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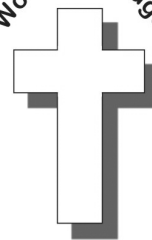
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# *The Bridge*

*Building Bridges in the Community*

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Wootton Bridge

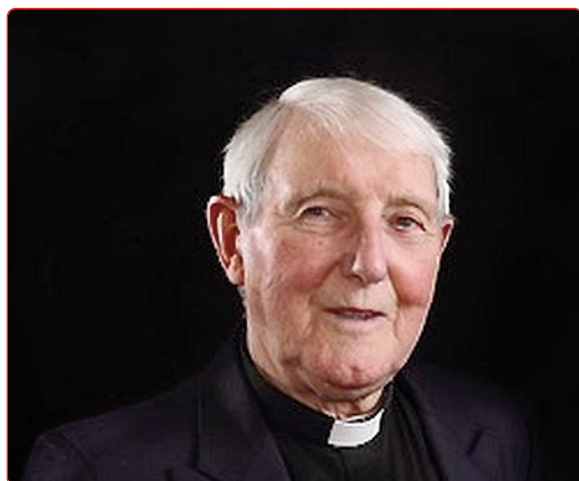


## **Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants**

This month, it is my sad duty to record the passing last month of two significant people in the life both of the church and the wider community here on the Island.

As I write, I have just returned from the funeral of **Canon Hilary Spurgeon** in a packed All Saints Church in Ryde.

Hilary was a Lay Reader (yes, there are lay as well as clergy canons, in case you were wondering) in our neighbouring parishes of Binstead and Havenstreet, though she also led services in many other churches, including our churches in Wootton. A list of church and other voluntary jobs Hilary did, in our wider Diocese as well as on the Island, would more than fill the space available for this article. Readers of *The Bridge* may well have attended funerals which she led; this often difficult ministry was one for which she had a particular gift. Hilary was an active and committed church leader, with a gentle manner, a listening ear and a real care for others. She will be sorely missed.



We must also mark the death at the age of 97 of **the Revd. Canon George Rayner**, Rector of Wootton from 1969 to 1989. The parish and the village as a whole were fortunate to have, at a time when the community was growing rapidly, a parish priest who understood its needs and responded energetically to them. It was George who in 1970 played the key role in reopening St Mark's church, which had been closed for over 25 years, and in building the hall there. Later, by rearranging the space at St Edmund's and adding a small extension, he was able to provide it with a vestry, kitchen and toilet, thus enabling it to function as a proper worship and social space as well as a place of quiet beauty. Perhaps most

importantly, George used skills learned in his younger days in the printing industry to found *The Bridge* magazine. In a very real sense his legacy in Wootton is active around us to this day, and will remain active long into the future.

There will, I hope, be opportunities to celebrate George's life and contribution more fully in future issues of *The Bridge*. For now, we mark his and Hilary's passing with sadness, yes, but also with gratitude for all that they gave to church and community. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

David Bennison

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*For October services, please see Page 3*



## We are back!

We have started back at Wootton for a new academic year in great spirits! As a school we are constantly evolving, working hard to provide the best standard of

education that we can for the children who attend our school. Our school improvement plan is a 'live' working document, frequently adapted to meet the needs of the children to ensure that they continue to receive rich learning opportunities. This year our main focus is writing. We were delighted with the combined score for reading, writing and maths at the end of Year 6. Our results for this combined score were above Isle of Wight outcomes and also above National levels, however our overall writing score was our weakest area so hence this will now be our key area of development. Writing is so closely linked to reading and the acquisition of the spoken word, and we are sadly finding more and more children have limitations with this. We could 'blame' many things such as Covid and the lack of interaction, use of technology to name just a few things but we strongly feel as a school that our role is to 'fill the gaps' regardless of how these got there!

We are always so very grateful to the local community, both the church and Parish Council, who provide support to the school. Last year we were delighted with the books donated to us to enhance our reading opportunities in school.

With families struggling with the current financial climate, juggling work with children, often holding at least two jobs to make ends meet, spending time to read is often lost.

We are also so pleased that the financial support we receive enables us to provide help to families such as supporting with the purchase of school uniform, ensuring all children in Reception started with a bookbag, providing breakfast or school dinners; all things that our school budget would not be able to fulfil.

However, the most effective support is your time! We are always looking for volunteers to come in to school to help with things such as listening to children read, but we also need some gardening help. We have a beautiful garden and flower boxes but have very little time to maintain these. If you have any spare time that you can give us, in reward you will have the opportunity to work alongside fantastic children and staff, I feel being the best reward you could ever ask for!

If you are interested please send me an email to [headteacher@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk). If you would like to help we would need to complete a DBS with you, which checks your suitability to work with children, it would be great to hear from you.



*Mrs Jane Wilford  
Headteacher*

**tb**





## Open Weekend - report

We rescheduled this year's Open Weekend to coincide with the Ride and Stride event. Since our theme was **Transport Through the Ages** this seemed appropriate.

Our friend Viv Loveless provided material featuring forms of transport she had seen during her various travels. The Bus Museum brought along some very interesting material, while the N-gauge working railway layout, loosely based on the Isle of Wight, was popular with adults and children alike. Meanwhile our friend Andy Brown loaned some of his collection of classic bikes.

Many thanks to all our contributors and stewards who helped to make this an enjoyable and interesting event.

Doreen Gazey  
Secretary  
Friends of St Edmund's

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## Church Services in Wootton during October

(Please be aware that all services of Holy Communion are subject to a priest being available to take the service)

The relaxation of COVID regulations means that it is no longer necessary to book for services but you will be asked to sanitize your hands.  
Please wear a mask if you would feel more comfortable with it.  
We are now able to offer the Brunch service to everyone!

### ST EDMUND'S

#### OCTOBER

|          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| Sun 1st  | 0800 Holy Communion |
| Sun 8th  | 1700 Evensong (**)  |
| Wed 11th | 0930 Holy Communion |
| Wed 18th | 0930 Holy Communion |
| Sun 22nd | 1830 Evensong (**)  |
| Wed 25th | 0930 Holy Communion |

### ST MARK'S

#### OCTOBER

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| Sun 1st  | 0930 Brunch Service                               |
| Wed 4th  | 1115 Café Communion (*)                           |
| Sun 8th  | 0930 Holy Communion and Explorers                 |
| Sun 15th | 0930 Morning Worship followed by the Big Mac Talk |
| Sun 22nd | 0930 Holy Communion                               |
| Sun 29th | 0930 Songs of Praise                              |

(\*) If you would like to come to Café Communion, please leave us a message on the parish answerphone 301880 or email: [stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com).

(\*\*) Please note revised winter start time

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## 2023 Bank Holiday Scooter Rally

by Geoff Osborne (our own Wootton Resident)

The IOW International Scooter Rally...as it is formally know these days all started back in the 1980's, or perhaps even earlier as many clubs on the mainland came over to camp and spend a long weekend.

But certainly it was the 80's that it became a rally and many Scooterists from around the UK travelled to the Island over the Bank holiday. Camping was located on many sites over the island, including Northwood, Yaverland, and Forest Road in those earlier days. It probably wasn't until the late 90's that a central rally site with camping and Parts Fair was established at Smallbrook Stadium, and the VFM (value for money) company was formed to take care of the rally site, entertainment and Custom show.

With the use of the Ice Rink at Ryde for the Custom Show on the Saturday, plus evenings for top bands and DJ's, the rally started to grow in size. Plus many of the local pubs in Ryde and Sandown put on music and entertainment each night of the Bank Holiday.

Certainly when I got back into scootering in 2001, and came over to the rally for the first time in 2002, the place to be was on The Green at Ryde seafront by the pier during the day (and still is!). From Friday to Monday, Ryde was buzzing with the sound of two stroke engines.

At the main camp site at Smallbrook, the Parts Fair had become a village with dealers selling parts and accessories to clothing, plus mini workshops set up to do repairs. A must for us scooterists.

Sunday is the Rideout Day, leaving the Pavilion at 1pm. A cloud of blue haze can be seen over Ryde, and

hundreds of people line the seafront road to wave, cheer and photograph up to 1800 scooters as we made our way over to Sandown and Shanklin Rugby club via Seaview, St Helens, Bembridge, Yaverland for music, BBQ and beer.

With the Ice Rink closing some 6 years ago, VFM moved the entertainment and the Custom Show to the campsite at Smallbrook, which worked well for a few years until changes were planned at Smallbrook.

The Airport at Sandown became the focal point for the rally site some 3 years ago and from small beginnings, as Covid had hit us..., it has grown again, with live music in the evenings, a large Parts Fair from Friday to Sunday, larger camping field and glamping tents, plus a site for camper vans etc.

Ryde Green is still a focal point as is The Pavilion, live music every afternoon and evening, pubs along the seafront, as do the ones up Union Street, have DJ's and live bands play during the day and evening. Sandown also has become more vibrant as the rally is now at Sandown Airport. This rally brings a much needed boost to the Islands economy near the end of the summer season, and is a truly International affair, with scooterists from all over Europe including Italy, Belgium, Germany, and we have people from the USA ship their scooters over just for the rally. Up to 5,000 scooters are estimated to come over each year.

A m a z i n g !

Roll on 2024 IOW International Scooter Rally.

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## For Your Diary ... What's On ...

**KEEP ACTIVE MOVE MORE CLASSES.** BINSTED COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAYS AT 11.20am AND WHIPPINGHAM VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAYS AT 9.45am, 11am, 12.15pm, 1.30pm, 4pm. AND FRIDAYS AT 10.10am at ARRETON VILLAGE HALL. Go at your own pace exercise program to help improve strength, stamina and balance. CONTACT: **ANDY SAVAGE 07779 616189**

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### Elephant Club

A social group for people living with memory loss and for others just wanting an afternoon of good company.....and cake. If someone you care for has memory problems, the ELEPHANT CLUB will be meeting at St Mark's Church between 2-4pm second Thursday of each month. If you would like good company and laughter, and to exercise "the little grey cells" whilst eating cake, do come and join us. We would love to see you. Each month's programme is different so we hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

### **WOOTTON BRIDGE METHODISTS**

Every Monday Morning 10.am till 12 noon. Come and enjoy coffee and chat at Wootton Methodist Church from 10am-12 noon every Monday until further notice. Everyone welcome.

**Whitgar Morris**, meet in the coffee lounge at St Mark's on Tuesdays 7:30pm - 9:30pm. New members, dancers or musicians welcome. For further details ring 880118.

### **Marks Brothers Bacon Butty Group**

This group now meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10.30am - 12 noon in St Mark's coffee lounge. The opportunity for the men of the village who would like to sort the world to rights over just a coffee (if you're not a fan of bacon) or include the bacon butty too. Please let Harry Kirby know if you will be attending. A small, voluntary, contribution towards costs always appreciated. 07814809083 or [harryskirby@btinternet.com](mailto:harryskirby@btinternet.com) The group is very friendly and welcoming.

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### **Activities for October**

#### **October 11th** - main meeting

Our speaker is Gary Newman from the War Graves Commission.

Competition - a piece of war memorabilia, and of course, there is always our Best Bloom.

#### **October 25th** - Harvest Supper at 7.15pm

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### Minister's Message

Dear all

As I write this message, I begin my 17th year of Ministry in the Methodist church on the Island. I'm often asked, how do you remember so many people's names? In honesty, I don't remember everyone's names, and sometimes need a prompt, or make an association.

Studies show that on average there are 150 people whose names and faces we can remember without a prompt, but the reality is that we recognise far more, but often say "I know your face".

We are of course connected to thousands of people throughout the world, either through the food we eat (thinking of those which are grown, shipped, packed, delivered - I recently bought mange tout which started its life in Venezuela), and through the clothes we wear and everything we have in our homes. Connected to them, and yet we will never see their faces.

For most people, life now brings us into contact with people all over the world, whether we realise, and are aware of it, or not. Everyone has

a need to be loved and cared for and valued.

When we eat our meals, get dressed, make a phone call or send an e-mail or letter, or make a purchase, let's all pause for a moment to think of people all over the world who have made what we have, and what we do, possible; to value them, and ask God to bless them.

God bless

*Rev Frances Watson* 

### Preachers for October

|      |                  |  |
|------|------------------|--|
| 1st  | October Ordinary | Felton                                 |
| 8th  | October Ordinary | Belham - Short & Snappy. Harvest Fest. |
| 15th | October Ordinary | @ Binstead                             |
| 22th | October Ordinary | Pellow                                 |
| 29th | October Ordinary | Balham (Sacrement)                     |



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## The Wootton Calendar



**2024**

## PARISH COUNCIL information

### Meetings:

Meetings: usually third Tuesday in every month (except August) at 7pm in The Old School, New Road - details at HIC, on village noticeboards and on website.

### Parish Councillors:

Barry Abraham  
John Ward  
Trish Evans  
Dave Burley  
Barrie Hailstone, *Chair*  
Daryll Pitcher  
Linda Pitcher, *V.Chair*  
Lee Lemon  
- Vacancy -  
Ian Yeo  
Liz Kingston, *Clerk*  
Lorna Morey, *Assistant Clerk*

All can be contacted at the HIC on 884555.

### Office opening times:-

PARISH COUNCIL  
Mon. Closed;  
Tues. 9.00am-2.00pm;  
Wed. 9.00am-2.00pm;  
Thurs. Closed;  
Fri: 9.00am-2.00pm

### BEAT OFFICER

First Tuesday in month  
10am-12 noon or messages can be left for the Police.

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*Wootton Bridge Parish Council has a Facebook page – please “like” – which displays all the latest information and you are welcome to comment on any topic.*

### New Ward Councillor

Congratulations and welcome to Sarah Redrup who was recently elected as County Councillor for Wootton Bridge. We will be working closely together to help with residents' concerns, queries, and ideas.

### Village Partnership

If anyone is interested in joining Wootton Village Partnership where you will be able to help with organising various village events and projects and work together for the benefit of Wootton, then please email us at: [clerk@woottonbridge.org.uk](mailto:clerk@woottonbridge.org.uk). We are looking forward to having the AGM for the Village Partnership in October, please see the noticeboard, website and Facebook for the date. All are welcome to attend.

### 20mph Zones

Wootton Bridge Parish council would like your views on whether you would support a 20mph speed limit being introduced on all side roads in Wootton. Have your say by emailing us at [clerk@woottonbridge.org.uk](mailto:clerk@woottonbridge.org.uk). We are also looking into setting up a Speedwatch and need volunteers. If you are interested please contact us.

### Multiply Free Drop-In Sessions

From baking to bills, brush up on your everyday numeracy skills with Multiply. Available at Brannons on Tuesday 26th September, 17th October, 7th and 14th November and 12th December 10am-12pm. For over 19s.

### Rubbish Bins

Just a reminder the rubbish bins around the village are for street rubbish only, not for rubbish brought from home.

### Meeting of the Parish Council

Council meetings are held at the Old School in New Road every 3rd Tuesday of the month – details of these are available on our website as well as on our noticeboard outside our office.

If you have any areas of concern, or want to report any incidents, please either visit the Parish Office in Brannon Way, or contact us by phone (01983 884555) or email [clerk@woottonbridge.org.uk](mailto:clerk@woottonbridge.org.uk)

### Chair's Message – Cllr Barrie Hailstone

The Parish Council has recently received several complaints from residents regarding 'Anti Social Behaviour' and our Clerks are attending to such matters and liaising closely with the police. Indeed, the Parish Council office was subject to such a vandalism attack. The letter box cover was torn away, and most appalling the Defibrillator was vandalised. The pads were removed, and the instruction booklet destroyed. What is happening with some of our young people that they think it is fun to destroy others property? Fortunately, all was captured on CCTV and the police are investigating. Be assured we will be seeking compensation from the parents of these individuals. I am sure you are aware that the PC paid for an upgrade to the pathways of the Recreational Ground. Unfortunately the wrong material was used in certain places. Through the persistence of the Clerk, supported by me, a negotiated agreement was made providing a return of £5,000. Be assured the Parish Council are conscious of all expenditure incurred and will not hesitate to ensure we receive good service for the money spent. Covid is once again becoming a problem so those of you who require booster jabs, ensure you do not miss them. Stay safe.

Liz Kingston – Clerk 



## Kite Hill House (Wootton) 1800 & 1900s

contributed by Lesley Abraham

(an occasional series about the previous tenants)



In the 1841 census Catherine was at Port Looe House, Talland, with her mother, Elizabeth and three sisters and two brothers, and four servants.

In the 1851 census Catherine was staying with her oldest sister Ann, husband Charles NEWLAND and daughter Gertrude in Bray, Cornwall, with three servants. Francis (Fanny), Mona, Charlotte and Caroline were at Port Looe House, with their mother, elder sister Elizabeth, governess Frances C.A. NOTT, and three servants. Their father, Charles, was staying with his brother John Edward and family in Bathwick, Bath. Charles's occupation is "Captain Royal Navy Half Pay".

Charles died in September 1851 after a long career in the RN and coastguard.

In the 1861 census Elizabeth and her daughter Fanny were staying at the Royal Hotel, Plymouth. Catherine, Mona, Charlotte and Caroline were at Port Looe House, Talland.

The family of Elizabeth and five daughters were resident in Port Looe House in the 1871 census. The Cornish Telegraph dated Wednesday 1st November 1871 reported that Mrs Elizabeth Walcott had died on the 17th October 1871.

The Royal Cornwall Gazette dated 27th April 1872 advertised that the lease of Port Looe House, Talland, granted by His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall, to the said Captain Charles Walcott, was to be sold by tender. Tenders to be received on or before the 21st Day of June, 1872.

And so the Misses Walcott moved to Kite Hill House. Being members of the gentry, the ladies attended various social occasions. In July 1874 Miss Fanny and Miss Charlotte attended a grand Ball at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. And in August 1874, Miss Mona and Miss Charlotte attended a Garden Party at the Yacht Club.

In February 1875, the youngest Miss Walcott, Caroline Augusta Lyons married Mr George E. MCLEOD, of the Oudh Commission, at St. Paul's church, Thornton Heath. The bride was attended to the altar by her four sisters. Immediately after, the happy couple left for Southampton, whence they at once sail for the east.

(Caroline and George lived in Assam, India, with visits back home. Caroline was at Kite Hill House in the 1881 census. George, Caroline and two of their children were living in St. Johns Park, St. Helens in the 1891 and 1901 censuses. George died in April 1910 and by the 1911 census Caroline was living with Catherine in Ryde. Caroline died in August 1934.)

On April 2nd, 1877 at Binstead, Mona married Francis John Edward GREEN, Captain, 64th (2nd Staffordshire) Regiment.

(Mona and Francis lived in The Strand, Ryde, until Mona's death in 1907 aged 62 yrs. Francis moved to Fishbourne and died in 1931 aged 87 yrs)

On the 21st December 1877, at Binstead, Charlotte Mary married Lionel Edward KAY-SUTTLEWORTH. (Charlotte and Lionel had a daughter, Janet Walcott, born March 1881 in Cobham, Surrey. Lionel was appointed the British Consul of San Remo, Italy where he died in December 1900. Charlotte died there in April 1925. Janet was living in Kendal, Westmoreland, in the 1939 census. She died in San Remo in October 1958.)

In January 1880 Fanny attended a fancy dress ball dressed as "winter" – "a short white satin dress trimmed with swansdown, glittering frosted body muff of white satin and swansdown" at the Town Hall, Ryde. "An exceedingly pretty dress".

In the 1881 census, Catherine and Fanny were joined by their youngest sister, Caroline and her three children, back from India, at Kite Hill House, along with three servants.

In August 1882 Catherine and Fanny attended the Garden Party at the Royal Victoria yacht Club Regatta in Ryde.

In July 1883, Catherine attended a lawn tennis party at Woodside, Wootton Bridge and in August 1883 both Misses Walcott attended a garden party and afternoon dance at Wootton Lodge, hosted by Mr F. WHITE POPHAM. The Wootton Brass Band conducted by Mr Marks of Ryde were engaged.

In the 1891 census, Catherine and Fanny with a servant were resident at Kite Hill House. During the 1890's both Catherine and Fanny took part in various social events, including weddings and funerals.

In March 1899, Fanny died after a long illness. "Her death was deeply regretted by the local villagers in Wootton Bridge, to whom her kindness had greatly endeared her". Her kindness was also remembered into the 1940s.

Catherine obviously found the house to be too large for her needs and moved in April 1900 to Elmhurst, St. John's Park, St. Helens. In the 1901 census she was resident with one servant. In the 1911 census her sister Caroline MCLEOD, now a widow and her daughter, Florence Mona MURRAY and two daughters were resident in Elmhurst with her. Catherine died on the 7th September 1917 leaving Caroline £2,140.2s.1d.

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Solution - September Sudoku

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## SUDOKU

Fill in the grid with digits in  
such a manner that every row,  
every column and every 3x3  
box accommodates the digits  
1-9, without repeating any.

**Harvest Time**  
Felicity Hayes-McCoy

*The earth was warmed with  
sunshine,  
The crop drank in the rain.  
We've bread to feed and  
warm us,  
When winter comes again.*

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