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Woodcote CORRESPONDENT

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WOODCOTE HAS RISEN TO THE PRICKLY CHALLENGE!

Walking around the village over the last few weeks, it's been great to see new holes at the bottom of gates and fences, giving hedgehogs access to more of our gardens. The Woodcote Conservation Group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who is contributing to Woodcote's hedgehog highway!



The most recent report from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society indicates that there may be *as few as a million hedgehogs left in the UK today*. One million might sound like a lot but actually it is a decrease of over 50% in the last 20 years and, if you look back to studies in the 1950's, we may have lost as much as 97% of our hedgehog population in the past 70 years.

The good news is that there seem to be lots of hedgehogs in Woodcote ... or are there just a few which lots of us see as each hog visits many gardens in one night? After all, hedgehogs look very similar. The reason we see hedgehogs in Woodcote is because it is where *we* are – a 'natural' home for a hedgehog is in the farmland hedges that gave the hedgehog its

name. So why are hedgehogs not thriving in our farmed landscape?

Since the Second World War around 300,000km of hedges have been removed to increase field size to enable farmers to use large modern machinery. Hedgerow management has also changed with hedges cut by tractor-borne flails. In the past, hedges were cut by hand, the traditional method which takes skill and time and is expensive but encourages dense wildlife-friendly vegetation at the bottom of the hedge.

In modern agricultural practice, insecticides are used on crops to maximise the yield and produce the food we all need. By removing macroinvertebrates (flies, beetles, snails etc) that might feed on a crop, the food needed by hedgehogs, is also eliminated from the landscape.

Being spiny, hedgehogs have few predators. Animals like cats, dogs and foxes are curious and might have a sniff, but soon back off to avoid getting their noses prickled. Badgers are the hedgehog's only natural predator, but the two species have co-evolved and hedgehogs will avoid badger setts.

But the biggest risk to hedgehogs is cars. Over 150,000 hedgehogs are killed on our roads each year. Sadly, three hedgehogs were killed on Greenmore in recent weeks. Please record all sightings of hedgehogs (dead or alive) on the *Big Hedgehog Map* on the hedgehogstreet.org website as this helps to build up a picture of our hedgehogs in Woodcote.

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COMMENT FROM THE VICARAGE

Do you recall the old hymn *To be a Pilgrim*? It is inspired by John Bunyan's *Pilgrims Progress*, a book I've never read, but I do remember singing the hymn in school assemblies. I'm not sure that we ever really understood what we were singing about but it was, and still is, a good tune! We don't sing it very often now though, and I wonder why that might be. Maybe because it is so laden with male pronouns, or maybe because the idea of pilgrimage fell out of fashion?

I've been fortunate enough to go on pilgrimages to both the Holy Land and Assisi in Italy. They were of the guided tour type of holiday and were led by experienced guides who knew all the history and background of the various places of interest that we visited. The one in Jerusalem was a bit hairy as just as we arrived the political situation flared up and Westerners were told to leave the area; all except our group as we were classed as pilgrims. The positive aspect of this unexpected situation was that we had almost sole access to all the religious sites and were able to spend time in them rather than simply shuffle past in a long line of tourists. However, we heard gunfire at night and our guide told us to keep a low profile in some sites where Westerners were not particularly popular. But what was it about being a pilgrim that meant we were allowed to stay while others had to leave? I would surmise that it was something to do with our intentions whilst we were there; namely to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and his disciples, to pray and grow in understanding of the place and the people. Individually we were also all on another, inner journey. A pilgrimage of the heart if you like, in that we sought to allow ourselves to be changed by what we encountered, to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit and to be alert to God's presence and invitation.

Certainly, for me, recalling the events recorded in the Bible whilst in the places where they occurred and also being in proximity to religious and political tensions really did impact on me and dispelled any cosy notions of the Bethlehem and Nazareth of Christmas cards and Sunday School stories.

Pilgrimage has come back into fashion lately, and whilst the big tours can still be made, we are also encouraged to be pilgrims closer to home. There are many extended walks that can be made in different parts of the country. Some churches have banded together to mark walks between them and across the countryside. All of these are an opportunity to get away from everyday life in order to gain spiritual inspiration and in some respects, pay homage and honour to a place or a person who is important to us. But even if you can't get away just now, you can make your own space for a pilgrimage of the heart. A walk around the village or into the woods will take us on paths known and unknown. We must decide which path to take, when to turn back, when to press on, how to tackle that stile or gateway and so on. There are opportunities to reflect on the inner life as we physically step out.

With all blessings and prayers for your safekeeping,

Linda

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Our team is made up of drivers and friendly office people who take calls and arrange the trips for locals.

The office is hoping to re-open on the 19th July to start taking bookings again from the 28th July. We can't wait to get going again!

We do have a couple of gaps in our team though. Could you help us? Petrol costs are always covered and it's such a good way to get involved with the community.

If you can help or would like to know more, do get in touch with Ken Groom on 07950 082856 or email: kengroom@btinternet.com.

Alternatively, call Ken Ison on 07713 401400 or email: ken.ison@btinternet.com

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Although we now have to wait until July for the final restrictions to lift (hopefully), at least we have summer to enjoy!

It was a real joy to put this issue together because finally, we have events happening again, things to look forward to beyond baking banana bread at home. (Don't get me wrong, I love banana bread but now we can go out to eat it instead!!)

Don't forget to enter the Village Fete competitions (check out the centre pages). It's the perfect opportunity to show off your home-grown produce, photography skills, baking skills etc.

Also put the 11th July in your diary for the now infamous 'Picnic on the Green' day, otherwise known as the annual cricket match between Woodcote and the Red Lion. Bring a picnic. It's sure to be as fun as last year's.

And the Woodcote Conservation Group is thrilled that so many of you have got involved in creating a better habitat for our local hedgehogs. Get in touch with them if you need a helping hand or advice.

So enjoy the weather but don't forget the sunscreen (it's probably raining again by the time you read this, but oh well...)

Until next month,

Yvette

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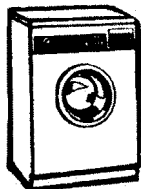
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WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report (for the year ending May 2021)

Throughout the last year, the Parish Council has continued to meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month holding virtual meetings using Zoom. Members of the public have been able to join these meetings and speak with the Parish Council during lockdown.

During the last year the Parish Council approved significant maintenance and replacement to the “wet pour” safety surfaces in the children’s playground at a cost of £11,500 and on the village green, new additional paving slabs were laid around the Youth Shelter.

Last Autumn, seven new trees were planted on the village green in support of the Parish Councils Climate Environment Initiative, followed by more new trees planted this spring. A new tree has been planted in Wayside Green to replace a tree which had to be felled.

Work has been carried out to make the village green more secure from the entry of travellers by replacing and upgrading gates and fencing.

Grants have been obtained to support the revenue costs of running the village hall to off-set the loss of rental income during lockdown. Work was then carried out to make the village hall compliant with Covid 19 regulations to allow the hall to prepare to re-open. Hand sanitisers, signage and one-way systems for users have all been implemented to allow for the full future opening of the village hall, subject to government guidelines.

The Neighbourhood Plan Advisory group have worked hard during the last year to present the Parish Council with a second Neighbourhood Plan for Woodcote. Their draft plan was accepted by the Parish Council and has since completed its six weeks of statutory consultation before being submitted to the District Council for a further period of consultation and then examination by a planning inspector. The plan will then be submitted to a referendum for approval by the electors in the Parish of Woodcote.

Robin Peirce

(Chairman - Woodcote Parish Council, 2020/2021)

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Parish Council update

The consultation on the revised Neighbourhood Plan (NP) has now closed. I would like to thank all those who responded to the consultation. We are currently working on our response to the comments and will progress the NP to submission to the District Council as soon as possible.

The consultations on the NP raised a number of issues that are outside the scope of a NP, such as traffic calming, biodiversity and climate change. Section 13 of the NP sets out a number of issues for the Parish Council to take forward, including zebra crossings, parking restrictions, traffic calming, wildlife surveys and greenhouse gas emission reduction. We will be consulting the village on a number of these issues in the near future.

Another issue that has been raised is that of anti-social behaviour. We have taken steps to reduce anti-social behaviour in the village hall car park by reducing the height of the hedge and recommissioning the lights covering the car park to improve visibility of the car park. Another location for anti-social behaviour is the bus stop on the edge of the village green. We will be demolishing the shelter shortly to remove this as a location for youths to congregate. Later, we will replace the shelter with a new, more open one for the benefit of users of this bus stop.

Please note that Woodcote Parish Council meetings are now being held face to face again in the Village Hall.

To contact the Parish Clerk telephone 01491 681861 or email clerk@woodcoteparishcouncil.org.uk

Malcolm Smith - Chairman

Planning Applications Granted by SODC

P21/S0768/HH Application proposal, including any amendments: Erection of a greenhouse in rear garden Site Location Weevil Cottage Oxford Road Woodcote RG8 0PG.

P21/S1329/HH Application proposal, including any amendments: Proposed erection of ancillary outbuilding for use in connection with outdoor swimming pool. Site Location: Chambers Place Goring Road Woodcote RG8 7SJ.

P21/S1091/HH Application proposal, including any amendments: New pitched roof above original bungalow with attic space for habitable rooms. Internal alterations. Replacement porch and replacement roof above sitting room to match. Conservatory changed to an Orangery with insulated low pitch roof & lantern. Site Location: Beech Cottage Beech Lane Woodcote RG8 0PY

P21/S1288/HH Application proposal, including any amendments: Two-storey side and rear extensions. Single storey front porch extension. Site Location: Denver Beech Lane Woodcote RG8 0PX.



Plans are progressing for the Woodcote Village Fete on 11th Sept and you will find this year's exhibit guide in the centre pages. There are some great competitions. The traditional ones and a few new ones to keep it fresh. There's the very popular limerick. This year we also have a child's limerick competition too! We are looking forward to some enormous veg after the very wet May. We are hoping for lots of entries whether you've taken amazing photos on your walks during lockdown, taken up painting or can make a banana loaf to compete with Mary Berry. Please keep this somewhere safe so you can complete the entry form prior to dropping off your exhibits on the Saturday morning (details on the form).

On the day, please do join us from 12 - 5pm. There will be plenty of food to choose from, the West Berkshire beer tent, the Goring Heath Scout's Tea tent, live music, the ever-popular dog show and of course Jester Giggles and so much more. The raffle has great prizes too – more details to follow in August.

We are still looking for additional helpers on the day. Due to covid we need a few more than usual ensuring social distancing where necessary, wiping down tables and just making sure that the day flows well for everyone to enjoy. We are a friendly bunch. If you are interested in helping out even for just an hour, please email woodcotefete@gmail.com or call Linda on 07956 136750.

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WOODCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB



A new management team!

Woodcote FC, who play in the Hellenic League Division 2 (South) are delighted to announce the appointment of their new management team for the forthcoming season. Taking the reins as Manager will be

Andy Silver who has moved over from Wallingford where he has been assistant manager for the last 3 years. Andy brings a wealth of experience to the club with stints at Reading Town and Binfield as well as Wallingford. He is also an ex-Woodcote FC player and lives in the village.

Supporting Andy will be last season's Player/Manager James Worsfold who will act as Assistant Manager and UEFA "A" licence coach Rob Wytchard who will be First Team Coach.

Woodcote Chairman, Pete McAlister said, "I'm personally delighted to have Andy, James and Rob managing our First Team next season. We have been in transition over the last few years, and I see this appointment as an exciting next step in growth of the club."

Woodcote are keen to recruit new players of Hellenic League standard. Pre-season training will begin at Woodcote Recreation Ground in early July. Anyone interested should contact sampeates@gmail.com.

WOODCOTE CRICKET CLUB



The Cricket Club has had a very busy and largely successful period through May and into June. The highlights have been a winning start with four straight victories in the Berkshire League Premier Division, a very successful start to our first

Junior Cricket venture and the inaugural match for our new Sunday team, 'The Occasionals'. The four wins in the League have been against strong opposition in the shape of Farley Hill, Crowthorne and Crown Wood, Twyford and Woodley. The Junior Cricket sessions on Saturday mornings for Primary-age children started with 10 attendees and has grown to nearly thirty!

James Tomlinson is doing a great job in organising and leading the sessions with help from Steve Henderson, Crawford Anderson and Mark Pearson. If we can keep these sessions going each year, the future of cricket in the village should be assured.

On Sunday 6th June, the Occasionals played their first match at the delightful ground at Ewelme. In a very close encounter, we lost by 4 runs trying to chase 197. In the South Oxon Midweek League we have made a steady start with two wins and two defeats which leaves us in mid-table. We won matches against Watlington and Cholsey, but lost to Clifton Hampden and Moreton. We were also a little unfortunate to be eliminated from the Berkshire Knockout Cup at the semi-final stage. We lost a fairly close encounter with our local rivals Peppard on 10th June.

Looking ahead to July, we are hoping for a really good attendance at our annual match between Woodcote and the Red Lion for the Pete Aldridge Memorial Shield. This match will be on Sunday 11th July starting at 2pm. Traditionally, we have billed this as our 'Picnic on the Green' Day when we invite everyone from the village along, bring a picnic and enjoy the cricket. Last year the event attracted a bumper crowd shortly after the end of the lockdown and we hope to see a similar or even better attendance this year.

Home Fixtures in July

Sat 3rd Purley v Mortimer West End

Sun 4th BBC v Cholsey

Thurs 8th Purley U13s v Cholsey

Sat 10th Woodcote v Stratfield Turgis

Sun 11th Woodcote v Red Lion (Picnic on the Green)

Sat 17th Purley v Silchester

Sun 18th BBC v Sonning

Thur 22nd Woodcote v Old Merchant Taylors

Sat 24th Woodcote v Welford Park

Sun 25th BBC v TBA

Sat 31st Purley v Peppard

Please do come along and enjoy a feast of cricket on our glorious Green on the 11th July!



WOODCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Unbelievably, the school year is drawing to a close. Once again and all too soon, we must say goodbye to our year 6 pupils as they prepare for their move to secondary school. They have had an

interrupted year but that has not deterred them from rising to every challenge and having so much fun along the way. We are still planning our Residential trip to Torquay, fingers all crossed that this is able to happen. We wish each and every one of them the best of success in their next stage of education.

At half term, we also had to say goodbye to Ms Critcher who has worked as a TA at the school for the last 6½ years. She has, we believe, worked with every child in the school and has had a hugely positive impact on them all. Her fun personality and her dedication to the children will be very sadly missed.

Mrs Chadwyck, also a TA at the school, has moved on recently to move house and then to pursue a second Master's Degree from September. She too will be missed by us all. We wish them both the very best of luck in their new adventures.

This final half term we have all been enjoying the sunshine, having our lessons outdoors and enjoying exploring the wildlife in the area. Year 6 have been script reading for their end of term play outdoors, under the trees, amongst the daisies! Year 2 are again working towards their Gold Award from the RSPB by taking on the Wild Challenge, billed as "a call to get up, get out and get wild!" Last year's Year 2 class were very successful and the challenge is therefore taken up by this year's children to see if they too can work to gain the award. Look out for our wildlife explorers, new homes for wildlife and more plants and flowers popping up across the village as they strive for their goal.

This time of year is also the time of new beginnings. We welcome Mrs Hammond back from her maternity leave. She will be working in year 2 alongside Mrs Pearson. It is a pleasure to have her back. We also welcome a number of children to classes across the school ready to start in September. Of course, there are also our little ones who will be joining us in Reception in September. Welcome to the Woodcote family!

I do hope you all have a wonderful summer break and that you have time to spend together enjoying the wonderful village of Woodcote.

Mrs L. Hunt



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CABIN PRESCHOOL



Another year is nearly over! Our Little Acorns are getting ready to move onto Big School, the little ones are preparing to be our big leaders next year and the

staff are preparing for the new Early Years reforms. As the world opens up again after lockdown, we are looking forward to seeing lots of new families in September.

Now the weather is better, we are spending a lot of time outdoors. We have been looking after all our plants, veg and flowers and we are so proud of the results. It's so important that children can see where food comes from. We also used herbs from my garden to make a sensory picture, turning mint, rosemary and sage into paint brushes so the children got a scent whilst painting.

Of course, this term we are getting prepared for school and the parents have received handbooks for the children. It's a small book for families to read at home, and has been made and printed by our amazing committee last year. In the book, there are photos of the school, teachers, garden and classroom. As restrictions are preventing normal transition visits, we found this was so useful last year, so we shall keep doing so. Being here in the playground, the Cabin children are lucky to be able to meet Mrs Beesley in the playground very regularly, most have already met her and will look forward to the school's transition plans. Dressing up in school uniform is a big hit, we always put these out in term 6 and it is so good for them to practice dressing.

In Literacy we have retold the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* as our focus book. For the rest of the term, we will be reading *What the Ladybird Heard* and *Superworm* as well as a whole selection of other child-focused reading. Talking of which, we have just received our caterpillars in the post so next month you will be hearing all about the adventures as we watch them grow into butterflies. They are so tiny at the moment.

The lovely guinea pigs are enjoying lots of time with different families. We think they have a better social life than we do. Katie kindly brought in her baby guinea pigs Toffee and Caramel. The children loved



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On Thursday 10th June, Mrs Hunt kindly invited us to share with the schools viewing of the Eclipse, providing us with special glasses so we could watch. The following day, the children were able to tell me that they watched the moon going over the corner of the sun and that they had to wear the blue and red glasses to keep our eyes safe. Not bad for 3 and 4-year-olds ! We have such a lovely friendship with the school which makes for a great working relationship.

We are taking enrolments for September and whilst we do have space, if you want to secure preferred sessions on specific days or full-time places, then the sooner you enrol with us the sooner we can confirm your space.

Call Jayne on 01491 680854 or email me on info@thecabinpreschool.co.uk for more information or advice.

WOODCOTE PRESCHOOL



This term we have a lot of exciting things happening.

Father's Day

The children have been busy making some cards and special presents for Father's Day. They made homemade sausage rolls for their Daddies and a key ring with a portrait of their Daddy and a photo of them on the back along with a lovely card. Some of them also ordered a delicious cream tea made by one of our committee members to enjoy with their family on Father's Day.

Allotment

We have made several trips to our allotment to water the peas, potatoes and other vegetables. By the time this article goes to print we will have picked our peas. The children really enjoy shelling them and then giving them to Tanya to wash and cook for their lunch! We are so lucky to have our very own allotment where they can learn all about the concepts of growth, change and decay with natural materials. They love filling their watering cans and getting wet in the warm weather!

Donkeys

We have been so lucky to have some visits from the village donkeys. The children have enjoyed stroking the donkeys and feeding them carrots. Thank you Vikki and Loz for bringing them to visit us!

All about me

We started this half term with a familiar topic – All About Me. As we have had a lot of new children start, and we will be saying goodbye to our school leavers, we decided to re-visit the topic. The children have made faces from playdough, drawn self-portraits and made an All About Me booklet. We have talked a lot about our families, likes and dislikes and what makes us who we are.

Summer and holidays around the world

There will be lots of summer activities, water and sand play, camping, going on holiday role-play with suitcases and holiday dressing up, pirate ships, trains, mini world, baking, making fruit kebabs, arts and crafts along with our usual maths, literacy, rhymes, stories and dancing.

Sports day

This year we are able to have a sports day! We are hoping that parents will be able to come and watch, depending on what Boris tells us nearer the time. The children will be having a picnic after the fun and games.

School trip

This year we are going to Cotswold Wildlife Park, which is such a lovely day out for all the children. The children are already really excited and talking about all the different animals they will see.

Holiday Club

We are delighted to be able to run Holiday Club this year. This will take place in our usual premises, The Village Hall from 2nd – 13th August. We are taking children ages 2-8 years old. Our opening hours will be 9am – 4pm with the option of an early drop off at 8:30. We will have a range of exciting toys, activities and crafts on offer. If you would like any more information or a booking form, please telephone or email us.

We have spaces available for September so if you are interested in your child joining us, please contact Wendy Powell on 01491 682300 or email woodcote.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk. We take children from 18months old and are able to offer socially distanced visits after hours if you would like to come and have a look around.

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COMPETITION GUIDE

Saturday 11th September 2021

The hall will be open to drop your exhibits off from 9am until 11 am. All social distancing rules at the time will apply. Please remember your masks and bring a pen along too.

Fill in the entry form which you will find opposite. Please note 'one entry form per person' (if more forms are required please copy the form).

ENTRY FEES: Adults 30p per entry / Children - FREE

Rules

- You may only show **ONE** exhibit in each category.
- The Hall will be closed for judging and will only reopen once finished.
- Sunflower Competition - you will need to take a photo of yourself standing next to your sunflower. The winning entry will be judged on the overall height of stem (ground / top of earth if in pot) to top of flower head).
- The Sunflower competition is open to all age groups. Send entries by email to the Fete Committee: woodcotefete@gmail.com.
- Winners to be announced at the Fete where your photos will be on display.
- Closing date Sunday 5th Sept.**
- Any exhibits entered in this fete must not have been entered in any other show.
- All exhibits are left at the owner's risk.**
- The judge's decision must be accepted as final.

Thank you for entering your exhibits. We hope that you enjoy the experience and will continue to support the Woodcote Fete in future years. Good Luck

Entry Form

Name	
Age (if 15 or under)	
Address	
Phone / Email	
Exhibitors Number	

	Class Entered Please use code i.e. VGI	Class Entered	Class Entered
1		11	21
2		12	22
3		13	23
4		14	24
5		15	25
6		16	26
7		17	27
8		18	28
9		19	29
10		20	30
		Number of Classes entered	
		TOTAL Fees due Adults @ 30p per entry / Children - Free	

Keep this form safe: Bring it with you and you will be allocated an exhibitor's number. You can use this number to complete your exhibitor's card when you display your entries at the fete. **Entries must be in place for judging before 11:00am**

Competition Categories

Vegetables

VG1	3 Onions under 250g - single variety
VG2	5 Potatoes – single variety
VG3	3 Carrots - single variety
VG4	6 Runner Beans with stalks - single variety
VG5	Longest Runner Bean with stalk - any variety
VG6	6 French Beans with stalks - single variety
VG7	5 Tomatoes - single variety
VG8	3 Beetroot - single variety
VG9	3 Courgettes - maximum 15cm - single variety
VG10	1 Cucumber - any variety
VG11	3 Leeks
VG12	3 Parsnips
VG13	4 Different Vegetables as gathered (unwashed & untrimmed) in a
VG14	2 Pumpkins/Squash - any variety
VG15	2 Marrows - single variety
VG16	Heaviest Pumpkin
VG17	Heaviest Marrow
VG18	Heaviest Onion - any variety

Fruit

FR1	3 Apples – single variety
FR2	3 Pears – single variety
FR3	Mixture of any soft fruits

Flowers

FA1	Open floral Display - A single arrangement of mixed flowers and
FA2	A floral arrangement in a real vegetable or fruit of your choice
FA3	A miniature floral arrangement – to measure no more than 15 cm high in
FA4	An autumn wreath
FA5	3 Dahlia Stems
FA6	1 Specimen Flower
FA7	House Plant

Home Grown Other

HG1	A bunch of herbs – 3 different varieties
HG2	Longest Nettle
HG3	3 eggs – one breed of hen or duck
HG4	Any amusingly shaped vegetable or fruit

Preserves

PR1	Marmalade
PR2	Soft Fruit Jam
PR3	Chutney
PR4	Jelly
PR5	Vegetable Pickle
PR6	Flavoured alcoholic beverage

Home Baking

BA1	Victoria Sponge
BA2	Banana Loaf – made to recipe found below
BA3	Lemon drizzle Cake
BA4	Shortbread
BA5	Gluten Free - Chocolate Cake

BA6	4 Identical Decorated Cup Cakes
BA7	A celebration cake with a rainbow theme
BA8	A loaf of Sourdough bread
BA9	4 Cheese Scones

Recipe for Banana Loaf

Ingredients: 75g butter, 170g sugar, 2 eggs, 5ml vanilla essence, 200ml mashed banana, 280g self-raising flour, pinch of salt
Method: Grease loaf tin. Cream butter and sugar. Beat eggs and add gradually. Beat well. Add vanilla essence and mashed banana and blend. Sieve flour and salt and add to the mixture. Bake at 180C for 1 hour

Art

AR1	Landscapes
AR2	Still Life
AR3	Portraits - Human
AR4	Portraits – Animals

Photography

PH1	Landscape to include water
PH2	Landscape - Woodcote views – please identify where this was
PH3	Portrait (Human or Animal)
PH4	Amusing with a caption

Handicrafts

HC1	Knitting
HC2	Crochet
HC3	Quilting
HC4	Cross Stitch
HC5	Pottery
HC6	Miniature model

HC7	Jewellery – an item that is handmade and wearable
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Writing

AW1	Limerick – 5 lines – Continue with either of the following: 1. There was a red kite on the green, or 2. Please come to our fete this year
CHW1 Children all ages	Limerick – 5 lines – Continue with either of the following: 1. There once was a hamster called Splat, or 2. There once was a beautiful star

Sunflower Competition

CHSU1	Tallest Sunflower Photos and measurements (floor to flower top) to be emailed to the Fete committee: woodcotefete@gmail.com no later than Sunday the 5 th of September or bring along your own photo on
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Children’s Competitions

Pre School -

Individual Entries

PS1	Vegetable printing
PS2	Decorated gingerbread men
PS3	Woodcote Rocks – Decorate a medium sized stone
PS4	Puppet wooden spoon

Pre School –

Group Entries

PSG1	Biscuit tin fairy garden (1 entry per group)
PSG2	Homemade decorated fairy cakes
PSG3	Puppet theatre

Key Stage 1

CHL1	Homemade decorated fairy cakes
CHL2	Biscuit tin fairy garden
CHL3	Design and build a Lego model
CHL4	A puppet with moving parts
CHL5	Woodcote Rocks – Decorate a medium sized stone
CHL6	Junk model of a garden mini beast
CHL7	Mixed Media Collage of Woodcote Ponds

Key Stage 2

CHU1	A selection of homegrown vegetables
CHU2	A posy of flowers in a recycled tin
CHU3	Homemade decorated fairy cakes
CHU4	Design and build a Lego model
CHU5	How many different things in a matchbox (measuring)
CHU6	Woodcote Rocks – Decorate a medium sized stone
CHU7	Porn Porn animal
CHU8	Mixed media collage of Woodcote Ponds
CHU9	Poem – with the title “My family” - Max of 10 lines
CHU10	Photograph “Wildlife”

11 Plus (Under 15)

SSI	Homemade cake with a rainbow theme
SS2	A posy of flowers in a recycled tin
SS3	Miniature model – i.e. made using clay or wood or other material
SS4	Mixed media collage of Woodcote Ponds
SS5	Poem – with the title “My family” - Max of 10 lines
SS6	Photograph “Wildlife”

Congratulations to the 2019 award winners

The Fete Committee would like to extend their congratulations to the winners of 2019. We look forward to passing on the awards to the winners this year. We also have a new trophy for the Handicrafts category winner in memory of Mrs Isobel Morton.

Award for Best in Show Church Farm Trophy in memory of Yvonne Sopp	Helen McAuslin
Davis Tate Award for Best Homegrown Produce	Dave Lane
The Croft Way Award for Floral Class Champion	Helen Piper
The Doug Burton Memorial Cup for Baking	Helen McAuslin
The Woodcote Correspondent Award for Photography	Adaeeze Nwzudu
Handicrafts	Polly Lewis
Art (sponsored by Wallingford & District Art Club)	Karen Libbetter
Adult Writing	Jane Stephenson
The Woodcote Parish Council Junior Challenge Award – 11 plus	Ben Hawley
The Oratory Junior Challenge Award KS2	Amelia Ochocinska
Junior Challenge Award for KS1 in memory of James Hawley	Tilly Scott
Pre school	Cabin Pre School

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ON LOSING ONE'S SENSE OF SMELL

My wife, with whom, I suspect, many of my readers will by now be feeling a deep sympathy, has lost her sense of smell. Nothing to do with Covid: this happened some years back. Apparently, the condition, known as anosmia, can strike without apparent cause: sometimes the sense spontaneously comes back after a while, but in this case it hasn't. But at least, unlike many Covid victims who have suffered the same fate, she can still taste things as normal.

I provide such husbandly comfort as I can: I point out how much worse it would be for her if she were a dog, and I try to remember, not always successfully, that expressions appreciative of her culinary endeavours such as 'Wow, that stew smells good' are now a little less than tactful and are unlikely to be met with the customary gratification. And I suspect we would all agree that if you are going to lose one of your senses, the sense of smell is the one you are going to miss least. Even so, it seems a pity.

I think of all the odours that have given me pleasure in life, and continue to give it. Food, of course, for a start. I remember when I used to run as a teenager at night. My favourite five-mile route would be virtually mapped out with smells: first the lonely house on the hill where they always seemed to be frying sausages, then the warm greasy smells from the chip shop in the village, and towards the end, the heavenly breath from the bakery by the canal where they would be taking the next day's loaves out of the oven.

And of course, I have many other favourites. The slightly acrid smell of flowering currant. Lavender. Honeysuckle. The lime tree at the corner of the rec on a June evening. The sweetness of dog roses. Freshly mown grass. The tartness of elder and new-grown nettles, filling the damp spring twilight of a lane. The peppery smell that rises from drifts of beech leaves as you shuffle through them in the autumn woods. The curl of coal-smoke from a chimney on a grey winter afternoon, nearly a thing of the past now. The smell of a road after rain when the sun comes out, for which there is even a special name: petrichor.

Of course, smell is quite a personal matter. I suspect, for example, that not all will share my relish for the scent of carbolic soap, those big red shiny bars, that always takes me back to childhood and memories of a tin bath in front of the fire. On the other hand, I understand that some people actually like the scent of ramsons, or wild garlic, that grows so thickly in the lanes round my son's farm in Pembrokeshire: pretty with its white-starred flowers but to me appallingly pungent.

Anyway, next time you are out of a walk, think of poor anosmic sufferers like my wife and stop for an appreciative sniff here and there. Like the song says, you don't know what you've got till it's gone.

David Sutton



NEED A GOOD READ?

The Wallingford bookshop ladies have reviewed two more books for you:

We were incredibly fortunate that local author Stacey Halls popped into the shop last week to pick up her order and sign some copies of *Mrs England*, her third novel. Stacey's debut novel, *The Familiars* is set during the Pendle witch trials. The idea for *The Foundling* came to Stacey after a visit to The Foundling Museum in London. Sales of these two novels have reached 500,000 copies and if you enjoy beautifully written, meticulously researched historical fiction with a touch of mystery they really are a must!

For adults:

'Mrs England' by Stacey Halls



Set in West Yorkshire in 1904, *Mrs England* is a captivating read resonant of *Jane Eyre* and *Rebecca*. When Norland nurse Ruby May accepts a position to care for wealthy mill owner Charles England's four children, it seems an answer to her prayers. But on her arrival at isolated Hardcastle House, she meets the inscrutable Mrs England and feels less sure. Why are the servants hostile, and why does Mr

England insist that the bedrooms are locked at night?

As Ruby begins to unravel the mysteries of Hardcastle House and its occupants, she is forced to face the horrors of her own past to prevent history from repeating itself.

Mrs England is out now in hardback and signed copies are available whilst stocks last.

For children:

'I Am a Sensible Gibbon' by Will Mabbit and Claudia Boldt (for pre-schoolers)



I'm sure you could hear the giggles all the way down St Martin's Street when this book arrived in store last week — we love it!

Written in rhyming text, this is a story of our hapless hero trying to stop all his animal friends from being silly and having far too much fun. Pre-schoolers will love Claudia's wonderfully daft illustrations; parents will appreciate Will's clever use of language and vocabulary.

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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

JULY 2016

The front page was devoted to the Woodcote Pre-School which was celebrating its 50th Anniversary. The Pre-School was started by Pat Catlin and Gill Woods in 1966. A celebration party was held on the Green to mark the contribution this wonderful institution has made to generations of children and their parents.

It has become a tradition for Croft Way to hold street parties to mark important national events. On 12th June the *Croft Way Party* was held in honour of the Queen's 90th Birthday.

On the same day, there was a ceremony on the Green to officially open the seat dedicated to Christopher Quinton, former District Councillor, President of the Cricket Club and Village Hall Chairman. A large contingent of the Quinton family attended to see the seat officially opened by Christopher's widow, Carol. The cricket team was also there in force to show their respects.

JULY 2011.

The lead article was a match report of Woodcote Football Club's victory in the Senior Cup Final at the Madejski Stadium in May. Already holders of the trophy from the previous year, Woodcote defeated REME, Arborfield by 4-2 with goals by Toby Nowell 2, Chris Clark and Ross Weatherstone.

Joy Aldridge's Plant Sales were rightly featured as it was recorded that since they started in 1989, Joy had raised over £18,000 for local charities.

JULY 2006

The lead article by Sue Sandford introduced 'The Parish Plan' to the Woodcote community.

'A Parish Plan will 'set out a vision of what is important, how new development can best be fitted in, the design and quality standards it should meet, how to preserve valued local features and to map out the facilities the community needs to safeguard for the future.'

A questionnaire was to be delivered to all houses in the Autumn, the results of which would help to form the Plan.

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FLEXIBILITY IS KEY!

By Gabby Robinson

It is vital to be flexible in both mind and body. Just as we need strength, we need flexibility to ensure balance and equilibrium and we need to nurture it. Visualise a tree, it needs a solid foundation but to be flexible to the elements. Just as our bodies and minds need to flex and adapt to what life throws our way!



For those of you who don't know me, I am Gabby, a local mum of twins and ever-expanding household of

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pets including a dog, some chickens, a hamster, some fish and the cutest two kittens! I have always loved movement and have been part of the fitness and wellness industry for over twenty years. I have a degree in Sports Science and am a qualified Yoga and Pilates teacher. This month, I have put together a quick full body mobilisation for you to try. Let me know how you get on!

Firstly, check your posture. Stand tall with your feet hip width apart. Soften your knees, lightly engage your pelvic floor and abdominal muscles, relax your shoulders and lengthen your neck.

To mobilise, gently roll the neck from side to side, looking left to right a few times. If comfortable, do the same but this time lower your chin in the middle each time as if you are drawing a semi-circle. Now softly lower the right ear towards the right shoulder and then repeat to the left. It is normal to feel and hear a bit of tension or cracking!

Roll your shoulders forwards then backwards a few times to loosen any tension and then try a few shoulder shrugs, bringing the shoulders high and then dropping them low.

Clasp your hands together in front of you and push them forwards as if you are hugging someone and feel the muscles in the upper back stretch.

Now sweep your hands behind you and reach the hands towards each other or hold them together to feel a chest stretch. If your shoulders feel good, you could circle one arm back at a time. Do a few on each side.

Standing tall, roll your pelvis forwards and back a few times, tucking your tail bone under and then rolling it out. Now find the neutral or centre position between these two points. From this neutral position, with your arms by your sides take some side body stretches by tracing your fingertips down the side seam of your trousers towards the outside of the knee. Try to keep your chest and shoulders facing forwards so that you are not bending forwards or back whilst you do this. If this feels tight in your back, tuck your tail bone under as you do it to create space in the lumbar or lower back.

If your back feels good, try some half roll downs, flexing your spine forwards one vertebra at a time from the head, neck, upper, mid and lower back. Use your hands as a guide as they slide down your legs towards your knees or further and then slide yourself back up again. Some may take this roll down further and feel a stretch in the hamstrings at the back of the legs too. If your back feels tight, replace this move with a gentle bow from the hips rather than a roll of the spine.

Circle your hips a few times in one direction and then the other and then keep the hips facing forwards whilst you gently twist your upper body from side to side.

Balance on one leg, hold on to a chair if you like and circle one ankle in either direction a number of times and then change legs, notice your range of movement and try to create larger, more smooth circles. Now wiggle your toes, trying to lift the big toe whilst lowering the little toes and vice versa. Do the same with your hands to keep the fingers and wrists mobile.

Now do some knee raises as if you are marching. You can swing your arms or keep holding on to the chair. Follow that with some heel kicks to take your heel towards your buttocks. These moves mobilise your thighs and hamstrings and you could opt for a gentle quad stretch afterwards by bringing your heel towards your buttock and holding it there for a count of ten each side.



I hope you enjoy this full body mobilisation. If you would like more tips and ideas, check out my website www.gabbyrobinsonwellness.co.uk for a FREE first online class, lots of pre-recorded Pilates and Yoga videos to do at a time that suits you and a FREE first trial week of my wellness membership package.



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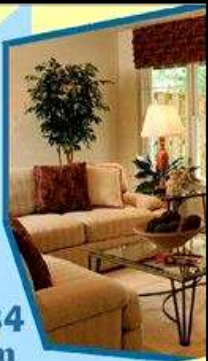
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The past year has seen many lost opportunities for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to participate

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During lockdown, we have noticed a considerable amount of unauthorised access through the site. Whilst this can seem harmless, our trustees and leaders have a duty of care to protect and safeguard the youngsters using the site. We are therefore reinstating the site boundaries with a combination of fencing and hedging. We request that people respect that the property is private land and use the nearby footpath to access Blackbird's Bottom.

BRITISH MODERN MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY

Forthcoming Talks



Both the July talks will be on Zoom due to COVID restrictions. We will resume live talks when it is considered safe to do so.

Our meeting on 6th July at 2pm will be a talk by Lucy

Betteridge-Dyson on The Real War Horse. The talk explores the equine contribution in the Great War. The talk will look at the roles that donkeys, mules and horses played in the conflict and why, along with where they came from, their war experience and how they are remembered today.

On 14th July 7.30pm, Col (retd) David Vassallo will give a talk on Malta GC and Operation Pedestal. From 1940 into 1942 Malta faced relentless attacks by the Luftwaffe and Italian Air Force. The Royal Navy and Royal Air Force were heavily engaged in defending the island and attempting to keep the island supplied. Malta provided a base to disrupt Axis supply lines to Libya, and also for supplying British armies in Egypt.

David's talk will cover life under siege in Malta and the subsequent attempts to bring in the much-needed aircraft, food, fuel, ammunition and supplies on Operation Pedestal.

Check out our website: www.bmmhs.org for details of all our talks, and to register for talks, email us on zoom@bmmhs.org. Thank you to everyone who has supported us and made donations to help keep us going.

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Thursday, 1st July, 7:30pm	Cruella (12A)
Friday, 2nd July, 7:30pm	In the Heights
Saturday, 3rd July, 7:30pm	In the Heights
Sunday, 4th July, 7:30pm	In the Heights
Monday, 5th July, 7:30pm	The Reason I Jump (12A)
Tuesday, 6th July, 7:30pm	The Reason I Jump (12A)
Wednesday, 7th July, 7:30pm	The Filmmaker's House (12A)
Thursday, 8th July, 7:30pm	The Filmmaker's House (12A)
Friday, 9th July, 7:30pm	Nashville (PG)
Sunday, 18th July, 7:30pm	Young Audience Film Night – Film to Be Announced shortly

This is a new Corn Exchange initiative; a young film programmer's group in association with the British Film Institute to curate, select and market a film for 16–30-year-olds. We will be showing a selection of films over the next few months and it may become a standard feature at the Corn Exchange. Anyone interested in joining the film programmer's group should email us on youngfilms@cornexchange.org.uk

Live Theatre

Wednesday, 14th July to Saturday 17th July, 3pm (Saturday) and 7:45pm (all evenings)

Sinodun Players present *Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame (adapted into a one-act play and directed by Marilyn Johnstone), one of the all-time great animal stories and a true classic of children's literature

Tickets £8 (adults) and £5 (under 14s)

Saturday, 31st July, 3:30pm Spoken Word Poet Jill Battson

Double JUNO Award Nominee and spoken word artist, Jill Battson, presents an afternoon poetry reading. Heralded as "one of the great voices in contemporary poetry" and "poetry's 'agent provocateur'" Jill will also participate in a Q&A with Adrian Brooks, Artistic Director of the Henge21 Festival. Tickets £7.50

Henge21 is a community art project, and local poets are invited to participate by creating poems that relate to the theme "circle of life". There is a day-long workshop at Dorchester on Thames Village Hall, Queen Street on Sunday, 1st August, led by Jill Battson as resident poet. A morning visit to the site of the Dyke Hills for inspiration and an insight into the history of Dorchester at the museum will be followed by an afternoon of crafting and critiquing poems with publication on the Henge21 website. Sunday, 01 August 10am – 5pm, £25,

Register at: jillbattson@gmail.com

Wednesday, 22nd September to Saturday, 25th September, 7:45pm

Sinodun Players present *A Daughter's a Daughter*, an intense family drama published by Agatha Christie under the name Mary Westmacott, and directed by Lucy Pitman-Wallace. It bubbles with suppressed emotion and has the extra frisson of perhaps being inspired by Christie's difficult relationship with her own daughter, Rosalind.

Tickets £12 (adults) and £8 (under 16s)

Coming Soon

Friday, 10th September, 7:45pm Arthur Smith is SYD

Arthur Smith's show SYD follows a highly successful season at Soho Theatre and a sell-out and critical acclaimed run at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Packed with big gags, hilarious stories and poignant reflections about an ordinary man who lived through extraordinary times; Arthur, accompanied by the mellifluous Kirsty Newton tells the story of his own father.

Tickets £15 (with some adult humour)

Saturday, 20th November, 7:45pm Under Milk Wood

Performed solo by Guy Masterson, celebrating a day in the life of 'Llareggub' – a small sea town somewhere in Wales – all 69 ebullient inhabitants in Dylan Thomas' timeless masterpiece are assiduously recreated in an amazing feat of memory and virtuosity. Complemented by a stunning original soundscape, it's bawdy and beautiful, sad and sensual and, through the music of language, leaves indelible, unforgettable images of humanity.

All Tickets £15

Thursday, 25th to Saturday 27th November, 2:30pm (Saturday) and 7:30pm (all evenings)

'This is Jess' is a new musical - with a twist... Billing itself as 'half gig, half musical theatre, and half stand-up comedy' (Jess is better at geography than maths!), the one-woman, two-act show follows a year in the life of local girl, Jess. But it isn't just any year: this is the year she meets Gino Corsetti, and a roller-coaster romance ensues. You're certain to fall in love with the hapless Jess (think Bridget Jones, without the celebrity glamour and fake snow!) and leave the theatre singing any of the 16 plus strong numbers from this whimsical, uplifting and touching musical.

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THE GAP FESTIVAL SET TO RETURN!



After cancelling its programme last year due to the pandemic, the biennial cultural and arts GAP Festival will return to Goring and Streatley from 2nd – 12th June 2022.

This will be the fourth GAP Festival since it was first created by the organising charity, set up to promote and encourage the arts and culture in our villages as a legacy to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee back in 2012.

With next year's event taking place over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee four-day Bank Holiday weekend, the festival team are planning to bring the event back to its celebratory roots of bringing people together through arts and entertainment.

So pop the dates in your diary, and head over to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter @TheGAPFestival to watch a special message from local band The Lightyears.

To be the first to hear more about the festival programme and tickets, you can join the mailing list at www.thegapfestival.org/subscribe

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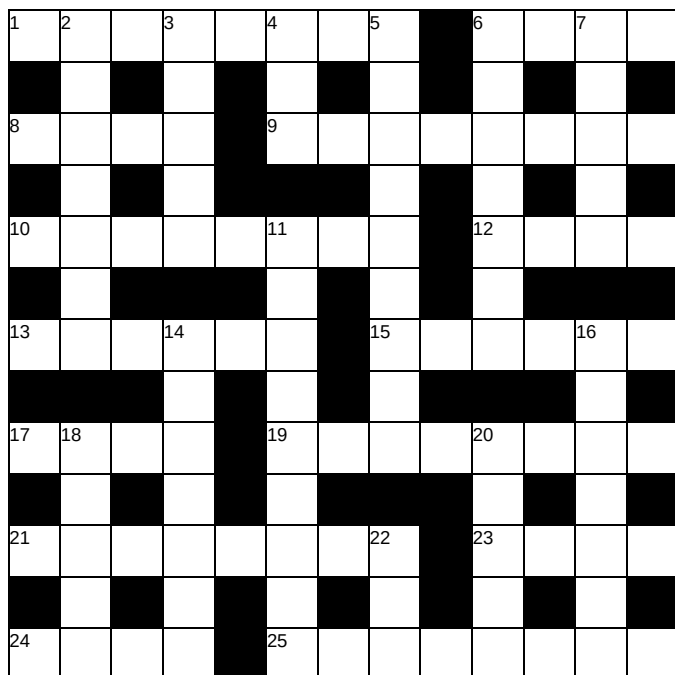
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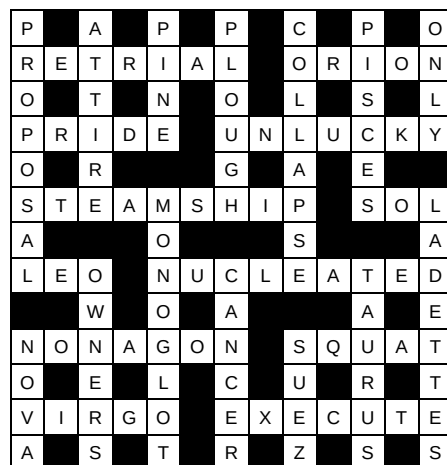
Across

- 1 Spectrums produced by artists around in east London (8)
- 6 Salute cold shower (4)
- 8 Seasonal collapse (4)
- 9 GP works with Tories on image boosters (8)
- 10 Spare tyres are hits around front alloys (8)
- 12 Cry out name (4)
- 13 Alcoholic blow (6)
- 15 Stupid 'phone company swallowed by river
- 17 Gaslight (4)
- 19 Compose manic ode for him? (8)
- 21 Criminal e-traders stopped (8)
- 23 I take risk endlessly for her (4)
- 24 Talk about a couple of teas? Sounds like it (4)
- 25 Crazy heavy about to begin fisticuffs brings tears to your eyes (8)

Down

- 2 A learner meets a couple of graduates in the US (7)
- 3 Fibre made from only Nitrogen (5)
- 4 Singular component of headphones (3)
- 5 Furore after drug blizzard (9)
- 6 Hot car I crashed into vegetable (7)
- 7 Mischief maker joins the Spanish force (5)
- 11 Jump to stop game (9)
- 14 Kindly Red takes east over time (7)
- 16 Resort for disease treatment (7)
- 18 Goldilocks' world (5)
- 20 Ambition to be shot on course (5)
- 22 Time for alternate diary (3)

JUNE CROSSWORD SOLUTION



WITHMEAD NATURE RESERVE

Our Project is completed!

It is with wide smiles that we are proud to announce the successful completion of the Withymead Enhancement Project. Generously funded by the Network Rail 'No Net Loss of Biodiversity' on the Greater West Programme and supported by the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE2), the project has been completed over the last 18 months.

The project's goals were to rejuvenate the old orchard at Withymead by adding 30 new fruit trees and boost floral diversity across the site with the planting of 240 native trees and shrubs. This entailed widespread groundworks and selective felling to create favourable conditions for the trees to flourish.

The planting scheme boasts a variety of old and new fruit cultivars in the orchard, such as Lord Lambourne, Worcester Pearmain and the marvellously named Bloody Ploughman, and a broad selection of ancient woodland trees and shrubs that will boost biodiversity throughout the site. Notably we have also included several disease resistant elms into the project, which we hope will restore an element of the reserve that was all but lost in the past century.

The hands-on work, completed over the past 18 months was achieved with the support of Withymead's own volunteers, local green gyms and local tree surgeons. Despite the difficulties posed by the events of the past year, everyone has cheerfully continued to work compliantly with restrictions to ensure the project's success.

Withymead is now open for pre-booked visits on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer. You can also come to one of our popular Cream Tea Sundays – the next two are on 25th July and 29th August between 2 and 5pm. There is no need to book, simply turn up and enjoy! The Cream Teas are served in the Study Centre, and the relevant Covid19 restrictions will be in place to help keep everyone safe.

Visit www.withymead.org to book online and for more information about the reserve. We look forward to welcoming you!

DATES FOR THE DIARY – JULY

- Thur 1st * Wallingford Photographic Club Zoom talk: 'Mongolia - from Steppe to Eagle Hunters'. www.wallingfordphoto.club. 7.30pm
- Sun 4th * St. Leonard's open for service of Holy Communion. St. Leonard's Church. 8.30am
- * St. Leonard's online church service. Email woodcotevicarage@btinternet.com. 10.00am
- Tues 6th * BMMHS Zoom Talk: 'The Real War Horse'. Email zoom@bmmhs.org. 2.00pm
- Wed 7th * St. Leonard's open for private prayer. St. Leonard's Church. 2pm-4pm.
- * St. Leonard's online Night Prayer. Email woodcotevicarage@btinternet.com. 8.30pm
- Sun 11th * St. Leonard's open for service of Holy Communion. St. Leonard's Church. 8.30am
- * St. Leonard's online church service. Email woodcotevicarage@btinternet.com. 10.00am
- * Pete Aldridge Memorial Match: Woodcote Cricket Club v The Red Lion. Woodcote Village Green. 2.00pm
- Wed 14th * St. Leonard's open for private prayer. St. Leonard's Church. 2pm-4pm.
- * BMMHS Zoom Talk: 'Malta GC and Operation Pedestal'. Email zoom@bmmhs.org. 7.30pm
- * St. Leonard's online Night Prayer. Email woodcotevicarage@btinternet.com. 8.30pm
- Sun 18th * St. Leonard's open for service of Holy Communion. St. Leonard's Church. 8.30am
- * St. Leonard's online church service. Email woodcotevicarage@btinternet.com. 10.00am
- Tues 20th * Wallingford & District Art Club on-line demonstration: 'Landscape in Oils'. Email admin@wallingfordartclub.org.uk. 7.30pm
- Wed 21st * St. Leonard's open for private prayer. St. Leonard's Church. 2pm-4pm.
- * St. Leonard's online Night Prayer. Email woodcotevicarage@btinternet.com. 8.30pm
- Sun 25th * St. Leonard's open for service of Holy Communion. St. Leonard's Church. 8.30am
- * St. Leonard's online church service. Email woodcotevicarage@btinternet.com. 10.00am
- Wed 28th * St. Leonard's open for private prayer. St. Leonard's Church. 2pm-4pm.
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FORTHCOMING DATES IN AUGUST

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THE PRICKLY CHALLENGE *(continued)*

Don't forget to link gardens if you can as this increases foraging habitat for hedgehogs within the safety of gardens. It's not too late to make a CD case-sized hole (13x13cm or 5x5") to let hedgehogs through your fence and, if you'd like some help making a hole, do email us at: info@woodcotecg.org.uk

And now's the time to enter our competition!



If seeing a hedgehog in the last few months has inspired you to paint a picture, take a photo, spy on nocturnal activity in your garden with a trail camera, or write a story or poem, enter our competition to win a prickly prize! The competition closing date is Monday 30th August. Send your entry to info@woodcotecg.org.uk. The best entries will be put on our website and will be on display at the Woodcote Village Fete on 11th September for everyone to enjoy.

Woodcote Conservation Group

CLOSING THOUGHT

It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live your life so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all, in which case you have failed by default.

J.K.Rowling