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COMMENT FROM THE VICARAGE

Just about the time that this edition of 'The Correspondent' lands on your door mat, we will be preparing to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will be a time of national celebration and the marking of a remarkable reign. Our Queen came to the throne 70 years ago. She has already reigned longer than Queen Victoria, who reigned for 63 years and 7 months and King George III who reigned for 59 years and 96 days. This jubilee is a significant historical event and most of us alive today will not see such a long serving monarch again in our lifetime. So, there will be picnics and street parties, concerts and other events held right across this country and indeed the world.

It is a happy coincidence that the Jubilee coincides with the church festival of Pentecost. This is a recollection of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit following the ascension of Jesus and as such this day is regarded as the beginning of the Christian faith and the church. This means that on Sunday 5th June we will be celebrating twice over with two celebrations that sit very happily together. Notwithstanding the fact that she is the Head of the Church of England, it is no secret that the Queen has a strong personal faith. As she has said on many occasions, it is her personal faith that sustains her and she has spoken of how her faith in Christ and her sense of accountability before God has guided the whole of her life. We have seen the outworking of that in 70 years of faithful, dignified and unstinting service. To give thanks for that and to combine it with a celebration of the gift of the continuing presence of God in all our lives will be a joy and a privilege. We are also very fortunate that thanks to the gifts of our wonderful flower team, St. Leonard's will be something of a focal point for the celebrations with the planned display of themed arrangements both inside and outside the church. I am very much looking forward to seeing all the contributions to the display from across the village.

It is our hope that all that we offer over the Jubilee weekend will be a fitting tribute to the Queen and an expression of all that she means to us. It will be an opportunity to acknowledge the inspiration that she is to many in their own faith journeys.

In a world that is evermore interconnected, it has been distressing to see the forces that seek to drive us apart. Maybe the example of the Queen and her life of faith and service could cause us to examine how and why we live the way we do.

May God bless our Queen, and all our celebrations.

With all blessings

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Services at St. Leonard's in June

Sunday 5th June

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Service to Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee

Sunday 12th June

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Worshipping Together

Sunday 19th June

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am 'Open Door' Service

Sunday 26th June

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

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

Online Services

We will continue with our online service of Night Prayer every Wednesday at 8.30 pm.

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

We'd love people to feel that they can join us at any time – we are a very friendly and relaxed bunch! So please do email me if you would like details of how to join this online service.



Thanks to Jackie Comrie for this, and the bluebells on page 3.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



I drove past the village green today and it was heart-warming to see so many people out and about, cricket being played, picnics being enjoyed. Yes, summer is on its way (interspersed with some wintry weather of course!) This month, there will be a lot of Jubilee celebrations up and down the country, including in Woodcote, Whitchurch Hill and beyond. Don't forget to email us your photos of how you celebrated – in your street, in your back garden or around the village.

It's been a very busy time for Woodcote generally. We've had a couple of author/illustrator visits; the Woodcote Village Fete planning is well underway; we have another Murder Mystery night coming up, courtesy of WADS, and if you've been thinking of getting fit for summer and are over 60, then newcomer, Lucinda Lyn-Jones, may have the solution. See inside for details.

Have a good month!

Yvette

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Woodcote's last game of the title-winning season in Division 2 (East) of the Hellenic League, saw them take on Stokenchurch who were already confirmed in last place in the division. The seventy-five enthusiastic home supporters might have expected a straightforward win, but the visitors gave a battling first-half performance to hold a 2-1 lead at the interval. Stokenchurch went ahead after 5 minutes as the result of defensive hesitancy in the home ranks. Woodcote equalised on the half-hour mark as Joe Webber headed home Ryan Corbett's corner. Five minutes later, poor defending enabled Stokenchurch to regain the lead. In the second-half, manager, Andy Silver, rang the changes and it was very different Woodcote side which dominated proceedings.



However, the visitors defended resolutely and it was not until the 70th minute that the equaliser came. Tommy Chapman launched a high ball into the box and James Worsfold did well to head the ball into the path of Toby Nowell who poked the ball over the line. Ten minutes later the score was 3-2, the scorer, Andy Taylor with a great strike from 20 yards after Frank Dillon's corner was headed clear. In the dying minutes leading scorer, Toby Nowell, was put through to beat the advancing keeper and make it 4-2 with his 34th strike of the season.

After the match the Woodcote team was presented with the League Shield and individual medals by Woodcote Club Chairman, Pete McAlister, cue yet more celebrations!

Woodcote Football Club would like to place on record their thanks to the local businesses who have sponsored their playing and training kit this season. Huge thanks to: Stanrod Motors, Neil McDougall Heating and Plumbing, Dan Scott Electrical, Howard Nowell Garden Design, Klaire Silver – Witches Kitchen.

VILLAGE GREEN COMMITTEE

We held our first public meeting on April 25th with three members of the public in attendance in addition to committee members. We were able to report the good news that we have qualified for a Co-op Community Fund donation and we hope to use this to install another picnic bench. Our annual RoSPA inspection of the play equipment has been carried out and, though there are no major problems, there will be work to be done by committee members and volunteers, and some work to be placed with contractors by the Parish Council. Our committee inspector, Ron Hows, has carried out his own inspection and produced a comprehensive document indicating what needs to be done. Questions were raised from the meeting about the installation of new benches and the Chairman explained the policy of replacing damaged seats (not placed in memory of individuals) with any new ones which may be donated. After a very long wait, we are hopeful that before too long there may be some progress on the installation of hard-standing for an all-weather pitch on Folly Field between the two basketball goals.

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WOODCOTE WI NEWS

In April, Margaret Carter celebrated her birthday along with Pat Hunt who had a special birthday and was given a bouquet of flowers. We had a lovely tea - thank you to the ladies involved and our new tea hostess Wendy Muchamore. Tea was followed by a quiz to keep us on our toes! Thank you to Ann Larden.

The skittles and lunch event at Wallingford Sports Centre was so well received that we have booked again for October. The Homes and Gardens group visited Root One for coffee in early May and we are organising more social trips for the coming year. We are also looking forward to a lunch date at the Packhorse at the end of May.

Our speaker at our May meeting was a representative of *Thrive*, which is a charity that helps people living with disabilities to thrive through gardening. We will also have a plant sale soon. Winners of Bloom of the Month were Carole Shelley – Allen and Shirley Bryant with their beautiful blooms of Narcissus and Camellias.

In June we will have a chance to make books with Jane Abbott. We are also planning a visit to Kidmore End Garden and Vineyard this month and an outing to *Calendar Girls* in July!

Why not come and join us - you will be very welcome. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall.

Judy Williams.

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WE'RE BACK!

Coffee shop is back! On *Saturday 18th June 10am - 12:30pm*, St Leonard's are hosting a Community Coffee Shop in the Community Centre. Please pop along for a slice of cake and a coffee or tea to support us. We're hosting a craft morning upstairs for the little ones and there will be a raffle. Hope to see you there. Please note we are cash only for this event.

WOODCOTE VOLUNTEERS



The first week of June is Volunteers Week and to mark this, we are having a Summer Social, both to thank our volunteers for their hard work and to enjoy getting to know each other further.

We thought it appropriate this month, to hand over the writing to a couple of our volunteer drivers, so they can describe what it is like to be in the team. Brian recently joined us and has written about how he is finding life as a volunteer driver. Elizabeth is an "old hand", having been a driver with us for over 20 years.

Brian says, "I recently joined Woodcote Volunteers because I liked the idea of being able to help local people who are in need of transport to get them to their health appointments - or whatever else they would otherwise have difficulty getting to. So far, I have taken two clients to the local GP surgery and one to the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

My experience on the day of the appointment has been entirely positive. The clients are always highly appreciative of the service we provide, and it is a pleasure to get the opportunity to chat to them on the journey. For anyone who has a car and a bit of time to spare, I can heartily recommend joining our team of volunteer drivers."

Elizabeth says, "I have been a volunteer driver since I moved to the village in 1998. My parents had both been volunteer drivers and persuaded me to join the team. I am so glad I did, as it helped me to get to know the area and some of the residents who live here. It is an appealing and fulfilling role; I meet some interesting people; the hours are flexible and I get the satisfaction of knowing I am helping others. I recommend giving it a try!"

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful team of 35 drivers who are friendly, helpful and reliable. All expenses are paid and you can work as many or few hours as you wish. We are a real lifeline for people who would otherwise be very disadvantaged. If you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer driver, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our secretary, Jane Forde for an informal chat. You can phone her on 07850 158274 or email janeforde32@hotmail.com

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SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

Thank you to everyone who came to visit us at the Spring Fair. If you picked up sunflower seeds – now is the time to plant them! Will you grow a winning entry and maybe even beat last year's winner of 3.7 metres?! The competition guide is ready and now loaded on to the Woodcote Fete Facebook page and hard copies are available from the library.

We are delighted to announce that we have two new awards for this year. One for the most *outstanding entry in Vegetables or Fruit*, in memory of Bert Wilcox, who many will remember as a stalwart of the allotments and expert of root veg! We have also introduced the *Windmill Sales Preschool challenge award*, to honour the contribution the Windmill Sales made to the community over the years. If you want to donate an award to the Woodcote Fete, please do get in touch.

Plans are progressing and the Woodcote Fete team are busy booking stalls, entertainment, food, and drink. The 1st Goring Heath Scouting and Guide groups will be running the tea and cake tent, the bar will be returning and there will be a variety of food stalls to choose from. Not to forget live music, the hugely popular dog show, inflatable fun, and traditional fete games; it will be an afternoon for the community to come together and have fun, hopefully in the sun! If you are interested in having a stall, contact the Woodcote Village Hall and fill out the form. The link is also available on the Woodcote Fete Facebook page.

Get involved!

The team would love to hear from anyone who would like to help us on the day, from manning the hall, setting up the afternoon before or tidying up at the end of the event, please do get in touch as any help will be very welcome. We can be contacted by email at woodcotefete@gmail.com. Please do follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook to keep up to date.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We wanted to say a huge thank you to everybody who came out to the Spring Fair, and to the individuals and organisations who got involved and helped to make a wonderful new event for the village. The event raised just over £900 for the Village Hall Charity. In addition, several organisations including the Woodcote Pre-School, FOWPS, The Cabin Pre-School and St Leonards Church raised funds through their activities at the event. Luckily the weather was kind and where we had planned to be able to move most of the outdoor stands inside if the weather had been against us, we made the most of a very dry April and invited a couple of extra last-minute traders to join us. Who knows, maybe we'll do it all again next year!



This event was the first in a series of events planned to bring the Hall back into wider use as we emerge from the recent pandemic restrictions. And with that in mind, here is a (very) last minute reminder to join **the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic on the Green on Friday 3rd June, 2.30-5pm**. There will be tea and cake on offer, ice cream, drinks from the Red Lion, a bouncy castle and children's activities compliments of FOWPS.

We also have the **'Jazz in the Village'** UK tour visiting the Hall on **Saturday 25th June**. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. We are promised a great evening of Jazz and humour by Ian Millar and Dominic Spencer, an accomplished Jazz duo all the way from Scotland! Tickets are £10.50 per head, tables available. BYO nibbles, the bar will be open. Find out more at www.woodcotevillagehall.com or call 07929 203096.

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Why not book a table for you and your friends. Tickets are limited to 50 per night so book early. We'll be serving a light supper of cheese, biscuits, pate and bread. This will certainly be another WADS night to remember! Oh and there's the all-important bar. Cash only please. If you would like to have lots of fun and meet new people, why not join us. No experience required, just enthusiasm! Drop me a line!

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THE CASE OF THE RELUCTANT ART CRITIC

One of the trials of being a parent of small children (which in my experience are considerably less than the trials of being a parent of big children) is that until they learn better (which tends to happen at around the age of five) they exhibit a touching faith in both one's omniscience and omnipotence. Which is all very flattering, but does mean that you can find yourself well out of your comfort zone in being expected, say, to mend irretrievably broken toys or in my case to deliver helpful art criticism to a four-year old whose enthusiasm for drawing and painting was matched only by her pride in her own productions.

Now, let me say at once that I myself have absolutely zero talent myself for drawing and painting. The weekly double art lesson we had at school was a nightmare. I would sit staring at a blank sheet having not the first idea how to tackle the assigned subject, then finally cover it with some despairing daubs that bore no relation to anything in my head or out of it. The art teacher, himself a skilled draughtsman, would come round to inspect the pupils' work, and in my case pass silently by. He knew a lost cause when he saw one

Fortunately there was no more art for me after Year 8, and all I really took away from those lessons was the idea that an artist should first learn to draw or paint things that looked like what they were supposed to be before moving on to the more advanced business of drawing or painting things that didn't look like what they were supposed to be. No doubt this would now be viewed as very old-fashioned and repressive, but I am afraid that it did, before I learned better, influence my interactions with my daughter. This led to the following dialogue:

'Here's a picture for you.'

'Oh, lovely, darling.' (Feeling something more is required). 'Er... what is it?'

'It's an elephant, stupid!'

'Oh, of course, it was just the extra leg confused me - elephants usually have four legs, you see.'

'That's not a leg, that's its tail!'

'Oh, yes, of course, silly me, it's just that if you look at an elephant its tail is actually quite thin compared with its legs.'

(Fiercely) 'My elephants have fat tails.'

'Yes, quite, and why not. It's a very nice colour, I like the purple. But do you remember that elephant we saw at the zoo - it was a sort of wrinkly brown mud colour.'

'I think purple is prettier.'

'Oh, yes, it's a beautiful purple. And is this the trunk?'

'Yes, it's a very good trunk, isn't it?'

'Oh, yes, it is, it's just - well, they don't usually come out of the top of the head like that, they're more like noses really.'

(Lip beginning to tremble) 'Don't you like my drawing?'

'Oh, I do, I think it's lovely.'

'Only I did it speshly for you.'

(With great sincerity) 'It's the best fat-tailed purple elephant I've ever seen'

(Pleased) 'Now I'm going to do you a tiger.'

Well, I had learned my lesson. The green tiger with its pink spots was perfect.

David Sutton

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In the last thirty years the number of wild pollinators (including wild bees, butterflies, hoverflies, moths and beetles) has dropped by over a third. That's not just a devastating decline for species abundance and diversity, it's bad news for humans too. 75% of leading global food crops and 90% of wild flowering plants need some animal pollination. The economic value of insect pollinators in the UK was estimated at £430 million back in 2007 – it'll be much more now. The causes of the decline in insects are many and complex. They include agricultural intensification, loss of quality habitat, the use of pesticides, disease, and the interaction of all of these with our changing climate.



But there are simple things we can all do which can make a big positive difference, including letting it bloom in June. You can do this with a bit of wildlife-friendly gardening – be 'lazy' and allow patches of grass to grow a bit longer so that the grasses themselves and flowers can bloom. The nectar and pollen in flowers provide a vital food source for insects, from daisies and dandelions, cow parsley in hedgerows, clover and bird's foot trefoil in grassy verges, to flowering plants in your garden.



Don't bother spending lots of money on annual bedding plants which are bad news for the environment because they tend to be grown in peat

in plastic trays and get drenched in insecticides in nurseries. Annuals are also intensively bred to give giant petals and are often sterile (i.e. they have no pollen or scent) so have no value to pollinating insects.

Plants which look good and are great for pollinators include aquilegia, salvias, herbs like lavender, rosemary, wild marjoram and catnip, or foxgloves and sedum. And you can't go wrong with a buddleia or butterfly bush. Butterflies will visit any garden, however small, if they can feed on suitable nectar plants making gardens important stepping stones between nature reserves and other natural habitats by offering abundant supplies of nectar and food plants.

Did you know that a possible source of the name 'butterfly' is the bright yellow buttery colour of a male brimstone, often the first butterfly we see each year? Butterflies are very attractive insects (even garden pests such as the large white!) and give us a great deal of pleasure when they are seen in numbers, for example on buddleia bushes or on chalk grassland. Up to 22 species of butterflies can be found in gardens and some you're likely to see include:

The Orange Tip – the males are unmistakable white butterflies with bright orange wingtips,

The Peacock, with the two pairs of large 'eyes' on its wings,

The Comma, which has wavy edges to its wings,



The Holly Blue – a small bright blue butterfly, not to be confused with a butterfly called the small blue ... which is actually more of a grey/brown!

And the Red Admiral, a large and strong-flying butterfly with red bars and white splashes on its wingtips.

These are just a few of the UK's 57 resident species of butterflies – we also have two regular migrants, the Painted Lady and Clouded Yellow. If you would like to discover more about the butterflies found in our part of Oxfordshire, why not join the Woodcote Conservation Group's **annual butterfly walk on Saturday 16th July**. We visit a local chalk grassland site, often a nature reserve, to maximise the number of different species we find. Pop the date in your diary and let us know you plan to attend (email info@woodcotecg.org.uk) as we pick the start time only once we have seen the weather forecast and, if the weather is dreadful, we postpone the date.



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Sometimes we find ourselves unexpectedly caring for a loved one and so need to stay fit enough to carry out some challenging tasks.

Here are 5 benefits of exercise for older adults:

1. Prevent Disease

Studies have shown that maintaining regular physical activity can help prevent many common diseases, such as heart disease and diabetes. Exercise improves overall immune function, which is important for seniors as their immune systems are often compromised.

2. Improved Mental Health

The mental health benefits of exercise are almost endless. Exercise produces endorphins (the "feel good" hormone), which acts as a stress reliever and leaves you feeling happy and satisfied. In addition, exercise has been linked to improving sleep, which is especially important for older adults who often suffer from insomnia and disrupted sleep patterns.

3. Decreased Risks of Falls

Older adults are at a higher risk of falls, which can prove to be potentially disastrous for maintaining independence. Exercise improves strength and flexibility, which also help improve balance and coordination, reducing the risk of falls. Seniors take much longer to recover from falls, so anything that helps avoid them in the first place is critical.

4. Social Engagement

Exercise is often regarded as a chore but if you find the right group it can be made into a fun social event to look forward to. Maintaining strong social ties is important for aging adults to feel a sense of purpose and avoid feelings of loneliness or depression.

5. Improved Cognitive Function

Regular physical activity benefits cognitive function. Countless studies suggest a lower risk of dementia for physically active individuals, regardless of when you begin a routine.

With NHS waiting lists at an all-time high, it makes sense to avoid illness and accidents rather than relying on doctors to make us better. Keeping fit in later life helps prevent disease, reduces the risk of falls and improves cognitive function. While most of us are socialising less due to Covid, attending an exercise class can play an important role in maintaining a healthy state of mind.

Lucinda Lyn-Jones is the founder of the Caversham Older Adults Fitclub. She runs classes for the over 60's in Caversham Heights which are designed for low to moderate fitness levels. Both men and women enjoy her classes, and since one of her classes is largely chair-based, there is a level for everyone. The ages of her current participants range from 62 to 86!

Please call Lucinda on 07900906056 if you are interested or email Lucinda@coaf.co.uk. **If there is enough interest, she may start a class in Woodcote!**

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A lovely evening was had by all when local author Carolyn Kirby visited Woodcote library to discuss her recently published novel- 'When we Fall'

It was fascinating to learn about the in-depth research Carolyn carried out for her book and to hear the stories which inspired her characters.

The evening was also a great opportunity to catch up with new and old friends over drinks and nibbles

We hope to organise further author events at Woodcote Library – we will keep you posted with any new dates

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WOODCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL



It has been an exciting few weeks here at the Primary School. We are really feeling the joys of spring and our energy levels rising as the weather warms up!

Year 1 have enjoyed hosting their tadpoles in their classroom and are releasing young frogs back into our school pond this week. The baby frogs are a joy to watch but now need their proper home. We hope to see the frogs again in a couple of years when they return to breed. Our pond is a haven for wildlife – we have many frogs, toads, newts and dragonflies around the water. Our bug hotel is populated but needs renewing this year before the autumn. We are pleased to be working, once again, with the village Conservation Group who we hope will help the children with this project.



Winnie the Witch illustrator, Mr Korky Paul spent a wonderful day with us recently. He spent time with every class talking about his work and the creation of his characters. He drew a wonderful poster-sized portrait of Winnie for each class and signed it, dedicated to them. These will be framed and put up around the school. Families were treated to a book signing for which the queue at the school went across the hall out onto the playground and almost all the way to the Annex block! Those at the back of the queue took over an hour to get to the front but it was worth it. Korky talked to every child and family and then personalised their book for them with a hand-drawn picture of Winnie herself! How special!



Whilst here, Korky ran a competition for a young illustrator to design a picture within the 'O' of his name. The winners each won a beautiful book and high praise from Korky himself. Maybe we have some budding illustrators here, only time will tell!

We recently had a visit from Mr Andy Instone, founder of Urban Strides Street Dance crew. Andy is an inspirational character having made his name entirely through hard work in the world of dance. He, not only taught the children many cool moves, but spent time encouraging their inner dreams. He is a great believer in chasing dreams and making them come to life, being happy in your work, kind to those you meet every day and enjoying life. We will see Andy again when we take our trip to the O2 Arena in London for our Young Voices Concert very soon.



We were really proud of our year 5 and 6 Cricket Team who recently attended a tournament in Peppard. They played extremely well and despite not having played together as a team before, their cricket lessons obviously are working well because they came first in the tournament. We are so pleased for them and delighted that they will be playing another tournament next month too.

We are sure you have all noticed the wonderful job that Oxfordshire County Council have done in bringing the car park outside the Community Centre up to a good standard. This has made it a fabulous and safe space for parking. There is, however, one significant change! The car park is now the property of Woodcote Primary School and is both paid for and maintained by us. We did ask the community centre if they wanted to share the use but they felt there was not a need. Please can we ask that people do not park there, particular during term time and that weekend use is monitored carefully. We have noticed minibuses and vans using the space and are concerned about damage over time. School budgets are tight and, we believe, should be spent on the children first and foremost. Thank you for your help and understanding with this.

We are pleased to let you know that Miss Beesley has had a baby daughter and named her Luna. We wish the new family the world of happiness and hope to meet baby Luna soon. We are delighted to welcome Mrs James to the team as our Early Years Reception teacher for the next year.

We have a number of things we are looking forward to in the coming months; our celebration tea party for the Queen's Jubilee, our concert at the O2 Arena in London, the year 6 residential trip, a visit from The Oxford Playhouse Theatre Company, our year 3 and 4 play followed by our year 5 and 6 play, a whole school trip to Waddesdon Manor, Sports Day and hopefully lots more sunshine! Plenty to tell you next month!

Please pop in and see what we do, any time you are passing.

Mrs L. Hunt

CABIN PRESCHOOL

This term we welcome Layla to join our merry family. We have known her from a tiny baby, sneaking cuddles as she came in with her big brother. It is a delight to have her with us.

Back in October we were given a pumpkin and we named it Peter. As strange as it sounds, part of the EYFS curriculum is to talk about decomposition and decay, so we thought it would be fun to watch as poor Peter started to go all mouldy and fall apart. The lidded jar we kept him in became soggy and we spotted tiny white insects living in there. Nothing much happened until he was a squished mess, but as the weather got warmer up popped a shoot! We were so excited and can't wait to be able to plant these out and repeat the process again. We read a book called Pumpkin Jack which supports our experiment.

We have done several science-themed activities this month. Katie made rainbows using kitchen rolls, water and felt tips. They coloured on the paper towels and dipped them into water, watching as the colours rose up the paper towels as the water was absorbed. These have been laminated and are up on the windows, they look lovely as the sun shines through them.

Carla used cooked spaghetti, food colouring, vinegar and baking soda to make our own wiggly worms during our Superworm week. The children snipped the long spaghetti strands with scissors, mixed red and blue food colouring to make purple water, and added vinegar (which they declared to be 'stinky'). After adding the "worms" they watched as the baking soda formed bubbles along the strands of spaghetti making them rise to the top and sink again like they were living worms.

We celebrated Spring arriving in true style! We looked for signs of Spring and watched our plants grow. We have planted lots of herbs – parsley, lemon balm, mint - which are used in our mud kitchen.



Sunflowers are popping out their heads, hopefully some of these will be grow tall enough to entered into the Woodcote Fete in September.



Planting and Success!

We are also really pleased with the red, white and blue wellies that parents donated for an arrangement with St Leonard's Church for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Each child has planted a boot, they look amazing on our fence and we're looking forward seeing them at church.



Jubilee Ready Wellies

Preparations for the Queen's celebrations are coming along nicely. We will be joining the primary school with their celebrations – more about this next month.

Our topic this term is Castles, so we are busy playing with our Giant castle and reading the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We made a huge beanstalk from lots of tiny green feet by painting the children's' feet and getting them to walk over paper. They laughed so much! We will also be reading Zogg and the Queen's Knickers.

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SPRING FORAGING (PART 2)

By Jackie Comrie

Just a reminder - if you are ever unsure, do not pick these plants and do further research first.

CHICKEN OF THE WOODS



This fungus typically grows on decaying hardwood trees, usually higher up the tree and is composed of an irregular, semi-circular shelf of wavy bands of pink, orange and yellow fading towards the edge.

The fruiting body has the texture of chicken when broken. It shouldn't be eaten raw and it's also worth doing a tolerance test when eating for the first time as one in ten people have an adverse gastric reaction to it.

It has a dense, meaty texture and is highly sought after. It's delicious, versatile and reputedly has recognised health benefits including anti-carcinogenic properties, hormone balancing and antioxidant among many others.

WILD GARLIC FLOWERS



In the last issue, I mentioned wild garlic, but now it is flowering, I have been pickling the buds in cider vinegar and using the flowers to dress as edible salad decorations. The cloves used to be planted in thatch of Irish cottages for good luck and to deter the fairies.

Wild garlic can be used to treat high blood pressure and digestive problems. It is also known as *Bear's Garlic* as when they emerged from hibernation, they would head for it and dig up the bulbs to scoff!

CLOVER



All parts of this plant are edible. Commonly found on grassland and meadows - best foraged on a sunny day, the flowers have a subtle, sweet maybe slightly beany taste and are great on a salad. The seeds have a pea-like taste and the leaves are good raw or cooked. Warning - too many of the leaves can cause bloating. Another plant with medicinal properties, the flowers can be applied to help certain skin conditions and syrup can be prepared to help coughs.

And of course, one in five thousand is a four-leaf clover; in the Middle Ages, people believed it gave you the ability to see fairies...

STINGING NETTLE



This plant makes a perfect spinach substitute (when cooked it loses its sting). They are so versatile - popped into smoothies raw, make great beer, soup, cordial, tea, added to cakes to give them a vibrant green, lemony taste. It is packed with nutrients too. Just use the upper leaves and avoid eating between June and October as they can have a laxative effect when flowering!

The Romans used to rub stinging nettles on their arms and legs to keep warm in the cold British climate. The fibre can be made into string or cloth. The Germans even used them to make fabric for army uniforms during World War 1.

Don't forget to have a Dock leaf or two to hand when picking.

LILAC FLOWER



I've noticed lots of people around the village have these beautiful edible spring flowers in their gardens.

The flowers make a fantastic cordial, by infusing the petal heads in water by simmering the stripped petals. Or you could soak it in vodka for four weeks and use to infuse into your favourite cocktails.

The blossom can be sprinkled on a salad or candied to decorate desserts. They are great for eye health!

Known as the Queen of Shrubs, they have an intoxicating scent, they belong to the Olive family and were much revered by the ancient Greeks.

ELDERFLOWER



It's coming up for Elderflower time. These are mildly toxic with an unpleasant taste when raw. BUT - it makes great wine/champagne which is refreshing and delicious. You can infuse it in vodka for a couple of weeks, and use in cocktails or make syrup, tinctures, vinegar and use it for baking. They go very well with rhubarb.

The flowers have a history of medicinal use for the immune system, are natural antihistamines and good for eye complaints and potentially lowering blood sugar levels.

CHERRY BLOSSOM – SAKURA

In Japan, they have cherry blossom parties - the flowers signify renewal. The taste is floral and almond-like with a little cherry.

You can use them to make a simple syrup, or infuse the petals in gin or vodka for a couple of days.



My favourite use for the flowers is jam. Cherry blossom jam is delicious, and easy and a great use for the raining petals of pink we have at the moment.



CHECKENDON PRESCHOOL



dancing, like a cowboy!

This term will see the start of our Transformers. Transformers is our way of supporting and preparing the children, getting them ready for their transition from Pre-School to Primary school.

We are really pleased with our new bespoke art shelves that have been built by Kelly's partner Richard, buying materials required with the funds that we raised from our Christmas Hamper Raffle. Thank you to all who bought tickets.

We would like to say a big thank you to Liz's sister Jennie, who has very kindly knitted wonderful characters for our story boxes. At group time we opened our parcel to find some beautifully knitted well-loved story characters, Elmer the elephant and The Very Hungry Caterpillar including everything the caterpillar ate. Using story boxes is an excellent way to create and sustain an interest in books. Children enjoy fun and interactive activities and this is a perfect way to allow children to be more hands-on during story time, stimulating their minds and imagination by bringing stories to life.

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WOODCOTE CRICKET CLUB

NEW SECOND TEAM START WITH A WIN.



Our 142nd season is successfully underway. We are very grateful to the Oratory Prep School for the use of their practice nets for pre-season training and we had very good attendance at these sessions. With the introduction of our 2nd Saturday XI we were delighted to welcome a number of new players to the club. The season began on 1st May with a pre-season friendly against a very strong Peppard team. This resulted in a very pleasing two-wicket win, with a half-century from Scott Gore and 3 wickets for James Worsfold. On 7th May the 2nd XI were due to start their league fixtures against Yateley, but unfortunately our opponents couldn't field a team, so a friendly was hastily arranged against Hounslow & Whetton.

A five-wicket win in their inaugural match was a great start for our team. The visitors were bowled out for 102 with Gary de Pinchart, Archie Clark, Rakesh Nair and Chris Clark taking two wickets each. On the batting side, Simon Fuller scored 40, Chris Clark 23 and Gary de Pinchart 22 not out. The 1st XI had less success as they set-off in defence of their Premier League title in the Berkshire League, falling to defeat by 22 runs at Farley Hill. Farley Hill scored 154 for 8 with Simon Fitzgerald and James Worsfold taking two wickets apiece. Woodcote were all out for 132, in spite of a brilliant 71 from Jonny Clark and 29 from Stefan Gordon. The start of our 'Fun Cricket sessions for primary-age children was delayed by rain on the first session, but will be held on Saturday mornings May to July and all are welcome – just turn up at 9.00 am. Finally, we are always delighted to welcome new members, 'the more the merrier'. Please get in touch if you think you may be interested and we can also find roles for non-players scoring, umpiring, helping to prepare the ground. Contact me, sampeates@gmail.com!

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Emilia says, 'If you would like to recycle any used paint or empty tins, cans or tubs please bring it to Crown Decorating Centre in Oxford for us to take it to our recycling centre. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on 01865 714791 Monday - Friday 7am - 5pm. We have a free parking outside the shop. The address is: Crown Decorating Centre, Unit 1, The Driftway Centre, Horspath Road, Oxford, OX4 2RD. We can also arrange a collection if you are unable to travel to the shop.'

Some people locally have already made use of this service and have had paint collected or have delivered paint to the shop in Oxford. Emilia wants to make it clear that this is not a ploy to sell paint and the used paint does not have to be Crown paint. This is part of a national scheme being run by Crown and some of the paint has been used for projects in the developing world, such as painting school classrooms.

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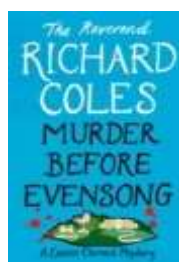
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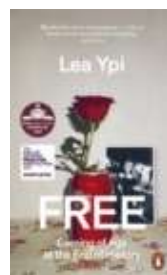
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Murder Before Evensong by Rev Richard Coles



Cosy crime by a national treasure called Richard anyone? No, not Mr Osman, although *The Bullet That Missed* is available to pre-order from us for collection in September. The Reverend Richard Coles, Saturday Live presenter and all-round good egg, has turned his hand to fiction with the first in his new 'Canon Clement' crime series. This is a funny, well-plotted murder mystery perfect for fans of Agatha Raisin, Midsomer Murders, and G.K. Chesterton's Father Brown.

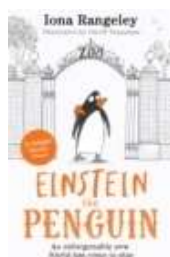
Free by Lea Ypi



Winner of the Sunday Times biography for 2021, this astonishing book comes into paperback in June. Lea Ypi grew up in communist Albania whilst it was still a Stalinist outpost cut off from much of the world by its leader, Enver Hoxha. Lea writes from the perspective of her younger self, a conscientious communist, trying to make sense of her surroundings, and her use of subtext in this regard is superlative. The book covers the periods before and after the fall of communism in 1990, and Lea's eventual move to Italy, before finally settling in the UK. Lea is now a Professor of Political Theory at the London School of Economics. Fans of Tara Westover's *Educated* will love this!

For children:

Einstein the Penguin by Iona Rangeley



The Stewarts first meet Einstein, an adorable penguin, on a visit to London Zoo. They are so taken with the little chap, Mrs Stewart exclaims that Einstein really must pay them a visit soon, so it should have been no surprise when he turned up on their doorstep later that evening! This is a charming debut that has all the hallmarks of a classic, perfect for fans of Paddington Bear and Parsley the Lion.

There Once Is A Queen by Sir Michael Morpurgo



Finally, we are of course all looking forward to celebrating Her Majesty, The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, and this is the perfect keepsake for younger readers. A poetical celebration of Queen Elizabeth's life, written by the wonderful Michael Morpurgo, with enchanting illustrations by Michael Foreman, this really is a book to treasure.

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We are always looking for new producers. If you enjoy baking, gardening or making craft items, do come and join us - it is not necessary to turn up every week. Please phone Alison: 01491-681596 or Sandra: 01491-836527 for further information, or visit the market one Friday morning.

HENLEY AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB



June is our last month of our Philatelic year at Henley and also time for Swinpex on Saturday June 11th at Swindon - an excellent Stamp Fete with a great many

dealers and also Swindon PS competitions.

Henley's penultimate meeting for this season is on Wednesday June 8th - 'Umbrella's and Parasols' when Mike Blackman from Kent will give a display illustrated not only with unusual philatelic material but also with some fascinating real ones.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Visitors and new members are welcome. Further details can be obtained by phoning 01491 681739 or on our website: - www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk

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All regular performances normally start at 7:30pm unless stated otherwise.

Tickets £8 for Adults and £5 for under 15s unless otherwise stated.

Downton Abbey: A New Era (PG)

Sunday, 29th May, 7:30pm

Monday, 30th May, 7:30pm

Tuesday, 31st May, 7:30pm

Wednesday, 1st June, 2:30pm

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Thursday, 2nd June, 7:30pm

Elizabeth – A Portrait in Parts (U)

Friday, 3rd June, 2:30pm

Friday, 3rd June, 7:30pm

Benediction (12A)

Sunday, 5th June, 7:30pm

Monday, 6th June, 7:30pm

Compartment No. 6 (15)

Wednesday, 8th June, 7:30pm

Top Gun: Maverick (12A)

Friday, 10th June, 7:30pm

Saturday, 11th June, 7:30pm

Sunday, 12th June, 7:30pm

Monday, 13th June, 7:30pm

Tuesday, 14th June, 7:30pm

Wednesday, 15th June, 7:30pm

Thursday, 16th June, 7:30pm

Lancaster (PG)

Friday, 17th June, 7:30 pm

Live on Stage

Pulse (a Pink Floyd Tribute Band)

Saturday, 4th June, 7:45pm

All tickets £19

PULSE specialise in playing the music of the legendary Pink Floyd. They comprise seven experienced musicians who have been playing the music of Pink Floyd for a number of years. Reviews have described how they are not only musically brilliant but also how they get the sound of Pink Floyd absolutely nailed.

Shakespeare Shakeup presented by Encore Youth

Wednesday 22nd June to Saturday 25th June

Tickets £6 (adults), £4 (under 18s)

Shakespeare like you've never experienced before. Come and join us as we journey through forests, islands and royal households across five of Shakespeare's plays. This is a colourful romp exploring abridged versions of Macbeth, Twelfth Night, The Tempest, The Taming of the Shrew and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Live Screening

Royal Ballet live recording from Covent Garden

Tuesday, 7th June, 7pm

Tickets £15 (adults). £12.50 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)

The Royal Ballet's sumptuous production of Swan Lake returns to the Royal Opera House stage after its 2020 revival was interrupted by the pandemic's closure of theatres. The reimagining of Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov's towering masterpiece by Liam Scarlett is testament to the late choreographer's abiding love of classicism and innate musicality which shines through the production. With its sublime score by Tchaikovsky and glittering designs by John Macfarlane, an irresistible mix of spectacle, mystery and passion infuses this audience favourite, one of the best-loved works in the 19th-century classical ballet canon.

NT Live Screening of Straight Line Crazy from the Bridge Theatre, London

Thursday, 9th June, 7pm

Tickets £15 (adults). £12.50 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)

Straight Line Crazy is a new play by David Hare, directed by Nicholas Hytner and starring Ralph Fiennes, giving a blazing account of Robert Moses, a New York master manipulator who exposed the weakness of democracy in the face of charismatic conviction. For forty uninterrupted years, Robert Moses was the most powerful man in New York. Though never elected to office, he manipulated those who were, through a mix of guile, charm and intimidation. Motivated at first by a determination to improve the lives of New York City's workers, he created new parks, new bridges and 627 miles of expressway to connect the people to the great outdoors. But in the 1950s, groups of citizens at grass roots began to organize against his schemes and against the motor car, campaigning for a very different idea of what a city was and for what it should be.

Coming Soon

Sinodun Players present Bedroom Farce

Wednesday 13th July to Saturday 16th July

Bedroom Farce is a comedy that contains a melee of events involving certain philandering characters, all occurring within similar moments of one another. Alan Ayckbourn's clever uses of time and space makes this a very intricate and sophisticated comedy while also portraying the deteriorating and rebuilding of relationships among young couples.

DO YOU HAVE LONG COVID?



In March the Office for National Statistics reported that approximately 1.7 million people in the UK were experiencing self-reported long Covid. Over half of these had symptoms such as fatigue, loss of sense of smell and inability to breathe, for at least a year. This can have a far-reaching impact.

In the short term, if you are employed and ill, sick pay may be available and there is information about this on our website www.citizensadvice.org.uk if you think you are not receiving the correct amount. If your income has dropped, an online benefit calculator will show whether you may be entitled to additional financial help, such as Universal Credit, Council Tax Reduction and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) etc. Details of how to claim benefits, including contact numbers, are on our website. An unexpected drop in income means that debts can quickly mount up and it is better to take action to manage the situation sooner rather than later. You can talk to an adviser on our Debt Helpline: 0800 240 4420. There is also a link to webchat in the debt section of our website.

If you are being dismissed from work due to long-term illness, there is also advice about this on our website, or you can speak to an adviser by phoning Adviceline: 0808 278 7907.

There is ongoing research into long Covid as so much is still unknown, and new groups are forming to provide information and mutual support.



Mond: 9.15-10.45am-Goring Village Hall

Thur: 9.30-11.00 am-The Morrell R. Streatley

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READING RSPB GROUP



The Reading RSPB group assembled at Pangbourne Village Hall eager to hear a talk on the birdlife of Northern Poland but alas by 8.15pm the speaker had still not arrived. Into the breach stepped long time member, Carl Feltham, with an impromptu talk on the "Birds of Berkshire". Luckily, he had brought the laptop with him which not only contained slides but also bird songs and calls as well, which was a bonus. This is a talk that Carl used to give to church groups and WI's but as he had not given that talk for over two years due to covid, he felt somewhat rusty. However, this did not come across in his presentation and the group learnt such gems of knowledge such as that many of the gulls we see locally never ever see the sea. Similarly, the robins and blackbirds in your winter garden are in many cases different birds to have been there in the summer. Additionally, we learnt that how in the Middle Ages, birds considered to be a threat to humans were killed for bounty, including kingfishers and herons as they took fish. The scheduled speaker was very apologetic as he had muddled his days and conceded that the error was entirely his fault, and the group will welcome him to Pangbourne at a later stage.

The walk around Fobney Meadow in April proved to be a cold day making the birds hunker down, but the first signs of spring had brought summer visitors in the way of several species of warbler which could be heard singing. However, the stars of the show were a pair of Black-winged Stilt – a very rare bird in Britain which is becoming increasingly more common as the species spreads northwards with the warming climate and some breeding attempts have already been made on the south coast.

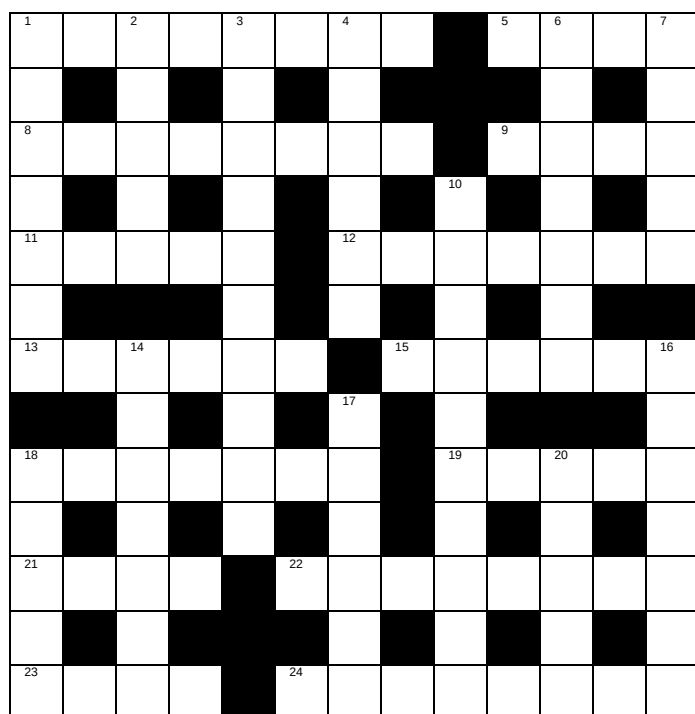
Later in the month 16 people walked at Greenham Common on a sunny day. There were good views of 2 woodlark feeding on the ground, with linnet and stonechat on adjacent gorse bushes. A willow warbler sang and showed well in a silver birch tree whilst a raven flew past making its guttural honking call. The highlight was yet another wading bird spreading its range northward – this time a cattle Egret feeding amongst cattle.

The next meeting of the RSPB group takes place at Pangbourne Village Hall at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 14th June when the guest speaker is Professor Tom Oliver who will describe how the solutions to global biodiversity declines lie within our individual mindsets in a talk entitled "Nature and Social Connectiveness".

Visitors are always very welcome.

For more information visit www.reading-rspb.org

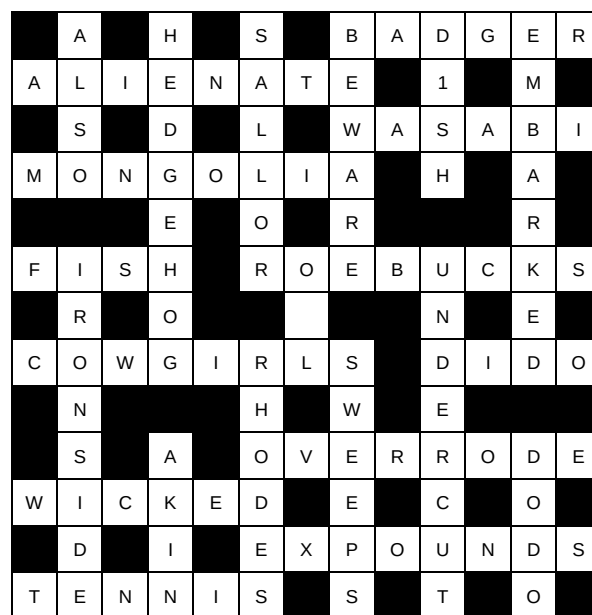
JUNE CROSSWORD



- 1 Hooked on more taking computer studies (8)
- 5 Got up in the pink (4)
- 8 Gloomy, or retro, headgear (8)
- 9 Slight insult (4)
- 11 Comedian sustains the channel (5)
- 12 Richard of York's colours (7)
- 13 Al hid a damaged plant (6)
- 15 Port of antipodes say (6)
- 18 Missing sailor recast scene (7)
- 19 Prune clip and place shrub (5)
- 21 Steer boy around drug (4)
- 22 Fishy beer mates (9)
- 23 Unwanted little daughter in bed (4)
- 24 Rare find about radiation (8)

- 1 Supposed or, possibly as mused (7)
- 2 Rounded on pair sent to sea (5)
- 3 Country crashes into vehicles bloomers 10)
- 4 Mistakes made when fears lose head (6)
- 6 Transport anthology 8)
- 7 Nudge the Spanish curtsy (5)
- 10 If new, world changes flower (10)
- 14 Crowd added time for prisoner (7)
- 16 A double century used by defendant (7)
- 17 Magic bird (6)
- 18 Permit for a pound down (5)
- 20 Fan of fifty – and more! (5)

MAY CROSSWORD SOLUTION



A JUBILEE QUIZ

- (a) How old was the Queen when she ascended the throne?
- (b) How many Prime Ministers have served the Queen during her reign?
- (c) The Queen received a canary after a visit to Germany in 1965? True or False?
- (d) What is the Queen's full name?
- (e) What country did she visit in 1986 – the first British Monarch so to do?
- (f) The Queen is the only person in Britain who is legally allowed to drive without a driver's license. True or False?
- (g) When did the Queen celebrate her platinum wedding anniversary?
- (h) How is the Queen related to Queen Victoria?

DID YOU KNOW?

That the Queen was born at her parents' house, 17 Bruton Street in Mayfair, London – currently a Chinese restaurant.

ANSWERS

(a) 25, (b) 14, (c) True, (d) Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor, (e) China, (f) 2017, (g) Great Great Grandmother

DATES FOR THE DIARY — JUNE

Details of the St. Leonard's Church services for June can be found on page 2.

Wed 1st	*	Whitchurch Hill Camera Club meeting: 'A Personal Response'. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Fri 3rd	*	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Picnic. Woodcote Village Green. 2.30pm-5pm
	*	Cricket Match: Woodcote Football Club v Woodcote Cricket Club. Woodcote Village Green. 6pm
Wed 8th	*	BMMHS Talk: 'The Women who flew for Hitler'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	Henley & District Stamp Club meeting. Bix Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	Whitchurch Hill Camera Club AGM. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Thur 9th	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm
Sat 11th	*	Woodcote Parish Council Consultation Exhibition. Woodcote Village Hall Pavilion. 2pm-4pm
Tues 14th	*	BMMHS Zoom Talk: 'The Battle of Midway'. Email zoom@bmmhs.org . 7.30pm
	*	Reading RSPB Group talk: 'Nature and Social Connectedness'. Pangbourne Village Hall. 8pm
Wed 15th	*	Woodcote WI meeting. Woodcote Village Hall. 2.30pm
	*	Whitchurch Hill Camera Club meeting: 'Tales of the Unexpected'. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Thur 16th	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm
	*	Whitchurch Hill Camera Club Zoom meeting. 8pm
Fri 17th	*	WADS Murder Mystery Supper: 'An Ill Wind'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.45pm
Sat 18th	*	Coffee Shop in aid of St. Leonard's Church. Woodcote Community Centre. 10am-12.30pm
	*	Saturday Crafts - 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Woodcote Library. 10.30am-11.30am
	*	WADS Murder Mystery Supper: 'An Ill Wind'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.45pm
Tues 21st	*	Wallingford & District Art Club on-line demonstration: TBA. Email admin@wallingfordartclub.org.uk . 7.30pm
Wed 22nd	*	Henley & District Stamp Club meeting. Bix Village Hall. 7.30pm
	*	Whitchurch Hill Camera Club meeting: 'The Winners Enclosure and Trophy Presentation Evening'. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm

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JUNE DATES *Continued*

Thur 23rd	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm
Sat 25th	*	Coffee Shop in aid of FOWPS. Woodcote Community Centre. 9.30am-12.30pm
	*	Jazz in the Village. Woodcote Village Hall. 8pm
Wed 29th	*	Whitchurch Hill Camera Club meeting: 8 by 10 evening. Whitchurch Village Hall. 8pm
Thur 30th	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm

FORTHCOMING DATES IN JULY

Tues 5th	*	BMMHS Zoom Talk: 'The Finnish-Soviet Winter War 1939-40'. Email zoom@bmmhs.org . 7.30pm
Thur 7th	*	Chance to Chat. Woodcote Community Centre Lion's Den. 2.30pm-4pm
Tues 12th	*	Woodcote Community Centre AGM. Old School House. 7.30pm
Wed 13th	*	BMMHS Talk: 'Frontier Ablaze: How the British Army operated on India's N.W. Frontier in the 1930s'. Woodcote Village Hall. 7.30pm

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CLOSING THOUGHT

"I haven't failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work".

Thomas Edison (American inventor, 1847-1931)