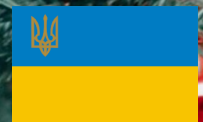
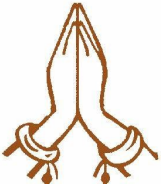




**WOODNESBOROUGH  
VILLAGE NEWS**

**DECEMBER 2023 -  
JANUARY 2024**





## **Welcome**

A warm welcome to everyone in this December - January issue of Woodnesborough Village News!

We hope you all enjoy reading the magazine and find it useful to know what's going on in our village. If you would like to write something for the Village News or advertise your business, please email us. We hope 2024 will bring forth lots more contributions to the magazine: articles, poems, shared memories, recipes, photos, upcoming events etc. Please send all material by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before the next magazine comes out to :

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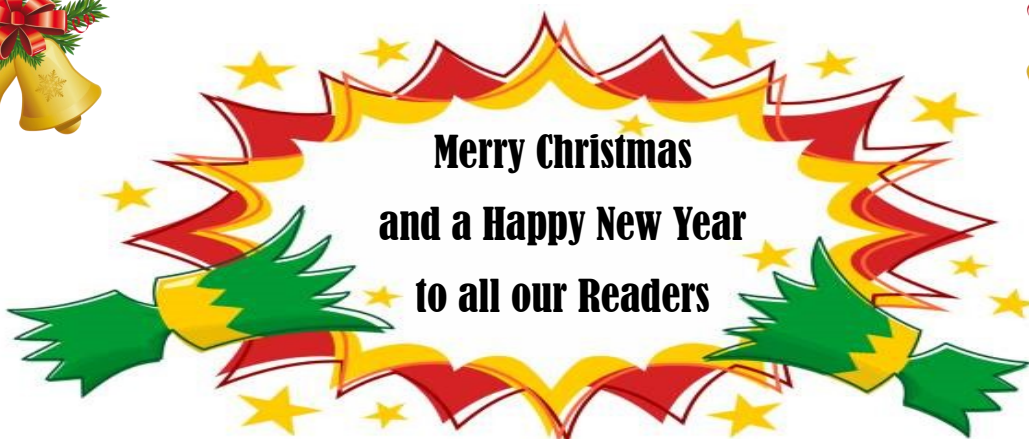
The Christmas card, with a beautiful photo of the St Nicholas window in the church is being delivered with this month's magazine. It includes details of the Christmas services in Woodnesborough Church, and these can also be found on page 9. Please come along to one or more of these services. The Christmas Carol Singalong is always a popular event. It will be held in the church accompanied by the Salvation Army Brass Band. This community event is at 6.30pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December in Woodnesborough Church. There will be wine and mince pies to get us into the Christmas spirit with a retiring collection for the Salvation Army (see the poster on the back page).

**On behalf of the Village News team, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year!**

And once again please send in any contributions for the next magazine - articles, poems, shared memories, recipes, photos, upcoming events etc - by the 15<sup>th</sup> January to:



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# Woodnesborough Village Hall

## Monday

09:00 - 12:00 am

Little Kickers Football Group

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Worth Art Class - Painting for pleasure

3:30 - 6:00 pm

KAT & 11 Plus



## Tuesday

08.30 - 09:30 am

Tai Chi (Adults only)

10:30 - 12:00 am

The Phoenix Singers

3:45 - 7:30 pm

Heather's Dance Company - Atrium

4:00 - 6:45 pm

Heather's Dance Company - Main Hall

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Yoga



7:30 - 9:00 pm

Parish Council (4th Tuesday of the month)

## Wednesday

09:30 - 12:30am

Sandwich Art Group

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Tai Chi (Adults only)

7.30 - 8.30 pm

Dancefit Club (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 & 11 Plus

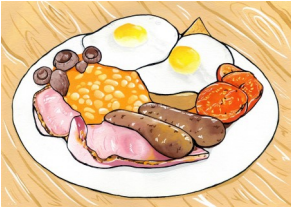
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Karate Class (Adults)

7:30 - 8:30pm

Dancefit Club (2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month)





## Parish Breakfasts in Village Hall: next dates and speakers

Parish Breakfasts are taking place. They are always popular so please phone Ken to book your place.

**Dates for 2024: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Breakfast (full English) is served at 9am and we finish by 10am.

Please contact **Ken Flower 01304614142 or 07763 936828** and [flowerken1@hotmail.com](mailto:flowerken1@hotmail.com)

**Booking is essential as food is bought to order.**



At the November breakfast there was a collection for the Alzheimer's Society after a talk from Jill Knight about her fund raising trek for this very worthwhile cause.

**Ken Flower**



## St Mary's Baby and Toddler group

We are delighted to report that Woodnesborough St Mary's Baby and Toddler group has been presented with a cheque for £4,218.67 provided through the Co-op Local Community Fund. This amazing amount will be used to provide additional toys and equipment for the group with a particular focus on outdoor play.





## Coffee, Cake and Chat



Every Saturday - 10am - 12 midday  
in St Mary's Church, Woodnesborough

**a chance to meet new friends and have a friendly chat  
in a relaxed community environment**

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 Church

Coffee Pot takes place between 10am and 11.30am on Tuesday mornings in St Mary's Church Woodnesborough. We provide the coffee and biscuits and company - **a warm space and a friendly face**. We are building up a collection of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 would like to wish everyone  
" A Very Merry Christmas and a  
Prosperous and Peaceful New Year"*





# ***Notes from St Mary's***



As we begin this month, we start the wonderful journey towards the stable door, behind which the greatest moment in history took place; the Incarnation of Jesus Christ into our world. The season of Advent, which we now begin, is a time when we prepare ourselves for that miraculous moment. Certainly, we celebrate the festive season by singing carols, decorating our houses, and preparing for the arrival of family from all over the country. But in all this, how often do we take a moment to think about the true meaning behind all of the “glitz and glamour”?

At Christmas, we are invited into a truly humble setting; to join those gathered in a mere stable to welcome the Christ child into the world. We are given an opportunity to make a fresh start for the coming year and are offered a glimpse into the love of God made manifest on the holy night of Jesus’ birth.

With the season of Advent and the coming Christmas season, we get a unique opportunity to reach out to those we are separated from for one reason or another, for this is a season of reconciliation. It is a time of compassion and comfort in which we can help those in need and take on new projects or hobbies that will benefit others. But most of all it is a season of giving; either gifts, support or simply the giving of one’s time to another.

Advent brings us many great pieces of music that carry deep meaning and reflect our desires to be closer to God, to be one with those kneeling figures in the nativity, and to get as close to the child as possible without disturbing him. We celebrate that he was surrounded, not by the majestic setting of a palace, but by the humble surroundings of a stable full of livestock. The power of that very night changed the world as we know it and should give us the courage to continue that change, filled with the love of Christ for the world around us.

As 2023 draws to a close, we reflect on what has passed and make resolutions for the year to come. I invite you to join me in making this one together; that we might be more like the Christ child this coming year and will try to make a difference in the lives of those around us, reflecting the love of God wherever our journey takes us.

I would like to end my article this month with a verse from Christina Rossetti’s Carol; ‘In the Bleak Midwinter’;



*What can I give him, Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man I would do my part.  
Yet what I can I give him - Give him my heart.*



This Christmas I would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to any of you joining us at our services. We would be delighted to worship and celebrate with you. I wish you and your family every blessing and a very Merry Christmas!

**Rev. Andrew**



## **Notice of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals at Woodnesborough Church**

**August**

**Baptism:** Eden Saunders

**Funeral:** Mark Lambert

**September - October**

None were registered





# Christingle



**ST MARY'S CHURCH,  
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**Come and join us at our  
Christingle Service**

**on Saturday 3rd December  
at 4pm**

**Followed by cakes and sweets**





## Christmas Services at St Mary's Woodnesborough



**Sunday 3rd December**    **8.00 am**    **Holy Communion Service**  
**4.00 pm**    **Christingle Service**  
**interview with St Nicholas**

An informal interactive service when the children are given the opportunity to make a Christingle - Followed by cakes and sweets.

**Friday 8th December**    **6.30 pm**    **Christmas Carols Singalong**

An opportunity to sing well known carols, accompanied by live music - Light refreshments provided.

**Sunday 10th December**    **10.00 am**    **Holy Communion & Christmas Tree Memorial Service**

Dedicated to our loved ones who have died. A chance to light a candle and write a message on a star in their memory to hang on the Christmas tree.

**Sunday 17th December**    **6.30 pm**    **Carols by Candlelight Service**

An evening of traditional readings and well-known carols - Followed by light refreshments.

**Sunday 24 December**    **10.00 am**    **Holy Communion Service**  
**Christmas Eve**

**4.00pm**    **Crib Service**

An informal interactive service when the children help to tell the Nativity Story - Followed by light refreshments.

**Monday 25th December**    **10.00 am**    **Christmas morning family service**  
**Christmas Day**





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Carols by Candlelight  
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**Service followed by  
refreshments**





# Woodnesborough Gardeners Club

Our Christmas party will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The same format as in previous years, please bring along a plate of savoury or sweet food for a sharing buffet, as well as your own drinks and glasses. We will be holding a raffle and the proceeds will go to charity.

We will be holding our quiz night on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. The cost is £3 per person, bring along your own drink and nibbles. To book individually or book a table, phone us on 01304 812373 or email

[woodnesboroughgardeners@gmail.com](mailto:woodnesboroughgardeners@gmail.com)

We now have the new programme cards available for next year and the annual subscription is still only £5 per person for renewing members. For new members there is an initial joining fee of £10 which covers your first year's membership, and £5 per annum thereafter. Whether you're new to gardening and keen to learn or more experienced and would enjoy meeting others with similar interests we would love you to join us. Just come along. You're very welcome to come and give it a try before committing yourself. Members are not charged for the monthly meetings and are able to obtain 10% discount at Archers Low Nursery on production of their membership card (excluding sale times and special offers).

## 2024 Programme

Date	Speaker	Title of Talk
18th January	Mercy Morris	Houseplants
21st March	Graham Blunt	Exotic plants and how to grow them
18th April	Lucy Adams	A Year at Doddington Place Gardens
16th May	Molly Hollman	Flower/Plant photography
19th September	Jeff & Sylvia Wagner	More Garden Surprises
17th October	Simon Sutcliffe	Growing for the Chelsea Flower show
21st November	Martin Newcombe	Wildlife in your gardens

Following the speakers we have tea/coffee (sometimes wine) and time to chat with others. We have some social events too including a quiz in February and a hog roast in July. Members also have the chance to join in the rose and sweet pea show in June and the annual show in August so there's something for everyone. If you would like more information email Linda Flower (club secretary) at [lindaflower@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lindaflower@hotmail.co.uk) - Hope to see you soon!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and healthy New Year.

**Linda & Ken Butcher and Linda Flower**





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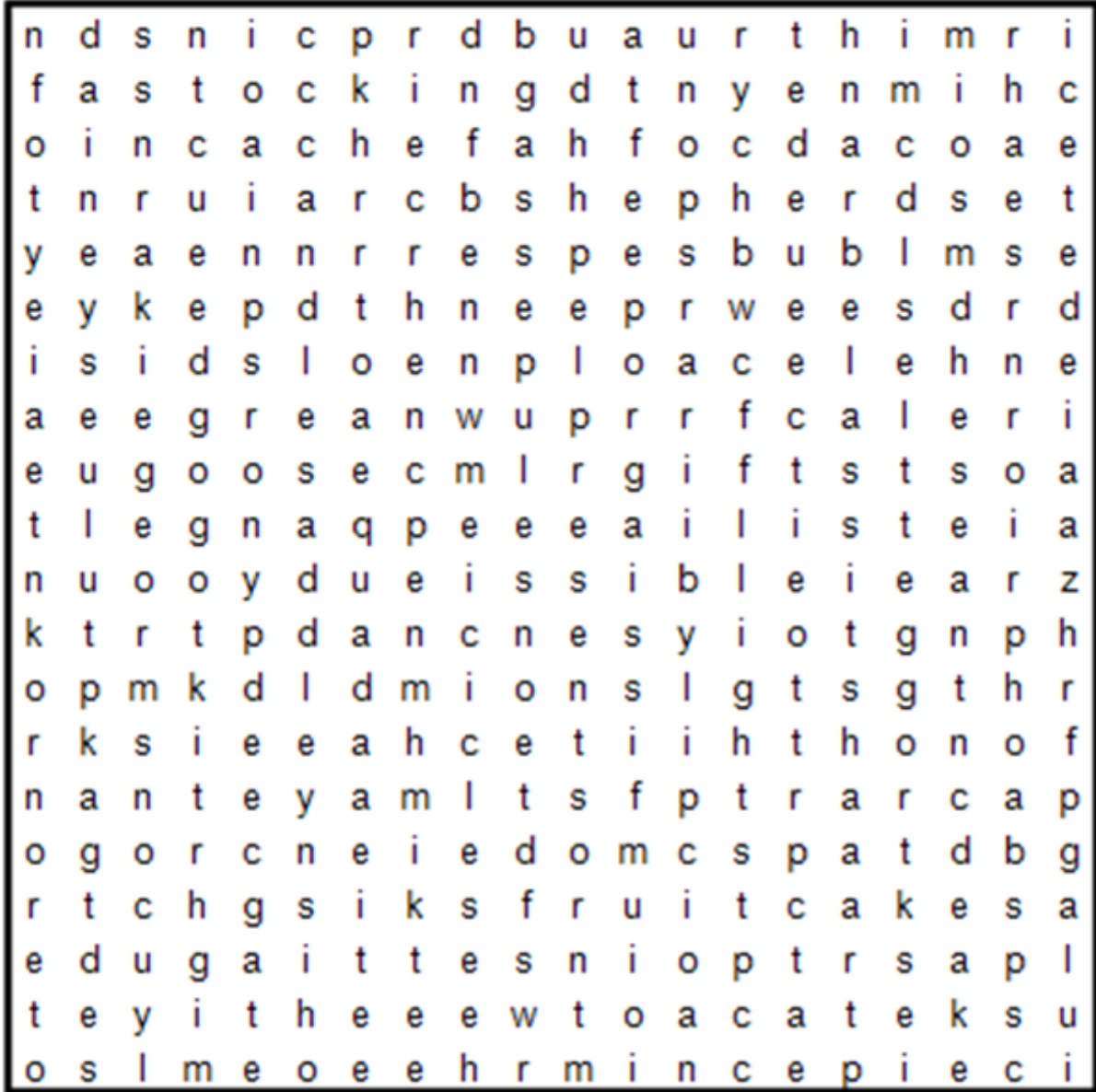
**Sunday 24th December  
at 4pm**

**Followed by refreshments**





# Christmas Wordsearch



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Candle  
Chimney  
Fireplace  
Fruitcake  
Gifts

Goose  
Icicles  
Lights  
List  
Mince pie  
Poinsettia  
Plum pudding

Presents  
Reindeer  
Shepherds  
Stocking  
Sweater  
Turkey



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## Woodnesborough Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 26<sup>th</sup> September and 24<sup>th</sup> October and at the September meeting we welcomed our two new co-opted councillors, Karen Schubert and Tracy Hall and your council is again at full strength.

At both meetings we welcomed several members of the public and our County and District councillors.

We dealt with 2 planning applications at the September meeting but none at the October one. We also noted 4 planning decisions at the September meeting and noted 1 at the October meeting and we also noted that the breach of planning at Marshborough House had now ceased as retrospective permission had now been granted.

We received reports from both our County and District Councillors but there were no reports from our councillors. We also noted correspondence regarding the Richborough waste site, DDC Polling District review and also DDC's Green Infrastructure Strategy consultation. We also discussed several issues relating to highways, including the many recent road closures and also the refurbishment of the bench and noticeboard in the street near the Old Post Office. There were also issues raised regarding several footpaths which we have notified PROW about.

Several issues were discussed under the Village Hall at both meetings including the removal of the gas supply to the hall as it is no longer required and finance was discussed and agreed.

Thank you to all of you who come to our meetings and for taking an interest in your council. Don't forget that you can come along to any of our meetings as we are here to ensure our parishioners are our priority and it's 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.

**Brenda Baker**





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# Woodnesborough W I

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who joined us on our Quiz night in October at Woodnesborough Village Hall. It was a great success, and all donations will be going to the Evie Dove Foundation. It's a local charity setup for sick children and their families. The foundation raises money to help advancing those working or returning to paediatric care and to offer pastoral care for their families. You can find out all about them on their web page.

Our WI Meeting this month was a talk by Judith Knight, who gave a talk on how the WI played a big part in the production of food produce during the 2nd World War, from running pig clubs and rabbit clubs. And setting up preserves centres to produce jam products, which is probably why people always associate the WI and Jam. America and Canada also showed their support. Even Mrs Roosevelt gave her support. It really opened our eyes to the WI efforts.

We then had our raffle and tea, coffee and cake. The winner of our competition letter 'W' was Rae with her whistle.

For the December meeting we are having our Christmas dinner at The Crispin Inn in Sandwich, so our next meeting will be January 10th at 7.30pm. Please feel free to come along and meet us, we are a welcoming and friendly bunch.

**Brenda Killacky**



## WI Quiz Evening

The Woodnesborough WI would like to thank everyone who helped and attended the quiz at the village hall on Saturday 14th October. It was a lovely evening with 8 rounds of questions, kindly provided by Brenda Baker, and a raffle with a huge variety of interesting and tasty prizes! The quiz was won by the ladies of Ash WI and we were delighted to have raised £220 for a local charity, the Evie Dove Foundation.

The WI were also able to present the local benefice with 5 'Love in the Box' parcels to send out for Christmas to children in orphanages in Eastern Europe. Again, many thanks to all the members for their kind contributions which will be greatly appreciated by the children who receive them.

**Lucy Hawkes**



*The Five Bells*



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# Christmas Facts

## **Carol singing dates back to the 13th century**

Carols were not always about Christmas or even singing, but were a story told to others. The practice of going from house to house to wish people well during the colder months was called wassailing. St. Francis of Assisi took this old custom and added religious lyrics to well-known tunes, turning it into what we call carol singing today.

## **Christmas wasn't always on 25<sup>th</sup> December**

While Christmas marks the birth of Jesus Christ, the date of the big event is not known. Many historians believe that Jesus was most likely born in the spring, not 25<sup>th</sup> December. The date of the festival may have been chosen because it coincided with Saturnalia, a pagan festival honouring Saturn, the agricultural god.

## **Boxing Day is only celebrated in a few countries**

Boxing Day falls on the 26th December and is celebrated by several countries, including the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand. This tradition dates back to the 1800s when the rich would let their servants have a day off to go home.



## **Upcoming Community Events**



**Quiz Nights on the following Fridays at the Village Hall**

**26th January - 23rd February**

Doors open at 7.15pm and quiz will start 7.30pm - Come along and join a team  
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# Poem of the Month



## Whose Birthday is it?

So once again it's Christmas time,  
And every year we say,  
This time it will be different,  
But it always ends the same.



We end up eating far too much,  
Of turkey and mince pies,  
And the bank account is overdrawn,  
It is really no surprise.

For there's presents, cards and postage,  
And the prices going up,  
The food and the festivities,  
Where will it ever stop?

What is it really all about,  
What good reason is there,  
Whose birthday is it anyway,  
And do we really care?

You see, that's the trouble with Christmas,  
It's real meaning gets driven away,  
By plans and preparations,  
And the busy, hectic days.



But pause a while and ponder,  
Where it all began,  
In a stable dark and dirty,  
In the town of Bethlehem.



Remember why this baby,  
Was born so long ago,  
With ox and ass for company,  
And nowhere else to go.  
He came to die, that we might live,  
His Father's love to show,  
To open the gates of heaven,  
Through which we can all go.

And so my friends, I wonder,  
I wonder what you'll say,  
If this Christmas Jesus comes to you,  
Will He know it's His Birthday?

**Hilary J Malpas**

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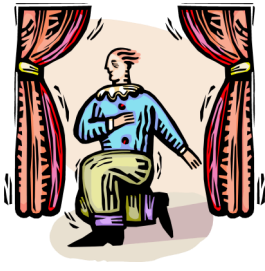
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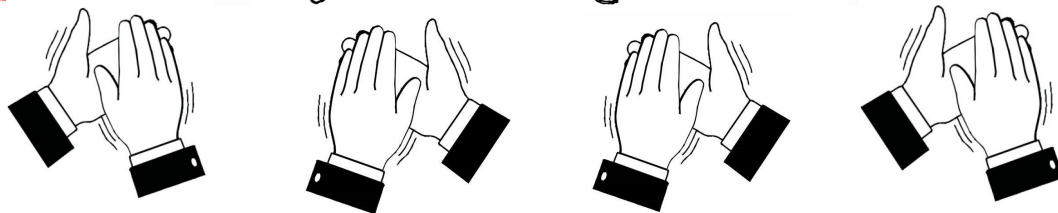
# Obituary For Woodnesborough Players



Unfortunately, although we have been active since 1984, and have raised thousands of pounds for local causes, the Church, Old Village Hall and the Youth Club when it was operating, as well as national charities, the Players are no more. Finally, accepting that there were no facilities at the New Village Hall to enable us to put on a production, or to store our costumes and scenery, I have agreed that we cannot continue. Therefore, all the scenery, props and ephemera that had been stored in the New Village Hall provided Guy Fawkes with a suitably fiery send off on 5<sup>th</sup> November in Marshborough.

I wish to thank everyone who has ever been involved with the Players, my writers, actors, producers and directors, scenery, costumes, makeup and front of house. All of you made it the success it was and I thank you for all your time and patience, the fun and laughter and of course for all the money we raised over the years.

**Brenda Baker**



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# Ten Corny Festive Jokes!



- What is every parent's favourite Christmas song?  
Silent Night!
- What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar?  
He got 25 days!
- What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?  
Freeze a jolly good fellow!
- What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?  
Frostbite.
- What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?  
Claus-trophobia!
- How do you help someone who has lost their Christmas spirit?  
Nurse them back to elf.
- Why are elves such great motivational speakers?  
They have plenty of elf-confidence.
- What happens if you eat Christmas decorations?  
You get tinsel-it is.
- What do Santa's elves learn in school?  
The elf-abet.
- Who is never hungry at Christmas?  
The turkey - he's always stuffed.





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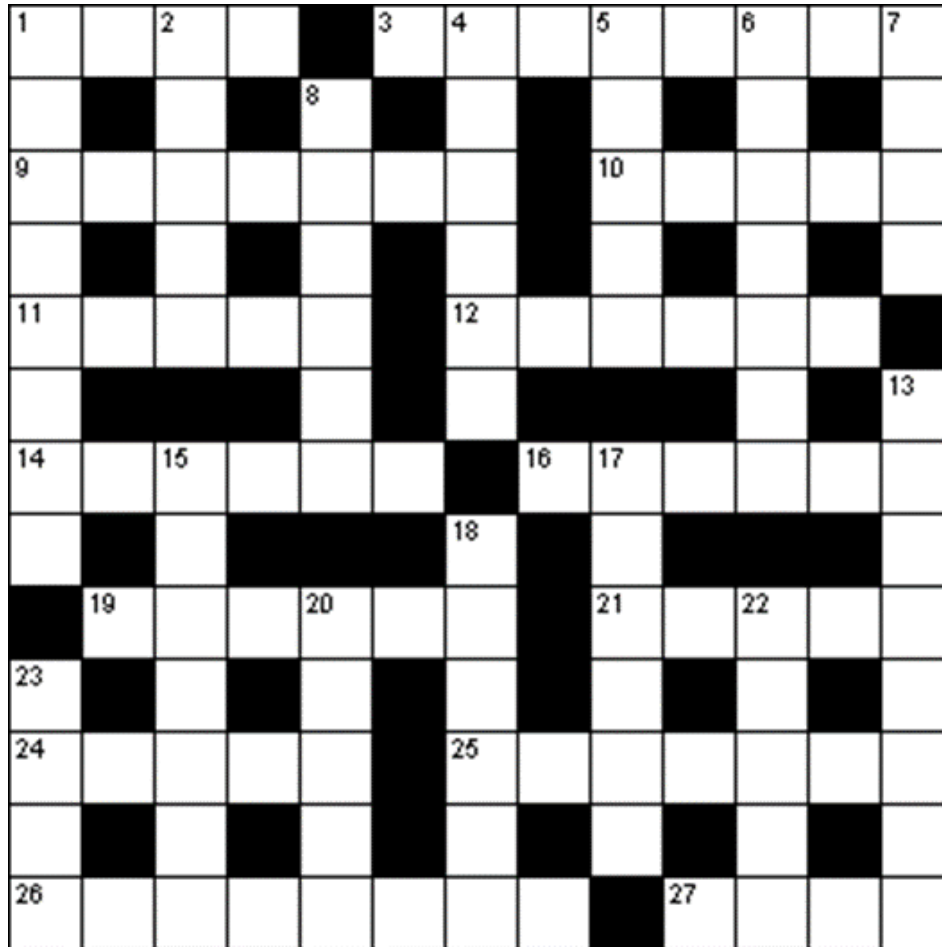
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# Crossword



## Across

- 1 Fifty per cent (4)
- 3 Completely confused (3,2,3)
- 9 Toasted cheese dish (7)
- 10 Nincompoop (5)
- 11 Spaghetti, ravioli, etc. (5)
- 12 Tight-fisted (6)
- 14 Situations (6)
- 16 Go up (6)
- 19 Czech capital (6)
- 21 Happen again (5)
- 24 Star sign (5)
- 25 Traditional saying (7)
- 26 Prepare (3,5)
- 27 At liberty (4)

## Down

- 1 Sailors' dance (8)
- 2 Enticements (5)
- 4 Most recent (6)
- 5 Legal defence (5)
- 6 English (anag.) (7)
- 7 Industrious little insects (4)
- 8 Burning fiercely (6)
- 13 Lovely (8)
- 15 Gymnastic performer (7)
- 17 Sadness (6)
- 18 Aided (6)
- 20 Vine fruit (5)
- 22 Free from obstructions (5)
- 23 Wooden-soled shoe (4)

**Solution on page 39**



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## Letting your heir down?

**Britons are ignoring estate planning tools that could help them to pass on more of their estate to the next generation.**

Over recent years, property inflation and rising asset values have combined to push a higher proportion of estates over the nil-rate band for Inheritance Tax (IHT). The residence nil-rate band helps to a degree, but with the IHT threshold frozen at £325,000 per individual, and government receipts still rising, IHT is not a tax just for the rich or even moderately wealthy.

Despite the fact that more estates are paying IHT, there are ways to prevent families paying over the odds. For example, those with sufficient assets to trigger an IHT liability when they pass away could use the exemption which allows anyone to give away up to £3,000 worth of gifts each tax year without them being included in the value of their estate.

However, a lack of awareness about what does or doesn't form part of an estate could result in their families paying more IHT than they need to. Another way to minimise the impact of IHT is to take out a 'whole of life' insurance policy. This pays a lump sum on death, and when the policy is written in trust, the pay-out can help offset or eliminate an IHT bill.

## Heir care

Whilst inertia and ignorance of estate planning is good news for the Treasury, which relies on it to ensure its tax receipts, the widespread lack of knowledge will worry many potential heirs. But taking the appropriate advice can go a long way to alleviating those concerns.

A financial adviser can help families with the transfer of wealth in an orderly and tax-efficient manner, establishing trusts, life insurance and so on, while also ensuring that the person who is arranging their estate has enough income to maintain their normal standard of living.

With the right advice, more estates could be removed from the grip of IHT and bereaved families could be spared the extra heartache of paying unnecessary tax.

To receive a complimentary guide covering wealth management, retirement planning or Inheritance Tax planning, **contact Marc Smart at Crown Wealth Consultants on 07798634474 or email [marc.smelt@sjpp.co.uk](mailto:marc.smelt@sjpp.co.uk).**



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Did you know that the Guildhall, Sandwich hosts brilliant, illustrated talks for both the Arts Society Sandwich (TASS) and The Arts Society Dover, Deal and Sandwich (ASDDS).

We are two separate societies under the umbrella of the national charity, “The Arts Society”. We each offer a unique and exciting programme of 10 lectures per annum and host other events, visits, holidays and study days. We don’t meet in July and August. This summer we delivered, jointly, the Summer Art Exhibition in St Mary’s Art Centre which was a great success. In addition, we both have a vibrant Young Arts programme with local schools and colleges.

**TASS** meets on the first Monday evening of the month, **6:30pm for a glass of wine before the talk begins at 7pm.**

Our highlights in 2023 were:

- our magical summer supper in July,
- painting classes for members
- “Bubbles and cake” visit to No Name Nursery
- Pepe Martinez’s wonderful talk on Banksy



**ASDDS** meets on the first Tuesday morning of the month, **10:30 for tea/coffee and biscuits before the talk begins at 11am.**

Our highlights in 2023 were:

- Three day tour of the Historic Houses of Northamptonshire
- A fascinating day at Bletchley Park
- Study Days on both Imperial China and Tutankamun
- Upcoming Day with Antiques Roadshow glass expert, Andy McConnell

Some of our members join both societies or choose to attend the other society as a guest when a particular lecture is of interest. We frequently open our study days, outings or events to members of our sister society.

If you work during the day, then our evening society may be preferable. Alternatively, if you like the idea of a daytime society then our Tuesday morning society will fit the bill. So you see the choice is really up to you. We are two friendly, active societies and we would love to welcome you. If you have a little time to spare, and would like an opportunity to get involved, both societies have many volunteering opportunities.

Please see our websites for more information about membership, events and our programme of talks.

The Arts Society Sandwich - [www.sandwichfas.org.uk](http://www.sandwichfas.org.uk)

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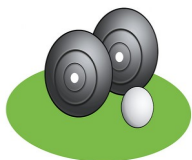


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## **About Us**

Woodnesborough Village News strives to provide accurate and timely information about local events, contacts for local companies or simply where to buy some firewood! We are a non-profit making organisation whose underlying purpose is to help maintain a vibrant cohesive community spirit. As such it is vital that it truly reflects the voice of Woodnesborough and we welcome items from all village organisations and individuals.

Woodnesborough Village News is produced and distributed by volunteers with financial support provided by a partnership of St Mary's Church, the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council. This combined with the additional funding provided by advertising, enables us to offer the magazine free to the community.

Editorial Team -                                 - Alison Hilton, Martin Bedford  
Design   - Tony Hilton, Alison Hilton  
Distribution Coordinator                         - Gary Philpott

### **Notes to Contributors**

Please email material to:- [woodnesboroughnotesandnews@gmail.com](mailto:woodnesboroughnotesandnews@gmail.com)  
Normally this should be no more than 500 words. **The deadline for submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the month of publication.**  
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Reader	Hilary Baldwin	613346
Church Wardens	Martin Bedford	617636
	Alison Hilton	814413
PCC Secretary	Caroline Pearce	619190
PCC Treasurer	Roger Bailey	613036
Church Flowers	Linda Flower	614142
Baby & Toddler Group (term time) Thursday 9.30-11:30am	Linda Flower	614142
Children's Society	Martin & Gina Bedford	617636
Eastry & District Open Group	Alistair Carnegie	813120
Church Breakfast	Ken Flower	614142
Coffee Pot (Tues 10-11.30am)	Hilary Baldwin	613346

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	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Come &amp; Praise Family Service</b>
<b>2nd Sunday of the month</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>3rd Sunday of the month</b>	<b>No service at Woodnesborough</b>	
<b>4th Sunday of the month</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>5th Sunday of the Month</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Benefice Service - see website for venue <a href="http://www.ewbchurches.org.uk">www.ewbchurches.org.uk</a></b>

The church is open every day from 9am-5pm for private prayer and reflection.

We are a very friendly church and everyone of all ages is welcome to our services.





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### **Woodnesborough Village Hall Committee:**

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	Thornton House Thornton Lane Eastry CT13 0EU	
	<b>clerk@woodnesborough-pc.org.uk</b>	
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Woodnesborough Gardeners Club	Linda Flower	614142
	<b>woodnesboroughgardeners@gmail.com</b>	
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# Crossword Solution

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# Christmas Wordsearch Solution

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