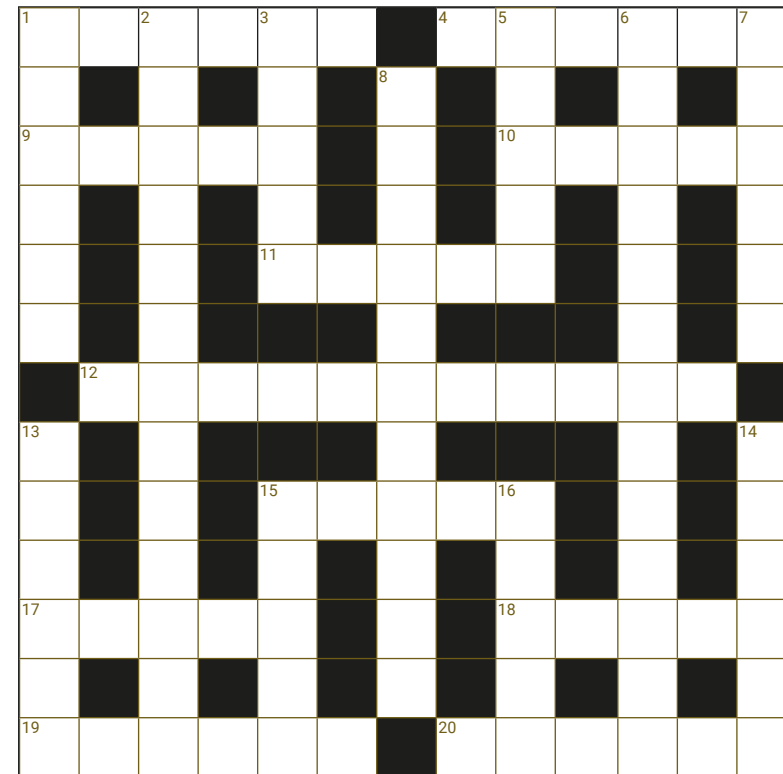
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 Down: 1 London, 2 Monochromatic, 3 Ashen, 5 Abash, 6 Cooking apples, 7 Ennead, 8 Notting Hill, 13 Bandit, 14 Remedy, 15 Elope, 16 Septa

**Across**

1. Policeman shows his mettle we hear (6)
4. Ask for a cake for nothing! (6)
9. Little Joseph is on time to provide support (5)
10. Ordinary people tail back to happy ending (5)
11. He joined run to be leader of India (5)
12. With a beat to spy on, I can stress the weak (11)
15. Permit Alan to start low (5)
17. Lose nothing by going too big (5)
18. Turns out my previous cat was very precise (5)
19. Is confused foal at sea? (6)
20. Agent Lee is terribly tired (6)

**Down**

1. How we coax Carole into replacing right with jackal head (6)
2. Where I will learn to read, or polish my car, perhaps (7,6)
3. Mr Dwight let on that this would be his new name (5)
5. Pupil auctioned rice dish in sale (5)
6. See person next door race around to help us all (13)
7. There was a donkey, extra wide and long ago, who was friends with a bear (6)
8. When we go, clap her first class manoeuvring around group of islands (11)
13. Hear about the day Leah made a bloomer! (6)
14. How to fly south gently and peacefully (6)
15. Games area around the north (5)
16. Fifty missing from well he found bicycle part in (5)

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