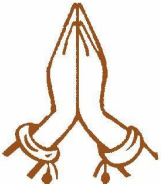




WOODNESBOROUGH VILLAGE NEWS

APRIL -
MAY 2023





Welcome

A warm welcome to the April-May issue of Woodnesborough Village News. Spring is here, the countryside is coming alive with new growth and colour, the days are getting longer, the weather feels warmer and on Sunday 9th April we celebrate Easter. Information about all the church services for Holy Week and Easter can be found on page 7.

On Saturday 8th April there will be a **free Village Easter Egg Hunt** starting from the Village Hall at 10.30 for children aged up to 12 years accompanied by their parents. Please see poster on page 7 or call S-J on **07766 806995**.



St George's Day and Shakespeare's birthday are celebrated on 23rd April. St George is the Patron Saint of England and his Feast Day is 23rd April. He was not English, but lived in what is now part of Turkey. He died as a martyr for his Christian faith in AD 302 at Lydda in the Roman province of Palestine. On St George's Day the St George's Cross is seen on flags and banners and roast beef and Yorkshire pudding are traditionally eaten.

Organisations such as the Scouts and Guides often parade through the streets to a church service.

William Shakespeare was born in Stratford upon Avon in April 1564. The exact date of his birth is not recorded, but it is most often celebrated around the world on 23 April. Shakespeare also died on 23 April; in 1616, when he was 52 years of age.

William Shakespeare's birthday is celebrated every April in his home town of Stratford upon Avon. There is a large procession of well-wishers bearing posies, a fancy-dress parade of well known characters from his plays, flag waving, wreath laying at the church where he is buried (Holy Trinity Church), folk dancing, theatre performances and street entertainment.

To mark the life of our best-known playwright and poet we have included Shakespeare's Sonnet 98 as our Poem of the Month.



We hope you enjoy reading the magazine and find it useful. Please send in any contributions to the magazine - articles, poems, shared memories, recipes, photos, upcoming events etc - by the 15th of each month to:

woodnesboroughnotesandnews@gmail.com





Woodnesborough Village Hall

Monday

09:00 - 12:00 am Little Kickers Group
2:00 - 4:00 pm Worth Art Class
3:30 - 6:00 pm KAT Study Club



Tuesday

08.30 - 09:30 am Tai Chi (Adults only)
10:00 - 11:30 am Coffee Pot
10:30 - 12:00 am The Phoenix Singers
3:45 - 5:00 pm Heather's Dance Club - Atrium
4:15 - 6:30 pm Heather's Dance Club - Main Hall
6:30 - 7:00 pm Heather's Dance Club - Atrium
7:00 - 8:30 pm Yoga
7:30 - 9:00 pm Parish Council (4th Tuesday of the month)



Wednesday

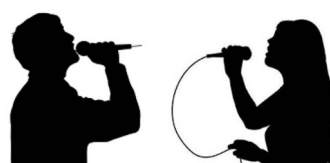
09:30 - 12:30 am Sandwich Art Group
09:30 - 10:15 am Toddler Dance Group
6:30 - 7:30 pm Tai Chi (Adults only)
7.30 - 8.30 pm Sandwich Fit Club (2nd week of the month on Friday)
7:15 - 9:15 pm Women's Institute (2nd Wednesday of the month)

Thursday

09:30 - 11:30 am St Mary's Woodnesborough Baby & Toddler Group
7:00 - 8:30 pm Yoga Class
7:15 - 9:30 pm Gardeners' Club (3rd Thursday of the month)

Friday

09:30 - 11:00 am Yoga
3:45 - 5:45 pm KAT Club
6:30 - 7:30 pm Karate Class (Adults)
7:30 - 8:30pm Sandwich Fit Club (2nd week of the month)





Notes from St Mary's



Easter Reflection.

Throughout Lent, we have been looking at the wonderful Narnia series, and its author, C.S. Lewis. Each week we have reflected on one scene from his books and one scene from the film "Shadowlands" which depicts what his life at Oxford was like.

Over the course of these little sessions, I came across a wonderful question, which really got me thinking.

Are there any moments in your life that you could only describe as 'magical'?

I am sure, as you read this question, certain images or memories are coming to mind of things you simply couldn't describe. The birth of a child, a connection to a loved one, a profound connection to nature, an unexplainable coincidence; or simply experiencing something so majestic that you can't put it into words. C.S. Lewis invites us to understand that what is unimaginable and described as unattainable is a form of magic that is in the world. His thinking on this matter developed in later life to form his understanding of God and how God interacted with the world.

As I reflect on the meaning of Easter, the only way to describe what happened all those years ago is 'magical'. The disciples had witnessed the crucifixion of their dear and much-loved friend, and three days later they rushed to his tomb to find it empty. Later they would then see him amongst them. What was dead was now alive, and the relationship between a broken creation and God was repaired.

The rising of the sun on Easter morning dispels the darkness that covered the land during the crucifixion. For us, it marks the dawning of a new beginning for humanity. The Resurrection is the outpouring of God's love on the world and the offer of a new beginning.

Each of us has the option to make a choice, do we live in the darkness or do we embrace the magic of the dawning new beginning of creation? I would like to encourage you to make a change this Easter that will last longer than the changes we made for Lent. To change the world, one act of random kindness at a time, and be prepared to see all those little acts make a magical difference.



Supporting Your Church

In the last magazine, I mentioned the financial crisis and its effect on historical buildings and charities such as many churches across the country. Our churches across the Benefice (Eastry, Staple, Tilmanstone, Northbourne and Woodnesborough) are in need of your support as we endeavour to continue to help our local communities in whatever way we are able.

I invited you to seriously consider supporting your local church through regular giving, as much or as little as you are able. With your support we not only are able to keep our historical buildings open and functioning but are also able to continue supporting local initiatives that benefit the people of our community and those in our local schools.

If you would like to know more, I would encourage you to have a look at our Parish Giving Scheme on www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for any of our churches, or if you are of the demographic that uses QR codes, I have included the one for St Mary's Woodnesborough below.



St. Mary's, Woodnesborough

Alternatively you can email us at:

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and we can email you a pack with a direct debit form pre-filled with the church details. You will have to complete your details and post it to the Parish Giving Scheme at the address given on the form.

You could also pick up a direct debit form from the back of the church if you are passing.

On behalf of all of our churches, we would like to thank you for your continued support and generosity, from the big donations to the small ones, every little bit goes to help ensure that the wonderful work in our community can continue to make a difference.

Rev Andrew Brown



Annual Parochial Church Meeting St Mary The Blessed Virgin Church Woodnesborough

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held in the church on **Sunday 23rd April 2023** after the morning service and coffee at approximately **11.30am**.



What's On? Upcoming Community Events in the Village Hall



Quiz Nights on:

Friday 21st April - Friday 19th May - Friday 23rd June

Doors open at 7.15pm and quiz will start 7.30pm - Come along and join a team - Please bring your own drinks and snacks - £3.00 per person.

At the quiz on 17th February we raised £287 for the Turkey/Syria earthquake fund and at the quiz on 17th March £234 was raised for Comic Relief. A big thank you for all your support.



Canterbury Cathedral Passes

The current Canterbury Cathedral Pass, available to all church members in the Diocese, became invalid from 28th February. To obtain a new cathedral pass, go to: www.canterbury-cathedral.org and under 'Visit' select 'Cathedral Pass'. A new style pass is £6, valid for 5 years. Or phone 01227 762862.

Please note to be able to apply for a Cathedral pass you must be on the church electoral roll.



Love in A Box

The Mustard Seed Relief 'Love in a Box' campaign whereby people fill shoe boxes with toys for children in Moldova for Christmas has been run by Val Smith from Woodnesborough Church for many years. Last year the shoe box appeal did not take place as the charity collected money towards the Moldovan effort to help Ukrainian refugees who had fled to Moldova. It is now running again, and the shoe boxes will be collected from Woodnesborough Church in October and sent out to Moldova. ANNE PLATT from Northbourne Church is now the contact person for the Benefice for this charity, telephone **01304 695046** or **07724 080826** or email anneplatt7@gmail.com



Holy Week and Easter 2023

St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Woodnesborough



Palm Sunday 2nd April

10am Holy Communion with Procession of Palms. Meet at church gate on Church Street then walk with palm crosses to church.

Maundy Thursday 6th April

7pm Holy Communion.

Good Friday 7th April

12pm -1pm Meditation at Tilmanstone, followed by Good Friday Walk of Witness to Eastry, then from 2pm-3pm Last Hour Reflection at Eastry.

Easter Sunday 9th April

6am Sunrise Service in Woodnesborough churchyard with Holy Communion followed by coffee/tea and Hot Cross Buns.

10am at **Eastry Church** Holy Communion (**no service at Woodnesborough**)

We hope you will join us - all are welcome!

Woodnesborough Village

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday 8th April, 10:30am
Starting at the Village Hall
(doors open at 10:15am)

For children aged 12 & under and their accompanying adult (parent or guardian)

6 clues across two locations in the Village – indoors & outdoors – and a prize for each child

Drop 5-J a message if you'd like more info: 07766806995

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Woodnesborough Community Village Hall.

Chairperson's Report for the year ending 31st March 2023

I am pleased to present to you my final report as chairperson of the Village Hall committee of trustees and volunteers.

Along with several others, I joined as a new member when the committee was reformed in 2016. During this time, despite the pandemic and other setbacks, the development of our Hall has gone from strength to strength. Turnover is now three times what it was in the old Hall and interest in its use has continued to grow.

We have a lovely building but it has high maintenance costs and running expenses. Only through the diligence and hard work of the committee are we able to meet our expenses. Primarily, this is because no one is paid except for our cleaner. So, once again this year we have not had to raise hiring costs to our users many of whom are small businesses providing personal income as well as a wide variety of interesting activities for our community including important social opportunities for some. The range and variety is wide and across all ages from youngest to eldest. We are grateful for our regular users and thank them for their support and loyalty.

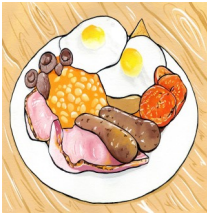
Recently, we have been able to offer a space for a monthly lunch, Meet, Eat Heat organised by Age Concern. Our fundraising group have restarted monthly quiz nights and numbers continue to grow every time. We have now taken over management of the garden.

Looking forward, what are our concerns? Most of our users present no problem at all but sometimes the demands and expectations of some of our one off hirers are unrealistic. Recently, we have decided not to accept hirings from two people. We are a group of volunteers, not a 24/7 business.

On behalf of our community I am grateful for what each committee member does and for their loyal support and service.

Finally, you can help. I believe that all organisations benefit from regeneration. Give your time and skills to your committee. You will receive only grateful thanks and a friendly welcome. Our **AGM** is on **Wednesday 12th April at 7pm** and it would be good to see you there.

Ken Flower



Parish Charity Breakfasts in Village Hall

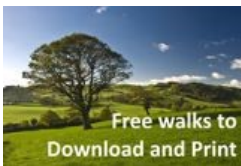


We have enjoyed 5 such breakfasts this winter season and been able to raise £800 to support our chosen charities which have been international, national and local and listened to a variety of interesting speakers. Each breakfast has been full to our capacity of 30 and very well supported by church members and our friends in the community all of whom give so generously in their donations. Our full English breakfasts have been superbly cooked by Roger and David and we have benefitted from the support of Les from Sandwich Sausage Shop. We plan to do the same again towards the year's end so look out for the dates and remember to book early.



At the charity breakfast on 4th February Linda Flower hands over a cheque to Church Army Africa.

Ken Flower



Walking in Kent



With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk into the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Kent <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/kent> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Kent (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

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Woodnesborough Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 24th January and 28th February in the Village Hall. It was good to see 4 members of the public at our meeting in February and at that meeting, one member raised an issue with litter on the Sandwich Road around the area of the bridge over the bypass and a second member raised a concern regarding the position of the proposed flagpole.

After the minutes had been read and signed and any actions dealt with, at each meeting, the council discussed planning applications and they noted any planning decisions. Planning correspondence and other correspondence was noted by the council. There were no consultation documents and we had reports from our County Cllr prior to the meetings.

The Age Concern Subsidised Lunch went very well and the final lunch for this year will be held on March 21st.

Correspondence was discussed including the District Housing Needs Survey and the Social Services Consultation. Both these have been put on the Council Website. We have also received information regarding the Coronation events and Voter ID. Unfortunately, we have had little help with replacing the litter bin at Foxborough but are working on it.

We discussed various matters relating to the Village Hall including grass cutting arrangements and also our plans for a flagpole and matters relating to the play area. After agreeing the finance the meetings closed.

Don't forget that you can come along to our meetings as we are here to ensure our parishioners are our priority and it is always good to have members of the public at our meetings. If you have any issues you wish to raise, please contact our Clerk, Jo, on the email address in the magazine.

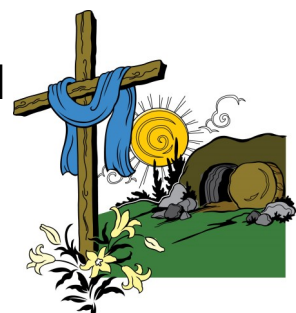
The Parish Council would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Brenda Baker



Notice of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals at Woodnesborough Church

February - March None were registered





Solar Together Kent



Are you thinking about getting solar panels but not sure where to start?

Dover District Council is working in partnership with Kent County Council on the third round of Solar Together Kent, as part of Dover District Council's commitment to tackling the climate emergency.

Solar Together Kent is a group-buying scheme, which brings Kent households and small businesses together to get high-quality solar panels at a competitive price. Having your own solar panels means you can save on your energy bill as well as reduce your carbon emissions. The scheme helps you through the whole process, keeping you informed at every stage.

Installations will generally not need planning permission. However, in some cases, such as in Conservation Areas and on Listed Buildings, planning permission may be required. For more information, please visit <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-Applications/Making-Applications/Do-I-need-Permission.aspx>

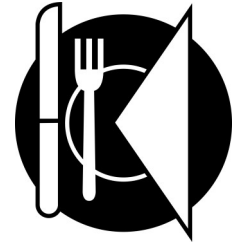
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To register or for more information Visit www.solartogether.co.uk/dover or alternatively call Solar Together on **0800 014 8721** (Mon-Fri, 8am-5.30pm).



Meet, Eat and Heat Age Concern Lunch at Woodnesborough Village Hall



On Tuesday 21st February and Tuesday 21st March, the Woodnesborough community came together to enjoy a delicious and warming meal in the comfort of a warm and friendly environment at the Woodnesborough Village Hall. All for just £4!

Age Concern Sandwich is committed to providing social support to the over 50's and vulnerable people in Sandwich town and surrounding areas.

Due to growing concerns of how people are funding the heating of their homes and enjoying a hot meal, following skyrocketed energy prices and the rising cost of living, Age Concern Sandwich launched MEET, EAT and HEAT - providing a warm place for the local community over the age of 50 to enjoy a hot meal socialising in the company of others. Therefore, helping the local community save on their home energy, save money and staying warm by using our facilities.

Thanks to funding from Dover District Council, it means that Age Concern Sandwich can run this venture subsidising the cost of meals, making it possible to offer a healthy main meal and dessert for just £4. For more information, call the Age Concern **Sandwich Centre 01304 614237**.



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'Coffee, Cake and Chat' takes place from 10am to 12 midday every Saturday morning in the lovely new social area in our village church.

Everyone is welcome to come and relax, chat, meet new people over a mug of coffee or tea; an informal time for all. Coffee and cake is free. (though there is a tin for donations if you think the cake deserves it!)

You will also find a book in church where you may write a prayer request for yourself, a family member or friend, or a situation.

All our helpers are DBS checked and have Safeguarding training to level 2. I have safeguarding to level 3.



Coffee Pot - Woodnesborough Village Hall

'Coffee Pot' takes place between 10am and 11.30am on Tuesday mornings in the Village Hall. We provide the coffee and biscuits and company - **a warm space and a friendly face**. We ask for £1.50 towards the cost of hiring the hall. The men often enjoy Dominoes, whilst some ladies bring their sewing/tapestry work to occupy their hands as they talk. We are building up a collection of 2nd hand books and jigsaw puzzles for people to use.

Further information for Coffee, Cake and Chat and Coffee Pot is available from **Hilary Baldwin on 01304 - 613346**.



Woodnesborough Football Club



We have the following events coming up:

Bingo: Sat 22nd April and Sat 20th May

Doors open 7pm and eyes down at 7.30pm.- Admission £2.00.

Quiz night: Sat 29th April

Doors open 7pm, with the quiz kicking off at 7.30pm. £3 per person - contact Nicola Hunt on 07734 695275 to book a table for your team. Club bar and raffle available.



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From the church gate of St Mary's church on Wingham High Street, (facing the road) turn right and take the FP on the right and cross over the stream on the footbridge. Continue on FP across fields and over another small bridge to meet Baye Lane. Cross lane and take FP that bears to the left across field, then meet a lane and follow it into Ickham passing the church on the right. Turn right on The Street with Duke William pub opposite and follow it (do not take road to left) to a junction with Wickham Lane. Turn right on Wickham Road into Wickhambreaux passing the church. Turn right at the green onto The Street with The Rose pub opposite, follow it past the village hall and school, then take first road on right, Seaton Road. As it bends left take the FP opposite which meets another small road and the Little Stour river. Follow road over bridge, past buildings then take FP (there are 2 FPs, take the left one) across field back to Baye Lane. Retrace steps back to the start.





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Woodnesborough Gardeners Club

Our quiz night in February was a great success with Christine and Rick Ratcliffe's team taking home the winners' trophy. We decided to donate the raffle proceeds to the Turkish/Syrian earthquake disaster and raised just over £150 which the club rounded up to £200 for this worthy cause.

On Thursday 20th April our speaker will be Caroline Halfpenny talking on Scentsational Gardens and on Thursday 18th May Laura Brady will tell us all about growing weird and wonderful fruit and veg. Both these ladies are very good speakers. Meetings are at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Guests and new members always welcome.

We are holding our annual plant sale at Denis Vickers greenhouses in Beacon Lane on Saturday 29th April from 10.00am until noon. There will be a variety of bedding and basket plants, together with tomato and vegetable plants, perennials and possibly some shrubs, all at very advantageous prices.

If you haven't already renewed your membership for this year, please contact Peter Giles on 01304 812802. It only costs £5 per annum and you are able to obtain 10% discount at Archers Low Nursery on production of your membership card.

Ken and Linda Butcher



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Birding With Big Nick



I can hardly believe it is already mid March; in terms of birding, I've not managed to get out much. The weather hasn't been brilliant and even when it was good, I've had other things to do.

I did spend a morning at Ramsgate Harbour and was rewarded with some good views of the resident Kingfishers. You can often see Kingfishers around the coast, especially in winter; they are equally at home fishing in fresh or sea water. Despite their bright colours they can be difficult to pick out. More often than not, all you see is a flash of blue as they fly off. However, if you bear in mind how they catch their food, by diving into the water from a convenient perch, it can help you identify likely spots to see them. Nearly all the Kingfishers I've seen locally have been on branches overhanging the water, a post or stick actually in the water, and at the harbour, from places like the railings of a boat or a wall mounted mooring ring (see pic). So look out for these likely perches as you walk around; you may get lucky.

The second picture below is of a male Sparrowhawk in our garden and I'd not seen a male at close quarters before. The male adults have a bluish-grey back and orangey striped chest and throat while females and juveniles have brown backs and wings and brown barring on the chest and are quite a bit larger than the males.



Kingfisher (Male)



Sparrowhawk (male)

I have mentioned previously that during the winter months, Sandwich Bay is a great place to see Short-eared Owls, and it was true again this winter. At least four birds were seen, (all at the same time), but there may have been more. They can quickly cover a large area and you're never sure if the bird you saw five minutes earlier has returned or whether it is a different one. An added attraction this year was that they were often joined by a Barn Owl. I have very few photos of Barn Owls, so I did stop off at the Bay after a trip to Deal to try



Barn Owl



Short-eared Owl

my luck. The birds didn't disappoint me – or the many others who'd gone there to see them. They usually appear in the late afternoon, an hour or so before sunset. I was very pleased to get a few shots of both species.

Nick



Village Monthly Walks Programme 2023



31 st March	Woodnesborough Village Hall
28 th April	Staple Church
26 th May	Wickhambreaux Green
30 th June	Griffin's Head, Chillenden
28 th July	Goodnestone Church
25 th August	Woodnesborough Village Hall
29 th September	Staple Church
27 th October	Wickhambreaux Green
24 th November	Griffin's Head, Chillenden



Please note walks are approximately 3 miles and that you undertake all walks at your own risk – all walks start at 10.30am.

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Sandwich Honfleur Twinning Association



With hopeful images in our minds of Springtime in Honfleur, we're looking forward locally to gardens bursting into life, lambs frolicking, and SHTA members, friends and new members getting together for outdoor as well as indoor events through 2023.

Screenings of our French films at the Empire Cinema will be advertised via the monthly newsletter and on our website. This month you're invited, as usual, to our lovely art deco cinema, originally opened in 1937, to come and see "**Des Vents Contraires**" on **Wednesday 19th April**.

If you'd like to come along to see any of the films, send an email to Jan Cooper on jannicooper@icloud.com and ask her to reserve you a seat. As always, the cinema doors will open at 7.00 for a 7.30 pm start, the cost remaining at £7.50.

The films from April to June are:

Wed. 19th April: 'Des Vents Contraires'

Wed. 17th May: 'Les Femmes Du 6ème Étage'

Wed. 14th June: 'L'École Buissonnière'

- There'll be a **Cheese & Wine Pairing & Quiz** (in your opinion, which wine best suits which cheese & a couple of brief table quizzes) at St Clement's Hall in Sandwich on the evening of **Saturday 15th April**. Committee member Steve Thomson is taking charge of this and you can get hold of him to sign up on sythomson01@hotmail.com or via his mobile, 07908 910168, and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

- Further on into Spring and decent weather permitting, there will be a **Pique-nique on the Quay on Monday 22nd May at 1.00 pm**. You'll have the chance to see some familiar faces, make some new friends and try your arm at playing boules. So, why not bring your lunch and possibly a deckchair to the Quay for that one.

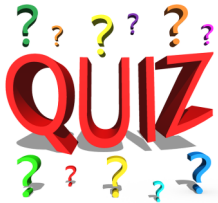
- Once you've found (or rekindled) a liking, aptitude or just a curiosity for boules, you might be tempted to come to the Anchor Pub in Wingham on **Thursday 27th July** to join us for an evening of **Bangers & Boules**. No great skill is required but it's surprising how the gentlest of souls become competitive in the heat of battle! Let Stuart Jones know please if you'd like to take part on that particular occasion on stuartpjones100@yahoo.co.uk.

- The remaining activity in the first half of 2023 to bring to your attention is the now traditional '**Le Week-end**' on **Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th June**,

when SHTA will, once more, be holding a stall in Market Street. We shall be asking for volunteers nearer the time.

Finally, for those amongst you who'd like to keep your spoken French ticking over, why not join the group attending '*Une Heure de Conversation*' at Sandwich Library; it's every Thursday afternoon from 2.30 - 3.30 pm.

Sandra Jones



Rick's Easter Quiz



1. Which tennis grand slam is played on a clay surface?
2. What is the capital of Albania?
3. What is the largest food franchise in the world?
4. What do the letters H.P. stand for on the sauce?
5. Who wrote the Grapes of Wrath?
6. What connects Crosse and Blackwell, Pan Yan, Comet and Freeman Hardy and Willis?
7. What was the largest propeller aircraft ever built?
8. Tegucigalpa is the capital of which Central American country?
9. What is the smallest planet in our solar system?
10. What was Istanbul called before 1930?
11. In the TV Quiz The Chase, what is the name of the Dark Destroyer?
12. Which legendary surrealist artist is famous for painting Melting Clocks?
13. What was the original name of the O2 arena?
14. The Shadows were Cliff Richards backing band, what was their original name?
15. Who invented the Hovercraft?
16. What is the name of the current Foreign Secretary?
17. Whose was the first voice heard on Radio?
18. Which sea creature has three hearts?
19. Who plays Manuel in Fawlty Towers?
20. From what grain is Japanese spirit Sake made?



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Poem of the Month



Sonnet 98

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When proud-pied April, dressed in all his trim,
Hath put a spirit of youth in everything,
That heavy Saturn laughed and leaped with him.
Yet nor the lays of birds, nor the sweet smell
Of different flowers in odour and in hue,
Could make me any summer's story tell,
Or from their proud lap pluck them where they grew:
Nor did I wonder at the lily's white,
Nor praise the deep vermilion in the rose;
They were but sweet, but figures of delight
Drawn after you, – you pattern of all those.
Yet seem'd it winter still, and, you away,
As with your shadow I with these did play.

William Shakespeare



Woodnesborough WI

Our meeting this month began with Trudie Easton giving us a demonstration on making Spring Wreaths. We were then given a frame and some moss, wool, Ivy and a collection of spring flowers. We all set about making our own creations and surprisingly produced some lovely spring wreaths. It was a fun evening and lots of laughs. Trudie was very patient and gave us a lot of help.

Our next meeting will be April 12th 7.30pm, where David Silk will be doing cyanotype images, it should be an interesting evening.

If you would like to come along to our next meeting to see what goes on at WI you are more than welcome.

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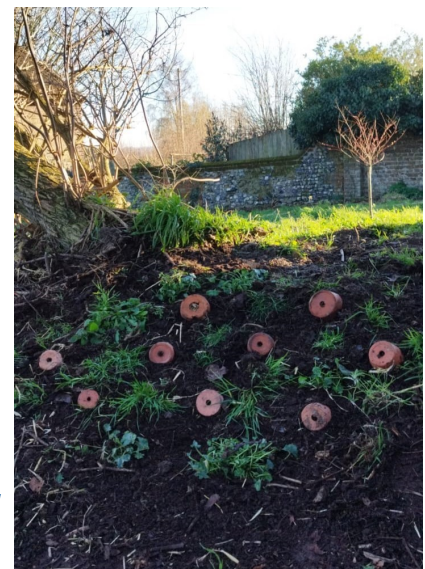
Some of the things we are doing across our church land to encourage bees and pollinators include:

- Planting of plants that attract insects such as lavender and other herbs, sowing of wildflower seeds and sunflower seeds as well as planting of blossom bearing trees including fruit bearing trees.

- Allowing the natural propagation of plants including nettles.
- The use of ceramic plant pots to try and encourage solitary bees to form nests inside.

We aim to promote as much bio-diversity as possible. If you are passing please feel free to wander around the grounds to enjoy the calming atmosphere.

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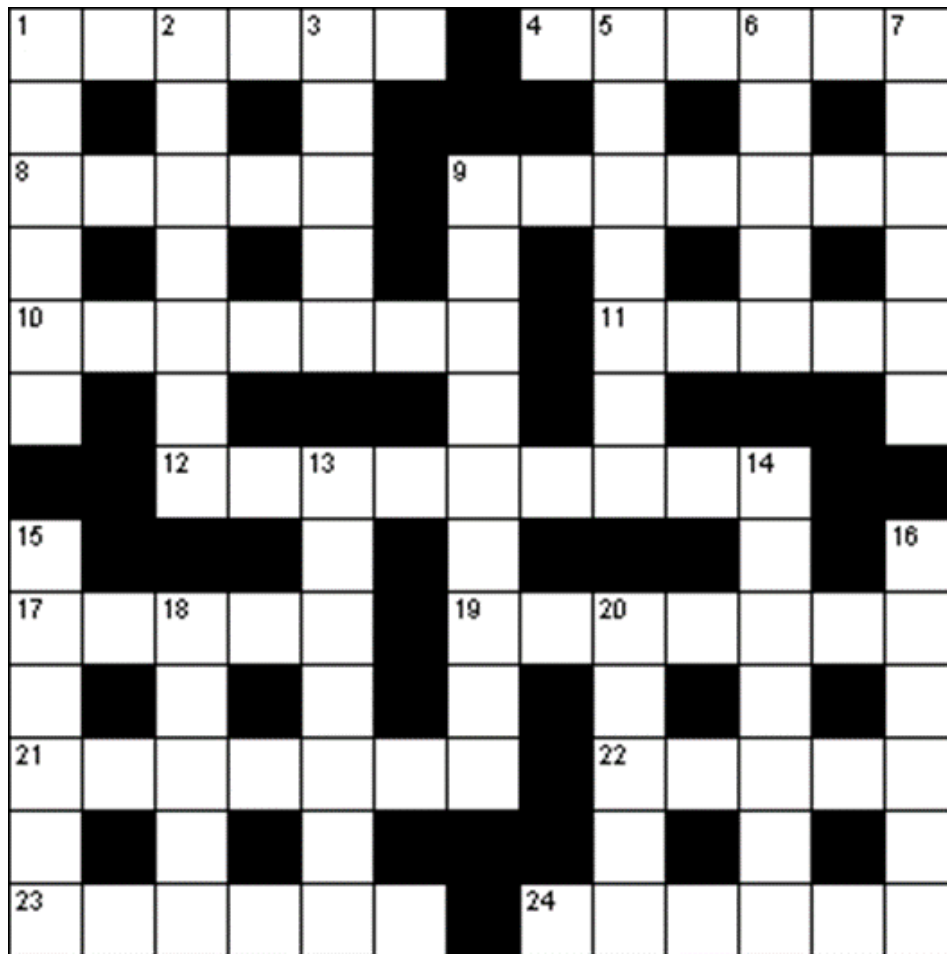
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Crossword



Across

- 1 Farm livestock (6)
- 4 Excellent (6)
- 8 Workers' organisation (5)
- 9 Sailor (7)
- 10 Young hare (7)
- 11 Move effortlessly (5)
- 12 Soaked (9)
- 17 Consumed (5)
- 19 Russian tea-urn (7)
- 21 Snubs (7)
- 22 Roman meeting-place (5)
- 23 Annually (6)
- 24 Soundless (6)

Down

- 1 Pair (6)
- 2 Robbers (7)
- 3 Passenger ship (5)
- 5 Perpendicular (7)
- 6 Tedium (5)
- 7 Gents' hairdresser (6)
- 9 Car drivers (9)
- 13 Melodious (7)
- 14 Varied (7)
- 15 Almost (6)
- 16 Punctual (6)
- 18 Shin bone (5)
- 20 Civilian dress (5)

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DOG FOULING



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Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis - a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures. Children can be at greatest risk.

Dog mess is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets. Research by Keep Britain Tidy campaign tells us that dog fouling is the issue the public are most concerned about.

While most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets. Another cause of frustration is the amount of dog litter bags that are left strewn across the village. It is not acceptable just to bag the poo only to dispose of the bag by throwing it on the ground, attaching it to bushes, trees or fences, leaving it on paths and other such places.

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What is the penalty for dog fouling UK?

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of **up to £100**. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000. **The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.**

CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG OR PICK UP A FINE!

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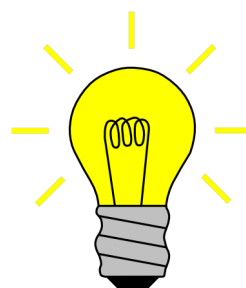
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2. Tirana
3. Subway
4. Houses of Parliament
5. John Steinbeck
6. All brands no longer in use
7. Spruce Goose
8. Honduras
9. Mercury
10. Constantinople
11. Shaun Wallace
12. Salvador Dali
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18. Octopus
19. Andrew Sachs
20. Rice



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