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# Editorial

Welcome to Spectrum for November. This magazine has some interesting articles for you to enjoy reading.

The shops are full of Christmas fare and Spectrum has some advertisements for shopping opportunities where you will be supporting local suppliers and charities.

Perhaps consider giving someone a subscription to Spectrum as a present which will last all year.

Have a great month.

Avril

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Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Community Cafe	St. Thomas' Church	10-11.30am
		Woodhay Walkers	WHCH	10.30am
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Evergreens	HVH	2-4pm
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	EWVI	EWVH	2.30pm
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Community Cafe	St. Thomas' Church	10-11.30am
		Woodhay Walkers	Downgate pub, Hungerford	10.30am
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Arbor Flora	HVH	2.00pm
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Community Cafe	St. Thomas' Church	10-11.30am
		Woodhay Walkers	WHCH	10.30am
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	EW History Society	EWVH	8pm
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Gardeners Club	WHCH	7.30pm
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Community Cafe	St. Thomas' Church	10-11.30am
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Woolton Hill Village Market	Thorngrove School	10.30-1pm
		Woodhay Walkers	Furze Bush pub	10.30am
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	EW Parish Council	EWVH	7.30pm
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	EW Short Mat Bowls	EWVH	7.30pm

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The Camp family name was originally Scamp and Jonathan didn't know the exact reason for the change but highly suspects that Scamp would not have fitted with the name of a respected retailer!

Coincidentally, I was given a copy of the programme for the 1953 Fete that was held at Hollington House. It contained a very fine advert for Camp Hopson as you can see.

Our November meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Village Hall at Heath End.

Our speaker will be David Peacock and his subject is 'The River Kennet through History'.

Chris Dalton  
 Secretary

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## Having fun and adventures

The Beavers have enjoyed going on hikes, singing songs round the campfire, building dens in the woods and playing crazy golf! During the summer they went on a sleepover where they worked in teams to crack the code to unlock a case containing marshmallows and hot chocolate, before settling down to sleep to the glow of the night lights they made earlier.

## Learning skills for life - and gaining badges



The Beavers enjoyed a 'What 3 Words' challenge in The Chase (Explorer badge), a visit from The Guide Dogs (Disability Awareness), an outing to Code Ninjas (Digital Maker) and learning the moon phases by eating Orios (Space). They particularly enjoyed doing their Global issues badge where they learned about recycling, endangered animals, and fair-trade products. We're very proud

of six of our Beavers for achieving the highest Beaver Scout award possible, the Chief Scout Bronze award.

## Could you join our team of volunteers?

We're looking for some more people to join our team of adult volunteers so we can continue to give our young people these great experiences and help them make a positive contribution to their communities. No Scouting experience is necessary - just a sense of fun and a willingness to work with young people. If you would like to find out more (or add your child to the waiting list) then you can contact us at [wooltonhillbeavers@gmail.com](mailto:wooltonhillbeavers@gmail.com).

*The Woolton Hill Scout Group gives young people aged 6 to 14 years opportunities to make friends, have fun and adventures and learn new skills. Beavers meet on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:45pm at the East Woodhay village hall. Cubs and Scouts meet on Tuesdays at 6pm and 7:30pm.*



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# London Marathon 2023



Since my last article in September, I have run the London Big Half Marathon. The course included several iconic landmarks, including running through Canary Wharf, over Tower Bridge and finishing at the Cutty Sark. A warm day led to tough conditions, but I was pleased with my run, finishing in a time of two hours and twelve minutes. The crowd support was super, and it was great to raise awareness by wearing my Naomi House vest for the first time. I am now looking for a few other races before the big day in April, including running the Cambridge Half in March and lots of Park Runs!

Thank you to everyone who has donated to my page in support of Wessex Children's Hospice Trust (Naomi House & Jacksplace), registered charity 1002832.

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# East Woodhay Charities

At our July meeting we welcomed Clare Waters as a new co-opted trustee. Clare lives in Woolton Hill and is part of the Care Team at the surgery.

The July meeting was the first meeting under the new schedule, which will be kept under review. The accounts for 2022-23 were presented and trustees were pleased to note that the quarterly payments had increased in line with their estimated figures. Not all the income had been paid in grants, it was agreed to continue with efforts to raise the profile of the charities and it is planned to create a Facebook page in addition to our online presence on the Parish Council website.

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

Grants available are:

## **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 is the **30<sup>th</sup> June each year**. Applications will be considered at the July meeting.

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The application form is for individuals. Requests from local organisations will continue to be considered. Send requests to the secretary in writing or by email.

Sue Wren  
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Dear Friends,

Following my letter in October in which I shared news of my retirement this month I want to invite you to my leaving service. This will be at **7pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. It will be held at St Martin's Church in East Woodhay. Please do come and join me as I celebrate my ministry in these parishes and give thanks for the life that Simon and I have been privileged to share among you all.

There are inevitably many memories made over 21 years and so many folks that I have met along the way. For example I have worked alongside 12 headteachers locally and approximately 1,900 children have attended our state schools. I have worked with 20 excellent churchwardens in our 5 churches, 12 church treasurers and 14 church secretaries. Then of course there have been so many church services with the rich annual round of festivals: along with local fetes, activities, community events, homes and groups, solemn Remembrance, and the marking of Royal occasions.

I have not added up the baptism, weddings and funerals I have taken, I prefer to say that these have been one of the greatest privileges of parish ministry for me. They are never a number, but a treasured opportunity to come to know folk a little by walking with them through either joyful or sad occasions in family life. It is so wonderful to bless a couple on their wedding day, to hold a giggling (or even a crying!) baby at the font or to share tears and memories in time of mourning. Thank you to you all.

I have thought long how to close this letter. The words that keep coming to me are those sung by the infant children at St Thomas' School at nearly every Leavers' Service. It is always moving to hear such young children sing words that seem, now I am also leaving, so profound:

*'Who knows what tomorrow brings, Where the winds will blow?  
There will be new songs to sing, For everything must change and grow.  
Through the laughter, through the tears, In life's ebb and flow,  
Seize the moments and the years, For everything must change and grow.'*

**Thank you** once more for love, Laughter, tears, prayers, friendship and support shared. As the children sing, and so the scriptures teach - there will be new songs for us all to sing...

with every blessing,  
Canon Christine

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<b>SUN 12<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Holy Communion (Trinity 23) Act of Remembrance  Remembrance Service Act of Remembrance  Remembrance Service	East Woodhay Ashmansworth War Memorial Highclere East End War Memorial Woolton Hill	8.00am 10.55am  10.55am 10.55am  3.30pm
<b>SUN 19<sup>th</sup></b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship Family Communion+Baptism Evensong (BCP)	Ashmansworth Woolton Hill Highclere East Woodhay	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm
<b>SUN 26<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Christ the King</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Morning Worship Evensong (BCP)	Highclere Woolton Hill East Woodhay Crux Easton	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am <b>5.00pm</b>
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From the Church Registers: September 2023		
<b>Baptism: we ask God's blessing on the life of....</b>		
17th September	Willow Lena Frost	Highclere
<b>Wedding: may God bless their lives together</b>		
2nd September	Robert Morgan & Georgina Henley	Highclere
30th September	Gavin Helinski & Kay Fullick	East Woodhay
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## A New Venture At East Woodhay Village Hall

A new venture has opened in the quiet corner of Heath End... In East Woodhay Village Hall, next to the play park and tennis court is a new

Stay and Play Café...it is open to all but is particularly good for young families.

Families can sit and chat, drink coffee or eat a full meal while children can run around and play with the toys and activities on offer and stretch their legs and voices without the parents worrying that they are disturbing others.



Activities are both inside and out depending on the weather...

The café is run by Natalie who has over two decades of experience in the catering industry.

Natalie says:

I have moved with my family to the Berkshire countryside and am enjoying building up my own catering business.

I have two bases in Hampshire now: Pitt Hall Farm and East End Village Hall.

I have developed a passion and reputation for high quality cooking and also for facilitating special events.

I was pleased to open the family friendly cafe in my local area to cater for families where they can enjoy a nice meal whilst their children play in a safe and stimulating environment.

Stay and Play Café is open on several weekdays, Sundays for Sunday lunches and will also be open three Saturdays in December ( 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>) so that children can come and meet Santa in his grotto.

Please follow Natalie on Facebook for details of opening times and availability. Booking is highly recommended.

With fun events on weekdays, weekends and school holidays too, Stay and Play is a venue that was much needed by our local community.

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## “St. Thomas’s Church Shines at Woolton Hill and Highclere Charity Market”

On the picturesque autumn day of September 30th, the Woolton Hill and Highclere community came together once again for a heartwarming event – the charity market. Nestled in the heart of this tight-knit village, the market held a special place in the hearts of residents.

Amidst the bustling stalls and merry chatter, the tea and cakes stall stood out as a beacon of hospitality, with St. Thomas’s Church at the helm. The aroma of freshly brewed tea and the sight of homemade cakes enticed visitors of all ages, inviting them to share in the warmth and goodwill of the day.

What made this year’s market truly extraordinary was the remarkable generosity of the community. Through the tireless efforts of the church volunteers and the kindness of those who attended, a sum of over £650 was raised. The proceeds from this delightful tea and cakes stall will go towards supporting the church’s initiatives, ensuring it can continue its vital work in the community.

As we bask in the glow of this heartwarming success, we can’t help but look forward to the next community gathering on the horizon – the Christmas market on November 25th. With the same spirit of unity

and goodwill, this upcoming event promises to be a festive celebration that brings together friends and neighbours to kickstart the holiday season.

The story of the Woolton Hill and Highclere charity market is a reminder that when a community unites for a common purpose, magic happens. St. Thomas’s Church, with its tea and cakes stall, has shown that not only can we make a difference in the lives of those in need but also strengthen the bonds that tie us together as a community.

So, as we mark this successful chapter in our village, let us keep an eye on the horizon for the Christmas market on November 25th. It’s a date to look forward to, a day when we can once again come together, support our local causes, and create cherished memories with our neighbours. In the heart of Woolton Hill and Highclere, the spirit of togetherness continues to thrive, one cup of tea and slice of cake at a time.



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## Women in Touch

After a series of very enjoyable informal Boules sessions on the Recreation Ground during August, Women in Touch (WIT) launched officially at the beginning of September. On a glorious sunny evening we were treated to an excellent bring and share supper in a member's beautiful garden, and entertained with a couple of somewhat challenging games. Much fun and laughter was had by all.

Our second meeting in September took the form of a book review discussing the two books we had agreed to read over the summer, *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafek and *The Forgotten Bookshop in Paris* by Daisy Wood. Both books alternate between the past and present, and the links between them become apparent as the stories evolve.

Elif Shafek is a British Turkish novelist and her book tells of a young girl's return from London to Cyprus where her parents were born. She seeks to untangle years of her family's silence about the past but the only connection she has to the land of her ancestors is a fig tree growing in the back garden of their home. The book explores the lasting impact of the Greek/Turkish war of 1974 on Cyprus and the natural world, telling of the displacement, disappearances and destruction caused by the conflict.

We all agreed that it was an enchanting novel. Although harrowing to read in places, it did show glimpses of hope in the tender efforts of some of the island's inhabitants to heal the wounds of war.

*The Forgotten Bookshop in Paris* links a modern-day middle-aged woman from America, Juliette, with 1940s war torn Paris. On holiday there with her husband, their marriage failing, she craves a new adventure and seems fated to explore a tiny abandoned bookshop. Switch to 1940s Paris and Jacques and Mathilde's creation of their tiny bookshop which is a beacon of hope amidst the horrors of war. We all agreed how vivid were the descriptions of Parisian café life. The link between past and present becomes apparent as the story unfolds. Both good reads combining fictional tales with an element of history too.

WIT meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, alternating between afternoon and evening sessions. If you'd like to find out more please call Angie on 253233

## Poetry? Prose on Steroids!

If you enjoy a good poem, why not join us at Highclere Poetry Group  
Tuesday November 7th at 7.30

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We're a friendly, informal group - bring a favourite poem (or two) to read (or have read), anything from a limerick to T.S Eliot, or just come along to listen. No need to book though it would be helpful to let us know if you are coming. Entry is free, but donations (£5?) welcome. On-site parking. Starting from Hollington House, Brick Kiln Cottage is about half a mile along Hollington Lane, the first house on the left on the far side of the first crossroads.

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# The Schools of Woolton Hill

Celebrating Harvest Festival at The Schools of Woolton Hill

The Schools of Woolton Hill came together just a few weeks into the new school year to celebrate the Harvest Festival.

Harvest Festival celebrates the time of year when crops are gathered from the field and people reflect and show gratitude for the food they receive. Our school has always put an importance on this event to demonstrate to the children how lucky we are to be able to grow food to eat and how important it is to support others that don't have everyday access to these foods.



All of the children across the school took part in a Harvest Festival service, held in St Thomas' Church. The performance included singing of popular seasonal songs such as "Conkers", presenting autumnal artwork, a discussion of the history of the festival and why it is still important today, plus an insightful piece about how other countries around the world celebrate the harvest.

The children also brought in foods to donate to the West Berkshire Food Bank and Reverend Christine spoke about the festival and brought everyone together to thank God for our Harvest.

This time of year, presents a real opportunity to bring parents and carers into the school to share and celebrate the community we have and see what their children have been learning about since the start of school. It has been a great start to the year!

Paul Davies, Executive Headteacher at The Schools of Woolton Hill





# Woolton Hill & District Gardeners' Club



## Summer Moves Gently into Autumn – The Hydrangea

Taking photographs in sixteen famous gardens in the south of England in exactly the right weather conditions at a time of day when the garden is open but has no visitors, must be quite a challenge. At our last meeting in September, it was apparent that Paul Sievers could meet this challenge admirably as he guided us on a fascinating journey through his slide collection. Certain plants in the various gardens stole the limelight, camellias and magnolias in spring and hydrangeas and acers as late summer moves into autumn. Paul is a well-known photographer who gave us many tips on taking photos of plants, but on his own admission, was not a horticultural expert. Fortunately, one of our members was able to help him out, easily identifying plants and giving the botanical name of the plant. One of those identified was a favourite of mine, *Hydrangea aspera* and I was reminded of a late summer visit I made to 'The Hillier Gardens' near Winchester (sadly, not one of Paul's sixteen gardens), when the 'Hydrangea Walk' was at its best.

Dappled shade from the deciduous tree canopy, a sheltered position and moist, fertile soil has allowed many different varieties of hydrangea to flourish at 'Hilliers'. With colours ranging from white, through to dark blue and purple and blending into pink; some with enormous, rounded flower-heads; some with an open corymb of fertile flowers and long-stemmed sepals, all with tough lance-shaped leaves in pairs, I had to examine each label carefully to discover more! And maybe that's the difference between photography and horticulture – one person looks for the correct angle and light to take a photo and another person reads the label to learn more about the plant! My absolute favourite variety of *Hydrangea aspera* is 'Velvet and Lace'. The petals and sepals are an intense shade of blue. This is not due to a pigment, as in most flowers, but is caused by the availability of aluminium ions in acid soil. This means that colour changes can occur in the flowers from year to year or during the flowering season and even within different blooms on the same plant, so the 'Hydrangea Walk' at 'Hilliers' will probably look quite different on each visit.

'Hydra', the Greek word for water gives us a good indication of why the hydrangeas have been flowering so well this wet summer! Many of these plants originate from the Himalayas and cooler parts of China in higher altitudes, so they thrive in wet, cool weather conditions. In Latin, the word 'asper' means rough, harsh or severe which, in this case, refers to the roughness of the hairy leaves of the aspera 'Villosa Group' of hydrangeas, but could equally refer to their ability to survive in a harsh climate; these are the hardiest species of hydrangea.



My own garden already has its hydrangeas – just two, both 'paniculata' varieties, but still with the open 'lace-cap' inflorescences and they are equally beautiful. They like similar conditions to the 'aspera' group but can take harder pruning in spring as they flower on new wood. If you are fortunate enough to own a *Hydrangea aspera* 'Velvet and Lace', only prune gently as these varieties flower on old wood. You may be interested to know that this plant has a Royal Horticultural Society 'Award of Garden Merit' in recognition of a truly remarkable garden plant.

Lorna Rains

**The next meeting is on 23<sup>rd</sup> November with Jonathan Rogers talking about 'Growing Grapes and Viticulture'.**



# East Woodhay Society

This is a follow on to last month and a reminder that our AGM will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in meeting room 1 (next to kitchen) at Woolton Hill Church Hall.

This is an important AGM as we discuss the future of East Woodhay Society.



I wish to step down from being Chair but will continue in a capacity to keep the society going until someone else comes forward to take on the role.

We know that Woodhay Walkers and the Website ([wooltonhill.com](http://wooltonhill.com))/ Facebook works well. but although additional social events are a great success, we are struggling to find people to organise them. Consequently, we need people to come forward.

If you have an idea and would like to organise an event in the local community, EWS can also help you by providing the guidance, insurance and risk assessment templates. We can also support with communications both on the website and social media as well as to known contacts.

Please contact me with any ideas or questions via the links below.

## Woodhay Walkers

September was a lovely month for walks. The weather was great and as well as our regular walks from Woolton Hill Church Hall, we enjoyed a walk in Hannington, another in the Craven Estate near Marsh Benham and one up to the Wayfarers Walk from Malverleys.

The views we see on all our walks are spectacular and these photos show the group having reached the top of our climb looking out at the view from the Wayfarers and the other is this view.

Our group continues to grow in numbers and it's a great way to enjoy our local countryside and to meet others. If you would like to come along on any of the walks, please email [woodhaywalkers@gmail.com](mailto:woodhaywalkers@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 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – up to 4 miles from Snelsmore Common**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – around 3 miles from Woolton Hill Church Hall**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – around 4 miles from Downgate pub, Hungerford**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov - around 4 miles from Woolton Hill Church Hall**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – up to 4 miles from Furze Bush Inn**

Mark Rand – Chair EWS

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Sniffing firework boxes,  
She remembered bangs last year.

Searching for a corner,  
A place where she could hide,  
Warm and dark and cosy,  
Safe from noise outside.

Grandma's also worried,  
Her nerves are highly strung.  
She dreads the noisy fireworks,  
Unlike when she was young.

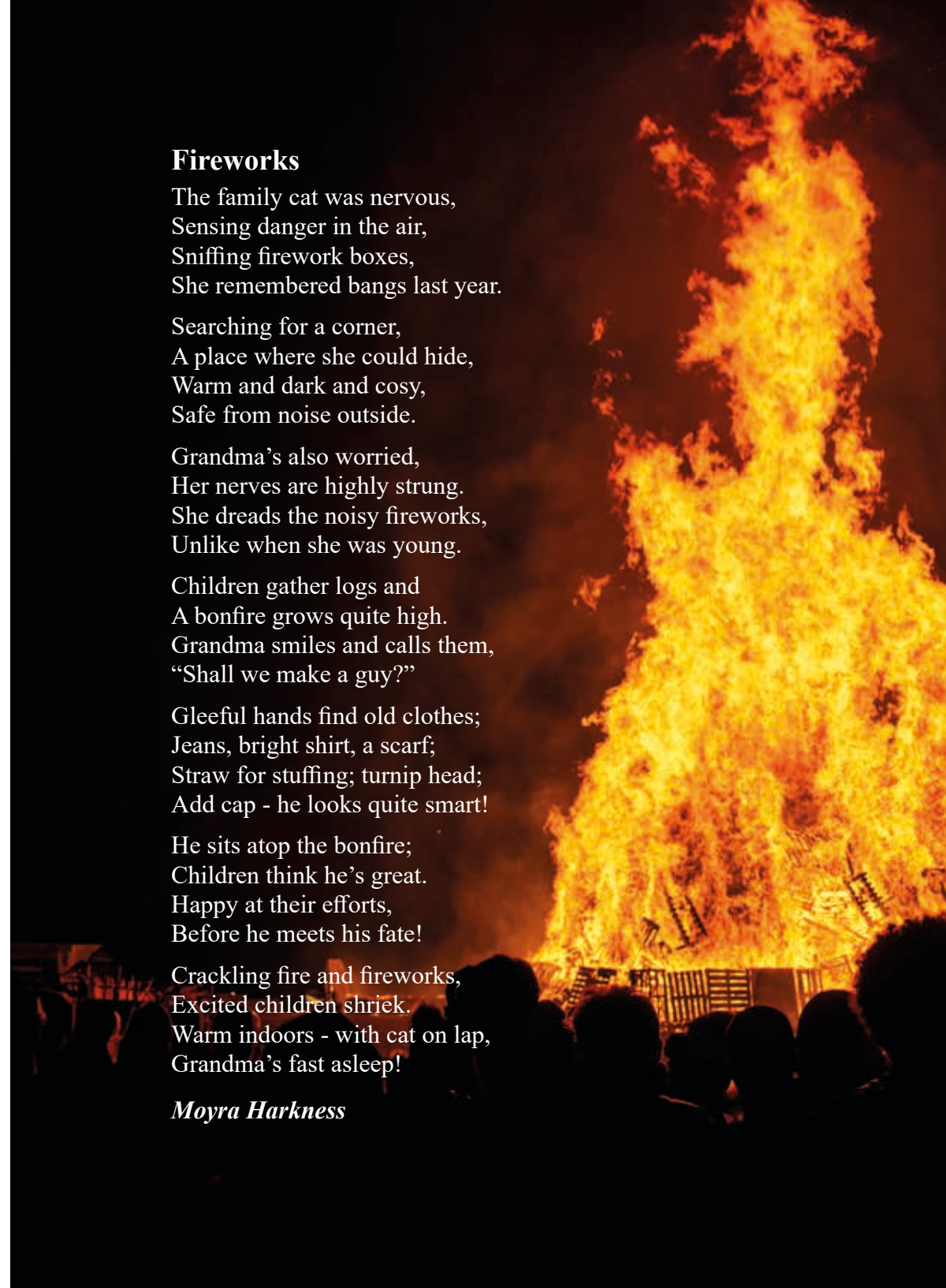
Children gather logs and  
A bonfire grows quite high.  
Grandma smiles and calls them,  
"Shall we make a guy?"

Gleeful hands find old clothes;  
Jeans, bright shirt, a scarf;  
Straw for stuffing; turnip head;  
Add cap - he looks quite smart!

He sits atop the bonfire;  
Children think he's great.  
Happy at their efforts,  
Before he meets his fate!

Crackling fire and fireworks,  
Excited children shriek.  
Warm indoors - with cat on lap,  
Grandma's fast asleep!

*Moyra Harkness*





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## East Woodhay Women's Institute



Our July garden meeting was rescheduled to a kind member's house in Newbury to avoid any showers. The speaker was our favourite, retired shepherd of over sixty years who again entertained us with tales of his beloved sheep.

August meeting was our coffee morning at Manton where over forty people, ages ranging from 4 to 103, braved a drizzly morning. An impressive raffle, colourful plants and various home-made items were on sale.

Thank you to the stalwarts from Burghclere, Kingsclere and Vernham Deane WIs, to our hard-working team of members and friends who supported this event and to local businesses for donating the raffle prizes.

An enjoyable time was had by all.

The September meeting is traditionally a Harvest auction.

October "Mystery" meeting is organised by members so will be a surprise to us, with a good speaker and promises to be an interesting afternoon.

Pat Gibbs

### Unsung Hero?

Who's the quiet, unassuming  
Constant worker, all for now?  
Much of Woolton Hill is better  
Because of him there is no doubt.

Tends the ditches (Councils failing)  
Likewise verges trimmed and smart.  
Drainage problems traced and dealt with  
Work completed from the heart.  
Fences mended; posts extended  
Churchyard drained of too much wet.  
Who did all these things and "freely"?

There's only one. He's owed a debt.  
We've all seen him at his labour  
Jeans and Stetson silhouette  
Thanks, from all the village people.

So, what's his name? Well, Shaun, you bet!

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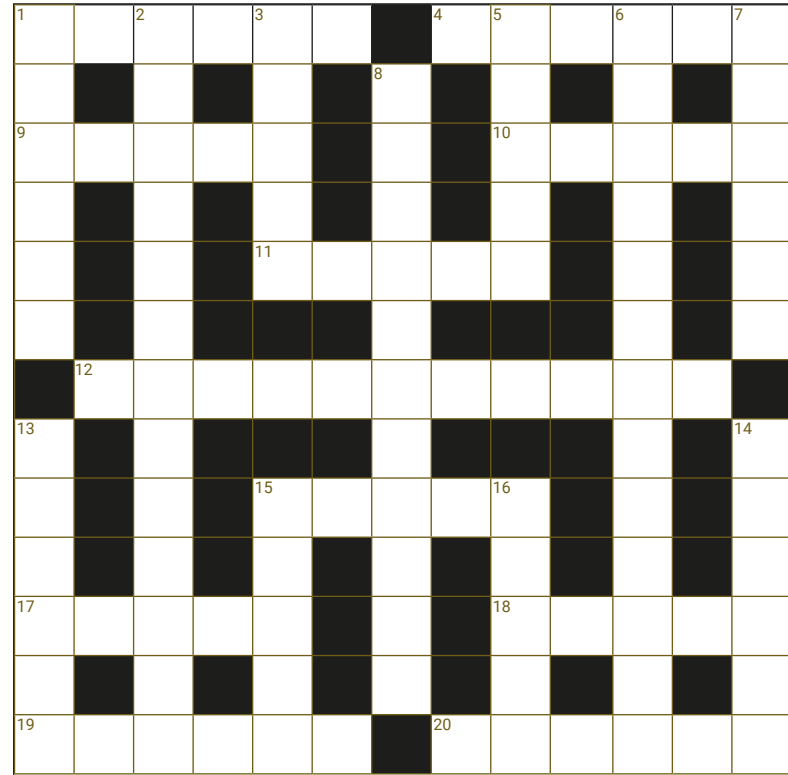
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**Across**

1. Boulder heading for alien launched on November 5th (6)
4. This fin appears on fifty roads (6)
9. Guest appearance came to nothing (5)
10. Angry because what little I had left, the Inland Revenue consumed (5)
11. Provide a refreshing drink from India as Sam comes inside (5)
12. Can mean lord provide a display with Italian wax light? (5,6)
15. Let it be known how to address him (5)
17. Note limp appearance of pompous type (5)
18. Grew a sum of money as a bet (5)
19. As a matter of fact, it is pleasantly windy (6)
20. Disloyal type was completely false (6)

**Down**

1. Caring about the sport of kings (6)
2. I'm overcome, mat is laid out to mark the

**event (13)**

3. You can see from a lobe that this is a deadly disease (5)
5. All mixed up I hesitate, little operation is a big deal and I will need pain relief (5)
6. Keep horrible grand man close as he causes nothing but trouble with his gossiping (13)
7. Keep eye on law that gives a little freedom for movement (6)
8. Scout around Venice looking to put things in order (11)
13. Bubble rises, then loses the French and hesitates in noisy crowd (6)
14. Voice sounds strained, like an animal (6)
15. November stone that looks forward to peace in Portugal (5)
16. Was famous architect Mr Lutyens wined but not dined? (5)

Answers crossword no 248  
**Across:** 1 Escape, 4 Trojan, 9 Human, 10 Gecko, 11 Crone, 12. Gingerbread, 15 Helen, 17 Drama, 18 Torch, 19 Trendy, 20 Gypsum  
**Down:** 1 Exhale, 2 Community Cafe, 3 Panic, 5 Rogue, 6 Jack o' lanterns, 7 Noodle, 8 Colourblind, 13 Pundit, 14 Fathom, 15 Heard, 16 Nutty



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