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CORRESPONDENT

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WOODCOTE RALLY 2023

After a three-year break, we are delighted that the Woodcote Rally is back. Thousands of people visited Woodcote on the 8th and 9th July for the 57th annual Woodcote Rally. The Rally is undoubtedly the biggest event in Woodcote's calendar and probably, of this type, in South Oxfordshire. This year's event definitely rose to the occasion. With huge numbers of attendees, an estimated 15,000 through the gates, the team had their work cut out to make sure everything ran smoothly and ensure people were safe and having a good time. They definitely did! Despite the challenge of having a smaller footprint and a different field than recent years, the Rally Committee and many volunteers worked hard to deliver an event jam-packed with fun things to do for all the family. Many people gave feedback that the smaller footprint in fact enhanced the event as it was so much easier to get around between the different areas.

The weather was a bit mixed, with a torrential downpour and thunderstorm late on Saturday morning. After that had passed, it dried out and the sun came out and it stayed dry for the rest of the weekend.

Friday night saw the villagers descend on the CAMRA beer tent. There was live music and the food stalls

were in full swing. I'm sure many people woke up with a sore head on Saturday!

On Saturday and Sunday, the main action took place inside the ring with the shows of classic cars, motorbikes, tractors, commercial vehicles, military vehicles and steam engines as well as many games and races. A highlight was when the ring was opened up so that people had the opportunity to drive some of the steam engines. We had a working tractor area demonstrating all sorts of vintage farming activities. The vehicle class winners were delighted with their winning positions and are listed below.

On Sunday morning we had a flying display of birds of prey, which also had a permanent display in the craft and country area throughout the weekend.

In the craft and trade areas it was great to welcome back lots of previous exhibitors, and to welcome many new ones. There was a wide variety of stalls, both in the trade areas and the craft marquee, and lots of food outlets available to suit all tastes. In the country area an assortment of traditional skills was being demonstrated and proved to be popular all weekend. The fairground and children's areas seemed as popular as ever with the "rocket launcher" making its first ever appearance at the Rally.

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COMMENT FROM ST. LEONARD'S



My name is David Benskin and I am the new team Vicar here in Woodcote. I am married to Alice (Lissie) and we have 3 children, who are 7, 5, and 3 (youngest was born during the 2020 lockdown!).

I come to you from Watlington, where I have been serving my curacy.

Growing up in a Christian family, church was a part of the family routine for me on Sunday. However, my faith became real to me when I was in my late teens.

In my late teens I got involved in youth work and realised that was where God was calling me. However, I did not feel able to pursue this initially. When I left school, I started a horticulture apprenticeship and a job on a golf course, before becoming an under gardener on an estate in the Cotswolds. During my career, people bullied me because I live with severe dyslexia. I had been diagnosed aged 5 and had struggled with my education and left school with no GCSEs or A levels. This affected my confidence and self-belief during my early adulthood.

In my 20s, I felt I had a vocation to ordained ministry, but told God I thought he was stupid. Why would God call someone like me who can't read and write?

However, I went on to start an initiative for young people who were disadvantaged and marginalised in the community where I lived, hanging around with nowhere to go on a Friday evening. This was followed by an ecumenical youth service between my local Anglican and Baptist Churches, bringing people together from different faith backgrounds to find mutual ground in a shared faith in Jesus Christ.

Talking to a local minister led me learning about, and applying to, the Institute for Children, Youth and Mission, first to do an Access course, Engage, which is the equivalent of an NVQ level three. Eventually I applied for my first degree because my now-wife Alice was convinced I would not be accepted. I wanted to prove her wrong, so I went for

an interview. To my surprise and shock, I was offered a place within the college.

I worked as a youth worker for seven years. I was in my 20s when I started the discernment process, to explore becoming a priest, and I was very nervous. I was still not certain as to whether this was right. I was concerned about whether I could make it through the process. I still questioned whether God had made a mistake.

However, I saw through my study of the Bible that God actually uses all sorts of people. Peter wasn't an academic, he was a humble fisherman with hardly any learning, but Jesus still chose him. This encouraged me that God wanted to use me too and to open myself to His calling and leading.

I was selected for training as a vicar in 2017, and started studying at St Mellitus Theological College, which combines study with a practical placement as ordinand-in-training at St James, Cowley, in Oxford. I then did my curacy in Watlington, before joining you all here in Woodcote.

I hope my ministry will be an encouragement to others not to limit their potential and to follow what they believe God is calling them to, no matter what difficulties and challenges they may be facing, because God is bigger than all of them. And, with hard work and belief, God can and will move mountains.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know you all and seeing what God has planned for us all over the coming years. God bless,

Revd David Benskin

Services at St. Leonard's in August

Sunday 6th August

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

Sunday 13th August

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Worshipping Together

Sunday 20th August

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45am Open Door

Sunday 27th August

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

Woodcote church is usually open for private prayer each day between 10am and 4pm.

Online Services

We continue with our online service of Night Prayer every Tuesday at 8.30 pm on Zoom.

This follows the ancient monastic pattern of Compline and lasts for about 20 minutes.

If you would like to join us, please email me revdBenskin@gmail.com for the contact details.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



I was glad the Rally was back running this year. From my perspective (mostly by the beer tent) it went well. Sub-Zero played a diverse set for the locals on Friday. I thought Tabula Rasa were great and the Langtree drum club smashed it playing with BoxSet.

The Parish Council has several empty seats and are looking for new councillors. Please read Bryan's article about being a councillor and consider volunteering to help our community.

Enjoy the summer,

Nick

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

A warm welcome to our lovely village. I have been here nearly 25 years and have no plans to leave, but I do hate litter and have been waging war on it for most of that time.

I went for a walk this afternoon, along Goring Road and Potkilm Lane, and took my trusty litter-picker and a large bag. In less than one hour, I had to stop as my back was hurting and the bag was full to overflowing! There were plenty of cigarette ends and small pieces of plastic. It is not just children: the drinks bottles and cans were beer (6), cider (2), gin (2), as well as the usual Coca Cola etc. I think it is people in cars, lobbing stuff out of the window, or stopping by the road to have a snack and leaving the rubbish on the roadside. Wouldn't it be lovely if we could make Woodcote a litter-free zone?

Elizabeth Payne

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

The 20 mph speed limit came to Woodcote earlier than expected at the end of June. One final road needs to be changed, which is Tidmore Lane. This is on Oxfordshire County Council's list and is likely to be in place later this year or early in 2024.

A new basketball court on Folly Field has been installed and completed, with a small bank to one side for viewing. The next stage is to get the pitch lines marked for basketball, but there will also be 5-a-side football lines marked so that the tarmac area can be used for several sports.

The project to install the second zebra crossing on Goring Road is underway, but there is a pipeline underground close to the location. This requires trial holes to be bored to ascertain the exact location. Oxfordshire County Council have begun the process to do this, the paperwork being passed to the utility company for clearance before they start.

The Village Hall refurbishment continues to be investigated, the priority being the flat roof to the rear and side of the building. This will be completely replaced with a new roof using more modern materials. Other areas being investigated are more insulation for the building and a facelift to the exterior.

From July 1st our Parish Clerk is no longer managing the bookings for the village hall, anyone wishing to book the village hall for a party or function should go to www.woodcotevillagehall.com and use the Book now button or email woodcotevillagehall@outlook.com.

The Parish Office in the Village Hall is open Mondays 09.00 to 12 noon. Telephone 01491 681861 or email clerk@woodcoteparishcouncil.org.uk.

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU...

Though new to Woodcote Parish Council, I have been a Councillor in both Goring and in South Stoke. It is a good way to give back to the community and support others.

For me, having moved to rural Oxfordshire, my partner and I wanted to get involved in local life. Our home is in Goring, though the South Stoke end. There was an open seat on the SSPC as well as a need for an editor of the monthly newsletter. Perhaps naively at the time I agreed to both, was co-opted and immediately immersed into Council life.

No amount of reading prepared me to be a Parish Councillor. At first it felt as if I was suddenly responsible to make decisions, solve problems, address local issues and develop opinions about local planning applications, a system about which I knew little. There is good 'learning on the job' and the Clerk and other Councillors are a great support to help.

The first issue in which I got involved was regarding a local farmer's cow that attacked an elderly resident along a footpath while she was out walking her dog. The County Council did not wish to get involved, and they referred me to the National Farmer's Union to offer guidance.

My background as a research company Director came in handy as I did a deep dive into the situation. Prior to this event, I wasn't aware that cows attacked people, but learned that approximately 5-7 people were injured by cow attacks each year. Without any official powers (a term I didn't understand or consider until becoming a Councillor), another Councillor and I met with the landowner and worked out a plan to divert the footpath with a parallel trail and temporary electric fencing. After approval of the Council, we obtained the blessing of the County Council and communicated to the community how the alternating fencing worked, how to walk with their dogs, and what to do if approached by a cow. We also developed signage that the landowner agreed to fund.

The personal satisfaction of innovatively resolving issues continues to drive much of my motivation today, and why I put my name forward for Woodcote. Though some of the role is about attending meetings and making decisions on various seemingly tedious matters, most of it is really all about service to the community.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor for Woodcote, please contact the Parish Council Clerk, 01491 681861 or clerk@woodcoteparishcouncil.org.uk. If the experience is anything like I have had as a Parish Councillor, it will be worth it.

Cllr Bryan Urbick,
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If you prefer non-tech, just call our Treasurer, Ken Ison on 01491 680866 who will explain how to donate in cash or by cheque or bank transfer. Thank you very much.

Woodcote Village Fete

We are very pleased to be participating at the village fete again on Saturday the 9th of September. Please drop by and say hello to us at our stall.

Coffee Shop

Thank you to everyone who came along on 24th June to our fundraising coffee shop, whether to help, donate a cake or make purchases. Thanks also to the Community Centre committee without whom this opportunity would not exist.

We had a wonderful turnout, lovely weather and made a great profit of over £200, which will help us to provide our drivers with mobility aids for clients who struggle to get in and out of a car.

Woodcote Rally

We were very pleased to be able to put together a team of 9 of our volunteers to help out at the entrance gate on Sunday 9th July. Everyone enjoyed being part of the busy local event. We will definitely help out again next year!



Volunteers checking Rally tickets

Busier than ever.....

In the first six months of this year, our total number of journeys was almost as many as in the whole of 2022! We assist 83 clients at the current count, who live in our catchment area of Woodcote, Ipsden, South Stoke, Crays Pond, Goring Heath, Whitchurch Hill and Checkendon. We do need more drivers, so please consider it if you have a few hours spare each month! If you would like to know more, please either look at our website www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk, or call our Secretary, Jane Forde, on 01750 158274.

To Finish...

We would like to say thank you to Alexa who is joining us from August as a volunteer driver. We welcome you to our team and are sure you will enjoy your interesting and satisfying role. Sadly, we say goodbye to Nikki, who has been helping us and our clients as a driver for over two years, as she is moving out of the area. We wish you well for the future.

As usual, if you need a driver, please don't hesitate to call our office on 01491 681171. We collect from Woodcote and immediately surrounding villages. Please give us as much notice as possible before the date you need us. One of our friendly office workers will answer the phone between 9.30 and 11 am on weekdays (excluding public holidays) and you can leave a message on the answerphone at other times.

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Or visit our Facebook page: facebook.com/woodcotevolunteers

REGARDING OUR EDITOR

As readers, you will know from the previous edition, Yvette Decmar has stepped down as Editor after four successful years in the role. On behalf of the whole village, the

Correspondent Committee wishes to thank Yvette for her dedication and enthusiasm.

The role of Editor is a demanding one, not just because of the considerable time which has to be devoted to the role. Sometimes, difficult decisions need to be made about whether or not to include articles and what to edit in and out of articles.

We should not forget that Yvette was Editor during lockdown when many in our community felt isolated and the Correspondent took on an even more important role in our village. At that time Yvette did her best to keep a note of positivity in her editorials.

Yvette will be missed by our Committee members, but we are blessed to live in such an active community and we are delighted that, in Nick Kolpin, we have been able to find a new editor who has hit the ground running. A fond farewell to Yvette and a grateful hello to Nick!

Sam Peates, Correspondent Chairman

VILLAGE GREEN COMMITTEE

We are delighted to announce the completion of the tarmac surface on the Multi-Use Games Area on the Folly Field. We now have a full-size basketball court and five-a-side football pitch for use by the community.



The Committee first proposed this scheme in 2015, so we are really grateful that it has come to the top of the list with the Parish Council and the VGC has also contributed from its funds to get the job done. All that remains to be done now is for the lines to be painted in different colours for the various games. The work was carried out by Dan Hazell and I think everyone will agree he has done a great job, so thanks to Dan and his team. We look forward to the

pitch getting plenty of use and, as it is laid with porous tarmac, it should be perfect in all seasons and all weathers. Please enjoy this new facility and treat it with respect.

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WOODCOTE VILLAGE FETE 2023 - IT'S NEARLY TIME!



This year's village fete is just around the corner! Don't miss out, it is on Saturday 9th September 12pm to 5pm.

This is a great event for the whole community and there are both new and old attractions this year. Entertainment includes live music, a bubble entertainer, inflatable fun, Jester Giggles, a tug of war and a dog show! Smelly Wellies will also be bringing along some of their lovely animals and there will be a variety of stalls for you to peruse.

There will be a bar, a tea tent, an ice cream van and other food and drink on offer, including a hog roast and Jessie's coffee truck. We've got some fantastic raffle prizes too, kindly donated by local businesses in the area. We have also received the support of some fabulous sponsors this year, including the Booker family at Church Farm, Soha Housing and The Oratory Prep School.

Our competition guide was in the July issue of the Correspondent and has also been posted on social media. There are a wide range of categories and we hope to get lots of entries from you all!

For those of you on social media please like and follow our Facebook page - @Woodcote Village Fete - for further updates and information. If you have a question or want to get involved please call 0777 3447504, email woodcotefete@gmail.com or message us via our Facebook page.

See you all there on Saturday 9th September 12pm to 5pm for a fun day out!

The Fete Team

WOODCOTE RALLY *(continued from front page)*

Many exhibitors and stallholders commented that Woodcote Rally is the best organised event they attend each year. There were loads of positive comments about how well the Rally is organised and marshalled. Many were so impressed that they have already bagged their space for next year. One gentleman, who is a car exhibitor, said that he has brought cars to the Rally since 1965 and hasn't missed one in all those years. Now that's dedication for you.

Speaking of dedication, the Rally wouldn't be possible without the fantastic group of volunteers we have.

The Committee work hard throughout the year to plan the best event possible and there are so many people behind the scenes bringing that plan to life, from the Marshals, to the Cadets, to the people that provide food for the Marshals (thanks Cabin Mums and others), to the CAMRA volunteers. So many people come together to make the Rally machine work with the primary goal of raising as much money as possible for local groups and charities, whilst having a fantastic day out. Everyone who went through the gates contributed to this amazing cause and that's why the Committee worked so hard to make each year's Rally better than the last.

Last time the Rally took place the Committee donated £15,000 to local groups and charities (bringing the total since 1964 to £507,000) and we hope that with your input this year we will be able to add significantly to this total. We shall update you when we have done all the profit and loss calculations!

The dates for next year are the 13th and 14th July so please put them in your diary/calendar so as not to miss out.

We are always looking for new volunteers and/or committee members. Please do get in touch if you'd like to get involved in this very rewarding activity.

Andy Crockett, Publicity Officer, Woodcote Rally

WOODCOTE RALLY CLASS WINNERS

Class	Award	Winner	Vehicle
A. Large Steam	<i>Ran Hawthorne Memorial Shield</i>	Ewen Davis	1889 Ransome, Simms and Jefferies 4 nhp Portable
B. Vintage Tractors	<i>Dick Vernon Memorial Award</i>	Bob and Amy Carter	1957 Nuffield Universal 4
C. Stationery Engines	<i>Allum Award</i>	Phil and Val Brockbank	1921 Hercules N
D. Commercial Vehicles	<i>Dave Sarney Memorial Cup</i>	Harry Douglas	1956 Austin A35 Pickup
E. Historic Cars over 40 years old	<i>George Ballard Award</i>	Gareth Wright	1952 Jowett Jupiter SA
F. Historic Motorcycles over 40 years old	<i>The Albert Goldsmith Award</i>	Sean Brennan	1974 Suzuki TS250
K. Classic Cars over 25 years old	<i>Castrol Research Cup</i>	Stephen Mitchell	1982 Ford Cortina MK5
M. Military	<i>Main's Motors Military Cup</i>	Marion Venners	1942 Humber PU 8cwt 4x4
S. Steam Models	<i>Autovolks Trophy</i>	Colin and Paul Davis	1980 Burrell Traction engine 'Buddy'
Exceptional Exhibit, Victorian period onwards	<i>Paul Harrison Award</i>	Ewen Davis	1889 Ransome, Simms and Jefferies 4 nhp Portable
Commercial Vehicle	<i>Ray Main Memorial Cup</i>	Harry Douglas	1956 Austin A35 Pickup
Military Display	<i>Evening Post Cup</i>	Nivelle Company, AFC	Modern display and cadettes on parade

Rally Pictures



RALLY AMBIENCE

I have attempted to catch the ambience of the Woodcote Rally on video. It can be viewed at <https://youtube.com/watch?v=kHOg7KWpDj8> or by scanning the QR code displayed below.



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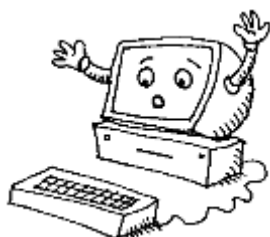
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WOODCOTE CRICKET CLUB

After a wet Coronation Day, when the season should have started, the improved weather enabled most May fixtures to take place.

On Saturdays, the first team started with two wins in the Berkshire League Premier Division against local rivals Peppard Stoke Row and Shinfield. Peppard were beaten by six wickets with the bowling honours going to Mark Pearson (4 for 16) and Alec Curtis giving a good all-round performance with 26 runs and taking 1 wicket and conceding only 3 runs in an eight-over spell. At Shinfield, Jake Jackson played a starring role as he hit 83 not out to help the team to a six-wicket win. James Worsfold took the main bowling honours with 3 for 29.

The first defeat in the Berkshire League came at home to Crowthorne, who won by 14 runs. Chasing 211, three Woodcote batsmen scored over forty, Ryan Van Heerden (48), Alec Curtis (47) and Jonny Clark (46).

The second team started their season in Division 4 with a win and two defeats. Against West Reading we scored 88, with skipper Stefan Gordon (38) the top scorer, but lost by five wickets. This was followed by a home win over Reading United by the narrow margin of one wicket. Again, Stefan Gordon took the batting honours with 39 runs and Pete Roberts took 3 for 6 with the ball. The following week there was a heavy defeat by 90 runs away to Rangers, but some good individual performances. Stefan Gordon (38) continued with the habit of being Woodcote's top scorer and father and son, Chris (20) and Archie Clark (29) also batted well as did keeper, Neil McDougall (18 not out).

The Midweek season began with two comfortable wins in the South Oxon league against Dorchester by 8 wickets and against Watlington by 77 runs. Against Watlington, Jonny and Archie Clark, uncle and nephew, opened the innings and both retired after scoring a half-century.

In June, the 1st Team won two and lost two in the BCL Premier, the 2nd team won all three of their games played in Division 4 and the Midweek team won three and lost two.

The two wins for the first team came against Goring and Sandhurst. In a low scoring match in the local derby we were all out for 105, before bowling-out Goring for 93 to win by 12 runs. The bowling honours went to captain James Worsfold (3 for 12) and Rakesh Patel (3 for 20). Against Sandhurst, we won by 4 wickets, with Sandhurst scoring 155 and Woodcote 159 for 6. Matt Webber (53) and James Worsfold (36 not out) were our chief run-makers. Defeats for the first team came at Farley Hill (Paul Knox 65) and West Reading.

The second team's three wins came against Wargrave, Crown Wood and Emmbrook. Wargrave were defeated by 7 wickets with Jez Mayo (54 not out) and Gary de Pinchart (52) returning excellent performances. We won against Crown Wood by 76 runs with Noel Williams (62), Jez Mayo (74 not out) and Gary de Pinchart (52) all batting well and Pete Roberts (4 for 9) taking the bowling honours. Another half-century from Gary de Pinchart (55) formed the

cornerstone of the Woodcote innings as Emmbrook were defeated by 16 runs.

In the midweek matches, the only disappointment was the defeat by Earley in the Berkshire League T20, a competition we won in 2022. Wins came against Cholsey, Goring and RAF Benson in the South Oxon League. In the win over Cholsey, Joe Webber scored 58 and Sean Bell 52, while James Worsfold took 3 for 19. Against Goring, the nine-wicket win came courtesy of Ryan Lennard (58 not out) and Jonny Clark (44 not out), while in the win over RAF Benson, Matt Webber scored 39 and Tommy Brownlow took 3 for 25.

Home Fixtures in August

Saturday 5th, 1st Team v Farley Hill, 1:00 pm

Saturday 12th, 2nd Team v Shinfield, 1:00 pm

Saturday 19th, 1st Team v West Reading, 1:00 pm

Saturday 26th, 2nd Team v Emmbrook, 1:00 pm

Home Fixtures in September

Saturday 2nd, 1st Team v Stratfield Turgis, 1:00 pm

Sunday 3rd, Woodcote v The Red Lion, 2.00 pm

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James Worsfold



Above: Jez Mayo - having a good season with the bat

Left: Gary de Pinchart



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LANGTREE SCHOOL

We're already at the end of July and yet another academic year is about to be put to bed; students, teachers and all staff at Langtree deserve a good break. Some might argue that the PTA deserves a break too, although that's debatable. We have, however, had a fantastic spring and summer term and it's great to close up shop for this season, knowing that we've raised some much-needed funds for our children. The world of education is turbulent at the moment, as most who follow the news will know. A turbulence which will hopefully ultimately provide more stability to every student and their educational outcomes. Our job as a PTA is to plug those (ever increasing) funding gaps and to make sure that the children will not notice or suffer as a result. This is vital work and we take it seriously.

First out during spring term was Quiz Night on the 10th of March - the first one since Covid descended, and a real comeback. Twenty-one teams were all battling it out, trying to identify the cartoon dog and answer GCSE questions, all whilst eating a delicious cheese and meat grazing platter and taking frequent trips to the bar. The night was topped off with a big bunny themed activity, all judged by our eminent head teacher, Mr. Bamford himself.

We raised £1,400 towards kitting out our proposed new science labs, so the night couldn't have ended on a better note. Thank you to everyone from the community, both inside and outside of Langtree, who came and supported us!

Almost right on the heels of this, on the 21st to 23rd of March, came the fantastic production of Bugsy Malone. It was a wonderful interpretation of the classic musical, courtesy of our drama and music departments. It's evident that there's a lot of talent at Langtree, with so much passion displayed by both actors and producers. Langtree has always been big on drama and likes to put a lot of emphasis on the subject, which is a clear hit with the majority of the students. Our drama club is the most popular of all the extra-curricular clubs. The PTA held the fort with yet another bar service (or should we say Speakeasy) and came out with the same grand total as for Quiz Night (or just over). Let's just say that the spirit of Bugsy prevailed throughout the audience!

On the 10th of June, Langtree PTA hosted the Whitchurch Art Café (The Stables, Whitchurch) and despite two major competing events on the day, we managed to become a small haven and watering hole for exhausted cyclists, visiting all the way from Guildford. This saw us go home with a whole £145. Not a bad for a quiet and sweltering Saturday morning!

At this moment of writing, we still have our big Summer Concert to look forward to on the 18th July, which promises to be a beautiful and relaxing finale to our two busy terms. The microcosm of Langtree will merge with the wider world for six peaceful weeks, ready to join the hubbub again come September.

Happy Summer!

The Langtree Parents' and Teachers' Association

WOODCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another year closes for the Primary School. July always brings the sunshine but also brings the sadness of farewells.

Our year 6 children are moving on. Most to Langtree, but also to Maiden Erlegh, Chiltern Edge, St Birinus, The Oratory and Cranford House. The friendships they have made across the years will last a long time and will cross the geographical distances between them. They are a wonderful class and we will miss them very much.

They should be very proud of their SATs results this summer. This year they achieved 90% at the Expected level in reading with 47% achieving Greater Depth. Writing, grammar and maths all at 83% Expected level with 30% Greater Depth in grammar, 20% in maths and writing. Well done to them all. They are ready for the next stage in their school life and we wish them all the very best of luck.

In their final fortnight they put on a fabulous performance of What's the Crime Mr Wolf? Year 5 joined them on the stage and between them they filled the hall with song.

Also moving on this term is Mrs Pearson. Mrs Pearson has taught year 2 at Woodcote Primary for the last 9 years. She has had a positive influence for so many children and their families during that time. We will miss her sense of humour, her dedication to the children and loyalty to the school. She is going to be working with The Oxford Playhouse on their outreach program that, we hope, will bring her back to our school in the future. Good luck Mrs Pearson, keep in touch.

In the last fortnight we have had a wonderful list of concerts: violins, rock bands and ukuleles. We are now preparing for our year 5 sleepover at the end of term and for years 5 and 2 to go to our annual meet with The King's Swan Upper in July.

In the Autumn we will welcome our new children across the school. We also will welcome Mrs Morris into year 2 and Mrs Cresswell into year 1. We are looking forward to beginning the year with a new team and building our exciting plans with them.

Until then, have a fabulous summer everyone.

Mrs L. Hunt



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CABIN PRE-SCHOOL

We are now galloping towards the end of another amazing year full of fun and laughter getting to know so many families from around this Wonderful Woodcote.

Good luck to our leavers Phoebe, Ava, Rowan, Arthur, Casey, Isaac, Bryher, Oliver, Ella, and Eloise. They are all extremely excited and ready for their next big step onto their education journey at Woodcote Primary School, with their new teachers Mrs Proctor and Mrs Somerville. They have had the joy of being able to get to know now each other whilst being around school which is such a great transition for them all.

We will have said farewell to 11 families including one last little one from the Corderoy family 10 years later! It is hard to believe we will not be working with you any longer, but luckily, we do get to see you out and about which is one of the best bits of working in the village. Thank you so much for all your support over the years.

We have certainly made the most of being outdoors; washing babies, making bug hotels, making dens, investigating colours, lots of BBQing, helping each other, car washing and exploring transport. Hopefully, you will see some of these in the photos. We grew sugar snap peas, which the children have been delighted to eat whilst playing out, watching out for each new pod. It is good for children to see where food comes from. The pumpkin seeds (which we harvested from our Halloween pumpkin) are growing well at the front of the school. We have been over to visit on hot afternoons, to play with the water system, water the plants and enjoy stories.

We changed the roleplay area into a vet/medical centre for our topic work about People Who Help Us and to finish the year it is now a big bus, complete with tickets and a ticket office to go with our Transport topic.

We were extremely excited to welcome eight Daddies for our traditional Father's Day lunch of ginger beer, pork pies and pickled onions, followed by shortbread biscuits. All the daddies were presented with a card, a coaster, and a certificate including a personalised dad's profile as described by the children. The children's ideas of their daddies' ages range from 2 to 99 and it is cute to hear what they think daddy does all day!

Sports day was well attended and hosted in the Primary school grounds. Year 6 class loaned us two children to hold the finishing line, which was extremely helpful, thank you. Reception and Year 2 class came out to cheer us on, along with Mrs Hunt. It is so lovely to nearly be part of the school. We ran with an egg and spoon, raced forwards and backwards, had a go at a balance race, attempted crab races and a colour bean bag sorting run. It was such fun. Thank you to all the families who were able to attend. Great to see everyone.

We have still got a trip to Bucklebury Park farm and a Leavers' Ceremony to finish the year off. More of this in the next edition.

We do have some sessions available for September, please call us on 01491 680854 or email us on info@thecabinpreschool.co.uk, emails will be checked periodically over the summer, we are back from the 4th of September and are welcoming children from the 5th of September.

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WOODCOTE PRESCHOOL

This month has been so busy with all of our fun events. Sports Day was a lot of fun. We were joined by lots of mummies, daddies, grannies, grandads and some siblings too. All of the children loved running the races and being part of a team. Some of our parents joined in for a race too.

Our school trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park was a huge success. We saw lots of different animals, played in the park, went on the train and had a picnic. Favourites were the lions, the penguins, and the flamingos.

Sadly, we will soon be saying goodbye to Ezriel, Enid, Raymond, Archie, Willow, Matilda and Indy as they make the move on to their primary schools. We will miss them very much, but we know they will have the best adventure at primary school. We have looked after some of these children since they were 18 months old. It has been wonderful being a part of their early years, watching them all flourish and grow into the kind, caring, clever children they are today.

We have been enjoying our visits to the allotment. The children love watering the plants and seeing them grow. The strawberry harvest was very exciting, and we all enjoyed eating the strawberries that we picked. The children worked hard shelling the peas which they enjoyed with their lunch.

You may have seen us running laps around the cricket square. We are doing a sponsored run again! The children run laps every day, they are sponsored by friends and family by filling up a smartie tube with coins. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this, and ask us when they get in when they will be running their laps.

We would like to congratulate Gina on passing her Level 3 Childcare Diploma. Well done for all your hard work, very well deserved. We would also like to congratulate Tanya on being awarded 5 stars for her food hygiene, amazing as always.

Woodcote Primary School invited us to run a stall at their Summer Fair again this year, but this time we did face painting too as well as glitter tattoos & balloons. Thank you so much to Jen Page for coming along and painting some amazing designs! We raised an amazing £190, thank you to everyone who supported us.

Summer Holiday Club will be running from 24th July until 11th August. We are very busy but there are some spaces still available.

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Films with subtitles will be shown on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 2:30pm.

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Oppenheimer (12A)

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Wednesday, 2nd August, 2:30pm

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Thursday, 3rd August, 7:30pm

Friday, 4th July, 7:30pm

Saturday, 5th August, 2:30pm

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Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning Part 1 (12A)

Monday 21st August, 7:30pm

Tuesday 22nd August, 7:30pm

Don Quixote with Rudolf Nureyev (U)

Wednesday, 23rd August, 2:30pm

Wednesday, 23rd August, 7:30pm

Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning Part 1 (12A)

Thursday, 24th August, 7:30pm

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Friday, 25th August, 7:30pm

Saturday, 26th August, 2:30pm

Saturday, 26th August, 7:30pm

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Mark Aldridge, *Hercule Poirot, A Life in Crime*

Friday, 8th September, 7:30pm

Lucy Worsley, *Agatha Christie- a very elusive woman*

Saturday, 9th September, 3:30pm

As part of this weekend event to unveil the statue of Agatha Christie, there will be several events in the Corn Exchange remembering our notable president and Lucy Worsley will be headlining this on the Saturday afternoon.

GORING HEATH BEAVERS

It has been a busy month. Otter ran a Skills Challenge boat-building evening. Having been provided with assorted bits from the recycling bin the Beavers were tasked with constructing a sea-worthy boat. The designs were many and various, with margarine tubs featuring heavily. These were then sailed across a paddling pool. Waterproof materials and simplicity of design proved the key to success.

The following week was another of Kingfisher's epic challenge evenings, always run with military precision. Remember the zip-wiring crème eggs? Just fitting it all in was an achievement: the Beavers tossed a beanbag into a bucket with their feet; slalomed a football between cones; hurled sticks at skittles; crawled under a cam-net and then transported water from A to B in a tea cup, the handle of which was threaded onto a length of string (not easy!). It was a cheery mayhem.

At the end of June we had a 'badge work' evening, which is when the Beavers can show-and-tell the various projects on which they have been working to earn badges. For example, Harriet (a very tiny sailor) earned her Nautical Skills badge and Little Ern got his Hobbies badge (alas there is no Beaver climbing badge, because the 'Eef are unusually intrepid). Yaroslav and Big Ern gave a presentation on scouting in Ukraine which, we learned, started in 1908 before being banned in 1922. It resumed following the collapse of the USSR and has been credited with inspiring many of the country's national figures to pursue independence. Ernie read out the Ukrainian scout promise and Yaroslav gave a PowerPoint presentation(!), both in English. For two boys who spoke almost no English when they joined us this was a remarkable achievement. We are proud of them.

Thank you to the lovely team at the Ewelme watercress bed who allowed us to visit on the 6th of July. Having watched a video about the history of the beds we had a guided walk of the water meadows and then (much glee!) had a go at kick-sampling

(learning that the water clarity was exceptional and the population of freshwater shrimp quite staggering) and bush-bashing (using sticks and then a sheet to catch any dislodged mini-beasts). The top find was a glorious lime green spider.

CHECKENDON PRE-SCHOOL

As the end of term arrives, we say goodbye and farewell to our old friends. We will miss them and wish them good luck in their primary schools. We look forward to welcoming our new friends and look forward to getting to know each other in September. We enjoyed our leavers' party having a delicious picnic, which we had to have indoors as the weather was a bit chilly! We then had our Diddi Dance party, which was a lovely way to end the day.

Sports Day was a great success with all children participating in a variety of different races, sack race, dinosaur scoop and relay to name a few! Finishing off with a leavers' ceremony, raffle and family picnic on the field. Thank you to Mr Wickins who very kindly provided our sports day lines. Thank you, and as always very much appreciated.

We would like to congratulate our newest Checkendon Lady, Katie Hill who has completed her apprenticeship and is now a fully qualified Level 3 Early Years Educator, with Honours. Well done!

We would also like to thank Laura Arlott and Monica Bender for planting our beautiful flower garden and Lorna who has kindly donated top soil for our garden and her continuous support. The children have enjoyed looking after these and watching them grow!

Thank you to all those who have helped raise money for the Pre-School during fundraising events this term, totalling £498.00.

We would like to wish our local community a lovely summer and thank everyone for their continued support of Checkendon Pre-school.

To find out more about Checkendon Pre-School, do visit our website www.checkendonpreschool.co.uk, call us on 01491 682589, e-mail preschoolcheckendon@gmail.com or just pop in. We always look forward to welcoming you to Checkendon Pre-School.



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Little Meadow information panel

The charity (ACT) and its volunteers also manage Little Meadow, a floodplain wildflower meadow south of Goring, just before the railway bridge. Thames Path users will see some path improvements taking place, all being well, in July. Local contractors will re-engineer the path to provide a hard wearing surface so you can run and walk more safely in future years. It will also be restored to its original route closer to the river. Work will take approximately three weeks. For pedestrian safety, the work area will be fenced off and a temporary path created through the meadow. We advise keeping dogs on leads. Thank you in advance for your patience and respect for the measures and signage in place to manage the work safely, particularly when heavy plant machinery is being moved or is in use. We also look forward to visitors once again being able to read our noticeboard and enjoy sitting on the benches at



It's a bit overgrown Little Meadow information panel and bench

either end of the meadow! The work is funded by a substantial grant from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) with funding from Grondon Waste Management Ltd through the Landfill Communities Fund. Partial match funding has also been provided by the Thames Path National Trail. We'd like to thank them for their generous support.

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Imogen Haig, on behalf of the ACT

WALLINGFORD PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

As we prepare for a new season in September we are gearing up for our annual Exhibition, which will be on Saturday 2nd September (Bunkfest weekend) in Wallingford town centre at St Mary-le-More Church, just off the Market Place. We will be displaying some of our best work, from 10am to 5pm, and will be keen to introduce the club to any visitors or curious passers-by, as well as discussing local photography spots, equipment; anything really! Pop by for a drink and a chat.

Then we return for a new season: visit or join our informal and inclusive group of enthusiasts and amateurs as we start our new weekly programme of talks, presentations, competitions and practical sessions. We discuss a wide range of topics- not just technical- including getting feedback on your photos if you're keen to show them. We meet on Thursdays at 730pm at Crowmarsh Pavilion, and we'll have a handful of sessions online where we make the most of speakers from far away. Full info on our website (wallingfordphoto.club).

CHOLSEY VILLAGE SHOW

The 80th Cholsey Show will be held on Saturday 19th August 2023 on the recreation ground next to Cholsey Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey. Judging of the flower show takes place in the morning and the showground opens to the public from 12 – 5. Free entry and car parking.

The show will have a vintage flavour this year as it is our 80th anniversary. Entertainment on the showground will include a Birds of Prey display from Arden Falconry, Children's vintage carousel, Music from Cholsey Silver Band, Captain Fantastic children's entertainer, car boot sale, stalls and food and drink including Real Ale bar.

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This month's demonstration on Tuesday 15 August is entitled "Birds in colour pencils" and will be given by Becky Gouverneur live at Centre 70. Becky (Bex) specialises in dry drawing media including colour pencil, graphite, pastel and charcoal. Bex creates realistic drawings of domestic and wild animals. She will be demonstrating a range of colour pencil techniques and talking you through her processes to inspire you to take on the challenge of this exciting and accessible media.

Becky was born and raised in Buckinghamshire, which serves as a constant source of inspiration. Following a love of art and design from childhood, Becky went on to study photography and textile design followed by an 8-year career as a freelance photographer.

She has since developed her specialist charcoal techniques, but her primary focus remains quirky, large scale, high contrast charcoal animal portraiture on a stark white background showing the influence of professional studio photography. This is also what truly sets her apart from other talented animal artists. The combination of high quality, insightful photography and highly realistic drawing techniques produces stunning images full of character and fun.

The Demo is on Tuesday 15 August at 7.30-9.30pm. Entry is free to members, £3 for visitors.

The summer term for Tuesday morning and afternoon art classes started on 18 July and runs to 5 September (no classes on 8 & 15 August). A few places are still available so please contact us if you are interested. Tuesday social evening and non-tutored workshops at 7-9pm are open every Tuesday. Drop in and have a chat with fellow artists at all levels. Great chance to get back to painting or starting out. All club members are willing to help new artists. Our next "En Plein air" sketch Saturday is on 5 August where we will be at the Meadows in Cholsey with tuition being available from Wallingford's artist Anthony Wilder.

Gavin Peacock's painting "Waiting for the King" has got through to the final round of the SAA Artist of the Year competition in the amateur still life category. It will be on display in their exhibition at Espacio Gallery in London, 26th to 29th October. Winners will be announced on 11th August.

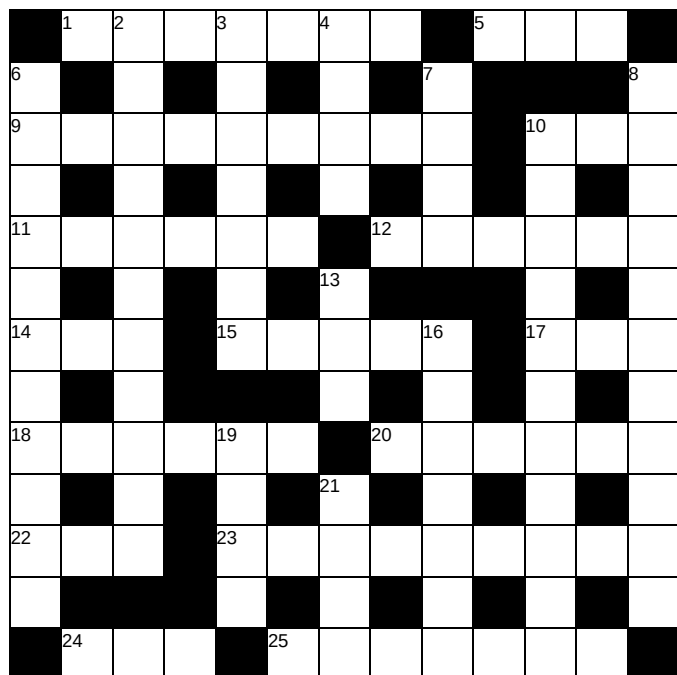
WADAC will again be sponsoring the Art Category at the Woodcote Summer Fete, so please enter your paintings and let's make this category a joy to visit.

If you are interested in joining us on any of our events or the club, please contact davidbooth7@outlook.com or admin@wallingfordartclub.org.uk or tel. 01491 681400.

The club meets at Centre 70, Kinecroft, off Goldsmith's Lane, Wallingford, OX10 0DN.

Please note Goldsmiths Lane entrance off the High Street is closed until September. The only access to Goldsmith Lane by car is by a road off the roundabout in front of the Methodist Church in St. Leonard's Square. Traffic lights are operating as this road is usually a one-way road.

AUGUST CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Trains first son and chills when internalising ultimate truth (7)
- 5 Dropped from Oxford University's first team (3)
- 9 Lords event to assess fit (4,5)
- 10 Preserve? Yes, German spy chief (3)
- 11 Annual holiday ends too soon (6)
- 12 Cry when hobo goes off with a couple of rings (6)
- 14 A church for one (3)
- 15 Tears up brush front to back (5)
- 17 Fate of some plotters (3)
- 18 Bug a fashionable group (6)
- 20 Leap back around church package (7)
- 22 Penniless! Has nothing. (3)
- 23 Holiday messages after meeting comics (9)
- 24 Brown cane (3)
- 25 Illness that some heartless males suffer (7)

Down

- 2 Lo-cost deals devised here in Spain (5,3,3)
- 3 On Her Majesty's service regulation for circuit rule (4,3)
- 4 Spoils instrument sound (4)
- 6 Nasty coats I shred on breaks at home (11)
- 7 State of zero to ten having first hangover (4)
- 8 I'm human and I half seem to make famous (11)
- 10 Jen, or Rachel, confuse the author (4,2,5)
- 13 Home countries take a dip here (3)
- 16 Seneca's work to raise spirits (7)
- 19 The point about exercise (4)
- 21 Man absorbed in his legend (4)

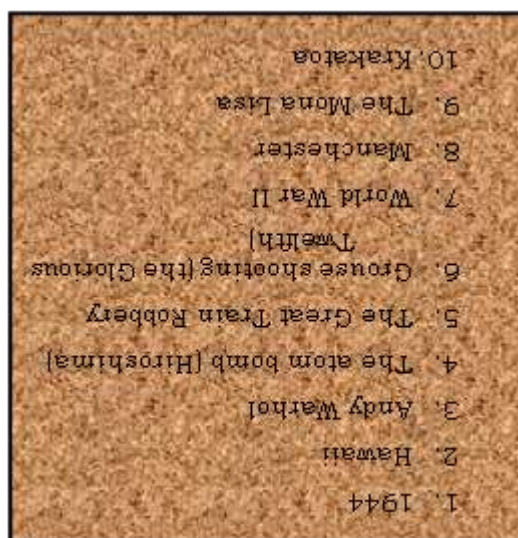
JULY CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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AUGUST QUIZ

1. Anne Frank's final diary entry was on 1st August of what year?
2. In what US state was Barack Obama born on 4th August 1961?
3. Which painter of Campbell's soup cans was born on 6th August 1928?
4. What did the Enola Gay drop on the 6th August 1945?
5. What event made the headlines on 8th August 1963?
6. What outdoor pursuit begins on the 12th August?
7. What ended on the 14th August 1945?
8. Where, on the 16th August 1819 was the Peterloo massacre?
9. What was stolen from the Louvre on 21st August 1911?
10. What eruption in August 1883 is reputed to be the loudest sound ever heard?

AUGUST QUIZ SOLUTIONS



DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

Wed 2nd	*	Wallingford U3A meeting. Crowmarsh Village Hall. 2pm
Thur 3rd	*	Rhymetime for pre-schoolers. Woodcote Library 10.15am-10.45am
	*	Chance To Chat. Community Centre Lion's Den 2.30pm-4pm
Sat 5th	*	Saturday Crafts: Summer Reading Challenge. Woodcote Library. 10.30am-11.30am
	*	Free for All Saturday. Withymead Nature Reserve. 12pm-5pm
	*	Nettlebed Art & Craft Show. Nettlebed Community School Hall. 12pm-6pm
Sun 6th	*	Nettlebed Art & Craft Show. Nettlebed Community School Hall. 10am-5pm
Sat 12th	*	Free for All Saturday. Withymead Nature Reserve. 12pm-5pm
Tues 15th	*	Wallingford & District Art Club demonstration: 'Birds in colour pencils'. Centre 70, Wallingford. 7.30pm
Thur 17th	*	Rhymetime for pre-schoolers. Woodcote Library 10.15am-10.45am
	*	Chance To Chat. Community Centre Lion's Den 2.30pm-4pm
Sat 19th	*	Free for All Saturday. Withymead Nature Reserve. 12pm-5pm
	*	Cholsey Show. Recreation Ground, Cholsey Pavilion. 12pm-5pm
Sun 27th	*	Cream Tea Sunday. Withymead Nature Reserve. 2pm-5pm
Mon 28th	*	South Stoke Open Gardens (no dogs please). Free parking at recreation ground. 1pm-5.30pm
Thur 31st	*	Rhymetime for pre-schoolers. Woodcote Library 10.15am-10.45am
	*	Chance To Chat. Community Centre Lion's Den 2.30pm-4pm

FORTHCOMING DATES IN SEPTEMBER

Sat 2nd	*	Coffee Shop in aid of Stoke Row WI (cash only). Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
	*	Wallingford Photographic Club Annual Exhibition. St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford. 10am-5pm
Tues 5th	*	BMMHS Zoom Talk: 'Wise Gals - Female spies who built the CIA'. Email zoom@bmmhs.org. 7.30pm
Wed 6th	*	Wallingford U3A meeting. Crowmarsh Village Hall. 2pm

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SEPTEMBER DATES *(continued)*

Thur 7th	*	Rhymetime for pre-schoolers. Woodcote Library 10.15am-10.45am
	*	Chance To Chat. Community Centre Lion's Den 2.30pm-4pm
Sat 9th	*	Woodcote Village Fete. Woodcote Village Green. 12pm-5pm
Mon 11th	*	Youth Club open meeting for Juniors, (Year 7s) Village Hall, 7.15pm – 8.45pm.
Tues 12th	*	Henley & District Stamp Club meeting. Bix Village Hall. 7.30pm
Wed 13th	*	BMMHS Talk: 'The Ox & Bucks at the Somme, 1916'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.30pm

WOODCOTE WI

Sally Lambert welcomed the members to our Meeting. Celebrating their birthdays this month are Penny Edwards and Gillian Seymour. Thanks were given to Carole Shelley-Allen who organised an outing to Rycote Manor and Chapel, an outing which was enjoyed by everyone.

We look forward to the Group Meeting at South Stoke where we will have a Ploughman's Lunch and a talk on 'Life on the Canal'. In August we have our garden meeting which will take place at The Maker Space at Nuffield where we will have an afternoon tea.

We had a lovely tea thank you to Penny Edwards and Debbie Emmett. The competition winner for a Royal Commemorative Mug was Sally Lambert and Bloom of the Month winner was Debbie Emmett.

Come and join us in the Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month for a 2.30pm start in September, we look forward to seeing you.

Judy Williams.

CLOSING THOUGHT

'The shepherd always tries to persuade the sheep that their interests and his own are the same.'

Marie-Henri Beyle, novelist
(23 Jan 1783-1842)