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### CREEKSIDE WI

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#### Programme 2017

**March 8**—Naturezones - "Meadow Magic"—Angela Hewitt. Competitions: Wild flower - photo/picture or dried flower and Best Bloom.

**April 12**—The Food Bank—Hanna King. Competitions: Design a label for jam and Best Bloom.

**May 10**—Craft comp/Resolutions and Social Evening Competition: Best Bloom only.

**Secretary: Esme Crowther (614012).**

### ISLAND FLOWER CLUB

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at Wootton Community Centre. Doors open 1.30pm for 2pm. Visitors and new members very welcome.

#### Programme 2017

**March 8**—Wedding Wonders—Carole Stables.

**April 12**—Divine Inspirations—Katie Baxter.

**May 10**—Tales of the Forest—Lyn Mackenzie.

**June 14**—Moving—Carolyn Vanstone.

#### Summer Break

**September 13**—Floral Treats—Christine Evans.

**October 11**—Summers Over—Sue Swaby

**Secretary: Kate Newcombe (564369).**

**ISLE OF WIGHT PHAB CLUB** (Physically Disabled & Able Bodied) meets Weds. 7.15-10pm at Wootton Youth Centre.

**GUTH CARNIVAL MORRIS.** We dance in the West & South Midlands style of Morris and meet each Wednesday evening at St Mark's Church from 7.30pm until 9.30pm. New members, both musicians and dancers, of all ages welcome.

**WATERCOLOUR PAINT GROUP.** The beginners group meets at St. Marks on the second and fourth Friday in the month, from 10am until 12 noon. The cost is £5, payable at each session. Please contact John Castle on 883039 or Margaret Frost on 240772 for more details.

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**WHITGAR MORRIS.** We dance in the Cotswold/Welsh Border style of Morris Dancing and are now recruiting new members of all ages. If you would be interested in learning the dance or playing for Morris please come along and meet us. We meet at St. Mark's Church on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm until 9.30pm.

### WOOTTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Meet each Sunday for family worship at the Community Hall, Church Close, commencing at 10.30am. For more details contact Mrs Newman on 883228. All are welcome.

**PILATES** - Wootton Methodist Church; 9.30-10.30am Intermediate/Advanced; 11am-12 noon all levels. £7, discounts available. Further info from Jo 07726 215526.

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**WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH** - Wootton Methodist Church, Station Road - 2pm - Talk by Rev Veronica, followed by tea and biscuits. All welcome.

**FRIDAY 31st MARCH** — Friends of St Edmund's - Talk by author Mei Trow - Island Underworld—800 years of criminal history - St Edmund's Church, Church Road - 7pm.

**FRIDAY 7th APRIL** - Trident Concert Band - St. Mark's Church, Station Road - 7.30pm. Donations shared between the Band and the Church.

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**St. Mark's Church will be holding a New, Nearly New, Books and Big Jumble Sale at the end of May. Date to be confirmed. We are collecting new items, good condition items, books and jumble. Please phone Joan to arrange collection on 883565.**

### WOOTTON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

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Church service and Junior Church every Sunday at 10am followed by coffee and fellowship. Village Coffee Morning every Monday at 10am. Open House every Wednesday from 10.30am. Coffee, chat and light lunches from 12 noon.

**1st Wednesday**, 10am till 12 noon for families with babies and toddlers (1-5 years); 3.15-4.15pm After School Ukulele Group.

**2nd Wednesday**, Morning coffee, chat, light lunches, activities.

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**4th Wednesday**, Creative and Contemplative Worship. 10.30am-3pm. Hot lunch at 12 noon (book with Pat on 882539).

**5th Wednesday**, Morning coffee, chat, light lunches, activities.

**U3A Wootton Creative Writing Group** - We meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month, running from 10 am till 12 pm. We usually meet at the Woodmans Arms. If you are interested please come along and try us out. For more information contact Nicola on 718767.

### CHURCH CLOSE CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTRE

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**Do you help look after someone who would struggle to manage without your help. Speak to someone in confidence - ring Carers IW today - 533173**

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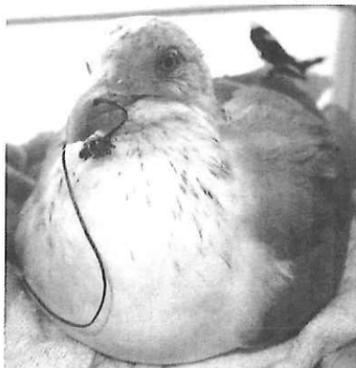
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Winter is our 'quiet time' at Wild Bird Aid. We have the vast majority of our admissions during the spring and summer months - mainly due to the fact that baby birds are being born during this time, and then either fall from their nests, become predated, or become orphaned. Also the days are longer, and people are out and about doing 'summer' things like gardening and going on walks, and to the beach - so birds in trouble are more likely to be spotted.

We use the winter months to catch up on jobs like aviary maintenance, deep cleaning, paperwork, and of course fundraising. During the spring and summer, we are so busy looking after the birds, that we have no time for anything else - so in the winter we are just as busy getting all those other jobs done in preparation.

We do still have a steady stream of admissions throughout the winter, some being young birds who aren't fending for themselves well in the colder months, those who have been hit by cars and of course, those who have been caught by cats. All year round we have seabirds admitted with problems caused by discarded fishing gear. In September, Sam the Grey Heron was spotted on the Medina by a kind member of the public. He had fishing line and a heavy weight hanging from his wing, rendering him unable to move very well, let alone fly. His wing was very badly injured, but after a few weeks care at Wild Bird Aid, he was well enough to move on to the next stage of his rehabilitation with a group of other recovering Herons at a mainland rescue.



More recently, came Oswald the Herring Gull. Much loved by the locals in Shanklin, Oswald was spotted with a fishing hook embedded in his beak, effectively sealing his beak shut, so he could not feed. After a few attempts, and the help of some of Oswald's human friends, we managed to catch him. Upon removing the visible hook, we also found a second one, further down the same line, wedged in his throat, having pierced it and come out amongst the feathers on his neck. This hook was also removed, and thankfully it had not damaged his airway. Oswald stayed with us for a few days to make sure his wounds were healing properly, and so he could finish his course of medication, and was released back to his family around a week later. Had he not been spotted with the hook in his beak by his caring human friends, it could have been a very different story for poor Oswald.

Many of the incidents that lead birds to come to Wild Bird Aid are unavoidable, but discarded fishing gear is such an easily preventable hazard. Wild Bird Aid is a registered charity (no. 1170857) based in Wootton Bridge, devoted to the rescue and rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wild birds on the Island.

If you would like to know more about our work, or to make a donation, please go to [www.wild-bird.aid.uk](http://www.wild-bird.aid.uk)

If you find an injured wild bird, or would like advice regarding the health of wild birds, you can contact us on two dedicated telephone numbers:

**Wild Bird Aid - Claire Newsome**

Species: All native bird species with emphasis on seabirds, pigeons and doves. Phone: 07874 660863.

**Wild Bird Aid - Kerstin Voigt**

Species: All native bird species with emphasis on corvids (ravens, carrion crows, rooks, jays, magpies, jackdaws), birds of prey as well as swallows, martins, nightjars and swifts. Phone: 07935 487306.

## A Letter from one of our Bridge Deliverers

I deliver *The Bridge* on Lushington Hill but must point out that I was not delivering at the time of this incident.

On a recent Saturday morning my husband and I decided that as we needed to go to Newport, and as it was a nice day, that we would walk. We do this walk regularly and apart from Lushington Hill the remainder of the walk via Island Harbour and the new path along the river is very pleasant. As we passed the last bungalow on the hill I suddenly slipped and fell. There was damp moss on the path at the time. Unfortunately, as I fell my shoulder hit the wall and I was suffering considerable pain.

My purpose in writing this piece is to praise and thank the people who came to help us and to warn others about the potentially dangerous surface of the path near the Car Boot field. Firstly a young lady, Janet, who we later discovered is a nurse, stopped to help and by this time I was distressed. Soon after, another lady, we think her name is Mary, stopped and as she is a First Responder with the Ambulance Service had equipment with her to give further aid. Mary decided that more assistance was needed and called a Paramedic and when he arrived he was able to give me pain killing treatment. During all this I was lying on the ground and the Paramedic decided that I should not be moved and called an ambulance which took me to St. Mary's where it was discovered that I had a fracture in the shoulder.



All of this help arrived quickly and I was dealt with speedily in A&E at St Mary's. Everyone was kind, sympathetic and understanding and I am very grateful for the assistance given by all of the people involved. The treatment I received enabled me to keep an appointment on the next day to have an operation to remove a cataract.

I will be out of action for weeks or even months and if there is anyone who would be willing to deliver *The Bridge* during this time please contact Trevor Wheeler on 883674 or email: [woottonbridgemagazine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:woottonbridgemagazine@hotmail.co.uk)

Patricia

## To make you smile . . .

Did you hear about the man in the health food shop who was killed when a display of vitamins and herbal extracts fell on him? The coroner said he died of natural causes.

In the woods, a little squirrel kept throwing himself off a tree branch, flapping his legs furiously. Every time he crashed to the ground, and every time he would climb back up and jump off again.

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## Our Living Lungs

by Nicola Broadsmith

Rainforests are the oldest eco-systems on Earth, the largest areas of forest on the planet and provide the oxygen we all need to breathe. They are literally our living lungs, without which we cannot survive! Cutting them down sounds like killing the goose that lays the golden eggs, doesn't it?

Way back in the 1980s, we heard reports of the alarming rate of destruction of the Amazonian rainforests; an area the size of Great Britain was cut down every year! Why? To make room for highly-profitable cattle ranches, helping to pay off Brazil's international debts by selling timber and beef. As that destruction was tackled at the 1992 UN 'Rio Earth Summit' conference in Brazil, one outcome was the Framework Convention on Climate Change which then turned the focus on to CO2 and 'man-made climate change'. We human beings can be rather arrogant creatures and assume that life on this planet revolves around us!

However, nowadays concern has shifted to widespread and ongoing deforestation in other parts of the world, this time caused by the expansion of palm oil production: 66 million tonnes are produced annually from 27 million hectares of tropical land. Palm oil can only be grown in tropical and semi-tropical regions. These plantations encroach on and destroy the natural



habitats of endangered animals such as the orangutan. There is also concern about human rights abuses on the plantations. Palm oil and its derivatives are a cheap and versatile replacement for hydrogenated oils. It can be used in pretty much everything from ice-cream and biscuits to toothpaste and shower gel; you would be surprised at how many items on our supermarkets shelves contain it! It's also a biofuel and nearly half of the palm oil imported into the EU is used in this way, blended with regular vehicle fuels. It's now the most commonly used vegetable oil in the world, making huge profits for multinational companies! Among the largest individual consumers of palm oil are Unilever, Nestle and Procter & Gamble (P&G); in 2008, the Unilever group reported that it used 1.6 million tonnes of palm oil annually. Product labels can be confusing. You will find palm oil in all its many guises listed as: Vegetable Oil, Vegetable Fat, Palm Kernel or Palm Kernel Oil (in food products); Sodium Lauryl Sulfate or Sodium Laureth Sulfate (in shampoos, liquid handwash, toothpastes & shower gels). It is also known as Palmate, Palmitate, Glyceryl, Stearate, Stearic Acid, Palmityl Alcohol and Elaeis Guineensis, amongst others. Do have a close look at the ingredients list on your favourite products next time you go shopping!

Consumer choice is a very powerful weapon in persuading multinational companies to change their manufacturing processes. Thankfully, cost effective alternatives to products containing palm oil and its derivatives are readily available to us on the Isle of Wight.

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## WOOTTON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH (Station Road)

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### Minister's Message

As we enter March we see so much around us come to life. For some it can be seen as a chore having to go into the garden to cut the grass and to tend to the flower beds and borders. For myself I love being in the garden. It's a place where I can be away from the TV and telephone and to be out in the fresh air. It is also the place where I show off my culinary skills – that being THE BBQ (although it seems that my wife does all the preparation and hard work. I just stand at the BBQ, turn the meat a few times and take all the credit).

We are also fortunate enough to see so many birds in our garden in addition to our six chickens and our friendly pheasant. But can you imagine what it would be like if God never gave us so much in creation. It is so easy to have so much beauty around us but not to notice any of it. This spring, take a special look around you and give thanks for what God has given and you also may be pleasantly surprised.

Think of a world without any flowers,

Think of a world without any trees,

Think of a sky without any sunshine,

Think of the air without any breeze.

We thank You, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine,

We thank You, Lord, and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any animals,

Think of a field without any herd,

Think of a stream without any fishes,

Think of a dawn without any bird.

We thank You, Lord, for all Your living creatures,

We thank You, Lord and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any people,

Think of a street with no-one living there,

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Blessings, Rev David Plumb



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### Environmental Officer

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

### Defibrillator

The Parish Council has obtained a defibrillator which we are hoping to locate on the wall of Majestic Wines in the High Street. It will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We have training information in the Parish Office, so please contact the clerk if you wish to be trained or want to use the equipment for a training session.

### Election Time

Don't forget that this May is Parish Council election time. The Councillors serve for four years and they will all tell you how interesting and rewarding it is to be involved in village life, especially one like ours where so much gets done. If you are interested in standing and would like more information about what is involved please contact the Parish Clerk who will be pleased to help.

### Party in the Park — Saturday 22 July 2017

**Fete 12 noon - 5pm; Music / picnic 6pm - 10pm**

Planning is well underway and the Working Group intends it to be even better than previous events. We are asking for all stalls to register by the 16th June and forms are available at the office or by telephoning 884555.

We will, of course, have the usual village stalls, bouncy castle and annual tug of war. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available in the Scout Hut throughout the afternoon, and the Rugby Club will have a bar and barbecue.

The evening music and picnic will start at 6pm and will feature an eclectic mix of music and song for all tastes. Don't forget to bring your own seating/rugs and picnic and soak up the atmosphere as the sun goes down. There will be the usual raffle which will be drawn in the evening and all proceeds will go towards a nominated charity.

### Old School Building

The Old School building does require maintenance and we would like to try and gather several volunteers that could help the council with general maintenance work, such as painting, repairing walls, etc. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office on 884555.



## News from Wootton Community Primary School

During the last few weeks the children, parents, governors and whole school community have been waiting for the news of who would be taking the reins and leading the school forward. I am delighted to say that I have been appointed as the new Headteacher, a position I feel delighted and honoured to have been given. Already the children have been sharing ideas as to how we can improve the school, ensuring that every child is given the best opportunity to grow and learn during their time at primary school. It is always such a delight to observe the children engaged in their learning, talking so confidently about what they have been learning about and what they would like to do next. The children at Wootton Primary School are keen and eager to be challenged further, working across all areas of the curriculum both inside and outside of the classroom. Over the last few weeks the children have engaged in trips across the water - our Year 1 children to Beaulieu House and Year 2 to Winchester Science Museum, both events enabling the children to have 'hands-on' experiences. This has led to higher levels of work built on their trip experiences and activities, validating the need for children to be given opportunities to learn outside the classroom, enhancing their experiences from before. We are already in the process of planning more trips and activities during the year. With the days getting longer and evenings lighter I am sure we are revitalised to embrace the changes and challenges ahead. The staff here as so dedicated and committed to the school community, already we have a plan of action! As I watch the daffodils and tree buds beginning to appear in the school grounds I am drawn to thinking of the stages of growth the school has already begun and will continue to take.

**I look forward to sharing with you in the future the changes we have made to improve outcomes for the children and make the school an even better place.**



Jane Wilford  
(Headteacher)

### WOOTTON YOUTH CENTRE

Wootton Youth Centre (WYC) is a place where young people can meet with friends, make new ones and join in activities such as football, cookery (with the Four Seasons Cookery Academy), water volleyball (in the summer!), table tennis, quizzes, table football, art projects, film nights.

We have a café, offering tuck, ice lollies, toast and the most amazing hot chocolates! The young people that attend WYC help in programming session activities, parties, trips and fundraising events. We have amazing support from PGL staff, including monthly activity trips for the cost of weekly subs (£1). Our team of trained, professional staff (experienced in supporting special needs) are here to support the young people to have fun and help them understand the world around them. As youth workers we have time to talk and are able to advise, signpost and educate young people about an array of concerns and questions.

*Our great facilities are located at the Old School on New Road in Wootton and session times are:*

Mondays	Junior Night	8-11 years	6.30-8.30pm
Tuesdays	Senior Night	11yrs-Year 8	6.30-9pm
Thursdays	Drop in Café Night	Year 9-Year 11	7.00-9pm

WYC welcomes young people from surrounding areas and friends from other parts of the Island also.

**Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can give you any further information and please check out our WOOTTON YOUTH CENTRE Facebook page.**

*Tesni Challis, Lead Youth Worker. Mobile: 07947 664443*

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## THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

Imagine that you had won the following \*PRIZE\* in a contest:

Each morning your bank would deposit £86,400 in your private account  
for your use. However, this prize has Rules:

### The set of Rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend It.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another £86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account, and you will not receive a new one. What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself - right? You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

### ACTUALLY, THIS GAME IS REAL! Shocked? Yes!

Each of us is already a winner of this \*PRIZE\*. We just can't seem to see it. The PRIZE is "TIME"

1. Each morning we awaken to Receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of Life. And when we go to sleep at Night, any remaining time is **Not** credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that Day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever Gone.
5. Each morning the account is Refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time **WITHOUT WARNING** . . .

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in pounds. Think about it and remember to Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than You think.

So take care of yourself, be Happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. **Start spending . . .**

H.S.K.

*If anyone has an article suitable for The Bridge magazine  
please contact David Bennison on 882783 or  
Trevor Wheeler on 883674.*

## PARISH OF WOOTTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Veronica Brown, The Rectory,  
32 Church Road, Wootton Bridge. Tel: 07921 514906

### Service times

#### 1st Sunday

8 am - Holy Communion (St Edmund's)  
10am - Brunch (St Mark's)

#### 3rd Sunday

8am - Holy Communion (St. Edmund's)  
10am - Sung Eucharist & Explorers (St.  
Mark's)

#### 2nd Sunday

10am - Sung Eucharist (St. Edmund's)  
6pm - Evensong (St. Edmund's)

#### 4th & 5th Sundays

10am - Sung Eucharist (St. Edmund's)  
6pm - Evensong (St. Edmund's)

Wednesdays at 9.30am — Service at St. Edmund's with Holy Communion

## Garden Waste

The Parish Council office sells garden waste sacks which can be filled and left out with the recycling bags/bins as long as you have rung 823777 to arrange the collection, and they cost £1.30 each. You have to arrange for the collection three days before it is due, i.e. recycle day is Friday, you must telephone and arrange collection by Tuesday.

Liz Kingston - Clerk

## Chairman's Message



You are also welcome to come along to our monthly meetings, usually held on the third Tuesday of each month, starting at 7pm in the Old School, New Road. Our meetings are very upbeat and fast moving and residents are given the opportunity to speak during our meetings or raise any matters of concern or interest with your councillors. Of course you can also contact us at the Help Centre on 884555 or email [wbpc@onwight.net](mailto:wbbc@onwight.net)

My thought to leave you with is:-

*"By the time you're 80 years old you've learned everything. The challenge is to remember it"*

Ken Morris - Chairman

**POLICE DROP-IN SESSIONS** are held at Wootton Bridge Help Centre, Brannon Way from 10am to 12 noon on the first Tuesday of each month. Please call in if there are any matters you wish to discuss with our local police officers.

### DIAL 999 WHEN THERE IS IMMEDIATE DANGER OR YOU WITNESS A CRIME: DIAL 101 WHEN IT'S LESS URGENT

Dial 101, a 24-hour confidential number to report noisy neighbours, abandoned vehicles, dumping and fly-tipping, drunken and rowdy groups, broken street lighting, etc.

You will talk to one of a team of highly trained people who will report the problem and keep you posted on progress.

### Are you an older person with memories of farming on the Island? Do you have a story to tell and memories to share?

We are looking for older people who have worked in agriculture on the Island to get involved in an exciting oral history project to share and record their personal memories of Island farming in the past.

Oral history is all about recording the memories of older people and storing them for future generations. This project will enable us to add to our archive of Island voices that have so far gone unrecorded.

We would like to talk to people who can share with us memories of how farming has changed in their lifetime. We would especially like to interview people in the older years of their lives. We are particularly interested in the East Wight area of the Island.

If you are someone (or you know of someone) who enjoys talking about times past and would like to share their memories please do contact us using the information below and we can tell you more about what's involved.

Contact: Lisa Kerley (Oral History Project Co-ordinator), Carisbrooke Castle Museum, Castle Hill, Carisbrooke PO30 1XY. Tel: 866529 or 07718 680396.

E-mail: [lisa.kerley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lisa.kerley@hotmail.co.uk)

## 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  
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All can be contacted at the HIC on 884555.

### Office opening times:-

PARISH COUNCIL  
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Fri: 10am-5.30pm

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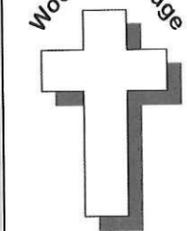
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## The Bridge

Building Bridges in the Community

St Edmund's & St Mark's

Wootton Bridge



## What is Tovertafel?

Are you caring for someone living with dementia, or learning disabilities?

If so, you may be interested to know that we have some exciting new things happening at St Mark's Church.



Firstly, St. Mark's, Wootton. will be hosting the launch of Tovertafel on the Island, on March 20th, 2017, from 10am to 4pm. All are welcome to this event, including carers, those living with dementia, care home managers, activities managers, school representatives, SEND co-ordinators, children and those living with learning disabilities, everyone.

What is Tovertafel?

Tovertafel (which means Magic Table in Dutch) is a series of games for people with moderate to severe dementia and adults with severe learning disabilities, encouraging them to instinctively participate in order to stimulate both physical and social activity. The games consist of a series of interactive light animations, which are projected on any table and which motivate the mind and inspire those living with dementia and/or learning disabilities to be active. And that's why St. Mark's Church is involved.

Tovertafel helps to make those living with dementia and their carers more able to engage with each other.

It offers the opportunity to kindle caring relationships. And that is good news for those living with dementia and their carers.

Another exciting project we are promoting is Dementia Pathfinders Circle Dance. In December we had two dementia circle dance 'taster' sessions. Carers and their loved ones living with dementia had a wonderful time singing and moving around to Christmas music, waving scarves in the air, and playing rhythm instruments and handbells. We enjoyed ourselves so much that we've invited the trainer back to train other carers

in the art of leading dementia circle dance sessions. This happened in February of this year. We're looking forward to a weekly offering of Dementia Pathfinders Circle Dance beginning this summer for those living with dementia and their carers. Stay tuned.



Reverend Veronica Brown

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**Next Brunch: 5th March**