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Garden Notes

“Don’t Let the Blights of the Past Hold You Back from the Bliss of the Future”

Constance Friday

The Nineties of the last century saw me working for an extraordinary chap who coined the term The Zulu Principle and wrote a book by the same name. He loved raw tomatoes but of the colour unfound in shops, they had to be just on the turn from green to orange. Early mornings would find him going down to the greenhouse to hand pick them to be sure of the correct eating stage. Since few fruits escaped his eagle eye there was sadly always a dearth of ripe ones to be had.

On the Allotment

The Spring of 2021 gave us a very wet March with rain almost every day followed by an April that gave us morning frosts of one or two degrees centigrade. In fact, only one or two of the days were actually frost free, temperatures just managed to get up a little in the afternoons. I held back on sowing the Tomatoes until the end of April.

Three types Ailsa Craig, Cherrola both pretty much common or garden ones, and Mountain Magic bought on a whim due to the blight attack in 2020 on the allotments. This is one of the new to me blight resistant types, five of the six seeds in the packet germinated producing in the end four plants.

Growing progressed well with a total of thirty-four plants in the three varieties, these went into the ground in early June. They were given half a handful of Growmore each to get them off to a good start.

Stakes were put in when the plants managed to make two foot of growth and they were treated as the flowers came, to weak liquid feeding twice a week. I have never seen Tomatoes standing so healthy with flowers and small fruitlets promising a bumper crop. What could possibly go wrong I asked myself.

Mid July appeared as it often does with an eight maybe ten day hot and humid spell a typical so-called blight period. Within a week not just mine but all the tomatoes on the plots succumbed to the dreaded blight. The brown lesions on the stem, leaves and fruit, extending over the whole plant. All that is apart from my four Mountain Magic plants they also looked sick clearly suffering but nowhere near as bad as the others. The advice being that their resistance to blight doesn't happen until they reach an advanced stage of disease when the bred in double gene blight resistance kicks in. In desperation they were left in the ground, the others twenty-six of them were consigned on the compost heap.

To my surprise a week later their inbred resilience kicked in, they started growing again, new fresh growth with flowers appeared and not long after baby tomatoes. In spite of the setback and thanks to the extended Summer weather we did in the

end pick a small crop of tasty toms directly off the plants with a few green ones to successfully ripen at home.

At Home

Late in the season early August time we rescued three unhappy Tomato plants languishing in a corner of a garden centre unidentified as such later turning out to be one of the small fruited plum types. All three went into a cheap plastic bucket with good compost and drainage holes drilled in the bottom, they appreciated their new homes growing away with gusto in our small suntrap back patio. As expected, a few healthy side shoots came as they do, these were easily rooted and planted in more buckets. At the drop of a hat Tomatoes will send roots out from the stem. We ended with four buckets, twelve plants in total. Taking side shoot cuttings off the toms is a cheap and easy way to increase plant numbers. As September gave way to October they were stripped of their leaves brought in and dried off to ripen on the plant. A very good crop of delicious fruit, or are they vegetables.

In future only blight resistant Tomato seed sown earlier in mid March for me. The available blight resistant varieties are increasing.

So that's how I know more about Tomato Blight than anyone else down our street.



For further reading, sorry but it's a long web address.

<https://www.bangor.ac.uk/environmental-sciences-and-engineering/news/british-gardeners-can-now-grow-really-tasty-outdoor-grown-tomatoes-21235>

By Non Nom

Anthony Wood, 1932 - 2021

Anthony Wood was my first friend in Ascott-under-Wychwood, and I do not mean 'first' merely in the chronological sense.

Our first meeting, characteristically, concerned a bottle of wine. Not this time over its consumption, though subsequently there was plenty of that, but because he was collecting for the bottle stall at the village fete. That in itself was a pointer to one of the most important features of his life: his attachment to the Church of England in general and to the village church in particular. Later, this attachment resulted in his providing most, if not all the funding for the new organ installed in Holy Trinity.

Anthony read History at Worcester College, Oxford, and then spent some time working on an archeological dig in Iraq, the director being Max Mallowan whose wife came out to help both with the digging and the domestic chores; she was better known as Agatha Christie. Anthony recounted some of his experiences on the dig in a talk he gave to the Ascott Discussion Group and then in his book, Letters from the Levant, of which more later.

Anthony's professional career was to lie not in archaeology but in diplomacy. He served mainly in the Middle East, though he also spent a few happy years at the embassy in Paris. For much of his career he was in the Lebanon, where he learnt Arabic. He also served in Aden and in the Persian Gulf.

Like many of his countrymen whose working life was spent mainly in foreign parts, Anthony had an unshakeable love for his native land. That, of course, was England, for he was born and raised in Charlbury where his father was rector, but he was also proud of his Welsh ancestry; I used to pull his leg by saying that he would do anything for Wales except live in it. Anthony had done his national service in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, a connection he retained in later years through his membership of the Territorial Army. A few months before he died I read him from the letters of a man who fought in the Peninsula War at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and Anthony would brighten up at any mention of the regiment in its previous incarnation as the 52nd (Oxfordshire) Regiment of Foot (Light Infantry). Anthony retained to the end his interest in and concern for military affairs and the nation's defence capabilities. It was not quite in parade fashion that he appeared in the Ascott panto, but it was always as England's patron saint, complete with shield, helmet, and sword.

Music was as dear to Anthony as patriotism. This was nowhere more clearly illustrated than in the St George's Day concerts he used to arrange in the village, sometimes in the church but more often in his home in the High Street. This was in the years BC, Before Charlotte.



She and Anthony had met at a dinner party in Paris and were married in December 2006. She lightened and enlivened his latter years. One of the many things they shared was the love of music and they were both stalwart members of the Burford Singers. Anthony had a fine tenor voice and I used to love latching onto his singing during the hymns in Holy Trinity or elsewhere.

St George's Day was not the only time Anthony provided hospitality. My wife and I were frequent beneficiaries of his generosity, where those previously mentioned bottles of wine were much in evidence. He was an accomplished cook with a particular love for game. When my wife Celia was hospitalised in 1997 after being hit by a rogue car, Anthony took me under his wing and provided much needed and much appreciated care and comfort. For me one of my strongest memories of Anthony is his generosity.

In his later years he found great reward in producing a book of his memoirs based on letters he had sent during his time abroad, mainly though not solely to his parents. The book, Letters from the Levant, is full of fascinating detail of life in the Middle East through the turbulent years of the Suez crisis of 1956 and the US incursion into the Lebanon two years later. But there is also fascinating detail of life in the Trucial States (later the United Arab Emirates). These recollections are important because they are of a time before the area was overwhelmed by the advent of the modern oil industry, a time when customs and habits were little changed from those a thousand years before.

In recent years I tried to persuade Anthony to record his memories of his earlier days, not least of his undergraduate years in Oxford. There was much to tell of those times and most of it hilarious. And that was another characteristic memory of Anthony which I will always cherish along with that of his generosity: that of his humour. In later years, failing eye sight and advancing years meant that he could no longer continue with the Burford Singers. Charlotte and Celia, however, did so and on rehearsal evenings I would often go round and spend a hour or two with Anthony. I would read to him and then, helped by a bottle, we would put the world to rights and our conversation would always be the more enjoyable because of his rich sense of humour and love of a good, honest, down-to-earth laugh.

For me Anthony was an integral and enormously valued part of life in Ascott.

I shall miss him enormously, but the loss is much the greater for Charlotte, for his children, Nicholas and Lucy, and his step-children, Oliver, Mark, and Leonora, together with their children.



Anthony and Charlotte, 2015

Dick Crampton

Merv Bates

My name is Merv Bates and in February 2021, I moved to Ascott-under-Wychwood from Chipping Campden and brought my business with me.

I am a travel agent and last September I celebrated 35 years of working in this wonderful industry and the last ten years I have been self-employed. I have never looked back! I love to travel and have trekked, toured, cruised, skied and flopped across the globe.

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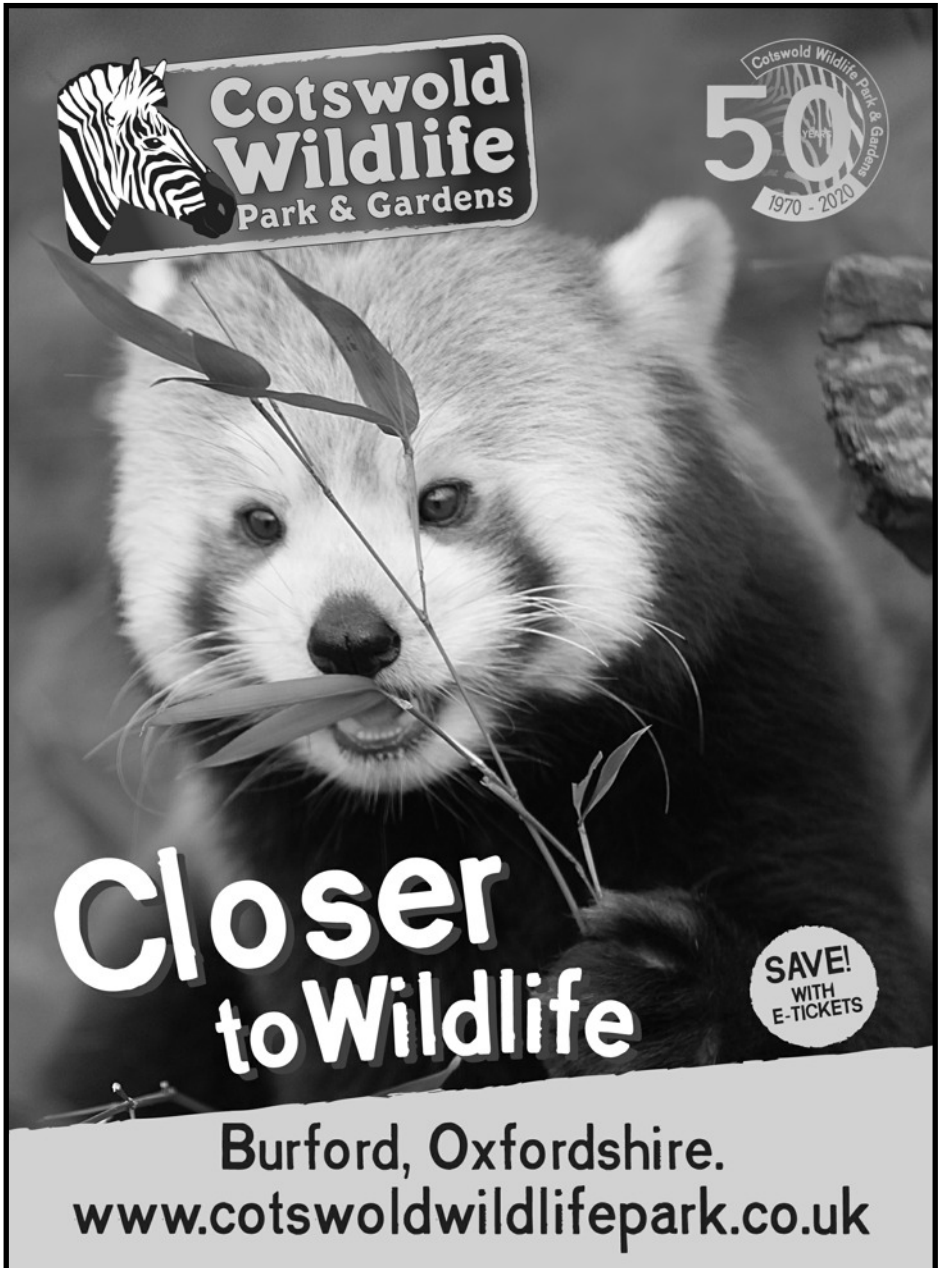
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Shipton u Wychwood, PO	08:04	10:05	12:55	15:59
Ascott u Wychwood, The Green	08:09	10:11	13:02	
Leafield, Lower End	08:19	10:21	13:12	
Crawley, The Lamb	08:28	10:31	13:22	
Deer Park Medical Centre	08:35	10:38	13:29	
Witney Market Sq (Bus stop A)	08:42	10:44	13:36	16:40
Sainsbury's	08:45	10:47	13:40	
Range Road	08:50			17:13
Fernleigh ⁽¹⁾ drop off only	09:07	11:00 ⁽¹⁾		

Witney to Wychwoods Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)				
Sainsbury's	09:10	12:00	15:15	17:18
Witney Market Sq. (Bus stop D)	09:13	12:05	15:20	17:22
Welch Way Library	09:15	12:07	15:22	17:24
Range Road				
Deer Park Medical Centre		12:12	15:24	17:29
Crawley, The Lamb	09:24	12:16	15:27	17:35
Leafield, Lower End	09:33	12:26	15:32	17:43
Ascott u Wychwood, The Green	09:43	12:36	15:44	17:53
Shipton u Wychwood, PO	09:50	12:44	15:50	17:58
Milton u Wychwood, The Hare	09:55	12:47	15:54	18:00

Wychwoods to Witney Saturdays (except Public Holidays)				
Milton u Wychwood, The Hare	09:00	11:00	13:00	
Shipton u Wychwood, PO	09:04	11:04	13:04	
Ascott u Wychwood, The Green	09:10	11:10	13:10	
Leafield, Lower End	09:18	11:18	13:18	
Crawley, The Lamb	09:26	11:26	13:26	
Deer Park Medical Centre	09:32	11:32	13:32	14:22
Witney Market Sq (Bus stop A)	09:38	11:38	13:38	14:28
Sainsbury's	09:40	11:40	13:40	14:30
Fernleigh (*Request only)	09:42	11:42*	13:42	14:32*

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Fernleigh (*Request only)	09:42	12:15*	13:42	
Sainsbury's	09:45	12:17	13:45	15:17
Witney Market Sq (D)	09:50	12:20	13:55	14:16 15:20
Deer Park Medical Centre	09:56	12:26		14:22 15:26
Crawley, The Lamb	10:02	12:32		15:32
Leafield, Lower End	10:10	12:40		15:40
Ascott u Wychwood, The Green	10:18	12:48		15:48
Shipton u Wychwood, PO	10:24	12:54		15:54
Milton u Wychwood, The Hare	10:28	12:58		15:58

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To Build or not to Build

I have an old photograph of a little boy about two years old stood in a meadow near his home knee deep in buttercups. There are houses built there now.

Looking at the scene it looks like a typical picture of the English countryside at peace. But all is not what it seems. The little boy remembers one night looking north. The sky above Chipping Norton was red like a late sunset, Coventry was being bombed. The thud of the bombs bursting, vibrated across the countryside.

In the early years after the war, he attended the Church of England primary school in the village and a little way from where the photo was taken, he would sometimes play cricket with his school pals Roger and Charlie Pilcher and John Campbell, this was before money was raised in the village to buy land for a playing field. Some afternoons they would go to the corner of the field where the land fell away into a hollow where a stream ran through. They would try and dam-up the stream with mud and small stones, this was never a success, it soon burst away, so they would go and climb the willow trees that grew nearby. These were easier to climb than the horse chestnuts that grew around the boundary of the churchyard. There was one boy, much older than them, he was Peter Rainbow, who when dared by older boys, would climb to the top of many elm trees that grew around the village.

There were some autumn afternoons after school when the little boys would smear blackberries all over their faces like woad of the ancient Britons. I suppose it's alright to use ancient Britons, they are too far in the past to be an ethnic minority. The little boy is in his mid-eighties now. He feels he never strutted or swaggered across his stage of life, rather he stumbled most of the way, not sure of the character he was supposed to play, but he is thankful it's been more like a farce than a Shakespearean tragedy. He says it would be very selfish of him not to want everyone to share in the joy he knew when he explored the countryside around his home, the freedom he knew running around the streets of the village and hiding in the long grass on the village green, gazing into the sky and on to eternity. He would give some caution to those in the future who may come into the village to live. Be careful you do not destroy what you have come to find.



Fred Russell

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Sat March 5th Miranda Sykes + support by *Colin Pitts*

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The acclaimed singer & bassist with 'Show of Hands' is returning to her roots. After a career spanning over 20 years she is touring as she started out: one woman, one bass, and one guitar.

Sat March 19th Track Dogs + support by *Robert Lane*

Comprised of 2 Irishmen, 1 Englishman & 1 American the band came together in 2011 to make their unique brand of acoustic music; a veritable 4x4 of voices & instruments identified for their fusion of styles including Folk, Latin, Americana & even some Bluegrass.

Sat April 2nd Over The Moon (Canadian duo) + support by *Linda Watkins*

Canadian roots/swing duo Over The Moon's Suzanne Levesque & Craig Bignell are awarding multi-instrumentalists/vocalists that met, fell in love, got married & discovered their voices blend so well together that people often tear up upon hearing them sing.

Sat April 23rd MEGSON

The husband & wife duo bring an infectious mix of heavenly vocals, lush harmonies & driving rhythmic guitars. Megson have gained fame on the British folk scene, not only for their arresting & intelligent songwriting, but for their exquisite musicianship & northern humour.

Sat May 7th An Evening with Rick Kemp

Rick Kemp is best known as a member of Steeleye Span & the evening will obviously include some memories of those exciting years.

Sat May 21st Sunjay + support by *Katie Harris*

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DONATE....The Movie

If you were out and about in Ascott on Sunday September 19th 2021, you may well have encountered an oversized kidney being pulled along on a dinghy trailer by a balding middle aged bloke. In which case you had wandered onto the set of a small British film dealing with the tricky subject of organ donation.

In March 2017 I received the gift of life in the form of a kidney transplant from an anonymous, deceased donor. The only information I have about the person whose organs now keep me alive, is that they were aged under sixteen. Since March 2017, my daily challenge has been to do as much justice, to pay as much respect as I possibly can to the individual and the family whose selfless sacrifice kept me alive. I do this by keeping as fit as possible, by eating and drinking as sensibly as I can, and by keeping clear of any obvious sources of infection - Covid has been a particular challenge for all transplant patients.

I cycle, I swim, and I play walking football with a group of older gentlemen (hah!) who really ought to know better.

All of which is great, but it does nothing to highlight the issue of Organ Donation or the profile of Kidney Disease - a disease which kills more people every year than Breast and Prostate Cancer ***combined***. One obvious way to raise the profile of kidney disease and organ donation would be to make a film or tv programme, and, given that making tv and film has been my career for the last forty years, it is perhaps inevitable that my family and I are now making DONATE ...The Movie.

My wife Sue, our two daughters and myself have lived in Ascott Under Wychwood for thirty years, and in Autumn 2021 we used the local landscape, that we all love so much, to feature in a short trailer for DONATE, with the aim of encouraging support for the project from institutions and individuals. As a consequence of producing the trail, DONATE The Movie is now supported by kidneyresearchuk.org, the UK's leading kidney charity.

A number of grant applications and fundraising initiatives are planned for the coming months - making a worthwhile film is always going to cost money. All funds raised will only be used to cover production costs. All ongoing profits generated by DONATE will be given directly to life saving clinical research. We hope that the film will become a valuable tool in raising the profile of kidney disease and organ donation. As producers of the film we will receive no profit, and will make no personal gain.

Much of my professional life has been working with popular comic writers and performers, and the ambition for DONATE is to produce a film with broad appeal, which will deliver entertainment and smiles whilst dealing with challenging subject matter. In short, we aim to make a film which appeals to anyone whose body has organs in it....!

It is our firm intention to shoot DONATE The Movie in and around The Wychwoods, and there will be opportunities to get involved. You might for instance

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want to 'buy a scene' in the film. If you think you might have something to donate to DONATE, be it expertise, time or cash, then we would love to hear from you. Visit the website donatethemovie.com to watch the trailer, to find out more about the team producing the film, and to find out about the ways in which you can help. You can follow us on instagram @ donate_ the_ movie, or you can email us on donatethemovie@hotmail.com

Thanks for reading, and rememberlook after the squelchy bits inside.

Andrew Smith



John Gripper

29/12/1929 to 10/10/2021

John and Annie Gripper moved from Chipping Norton to Manor Farm in Ascott under Wychwood in November 1982, with their son, Robert's help they worked the farm, calf rearing and managing a closed flock of 250 sheep.

John continued to work as a vet, and looked after the animals at the Cotswold wildlife Park.

In 1989 they retired from farming and turned Manor Farm into a wildlife Conservation, planting trees, building Otter holts and constructing ponds and a big lake in conjunction with Coldstone Fishing club. John set up a village toadwatch patrol to help the thousands of toads that migrated onto the farm in the breeding season. He was also heavily involved in Barn owl conservation, he used to breed them for release in and around the locality. We can thank him for the unusually large population of barn owls that still exist today in this part of Oxfordshire.

John was also involved with animal welfare. He worked as an expert witness for the RSPCA in a number of high-profile cases.

John and his wife Annie founded the Sebakwe Black Rhino Trust in 1988 and established a large conservation in Zimbabwe to protect wildlife and specifically the black rhino.

They raised huge amounts of money to fund many conservation and education projects in Zimbabwe, establishing a number of schools, a large education centre, and funding many projects including drilling bore holes to provide water for many communities.

John was also involved in many international projects and worked for WSPA. He spent some time in Iraq. He visited in 2003 and rebuilt the veterinary service throughout the country following the first invasion. He also went out to Croatia during the fighting in May 1981 to save the famous Lipizzaner horses. In 1996 he visited Bosnia at the request of the minister of agriculture to advise on the rebuilding of the Veterinary service.

John was also a zoo inspector and visited zoos throughout the world visiting over 30 different countries, he was instrumental in closing many unsatisfactory establishments.

In 2009 John was awarded an OBE for his services to rhino conservation and animal welfare.

John was a keen entrepreneur establishing a number of successful businesses and companies in addition to running the veterinary hospital he built in Chipping Norton.

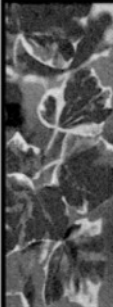
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He was very interested in the stock market and built up a good portfolio of shares. He was also a keen stamp collector all his life and built up an excellent collection of early British stamps.

Throughout his life he was always supported by his wife Annie who worked hard to help his dreams come true, he will be missed by us all.

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Part 16

Have you ever wondered why many church towers like Ascott have a cockerel weathervane on the top?

Weathervanes are an ancient symbol of wind direction. Near the Acropolis in Athens the base of the Tower of Winds still survives. It is the first documented structure with a weathervane. Erected around 48 BC it consisted of a bronze image of the God Triton. Other regions like Syria and towns like Constantinople and Rome were also soon erecting weathervanes. By the 8th century during the Anglo Saxon era they were visible in Britain and probably exhibited various forms of images. Viking ships originally flew fabric flags atop their masts. These were then substituted by a metal 'fane' meaning pennant or flag which later became vane, the origin of the word.

A papal edict in the 9th century was responsible for the use of cockerel weathervanes on churches. The edict required all Christian churches to display *a cockerel as a reminder of Peter's betrayal of Christ, when Jesus told Peter that before the cock crowed twice, he would betray him thrice*. It was from this edict that the weathercock evolved.

There is a record of a weathercock on Winchester Cathedral in the 10th century but the oldest surviving one today dating from 1340 is on the church of Ottery St Mary in Devon. These early weathervanes did not need letters to indicate the wind direction since churches were always constructed east to west.

Fish as a Christian symbol became popular as vanes whilst the wyvern, cockatrice and dragon with their links to Satan and evil were also used, as a warning against sin.

Pointers came into use in the 17th century following the use of vanes on secular buildings by noble families. These were used atop pennants showing family crests, often on top of statues of beasts at high points on a roof.

And so they continue up until the present era when weathervanes as a decorative symbol as well as a wind indicator are still prevalent today.

Another feature of Ascott Church is the north door which is now hidden behind the Ascott Martyrs' needlework. Before the Reformation a north door or a devil's door as it could be known, were considered a necessary requirement. Usually situated close to the font the door would have been opened when a child was baptised. The belief was that this enabled the evil spirits, which an unbaptised child harboured, to escape through the north door as the baptised child entered the

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Christian family. Following the reform of the church during Henry VII's time the north doors of many churches were destroyed or blocked up.

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SUE RICHARDS

Representing you on Ascott Parish Council

Many of you in Ascott will know me or at least recognise my face, just as I probably know or recognise you – I've lived in the village for 20 years and in the Wychwoods since 1976. I'm a relatively new councillor representing you on the Parish Council, and soon hope to be able to represent you in the wider community as a West Oxfordshire Councillor.

Over the next few months I will be calling by to say hello and to hear what is important to you and your family, and discuss ways that I may be able to help. We as a community have experienced many challenges over the last two years and continue to face great change as we gradually make sense and adapt to a rather different world.

It may be helpful for some clarification of which council does what:

- **Ascott Parish Council** has some responsibility for purely village matters such as local planning applications, roads, community facilities & well-being, the environment.
- **West Oxfordshire District Council** has responsibility for waste collections, planning & building, council tax & benefits, the environment, and communities & leisure facilities.
- **Oxfordshire County Council**, now operating as a LibDem, Labour & Green coalition, has responsibility for other areas such as schools, libraries, roads, recycling centres, health & social care.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can over the next weeks and months. You can contact me in the meantime at the Parish Council email sue.richards@ascottpc.org.uk or phone 01993 830122.



Wychwood Library Bulletin

Facebook page

We are delighted to announce that we now have our own Wychwood Facebook page to publicise the library. Do follow us and take a look at what we have to offer!

Fantastic Fossils

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Owen Green from the Oxfordshire Geology Trust in November 2021. The children had a wonderful time examining, excavating and identifying fossils. Many took part in an amazing lucky dip, taking home fossilized shark's teeth, 'devil's toenails' and 'fool's gold' to name but a few. Fabulous 3D dinosaur masks were made with prizes for the best designs going to Joshua Hope and Harriett Grigg. If you're interested in finding out more about the society, take a look at their website: www.oxfordshiregeologytrust.gov.uk.



Lego Club

I've been delighted by the support we've had for our Lego and Duplo Club on Mondays in Term-time from 3.30 - 4.30. A big thank you to everyone who has provided Lego and to all the parents and carers who have made the effort to come along and join us! I'd like to share some of the amazing models made by our master builders over the course of the Autumn Term. Well done and keep it up!



Fun Fridays at Wychwood Library

We've started to run drop-in craft sessions from 3.30-4.30 in the library, usually on the first Friday of the month. So far we've made Bonfire Night and Christmas

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Crafts... Thank you to my wonderful Duke of Edinburgh volunteers, Holly and Issy, for helping to prepare for these sessions! Check out our Facebook page or contact the library for more information.



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Parish Council News January 2022

Another busy year looms for the Parish Council (aren't they all?) but it has also been a time to take stock and focus again on priorities. COVID has not gone away and continues to affect the country; our own local issues with flood risk and infrastructure remain; and we are still committed to fighting for the best outcomes for our village and parish. Did you know, for example, that the parish extends as far as Kingstanding?

We still aim to complete a draft Neighbourhood Plan this year. Thank you to all of those who attended the roadshows, took part in the events and helped on the working parties throughout the difficulties of last year: this will still take up a lot of the PC's time and effort going forward. We will be communicating as we go along, so watch this space and keep an eye on the village notice boards.

In the meantime, however, business as usual continues.

Cow Sheds

Top of the immediate agenda is therefore the planning appeal for the Cow Sheds site beyond the end of High Street. In a previous Grapevine I wrote about the risk that this poses: not only the site *per se*, but what it would mean in terms of opening up the green field area between the end of the High Street and this agricultural site, allowing it to be put forward as 'in-fill' by developers. This is not only about the houses the developers want to build on the site replacing the derelict Cow Sheds, but the prospect of opening a gateway to much greater development: and with which the village simply doesn't have the infrastructure to cope.

For those unfamiliar with the process, the appeal is not against the Parish Council: it is against West Oxfordshire District Council and their decision to back us in twice refusing outline planning permission for the site. It will be a hearing, with representations from both sides. We stand by WODC and will be doing our utmost to assist, with evidence and challenges to the points they have put forward to support their arguments. We believe WODC has a good case. We hope the Inspector will agree.

Dutch Barns

A less helpful decision was reached regarding the Dutch Barns, where the developers have removed the turning head from their plans. This had been a key feature of the original proposals when they first sought permission to build on that site. The revised design went to the planning committee, where they successfully argued that being private land, OCC Highways had no authority to require it and the owners could simply rope it off anyway.

This raises the prospect of large vehicles, including refuse trucks, reversing all the way down High Street or trying to turn in the Yew Tree Farm entrance. No doubt

the developers will use this as leverage to try to get support for the Cow Sheds by again including a turning area in their proposals: but having reneged on this once, they could simply use the same arguments to renege on it again.

For those who commented on the line of red pegs driven into the field beyond the barns, these do indeed mark the edge of the site for which outline agreement was granted.

Towards a 20 Zone

The Traffic and Transport survey, which was completed by a number of households last year, showed an overwhelming majority in favour of making Ascott into a 20 mph zone, especially given the presence of the school, preschool and traffic crossing the valley. OCC has made some money available in their budget to assist communities wishing to take this forward. The PC has applied to be considered on the list and we are now eagerly awaiting a response.

Litter Pick

As the grass has died back at this time of year, so it reveals the litter in the verges, hedgerows and along the paths. Time for our half-yearly Litter Pick! As always, keen volunteers will be out filling sacks and making our village look presentable once again. If you can spare even a short amount of time, please get in touch and join in: it's a small but important job that helps everyone.

And Finally

Thank you to all those who kept faith that the rain would abate, and who braved the elements for our Carols around the Tree. A special thanks go to Mark, Elaine and their friend Alan, who provided such a great accompaniment. There is something wonderful about singing outside to a brass band!

Stay Safe.

Brian Leach, Chair, Ascott under Wychwood Parish Council

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Ascott-Under-Wychwood Cricket Club

As you read this the very first signs of spring should be showing, hurrah! Soon Mr Kevin Cambray and I will be lovingly mowing & rolling the square on a weekly basis, with Mr Shane Barnes expertly manicuring the outfield for us.

In fact, we've been active early like Snowdrops, as we've been practicing hard with indoor nets since late January! These run every Sunday afternoon at 2pm for an hour at Charlbury Community Centre, until the start of April. New players of all abilities are welcome, do get in touch. These take us right up to our first outdoor friendly in April.

It hasn't been an idle winter - as we participated in the Oxfordshire Indoor League Div 2, for the first time in the club's long history. Not only that, we finished runners-up with 5 wins from 7 matches - to gain promotion to Div 1! Huge congratulations to all those that played, particularly our indoor captain Sam Barnes (grandson of the late Geoff Barnes).

By the time you read this our 2022 fixtures will have been finalised, with a mix of Cherwell League Division 8B, and Sunday friendly matches. We're also going away on tour again to Devon in August, very exciting. If any generous souls would like to sponsor a match ball (from £10) for a fixture of their choice this season, do please ring / text / email me. Our first match is vs Headington Quarry on Sun April 10th, the last on Sept 25th vs Bladon.

Finally, the friendly & approachable Mr Kester Harvey will head-up our junior cricket this season at the field, probably on Weds evenings. It's aimed at being a fun introduction to the game, for boys girls aged 9 to 13. Please get in touch if your child is interested; we think it's the best sport in the universe and some of us are still playing at nearly 60!

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Geoff Barnes

Geoffrey Barnes, who died aged 88 on the second of November 2021, was the eldest son of Charlie and Mary Barnes of Chilson. Geoff had an elder sister and five younger brothers. Christened Roy Geoffrey Barnes he very soon abandoned Roy and was known thereafter by everyone as Geoff.

He was called up to complete his national service at the age of eighteen and served his time in Germany. Although being passed fit at his de-mob physical he had contracted TB while in Germany and was treated in hospital in Banbury where he made a full recovery.

Geoff courted and married Patricia Honeybone and settled in Ascott-under-Wychwood. The marriage produced three children, Mark, Brent and Michelle of whom he was justifiably very proud.

He excelled at all sports playing cricket for Shipton-u-Wychwood, Charlbury and his village, also football for Chipping Norton and his village. As he grew older he turned from sport to other pastimes such as photography, writing and angling. He excelled in the sport of angling becoming a respected member of the Oxford Specimen Group and was invited to contribute to a publication entitled Top Ten. This was a publication of ten chapters, each chapter dedicated to a particular species of which he wrote the chapter on Tench.

Geoff excelled in all he undertook whether work or play and commanded the respect of all, he will be greatly missed especially by his family.

Roger Barnes.



ASCOTT OPEN GARDENS 2022

Our open gardens event will take place on Sunday 5th June from 2-5pm.
Let's hope for warm sunny weather!

All funds raised will go to the maintenance and upkeep of Holy Trinity Church. We have just had our quinquennial survey and although the basic fabric of the church is sound the list of remedial work that is required is rather long and expensive.

We plan to have at least 10 interesting and varied gardens open, together with teas with home-made cakes, a raffle, a plant stall and other stalls making this an enjoyable afternoon out. Entry to all the gardens will be £5 per adult, with children free.

We will need some help! Will you bake a cake? Can you grow plants for the plant stall? Are you willing to help with the organisation on the day? We would welcome any local crafts people who might like to display or sell their wares as this will add to visitor's experience on the day.

Please direct offers of help etc. to:

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SCARECROW COMPETITION

We have decided to defer this until later in the year, possibly September. We will provide more details in the summer.

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Nature Notes

Summer or Winter, whenever I'm working in the garden, I can be sure of a faithful companion. The local Robin will be following my every move hoping that I will disturb an insect or dig-up a worm for lunch. Of all the garden birds the Robin shows least concern for human presence and will happily perch on a wall or spade handle only feet away watching and waiting only to swoop down to grab a tasty morsel that I have disturbed. They can become quite tame venturing onto the hand to be fed a tasty tit-bit.

Despite their acceptance of people Robins are extremely territorial, repelling other birds from their patch, often with very aggressive behaviour, even young birds that have recently fledged will fight amongst themselves or with their parents to try and claim territory. Adults use their red breast as part of a warning display and use their tuneful song, from the top of a bush or tree, to proclaim their territory. Unlike many birds they continue to sing throughout the year and both sexes seek to establish territories.



Male and female Robins are identical, but the young lack the red breast and have speckled plumage and may be confused with the young of a thrush. The red breast is gained after their first late summer moult.

Robins will start to nest in early spring, with the first brood raised at the end of March or the beginning of April and there may be one or two more broods raised until the end of July. The nests are made of loosely constructed moss, leaves and grasses and may be lined with hair and will contain five or six small greyish eggs spotted with dull red. Their preferred site will be a hole in a bank, wall or tree, but they are inclined to choose odd places, such as a shelf in a shed, a plant pot or some other discarded man-made object. It's difficult to say where a Robin won't build a nest, but unlike most small birds the Robin will not nest amongst twigs in the hedgerow or trees.

Most nests are built quite close to the ground. A nest box for a Robin will have a roof and be covered on three sides with the front half- open and should be situated no higher from the ground than is necessary to secure safety from cats. During the nesting season, if you are putting out bird food, Robins will welcome a regular supply of meal worms. The chicks will hatch in about 13 days and fledge



some 2 weeks later. Once the chicks are fully fledged and are able to feed themselves they will be driven away by their parents.

The young Robins will have an average life expectancy of two years with very high losses during the first winter, this depresses the average. Once they have made it past this winter their survival chances are much improved, although during any cold winter night they will lose up to 10% of their body weight, which when you weigh less than an ounce can be critical and means that they urgently need to feed the following day. This can be a problem if there is snow on the ground or there has been a hard frost. Garden bird feeders are a life saver.

British Robins are sedentary and mainly remain here during the winter months. However, there is evidence of Robins migrating from Northern Europe during September and October, remaining here until early spring.

Originally, they were called Redbreasts, it was the Victorians that renamed them Robin Redbreasts, in much the same way that they christened the Wren Jenny Wren. Now we have dropped Redbreasts and simply call them Robins.

Robins feature on many of our Christmas cards and again we have the Victorians to thank for this. Christmas cards were first invented in the Victorian era and the postmen of that time wore red jackets earning them the nickname of Robins and cards of that time often featured the bird dressed as a postman delivering a Christmas card. The tradition of including a Robin on our cards continues to this day.

Folklore includes stories about how the Robin gained its red breast and several of these involve Jesus, both at his birth and at his crucifixion. At his birth a Robin was said to have kept a fire going, by collecting twigs and flapping its wings to revive the dying embers causing the fire to burn brightly. As a result, his chest was scorched and when the feathers regrew, they were as red as the fire. Other stories



say that at the crucifixion the Robin, then a little brown bird, plucked a thorn from Christ's brow and a drop of blood fell on his breast and from then on, all Robins displayed bright red breasts. A completely different story has the Robin scorching his breast in the fires of Purgatory, after taking drops of water in its beak to the lips of parched souls in torment.

In 1960 a survey voted the Robin our most popular bird and in 2015 it was voted Britain's national bird.

Stuart Fox

Ascott Preschool

Planning a year of great fun and fundraising at Ascott Preschool

We were excited to welcome the children back after the Christmas break, and we are also pleased to have been joined by several new starters in January 2022. Topics we have covered so far this term include birds (the children made their own bird feeders), ‘under the sea’ and Chinese New Year.

Big plans for 2022 – setting ourselves a fundraising target of £7,000

This year we are hoping for a return to many of our regular fundraising events, which we have been unable to hold over the last two years. Pre-school is a charity, and as such it relies on fundraising for a proportion of its income. During a ‘normal’ year, to top up the fees and income from Government-funded places, our wonderful Pre-school team of staff and volunteer committee members arrange fundraising activities and events which raise around £3,000. As we all know, the last two years have been anything but normal, and the pandemic has greatly impacted our ability to fundraise.

For 2022, we are planning a big effort to get back on track. We have set a fundraising target of £7,000 for the year. This will help us to provide the children with new equipment and resources, and to fund some larger projects such as the replacement of the fence around our outdoor play area. We know that, as well as our current Pre-school community, there are many other families throughout the Wychwoods with links to Pre-school and fond memories of their children’s time with us. Do look out for our fundraising events which will be taking place throughout the year.

Find out more about Ascott Preschool: places available now for children aged 2.5–4

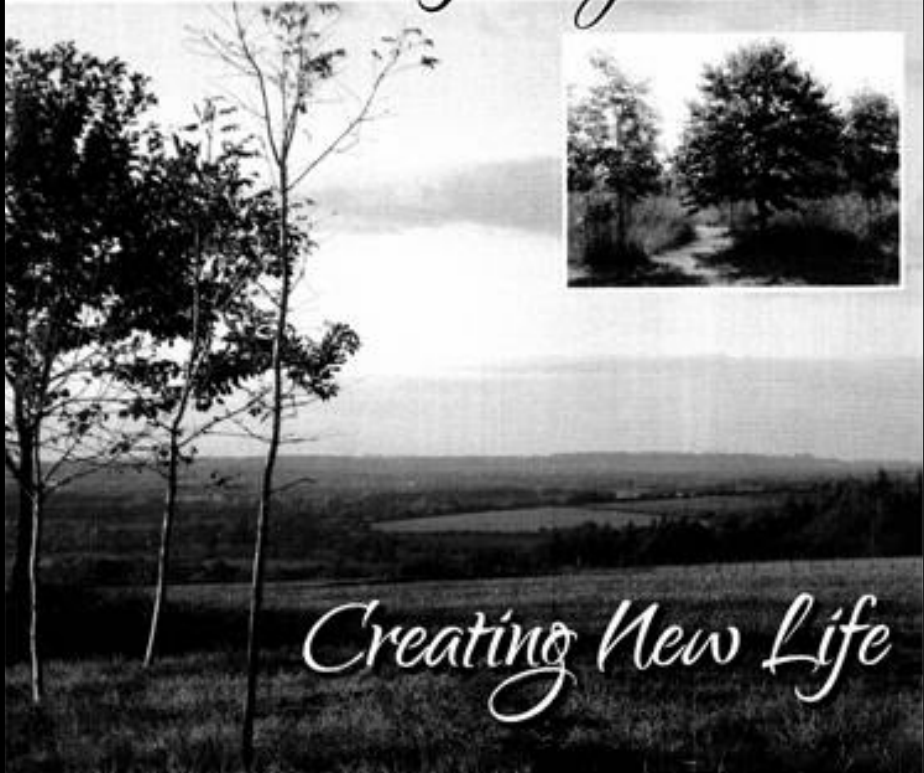
Preschool runs at Tiddy Hall during term time from Monday to Friday. Activities include child-led learning through play, craft, messy play, singing, forest school, cooking club and dance sessions with the wonderful Dancing Sally. If you’d like to know more, please visit our website www.ascottpreschool.co.uk, or contact Pauline via email (ascott_pp@btinternet.com) or phone (01993 832671).



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| 13 April | Mark David – Alice's Adventures in Oxford: Lewis Carrol and the River Thames |
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Ascott Village Shop

2022 Update & a plea for your support!

Writing this reminds me of March 23rd the first official day of Covid lockdown. Residents in Ascott couldn't get to the supermarket without following strict restrictions, which included social distancing and if you were lucky enough, your own personal mask. If you didn't want to 'take a chance' you could order on-line, except of course these were reserved for existing on-line customers and the most vulnerable.

At this time, the shop did a roaring trade. We were the only show in town. Contrast this with where we are today.

We are now embracing a new era of 'living with Covid'. Home working is the 'new normal', supermarkets and on-line deliveries are booming, as well as a yearning to exit cities for a bit of green space and decent broadband.

Not everyone is enjoying an upturn of fortunes. The village shop, together with many other village shops in the rural Cotswolds is falling behind. We have lost 50% of our volunteers, footfall is down and we're struggling to find ways to keep up the pace in this post Covid world.

Fortunately, we have been prudent in the 'good years'; paying down the mortgage and making upgrades or replacing equipment as and when necessary. We have improved and increased our capacity of chillers and freezers; installed smart shelving and we have even created an inside seating area together with a top quality coffee machine.

So, with decent infrastructure in place we will now be looking to source local products at competitive prices that cannot easily be bought from the supermarket. These will be sold alongside the 'basics'.

The benefits of our community shop are seen in the little things we do, day in and day out.

- You can order a paper and know it will be there for you when you call in whether it's everyday or at weekends.
- If it's a prescription you need to collect, we have weekly delivery service from the GP surgeries at Charlbury and the Wychwoods.
- If someone special needs a birthday card or something to mark the occasion, we have excellent cards. We will even supply you with a stamp too.
- We promote local suppliers; for example Mark's delicious sourdough bread from his bakery in Chippy. We were one of Mark's first customers when he launched his product, which has now gone from strength to strength around the Cotswolds. We're quite proud of that!
- We have teamed up with Patrick Strange butchers from Chad and as well as special orders; we sell their chicken, mince and sausages. We even fea-

tured on quite a few tables this Christmas with hams, turkeys, duck and goose.

- The shop is also pretty well covered with breakfast goodies. Oxford Wholefoods, with its minimal packaging, provide us with terrific choices. Porridge oats in the winter and muesli in the summer topped with natural Woodland Farm yoghurt. Not forgetting Mr Burroughs delicious honey.
- Each morning, we switch on the oven and pop in sausage rolls pies and pasties (croissants at the weekend) and our local trades-people are grateful they can order early and pop in and collect at lunch.
- One of my favourites is Hooky beer (we have fostered a close relationship with Hook Norton Brewery over many years) and we have even had a dray delivery pulled by their famous shire horses.
- Of course, we stock the basics too. Milk is delivered to us by the co-op, our free-range eggs are the most competitively priced in the area and bananas sell out as fast as they come in.

We are a community enterprise first and foremost. We have a community corner for local events and announcements, we collect for the local food-bank and of course, there is always a warm welcome where we know you by name and importantly, use your name too.

This is where you come in. I could go ‘down the road’ of the use it or lose it argument but would prefer YOU decide to come to the shop because you want to, not because you have to.

One of the changes to my daily habits, accelerated by Covid, has been the advantage of ‘touch and go’ shopping. It has surprised me how much I spend at the village shop each week and I see this when the credit card statements come in. All it takes is for me to substitute PART of what I spend on my shopping bill elsewhere and CONSCIOUSLY buy from the shop. If I did this more often, it would even reduce my carbon footprint! Multiply this throughout the village and we won’t just be surviving but thriving.

I might even add that rising house values in our particular area of OX7 are in part due to a thriving village shop and pub. (That’s what the estate agents tell us.) So, if you’re not one of our regulars, why not buy from the shop and protect your assets? As we enter this new post Covid era, I will leave that final thought with you. We may not be ‘only show in town’ but we are pretty important!

John Cull - Chairman

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FORGE

AT WYCHWOOD

Dear friends and neighbours,
Some of you may have noticed by now that the building work has restarted in the Green. The aim is that the gallery will be ready for the Oxfordshire Artweeks during the week of 21 May and I hope to see you all. Thank you very much for your warm support and please stay safe.

Motoko Aritake-Wild,
The Forge Gallery at Wychwood,
2, The Green.

TIDDY HALL

As I write this article on a cold frosty morning in late January, Covid measures have finally been relaxed (hurray) so we are keeping our fingers crossed that we are nearing the end of this pandemic which has unsettled the rhythm of our day to day lives. We at **Tiddy Hall** are pleased that some of our regular activities have managed to keep running through it all, rising to the many challenges they faced, and we now hope that the ending of Covid measures will give others confidence to once again organise and arrange events and parties.

The Wychwood Folk Club has got off to a good start this year with two well attended gigs and there is a cracking line up for the next four months! Tickets are now available for the following events:

Saturday March 5 th	Miranda Sykes
Saturday March 19 th	Track Dogs
Saturday April 2 nd	Morning Coffee Over the Moon
Saturday April 23 rd	Megson
Saturday May 7 th	Rick Kemp
Saturday May 21 st	Sunjay
Saturday June 4 th	Bob Fox & Billy Mitchell

More information and tickets available through the website:
www.wychwoodfolkclub.com

The **Tiddy Hall** team will be hosting a **Coffee Morning** on Saturday April 2nd, to celebrate the warming days and the coming of Easter time. Entry is £3 which includes as much coffee or tea you can drink, and a piece (or two) of homemade cake! Everyone welcome, please come and join us for a friendly chat with your fellow villagers!

The Roseneath School of Music will hold their **Annual Concert** on Saturday 25th June. Tickets are available from Pauline Carter 01993 774568 or pauline@paulinecartermusic.co.uk - £10 to include a glass of wine. Doors open at 7.30pm.

And finally, just a reminder of our regular activities at **Tiddy Hall**

Regular Activities:

Monday – Friday Mornings & Afternoons

Pre-school

Contact: Mrs Pauline Plant 07968 006451

Mondays: **Matt Fiddes School of Martial Arts** on (John & Sally 07730 453172)

Mighty Matt's (3-6 years) 5.15-18.00

Junior & Family (7+ years) 18.15-19.15

Ladies Only (14+ years) 19.30-20.30

Thursday Night 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Qigong

Contact: Pam Quirke 07780 572283

Friday Afternoons 3.30pm – 6pm

Piano Lessons

Pauline Carter Piano Lessons on Fridays – 3.30pm – 6.30pm

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at

TIDDY HALL on Saturday April 2nd

10am – noon

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If any villager feels that the Charity could help anyone in the village with financial aid then please contact one of the trustees to discuss the application procedure. The trustees will review all applications in full confidence to determine if they are within the Charity's power to assist.

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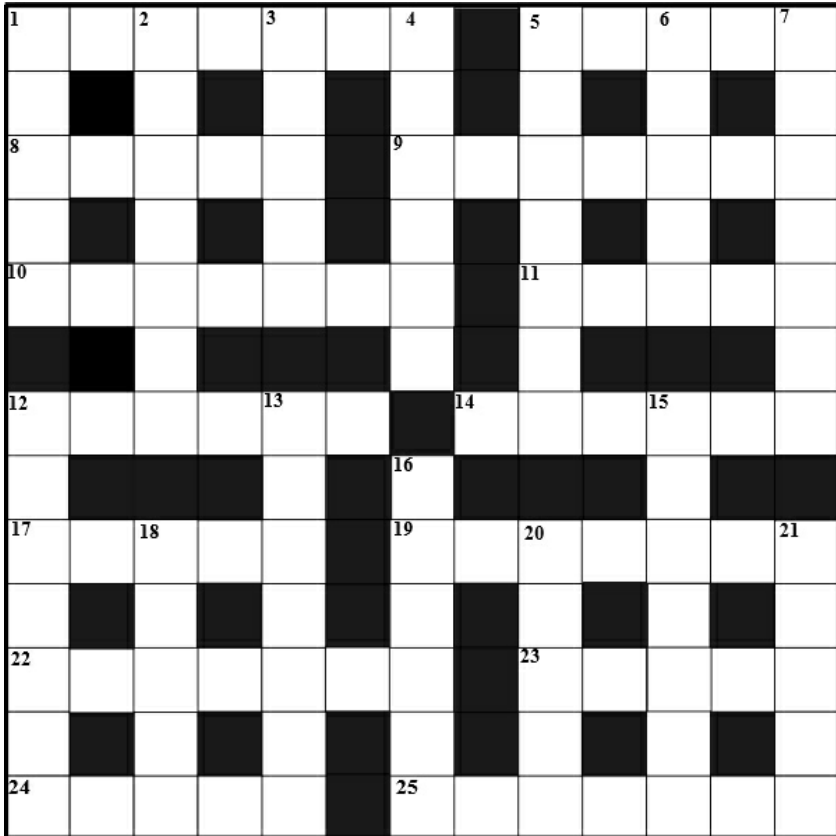
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Disease (7)
- 5 Loose bonds (5)
- 8 Pep pill (5)
- 9 Stir (7)
- 10 A climb down (7)
- 11 Musical drama (5)
- 12 Gizmo (6)
- 14 Dominion (6)
- 17 Metal bar (5)
- 19 Domestic employee (7)
- 22 Ease (7)
- 23 Object (5)
- 24 Evade (5)
- 25 Muscle manipulator (7)

Down

- 1 Was able to (5)
- 2 Fought against (7)
- 3 Eagles' nest (5)
- 4 Expects (6)
- 5 Even (7)
- 6 Commence (5)
- 7 Lift (7)
- 12 Interrogated (7)
- 13 Show eagerness (7)
- 15 Dream of (7)
- 16 High regard (6)
- 18 Reduce to powder (5)
- 20 Evaluates (5)
- 21 Big cat (5)

Solutions to Crossword in Edition 112

Across

- 4 Summer
- 5 Eyes
- 7 Careful
- 10 Wrath
- 11 Lorelei
- 12 Edify
- 14 Insteps
- 15 Trend
- 16 Demeans
- 20 Flair
- 21 Regatta
- 22 Cant
- 23 Follow

Down

- 1 Impel
- 2 Femur
- 3 Hybrids
- 4 Soar
- 6 Set off
- 8 Founder
- 9 Leather
- 10 Weeping
- 13 Frolic
- 14 Indiana
- 17 Aesop
- 18 Sable
- 19 Stow

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Events Calendar - 2022

Date	Time	Event	Venue
March 5 th	7.30pm	Miranda Sykes	Tiddy Hall
March 19 th	7.30pm	Track Dogs	Tiddy Hall
April 2 nd	10am - noon	Coffee Morning	Tiddy Hall
	7.30pm	Over The Moon	Tiddy Hall
April 3 rd	TBC	Church Teas	Church
April 23 rd	7.30pm	Megson	Tiddy Hall
May 7 th	7.30pm	An evening with Rick Kemp	Tiddy Hall
May 21 st	7.30pm	Sunjay	Tiddy hall
June 5 th	2.00pm	Open Gardens	Ascott-u-W
June 25 th	7.30pm	Roseneath Concert	Tiddy Hall
September tbc		Scarecrow Competition	Ascott-u-W