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Editor's Note

As is evident from the shortened index above, this edition is smaller than usual. With people unable to hold their usual meetings, let alone put on and attend performances of all kinds or hold events such as the GEAR, there is obviously much less to promote or report on.

However, that doesn't mean that all activity has ceased - just that quite a lot has gone virtual, including our church services. Many of us, not least our Rector, James and Curate, Dan, have been learning new technological skills to communicate with each other and a wider audience. In this edition there are reports of how some organisations are managing to keep communication going. If you have anything to report, please let me know. At this point I don't know if it will be possible to deliver and therefore print a magazine in June, but in the hope that it will be, please see the deadlines below.

Penny Dossetor 674022

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Woottons Community Choir

When lockdown began in March, the Woottons Community Choir, a thriving group of nearly 50 local people of all ages, decided they would not be defeated! They have been as busy as ever, practising their songs at home with the help of specially adapted audio files, and connecting each Tuesday evening at 7pm via Zoom.



The Choir in pre-Zoom days

© James Nash

Whilst we cannot actually sing together as a choir, these Zoom sessions are a chance for the choir to reconnect and support each other as a group, check on progress with the songs and discuss 'homework' for the week ahead. For members who are unable to connect via Zoom, we send out a video recording by email of the session, so that we can keep everyone in touch with what is happening. We are even hoping to make a recording of our 'virtual choir' during this difficult time – watch this space for more updates! If you would like to be involved, or would like more information, get in touch with Charlotte Hill by email: charlotte_hill@ymail.com or phone 07525462757.



A Letter from James

A reflection written during the current crisis

Early this morning I watched part of a BBC television interview with Bill Gates – the founder of Microsoft and now a philanthropist with international reach. It turns out that not many years ago Bill Gates was very vocal in his warning about an impending pandemic. In the interview he expressed deep regret that the world has been caught largely unprepared for what we now face. Mr. Gates also pointed out the irony of how willing nations are to arm themselves defensively at mind-blowing expense, and also how so many military forces rehearse and rehearse again in preparation for any wartime scenario they might be called upon to confront. I am no pacifist; I am glad my country is well defended – but hasn't the world got itself out of balance in its priorities in a big and hugely damaging way? So little has been spent internationally in preparation for a pandemic, and as for rehearsals for potential scenarios...? They simply haven't happened.

There is a great deal of theological reflection going on in church circles now. Where is God in the coronavirus crisis? What is God doing about it, or what is he going to do? How should the church respond? Will people turn to God, or will they turn away?

There are some weird and sometimes damaging theories being bandied about. Can you understand the idea that the new 5G network and the emergence of COVID 19 are somehow related? No? Neither can I. Others are convinced that this nasty virus was developed in a laboratory somewhere and that its spread is a malicious “germ warfare” attack. Lots and lots of good science is showing that this cannot possibly be the case. Some people are thinking that God is using COVID 19 to punish the corrupt and sinful human race.

If you have heard me talk about the wrath of God, or maybe read something I have written about it, then you will know that I simply do not believe that God punishes people in anything like this way. However, I do believe that he allows us to experience the sometimes dreadful consequences of our behaviour. We make our own bed, and I think that God lets us lie in it and to see what happens as a result. In my way of thinking, this is how the wrath of God is expressed.

Right now I imagine God seeing, with a broken, frustrated and even angry heart, the mess we have got ourselves into. Could we not see the consequences of the way we abuse the beautiful planet God has given us, together with the people in it? Why didn't we listen to the warnings about pollution, overconsumption, dangerous population density and the ever widening gap between the rich and the poor? Human practice, and human behaviour have rendered a pandemic - like the current one – an inevitability.

I believe that God is watching and waiting now to see whether the human race will change for the better as a result of this crisis.

Will we, and our fellow human beings re-discover what is really important in the life we are given with all its opportunities to love, create and to care? On the national and international stage will economies be rebuilt so that equality of opportunity, transparency and simple human goodness will lie at the heart of businesses, governments and nations – whoever they are and wherever they are in the world?

Am I naïve in all this? Or did Jesus really teach us to pray “Your will be done, your kingdom come on earth, as in heaven”? My goodness, the Christian church worldwide has got a real challenge and opportunity ahead of it now.

As a church, I think we are watching and waiting to see what God is going to bring out of the crisis. What will church be like as a result of the pandemic? Will we re-examine our priorities? Will we make more of a priority of seeking out the lost and caring for the poor in body and in Spirit? Will we remember what we have gained in being made to slow down and in having been given more time to pray, to study and to reflect.

As The Church in the Woottons community I know that we are all watching and waiting for the time when we can meet together again. But we simply don’t know when that will be, and we have no way of knowing at the moment. It could be some time yet; we have to wait patiently in hope and in expectation.

James



April scene in the sensory garden at St Mary's
Picture sent by Stella and Nolan Mills

Weddings, Baptism and Funerals during the time of Lockdown

The strange and sometimes unsettling times that we are all finding ourselves in do, of course extend to the life of your local church. I and my colleagues are having to rethink and reinvent how we function without churches available to meet in, and how we can best meet the needs of people we seek to serve.

It is heart-rending that we are cancelling weddings and baptism services – many of which have been booked a long time. As soon as we have a clearer idea of when the rules over lockdown will be relaxed, and how that process will happen, we will be in touch with those of you affected with details of what we can offer.

We are still able to conduct funeral services – but only in a very different way I'm sorry to say. If the wish of a bereaved family is for their deceased relative to be buried, we can only offer a service by the graveside. This is because we are not allowed, by law, to use our church at all. Graveside services are much shorter than funerals in church tend to be and they are very simple. However, we ensure that the services are very dignified and respectful. I and my colleagues offer prayers, readings and reflections and try as hard as we can to meet the needs of families in these unusual circumstances. Numbers of people allowed to attend services at the graveside, or at the crematorium are very limited. Those who can attend are restricted to immediate relatives – husbands or wives, parents or children of the deceased. Funerals continue to be held at the crematorium and, although numbers who are allowed to attend are very limited (see above), a video link can be arranged by the crematorium staff so that other family members and friends can feel part of the service

When the lockdown restrictions are lifted we will be offering to conduct thanksgiving and memorial services to remember and give thanks fully for those who have sadly lost their lives during this very unusual period of our history.

Extraordinary times. Please do get in touch with me if you have any questions about any of the issues I have written about in this article.

Thank you

James

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Hello, from Julie and Ian Swinton



“Hello!” My name is Julie and this is my husband, Ian. I am a second year Ordinand (training to be a Vicar) and when I’m not training I work as a Teaching Assistant at Marshland High School in Wisbech. Ian is a delivery driver for a local laundry company and is a keen Arsenal supporter. We came to King’s Lynn from Palmers Green (North London) in 2004 and have lived in Lynn ever since.

We previously attended St Faith’s Church in Gaywood, but in order to extend my experience of different church styles, we planned to start at the Church in the Woottons at Easter. We were really looking forward to meeting you all; being involved in church services and working with James and Dan. Unfortunately, with the coronavirus closing our church buildings, we weren’t able to meet you personally in the way we had intended, so we are taking this opportunity as an alternative way for us to introduce ourselves.

Like many of us, I am learning to grapple with technology to remain connected to loved ones and to work from home at this time of separation. Technology is also enabling me to help James and Dan provide a range of church services and resources for us all to enjoy while we can’t meet together in our church buildings. So, even though I can’t see you, I’m sure you will see (and hear!) a lot more from me in the coming weeks.

Both Ian and myself are really excited to be at the Woottons. It is an absolute privilege to be here and we are keen to be involved in church life. We look forward to the day when we can be together at last, but until that time rest assured that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

With every blessing

Julie and Ian Swinton

Friendship Coffee Mornings

Greetings to everyone who attends the Coffee Mornings. I hope you are all keeping healthy and are not finding the lockdown too distressing. Unfortunately, we are not able to meet in person at the moment but that doesn’t mean we cannot keep in touch by phone, email, WhatsApp or other digital means. I have spoken to those Friends whom I normally contact each month about arrangements and I intend to be in touch again nearer the time we would have been meeting in May. There are suggestions in the press that the current measures should be renamed physical distancing, not social distancing, so if anyone feels like a chat do not hesitate to contact me. Meanwhile, I hope that you can remain cheerful and optimistic despite the worrying situation we are in.



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Imagine Norfolk Together is a joint venture between the Diocese of Norwich and the Church Urban Fund. We partner with churches, charities, voluntary groups, local government and individual supporters; working together to build stronger communities. For more details about \Imagine Norfolk Together in King's Lynn see here:

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/Imagine-Norfolk-Together-in-Kings-Lynn-340230969654171/>

One of the positive things to have come from this period of lockdown has been the time to catch up on some of the tasks that normally sit comfortably at the bottom of the to-do list. For me that means DIY.

I enjoy practical activity and I'm not scared of trying most things, having grown up in a family of builders, but time has always been at a premium. However, over the last three weekends I have had the opportunity to replace fence posts, paint the back door and tidy the loft. And I have a list that keeps growing.

Although our attention is inevitably drawn to the darker and sadder stories, there are positives to be found from lockdown. Hopefully, you have seen the story of Capt. Tom Moore, aged 99, who walked 100 laps of his garden and raised more than 18 million pounds for the NHS! His story unlocked amazing generosity in people. There are also local stories like the staff of an Indian restaurant in Downham Market, who are donating weekly meals to key workers at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. <https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/downham-tandoori-donates-meals-to-qeh-in-king-s-lynn-1-6596095>

On a personal level, one of the best things has been the opportunity to reflect, to consider my goals and values and to make resolutions about how I would like to do things differently in the future.

My greatest hope is that we become a more caring society that puts others' needs first (or at the very least alongside our own) and that we become a people who no longer Do It Yourself but rather Do It Together.

Keep safe,

Andrew Frere-Smith.



Making Gardening Easier



We are a group for those people who love gardening but do not find it so easy to do all those things we would like to. We have monthly meetings offering advice through talks from a variety of experts and opportunities to chat about matters horticultural or personal. During the year we arrange at least two coach outings to interesting gardens and have a Christmas lunch in lieu of our December meeting. Our Speaker Organiser, Sue Neil, has arranged a wonderful programme for this year. Unfortunately, that has had to be put on hold for now but you will read about it here when our programme is able to restart. In the meantime, I am available to contact for further information.

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News from King's Lynn Foodbank

<https://kingslynn.foodbank.org.uk/>

New opening hours: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 12-2pm

Closed Weds, weekends & Bank Holidays

The Foodbank is busier than ever, but they are grateful for the number of people who have offered to help. Several older volunteers have had to self-isolate, but some younger people have come forward to take their place.. Morrisons and Sainsburys have also been generous with regular donations.

Everyone has pulled together and the way people using the Foodbank have behaved, observing the rules of social distancing to keep both themselves and the volunteers safe, is much appreciated.

Please keep the help coming.



Weather in South Wootton for March

By Nolan and Stella Mills



The rainfall was only **17mm** – at last a drier than normal month (our average for March since 2000 is 39.5mm).

March was colder than last year; average maximum was **10.9°C**, average minimum **4.3°C** (comparable figures for 2019 were 12.1°C and 5.7°C).

The warmest day was on the 10th with **17°C**. The coldest early morning was on 26th with a minimum of **1°C** and a ground frost of **-4°C**.

We also record daily barometric pressure on the barometer in our kitchen. On 29th it went very high at **1033mm** – usually this would indicate settled weather. However it was the opposite, being very windy.

From the Parish Registers



FUNERALS *We give thanks for the life and offer condolences to the family and friends of*

BRYAN JAMES LEMMON (81) service conducted at South Wootton Cemetery on 9th April.

BETTY PATRICIA ELLIS (82) service conducted at South Wootton Cemetery on 15th April.

Please note

The funerals listed on this page are mainly those at which our clergy have officiated, which is why they appear in our registers. However, if anyone in the Woottons would like such a notice to be included here, please contact the Rectory office (673742).

THE PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain is a means by which a few church members pray about other people's personal needs in confidence. If you know of anyone in urgent need of prayer, please contact the Rectory (673742).



CHRISTIAN AID IN 2020

The most important message from Julian Bryant, the fund-raising organiser for Christian Aid in Norfolk and Suffolk is that **CHRISTIAN AID IS STILL HERE!**

Look at www.caid.org.uk for news of on line quizzes they hope to publish in Christian Aid Week and they hope to simply delay aspects of their fund-raising work until circumstances permit.

We are asked to pray about the impacts of COVID19. Details are on the website.

Rowan Williams will be recording a Christian Aid Week sermon that can be used in on-line services.

You can donate to Christian Aid via the website or by phoning 020 7523 2493.

North Wootton - The Parish Council's First Years.

Between 1888 and 1894 a series of Acts of Parliament democratised and modernised Local Government. The 1888 Act had set up County Councils and County Boroughs. The 1894 Act set up elected District and Parish Councils. Church and State were separated, with Parish Churches acquiring responsibility for their buildings and graveyards.

North Wootton in 1894 was a larger, more populous, and possibly more affluent, parish than South Wootton. While the population of South Wootton had been 181 at the 1891 census, that of North Wootton was 327. The difference is perhaps reflected in the fine, bound, minute book containing the record of the business of North's newly constituted council down to 1922. By contrast South Wootton continued to use the exercise book dating back to 1875, a record of the final years of 'vestry meetings'. In that case we can see how little in fact changed in village life!

By the 1890s the farming economy was in trouble. From the Mid 1870s the development of the American Prairies resulted in cheap cereals reaching Britain. In the 1890s refrigeration brought in chilled meat from Australia and New Zealand. The Victorian policy of Free Trade kept industrial wages affordable but hit farming villages hard. Hence a need to secure allotment land and common rights.

An initial Parish Meeting for North Wootton was held in January 1894 at which five Councillors were elected. In addition the Vicar, the Rev. Suckling, took the chair. A further meeting was held in the School Room but not until the following December. In addition to the Vicar and the 5 Councillors, 19 residents (all male!) attended. Two resolutions were passed:-

- (1) That the County Council be asked to grant a Parish Council to North Wootton.
- (2) Parish Councillor Augustus Ryston was elected to the newly constituted Freebridge District Council.

The Parish Council first met on January 7th 1895. A rate of 1d/£1 was levied on about 35 properties. Tied' (estate) cottages were exempted. Drains were to be repaired, and water courses piped, but no detail was given as to where in the village this action was needed, although the stream passing under Priory Road would seem to be the obvious location. The initial Parish Assembly was held on April 17th 1895. James Shipp, a farmer, was appointed Clerk and assistant Overseer at a salary of £8 per annum. Augustus Ryston and Thomas Gay were to be the Overseers with control over any money spent. The new Council was to meet quarterly; seven days notice was to be given.

At the May meeting, held in the 'Reading Room', the Clerk was instructed to apply to the Castle Rising Estate to release 18 acres of 'Priory Land' for use as allotments. At the July meeting grassland, already partly occupied by Mr Ryston and known as 'Newton's Piece', was also to be applied for in 1896 when, presumably, the existing lease terminated. The allotment question, and underlying it, relations with the Estate, seems to have dominated early meetings. Fifteen residents had applied for plots varying in area from ¼ to 4 acres. The Estate responded with a demand for £2 per acre, double the amount the Council were willing to pay. The matter was eventually settled in 1897 with agreement to pay £1 - 7s (£1. 35) plus the poor rate. Thirteen applicants settled for this deal together with bearing the costs of any fencing that might be required.

North Wootton still lacked a Post Office!

John Smallwood

What goes on in the Woottons - usually, but not at the moment

FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

South Wootton Pre-school - meets every day during term-time in South Wootton Village Hall with three whole day and two morning sessions. Contact Jane Taggart on 07780 516608.

North Wootton Pre-School - St Augustine's Way, near North Wootton Primary School. Contact 675761.

Lodge Cottage Nursery School - Manor Road, North Wootton, opens every day from 8.30am to 4pm. Contact Joanna Hammond 631263.

Guiding - Rainbows (5 -7 years), Brownies (7-10) and Guides (10 and upwards) all meet at the HQ in Station Road, North Wootton. Contact Vicki Fletcher 674767.

Scouting - Beavers (6-8 years), Cubs (8-10½) and Scouts all meet at the HQ in Station Road, North Wootton. Contact Vanessa Tuck 674646.

FOR WOMEN

A Ladies' Group meets at the Methodist Chapel on Peppers Green on alternate Tuesdays at 2.00-3.30 pm to socialise and listen to speakers on a variety of subjects. Contact Valerie Thurston on 670540.

North Wootton WI meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1.30 pm in North Wootton Scout & Guide Headquarters in Station Road. Contact Pat Goodall on 671619.

www.northwoottonwi.weebly.com

South Wootton Evening WI meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm in South Wootton Village Hall. Contact Linda Overton on 07950 666870.

Knit and Chat meets alternate Mondays from 2-4pm at South Wootton Methodist Chapel. Enjoy a cup of tea and make new friends - knitting not essential! Contact Liz Houseden on 671952.

FOR MEN

King's Lynn Rural Probuss Club Meet weekly on Thursdays at 10.30 am at Knights' Hill Hotel, except for first Thursday of the month when we meet at 12.30 for 1pm for lunch with a speaker. Contact Alan Ashcroft on 674977.

The Probuss Club of King's Lynn meets weekly for coffee at 10.15 am on Wednesdays at the Swan, Nursery Lane, except the third Wednesday each month when we meet at 12 noon for 12.30pm for lunch with a speaker. Contact Ivan Jordan on 670228.

FOR OLDER PEOPLE

KL & West Norfolk Parkinson's Support Group monthly on third Thursday 2.30 to 4.30 m at the 12th King's Lynn Scout HQ, Beulah Street, off Wootton Road. Contact Janet Elvin on 672531.

Methodist Chapel coffee mornings first Wednesday of the month (*except January*) From 10.00 am to 11.30 am in the Methodist Chapel, Peppers Green. Various stalls. All welcome. Contact Phyllis Bowman on 671288.

Over 50s Dance Class meets Fridays from 9.30-10.15am at Studio 19, 11 Bergen Way, PE30 4BU. Contact 07794689142 or email info@studio19uk.com

SPORT and RECREATION

The Woottons Football Club: for details visit www.clubwebsite.co.uk/thewoottons/

West Norfolk Rugby Club: for details visit www.westnorfolkrugby.com

Wootton Park Bowls Club: contact Vernon Hudson on 675353.

King's Lynn & West Norfolk Bridge Club meets Mondays at 7pm in South Wootton Village Hall. Contact Michael Whiting on 631610.

The Woottons Bridge Club - our friendly club meets every Tuesday at 6.45pm sharp in South Wootton Village Hall. Visitors and new members very welcome. Contact Marie Brewer on 07890 574866 or mariebrewer666@gmail.com

Making Gardening Easier meets on the third Friday of the month at 2pm. Contact Gloria Pantling on 671912.

West Norfolk and King's Lynn Flower Clubs meet on the first & second Wednesdays at 2pm & 7.30 pm respectively. Contact Dulcie Lofting 675853 for WN & Irene Laws 671312 for KL Clubs.

South Wootton in Bloom

Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month in South Wootton Parish Meeting Room at 7pm. Contact Margaret Albinson 670241.

North Wootton Village Hall

Village Market third Saturday 9am-2pm. Bingo last Thursday of the month 7pm.

Wootton Crafters meet twice monthly on a Monday morning at the Scout and Guide HQ. Contact woottoncrafters@gmail.com

LOCKDOWN ROUNDUP

Although all the normal activities of the organisations listed in the directory on the opposite page have stopped, it doesn't mean that the organisations themselves have gone away. Thanks to the wonders of modern technology several of them are managing to keep some kind of activity going, while others are keeping in touch with members by phone..

Wootton Crafters are holding weekly video chats with some of their members and are keeping in contact with others. They are all busy crafting, and in the video sessions they are able to show each other what they have done and exchange tips and ideas. Some of the things they have been making are TV remote control holders, draw string bags for dirty linen, including carers' scrubs, and sleeves to prevent new born babies on drips from scratching or pulling out the tubes.

North Wootton and South Wootton WIs are both keeping in contact with their members by phone, although they are naturally missing their monthly meetings and wondering how and when they will be able to meet up again.

King's Lynn Rural Probus Club are holding weekly Zoom meetings with up to 20 members 'attending'. The only thing missing is the coffee! They are also producing a weekly newsletter with information and humorous items.

King's Lynn U3A - not strictly Woottons related, although quite a lot of U3A members live in the Woottons. Several Special Interest Groups have managed to conduct sessions via Zoom and Skype and where this is not possible group leaders are keeping in touch with their members by phone and email.

Also in the Woottons

North Wootton Helping Hands Although this was a North Wootton initiative, it now includes South Wootton as well as The Church in the Woottons. Thanks to the response to their leaflet and Twitter there are enough volunteers now to help anyone who needs it. Please contact **631939** or **07757 236687** or Rev. James Nash at the Church in the Woottons on **673742** if you can help, need help or are concerned for a neighbour.

And for any gardeners who do not already know, **Belfords Nursery** on Castle Rising Road is open for telephone orders, which may be delivered or collected from their car park. The number to ring is **672014**.

Covid Conundrum

Two friends were discussing the vicar's sermon on tithing. "Times are difficult," said one, "but it seems an important subject and I suppose we should follow what he said." His friend commented, "I wonder, though, how far you can take this tithing business. For instance, in this time of shortages, if I managed to buy thirty toilet rolls, would I be expected to give three to the church?"

THE WORLD FLORAL ART SHOW

By Dulcie Lofting

It is difficult to describe a large international floral art show to the uninitiated. The amount of work that goes into the organisation by the host country is phenomenal and India's Wafa committee would have no doubt been exhausted by the end of it all. A schedule for competitors needs to be decided upon and circulated, a large suitable venue booked, entertainment and food lined up, flowers sourced and competitive classes ready for arrivals from all over the world, both to compete and admire.

All competitors need to be larks, whether by inclination or training, as you will need to stage your exhibit usually between 6am and midday. Judging is completed in the afternoon and a Preview and opening ceremony is held in the evening, to set the scene. The show runs over a long weekend and besides examining the designs, there are a variety of demonstrations, workshops and talks to attend. In short this is no rest cure, as your feet will testify! At the closing ceremony the baton is passed to the next organising committee and so the whole process begins again, albeit in a different part of the world. New Zealand is to host the 2023 show.

The show was set in and around the Diggi Palace, in a smart suburb of Jaipur. Everything was indeed beautifully set out; air conditioned in the halls, the sun shone and the temperature was steady at a pleasant 75 degrees. We were surrounded by bright jewel like colours, reflected in the flowers, fabrics, decorative buildings, furniture, signs and the Indians themselves of course, flitting about like brightly coloured butterflies. As always it was something of a gathering of the flowery clans, in that you see lots of people you know, both from the UK and across the world.

The competition was of a high standard and there was a great deal to admire and examine. There was the usual discussion over incomprehensible judging decisions and individual likes and dislikes. A large Indian Bazaar sat basking in the sun full of tempting things to buy. Perhaps fortuitously we had to always consider the journey home and weight restrictions!

India is undoubtedly the home of craftwork and some of the work was unbelievably detailed and must have taken hours. I can see why it is so predominant, as in extreme heat flowers and fresh plant material that we specialise in here in the UK would struggle to survive for long. I could wax lyrical about my flower and design favourites, new techniques and the like, but rather than take things too far, here are a couple of photos instead to give you the idea.



NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

During the lockdown measures currently in force, North Wootton Parish Council is involved in and supporting 'The Woottons Helping Hands' group. If you need help while self-isolating please get in touch.

Grass cutting, litter and dog bin collection continue at this time. However, please bear with us as some of these services are sub contracted and therefore disruption is beyond our control.

Our streetlighting contractor has temporarily stopped bulb replacement jobs, but please continue to report any faults to me and I will log them and work will be carried out as soon as it is safe to do so.

While the schools were still open we had problems with irresponsible and dangerous parking particularly outside North Wootton Academy at school drop off and pick up times. When schools return please ensure everyone's safety and we ask that you are considerate in where you park.

- ◆ Parking on pathways blocks the way for pedestrians and forces parents with buggies to go onto the road.
- ◆ Parking on junction corners makes it difficult for an emerging driver to see approaching traffic and pedestrians.
- ◆ Parking in front of residents' driveways will block their access and is not acceptable.
- ◆ Parking on grass areas and grass verges will damage the ground and again reduce visibility for all.
- ◆ Parking opposite another car will create difficulty for cars to pass safely.

Be aware of these issues when parking around the village and ***PLEASE PARK RESPONSIBLY***

The Parish Council will continue to meet remotely and we are being guided by the Norfolk Association of Local Councils on how best to do this and maintain services safely. If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rachel Curtis – Parish Clerk Tel: 673043 email:

CONTACT WORDSEARCH 1 (CAPITAL CITIES)

By EDDIE LYON

(Unused letters spell a landmark)



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|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1. Accra | 8 La Paz | 15 Moscow | 22 San Salvador |
| 2 Amman | 9 Lima | 16 Nuuk | 23 Sanaa |
| 3 Apia | 10 Lome | 17 Oslo | 24 Suva |
| 4 Bern | 11 Lusaka | 18 Paris | 25 Tokyo |
| 5 Doha | 12 Male | 19 Prague | 26 Vaduz |
| 6 Kabul | 13 Maputo | 20 Praia | 27 Warsaw |
| 7 Kuwait | 14 Maseru | 21 Rome | |

And now, can you match the capitals to their countries?

Afghanistan	Liechtenstein	Yemen	Jordan
Togo	Bolivia	Oslo	Fiji
Ghana	Switzerland	Cape Verde	Mozambique
Lesotho	Peru	Italy	
Russia	Zambia	Warsaw	
Japan	France	Greenland	
Samoa	Czech Republic	Maldives	<i>Solution on page 18</i>
Kuwait	El Salvador	Qatar	

SOUTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

This month I write my article sitting alone in the Parish Office trying to keep up to date with Parish Council business. I am sure there are many of you sitting alone, feeling isolated and vulnerable right now, whether you are elderly, unwell, or just feeling very down and low. It is a very difficult time and one in which I think there are many people pulling together to try and help their friends and neighbours, reaching out to people they did not even know that well before the outbreak. Within the Community we have 'The Woottons Helping Hands'. This is a group which has been set up by the Parish Councils, the Church and the North Wootton Village Hall Committee, trying to keep the Community Safe. If you are self-isolating and need shopping, medicines or even need your dog taking for a walk, if you are concerned for a neighbour or just perhaps need a chat once in a while, then please ring **KL 631939 or mobile 07757 236687**. This is our co-ordinator number and they will put you in touch with a volunteer that will be able to help. On the other hand, if you are fit and well, off work and have time to help someone else, please also contact the above number, we can add you to the volunteer list and when someone needs help we can co-ordinate the nearest volunteer to offer assistance. I must stress that these are local volunteer numbers and do not in any way replace government advice or our local surgery and of course the NHS medical assistance and advice line 111.

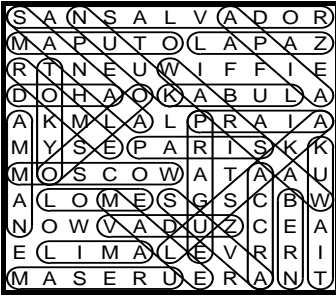
I know there are many volunteers out there at the moment giving their time to help others: the magnificent NHS Staff caring for us all, and we must not forget those looking after our elderly relatives in Care Homes, the Bin Men collecting our rubbish, the Supermarket Staff stocking the shelves and many, many, more. I would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who is contributing during this challenging time. Hopefully in the not too distant future things will return to normal.

With regards to Parish business, the Parish Assembly has been postponed and we are trying to find ways of holding our meetings virtually. If in the meantime, you have any questions or problems, the office is manned as much as practicable and you can ring and leave a message if we are not about. We will get back to you as soon as possible and help with your enquiry.

Wootton Park 200 Club: As with Parish business, the Wootton Park Committee are trying to keep on top of things; the draws for February and onwards will take place as soon as possible.

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Quality Parish Council

Wordsearch Solution. Landmark is **Eiffel Tower**. The countries are in the order of the capitals on the wordsearch list.



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|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1 Ghana | 10 Togo | 19 Czech Republic |
| 2 Jordan | 11 Zambia | 20 Cape Verde |
| 3 Samoa | 12 Maldives | 21 Italy |
| 4 Switzerland | 13 Mozambique | 22 El Salvador |
| 5 Qatar | 14 Lesotho | 23 Yemen |
| 6 Afghanistan | 15 Russia | 24 Fiji |
| 7 Kuwait | 16 Greenland | 25 Japan |
| 8 Bolivia | 17 Norway | 26 Liechtenstein |
| 9 Peru | 18 France | 27 Poland |



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