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From the Editor's Desk

By Margaret Thompson

A mixed summer of weather which in autumn is still sending challenges. The world seems even less safe and hostile and not a very kind place to many people all over the world. Politics in the United Kingdom are not settled and rumble on.

What about Titchfield? The village is optimistic with flowers blooming, the fantastic stitchers with the flowers on the church, the covers for the bollards and of course the bike.

The Rev Ian wrote in the church letter about the importance of kindness, an important message to all.

The societies are thriving. The magazine is packed with interesting articles from the Gardeners' Club, The Fareham Arts group and the Art Society tell us what is expected for the future. The History Society outlines interesting talks. The bellringers had a fun time ringing in four churches in the Liss area. We have a humorous account of his summer holidays by Nog on page 9.

The need to care for our environment is highlighted with a piece from a new ECO group, and also a worrying account of the insidious plastic presence in our environment. Ross Underwood has his usual amazing pictures of birds.

Titchfield Primary School has been busy and productive as usual, concentrating on reading skills as well as their trips for the year 6 and year 4 children. They are looking forward to a productive new year. They said goodbye to Mr Olway who wrote some of the articles we reported in the News and we welcome the new deputy head Mr. Shepherd.

Reluctantly we are having to raise the cost of the magazine from next April. Titchfield News subscriptions have been the same for five years now and with rising costs everywhere we feel we have no choice.

Take care all of you.

“What do you want to be when you grow up?”

Rev Dr Ian Meredith,
Priest-in-Charge, St Peter's Church

In Charles Mackesy's book *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*, the boy is asked what he wanted to be when he grew up, to which he replied, “Kind.”

Kindness and its corresponding virtue of generosity are greatly needed in our church and community. Kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous, considerate and treating people with respect. The opposite of kindness is someone behaving in a way that is mean, selfish, rude, or disrespectful.

The late Professor William Barclay a New Testament scholar wrote, *“More people have been brought into the church by the kindness of real Christian love than by all the theological arguments in the world, and more people have been driven from the church by the hardness and ugliness of so-called Christianity than by all the doubts in the world.”*

We don't have to be theological giants or super saints to practice kindness; we just have to act and speak kindly on a consistent basis, to all people, at all times, in person, on social media, whatever the context.

Kindness is often quiet and behind the scenes. I once heard the phrase, “Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty.” What is meant by random acts of kindness?

The owner of a drive-through coffee business, was surprised one morning to have one of her customers not only pay for her own order but also for the order of the person in the car behind her. It put a smile on the owner's face to tell the next customer her drink had already been paid for. The second customer was so pleased that someone else had

purchased her coffee that she bought coffee for the next customer. This string of kindnesses – one stranger paying for the mocha of the next customer – continued for two hours and 27 customers. Here is the exponential impact of a few acts of kindness done with nothing asked in return except that the beneficiary try to do something kind for someone else, that they “pay it forward” and keep it going.

September and October are harvest festival months, and at St Peter’s over these months we are focusing on the idea of kindness and generosity.

It’s easy to be kind to nice people, perhaps even not always in an altruistic way, but hoping that they will be kind to us. But being nice to the nice and kind to the kind is not the Jesus way. Sometimes it’s good to be kind to those who don’t deserve it. You never know, it might melt their heart and change their ways, but perhaps even that is not a good motive. Just be kind.

In *Luke 6.35-36*, Jesus describes how kind God is: “Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

Mother Teresa wrote, “May no one ever come to you without going away better and happier. Everyone should see kindness in your face, in your eyes, your smile.”

How will you practice kindness this week?

St Peter’s Prayerline

Do you know anyone who is ill or in any distress
and who would like the support of prayer?

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St Peter's Church - What's on



Choral Evensong A service of readings and prayers accompanied by Portsmouth Cathedral Choir will be held at St Peter's on **Sunday 6th October, 6.30pm**. This is a special opportunity to worship and give thanks to God for the gift of music and song. Please join us for the service and refreshments afterwards – all welcome.

Lego Club will be meeting on **Saturday 19th October & Saturday 16th November 8.30-10am** in church
Bacon rolls, toast, hot and cold drinks.



Children must be accompanied by a family member – see you there!

Ladies Breakfast Saturday 26th October & Saturday 30th November.
Served in the Chapter Room at St Peter's from 9am-10.30am, this is an opportunity to enjoy conversation, fellowship and a continental breakfast. A sign-up can be found at the back of church ahead of each opportunity.



Advance notice

Advent Coffee Morning

**Saturday 7th December
10am - 12 noon**



Our annual gathering to enjoy coffee and mince pies, listen to live seasonal music, browse festive stalls and raising funds to share between Friends of the Homeless in Fareham and Gosport and St Peter's Church.

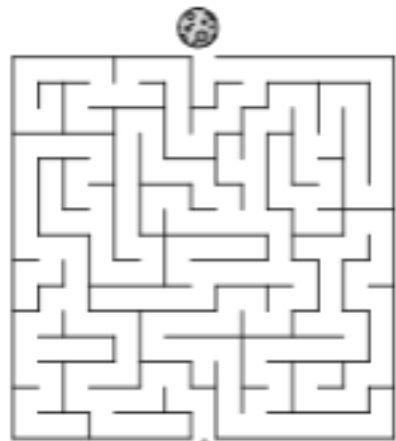
All are welcome!



Colour Me Christmas!

The newly decorated Village Hall will be even more colourful on **Saturday 26th October**, when Titchfield Country Market presents its **Craft Fair**. From 10am to 4pm you will find masses of original Christmas gift ideas, from stained glass to woven willow, painted silk to carved and turned wood, crochet to patchwork, and hand painted cards to felted wool. You could order your Christmas cakes and puddings, and buy jams, chutney and marmalade, as well as the legendary Country Market cakes, and take a break in the beautiful new coffee room for a cuppa. Our craft producers are happy to take orders for specific gifts, and we take cash or card as payment. No need to traipse around large shopping centres to get ideas, shop local and choose home-made, hand- made unique gifts!

Sandi Jones



Take the rocket to the moon

Sudoku

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- ICECREAM

Answers on the inside back cover



Titchfield Open Gardens

Pat Shirley

The Friends of St Peter's are delighted to report that we raised over £5100 at the Titchfield Open Gardens event. These funds will go towards the maintenance of St Peter's Church building. Over 400 people attended the event, and it was lovely to see so many people happily enjoying themselves as they wandered around the village visiting the gardens. The weather was fine and such a relief on the day. By 1 o'clock the queue was gathering to collect arm bands and tickets from St Peter's and admiring the wonderful display of crocheted flowers cascading down the front of St Peter's tower.

There were fourteen gardens open on the day, each one quite unique. Some were very small but a blaze of colour with beautiful flowers in pots and planters. Others appeared small until you found yourself walking through a series of garden rooms, each with its own theme and amazing collection of amusing objects. There were formal gardens, courtyard gardens, vegetable plots and cottage gardens, one complete with some bee hives. Some gardens had wonderful water features and paths that lead you to secret areas and quiet places for contemplation. All of them were truly delightful, often enhanced by the mellow brickwork walls so typical of Titchfield gardens. It was a wonderful opportunity to see what is hidden behind the gates that we all regularly pass in the village. The garden layouts and the array of plants were inspiring. Many keen gardeners spent time talking to the garden hosts, quizzing them about their plants and propagation techniques. The hours of work getting the gardens ready for the show by the garden hosts was greatly appreciated.

A welcome stop during the garden tour was at the Tea Garden, where donated cakes and cups of tea were served by volunteers. Many people contributed to their time and effort to make this event so enjoyable, and it is this community spirit that makes our wonderful village such an amazing place in which to live.

Huge thanks must go to those intrepid village Yarn Bombers who took on the challenge of yarn bombing the front of St Peter's Church with the cascade of crocheted and knitted flowers, in support of the Open Gardens. Thanks also to Steve Sherwood, the church warden who found the way to attach the cascade and supported the yarn bombers throughout the project. It was a draw for many people who then ended up paying to see the Open Gardens. Our thanks also go to Jax Price and Tony Postle for designing our programme and map and to Freemantle's for printing over 400 copies. We would also like to thank Hays Travel who sold over £1000 worth of tickets! and to Ross Underwood for the amazing photographs.

Last but not least we would like to thank all the garden hosts and helpers, too many of you to name but we could not have done it without your constant support so thank you.

Finally, I have now stepped down as Chair of FoSP and am delighted to hand over the reins to Mary Yearley so can I take this opportunity to thank our amazing committee for all their hard work. What a team.



Titchfield WI

Hilary Robjohns - Secretary

Over the summer, Titchfield WI were 'nomads' while our usual venue, the Village Hall was being refurbished. For our July Meeting, some ladies had a go at pétanque, with some showing more promise than others, while in August, members enjoyed an evening at Fareham Rotary's Wheelhouse at Hill Head beach. Members look forward to celebrating Titchfield WI's 103rd birthday, back in the Village Hall in September, and in October, paranormal investigator, John Harvey will be giving a talk.

Visitors are welcome to join us at our meetings on 4th Monday of the month at 7.30pm (apart from December). titchfieldsec@hampshirewi.org.uk

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Nog's Holiday Adventures!

Nog Grimstead

This year I have been fortunate enough to take two long holidays. Three weeks touring the south-eastern United States in search of music, food and drink opened my eyes to some wonderful people, friendly, helpful, generous with their time and hospitality, and above all welcoming. In New Orleans I felt at home in every bar and restaurant; a trip up and down the Mississippi on a paddle steamer with a live jazz band made for an unforgettable experience. I was treated to free drinks in Memphis, with the obligatory visit to Graceland (“good taste” and “Elvis” do not sit well together); also in Lynchburg, home of Jack Daniels whiskey, a village about the size of Titchfield, where I attended Easter Sunday at the Methodist church, rather different from St Peter’s; and again in Cincinnati, whose bars liven up later on. Nashville’s music scene is alive and well, with a “come-all-ye” country band popping up in one local bar. Jazz in New Orleans, blues in Memphis, country in Nashville and Louisville, local food - gumbo, slow-cooked barbecue beef, and Tex-Mex, alongside a wide variety of cocktails - superb. I made a new friend in the home of the “Slugger” baseball bat, Louisville, and in Austin met up with an old friend, whose brother’s hospitality was unbounded. The icing on the cake was observing the four minutes twenty-two seconds eclipse on his ranch in Llano, Texas.

Having recently returned from a three-week tour of France on my motorbike, I once again met helpful, friendly, welcoming restaurant, bar and hotel staff, and astonishingly courteous drivers – as I rode up and down about eighteen Alpine passes, some nearly two miles high, cars passed cyclists with a wide berth, and invariably pulled over to let me overtake. The tour started in Annecy to ride the Grandes Alpes, over passes such as Roselend, Iseran (the highest at 2770 metres), Cenis, Galibier, Izoard, Cayolle; hairpin bends most of the way. Outside a café, two angry wasps stung my fingers three times in one go – the bar staff immediately came to my aid, soaking the stings in vinegar; was I allergic,

do I need them to call an ambulance, can they do anything else to help... unfortunately it was my braking hand so riding was decidedly different until the swelling went down! I rode the Gorges Daluis and the Canyon de Verdon, with their sheer drops into deep chasms. Arles provided a welcome break to see Gauguin and van Gogh's house and the Roman amphitheatre. A stopover in Agde to watch the nautical jousts, whereby rowers compete to knock opponents into the river, provided great entertainment. I rode the Millau viaduct, currently the world's highest bridge, on the way to the walled city of Carcassonne, and spent my birthday (yet another free drink) in St Emilion, drinking St Emilion, my favourite red wine. A day of rest in St Malo rounded off a great trip.



I'm developing a liking for humans.



Titchfield Gardeners' Club

Future Dates

12th October **TGC visit to RHS Wisley** 10.00am

Free to members plus 2 guests

Register on tgcmeeings@gmail.com

6th November Titchfield Gardeners' Club 7.30pm

Growing Grapes and Wine-Making in England by Jonathan Rogers

Titchfield Village Hall

Free to members, £5 for visitors

27th November **TGC Xmas Skittles at the Crofton Pub, Stubbington**

Register on tgcmeeings@gmail.com

4th December Titchfield Gardeners' Club 7.30pm

Christmas Workshop by Val Hockley

Titchfield Village Hall



Titchfield Gardeners' Club

Sarah Green, Chairman

We have had a busy summer with our membership swelling to 110 and plenty of talks and activities to enjoy. In June we heard from Pip Bensley about the secrets of exhibiting at Chelsea, then visited Andy McIndoe's garden which was a treat for us all. We visited Lordington Lavender in August when we were able to enjoy the delicious scents of the lavender farm and hear all about its upkeep from its owner, Andrew Elms followed by a delicious tea. Chris Bird returned to us in September with a very interesting talk about "Ferns and Grasses", and reminded us about how versatile and easy they are to grow.

Our annual highlight was the Autumn Show on 8th September when despite the poor weather our members came together to show off their beautiful flowers and produce as well as baking ginger biscuits, pinwheel cookies and entering jams and chutneys. The photographic section was a great success with more entries than usual and we were able to sell plants as well, thanks to Katrien Burrows. Thanks to Steve Nash, our Show Secretary, for organising the event. Also thanks to Annette DeVoil, Ann Fulton, Chris Chase, Jan Davies and Tony Hart for helping with the preparation on the day. Congratulations to Jan Davies (above left) for the best horticultural exhibit in the Show!



As Autumn is upon us we look forward to a talk on Dahlias from Nick Gilbert of Gilberts' Nursery near Romsey on 2nd October and our annual visit to Wisley to see the Autumn Colours as well as the fruit produce on Saturday 12th October. For further details see our website:

www.titchfieldgardeners.club



Titchfield Primary School

Michelle Stephens, Head Teacher

I hope you all had a lovely summer. At the time of writing this, it definitely feels like Autumn has arrived with plenty of rain and wind! I cannot believe that we are at the start of another academic year and, on a personal note, this is the start of my 30th year in education! I genuinely do not know where the time has gone and it doesn't seem that long ago that I started my career with a lovely Year R/1 class at a school in Eastleigh. This year I was shortlisted for a Hampshire Education Award and it was a pleasure to attend the ceremony at the Great Hall in Winchester and to hear some inspirational stories of what is happening in Hampshire schools.

As regular Titchfield News readers will know, I use this article to review the previous year and as usual, it certainly was a busy one! I am very grateful that over the year we were able to visit Titchfield Village and also St Peter's Church and that members of Titchfield community are such an important part of our school family.

Our curriculum is the most important part of our school and we work hard to keep it exciting, engaging and relevant to the children. Our popular residential to Spy Camp at Avon Tyrrell for Year 6 and Stubbington Study Centre for Year 4 took place and I am very grateful to the staff and volunteers who enable these to go ahead. Our Year 3 children learned all about Hampshire with a Geography visit to different areas of the county and we continue to use the features of Titchfield as a central part of our curriculum plans. This has included our Year 4 History project about Titchfield Abbey and our Year 1 DT/Geography project about the play park. This year we were thrilled to undertake an art project with the artists who ran the 'Ruins in a Contemporary Landscape' work based at Titchfield Abbey. We were also delighted with our visits to St Peter's Church for Harvest, our KS2 Carol Concert and our leavers' service in July. I hope many of you saw us on our walks through the village!

We have continued our high focus on reading at the school as this is the most important skill that we teach the children. Our Phonics programme is taught brilliantly by my colleagues and this year our Year 1 Phonics Screening check was even better than last year and above national figures at 93% pass in June! This was an incredible result and I am very proud of the children and my colleagues. We were also delighted that our reading outcomes in Year 6 were above national figures and although learning to read is much more than assessments, it is reassuring when we are nationally validated as being highly successful. One of my particular highlights was World Book day in March where each classroom door was transformed into a book that was special to the teacher. We also had a book exchange, celebratory cake sale and the children shared photographs of them 'reading their own way' including a child reading on a trampoline! We held a competition to design a book cover and our governors were the judges – it was a difficult job!

Many of you will know that Mr Olway, our Deputy Headteacher, left us at the end of the summer term to take up the post of Headteacher at Chidham Primary. He had been working at Titchfield for seven years and was ready to take on this new role. We had some lovely leaving celebrations for him and sent him on his way with joy. Mr Alan Sheppard has joined us as the new deputy headteacher and I know he is looking forward to being part of the wider community here in Titchfield.

The children were delighted to return to school this last week and are excited for the year ahead. I always love the first weeks of September – it is like New Year to me! We hope you enjoyed reading about the learning over the last year and my colleagues will share further articles with you this year too.

I would like to thank all the children, staff, governors and parents for their continued support. It is a joy to be the headteacher of such a lovely school and to be part of such a great team.

This term I start tours again for prospective parents for next year's Year R and if you or someone you know in the community has a child who will be celebrating their 4th birthday between September 2024 and August

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2025 they will be able to join our lovely school in September 2025. Please contact the school office on 01329 843322 for further information on how you can get to know us.

We try and share posts about what we are doing in school on Facebook, X and our website so do follow us and you can see more of what we get up to!

I cannot believe that this is the start of my 9th year at Titchfield Primary School and I am really looking forward to seeing what this academic year brings!



Titchfield Abbey WI

Margaret Wellington

How quickly the year is passing and we are already looking forward to Autumn events and Christmas treats. Titchfield Abbey WI, which meets monthly on the second Tuesday starting at 10am in Titchfield Community Centre, welcomes new members and visitors at any meeting. The speaker on 8 October will be the popular Jane Glennie with "Put Your Best Face Forward", followed by "Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery" with Helen Matthews on 12 November. The December meeting will have a festive feel with the Solent Ukeladies providing musical entertainment.

On Wednesday 30 October there will be a Halloween themed Tea Party for Macmillan fundraising, from 1.30-3.30pm in the refurbished Village Hall; donations towards Macmillan and their excellent work will be gratefully received and all are welcome. Additionally members can attend the group's Autumn Meeting on 23 October; contribute towards our occasional "Bra Collection" for "Against Breast Cancer", as well as Christmas Carols at St John's Church Locksheath on 13 December,

Christmas Afternoon Tea at Coco's in December and a "Christmas Carvery Lunch" served by the students at Fareham College in January.

If you would like to know more why not attend one or two meetings as a taster and visitor or email: titchfieldabbeysec@hampshirewi.org.uk

Titchfield Ablaze 2024

Annette DeVoil

We are able to supply a 4ft Norway Spruce tree at £15.00. We have again chosen to supply Norway Spruce the same as last year to keep costs down. Norway Spruce trees have classic fresh Christmas fragrance and structure (pyramid shape). Their needle retention is fine for outdoor trees and are used for Trees in Trafalgar Square and at 10 Downing St.

We will be sending an email with an order form out shortly to names on our mailing list. Forms will also be available from Hadlows the Butchers. Alternatively you can complete the form and post it through 27 West St, letter box is though the archway or email titchfieldablaze@gmail.com
Thank you for joining us in lighting Titchfield for Christmas.

The trees will be ready for you to collect from **9.30am - 1.30pm on Saturday 30th November** from the yard opposite 27 West St, the yard is on left before the path to Garsons. If you are unable to collect your tree please make alternative arrangements with a friend to collect within these times. These trees are available for Titchfield Village residents - outside trees only. Please tell your neighbours and friends in the village if they do not know about ordering a tree.

We are a group of local volunteers who co-ordinate the trees; placing an order for 300 English grown trees. The trees will be trimmed but may need further trimming by you to fit into your bracket. We organise Christmas trees for community buildings like the Village Hall and a tree for the village green – sponsored again this year by Hadlows the butchers and with lights provided by Freemantle's, transport by Mark Harris and the star was made by Tony Traves.

Christmas Tree Order Form 2024

Order by **Monday 28th October** at the latest **NO LATE ORDERS** accepted for collection **Saturday 30th November 9.30am to 1.30pm**

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Orders may be emailed via the email address above but will only be processed when payment for the tree is received.



History Society 2024-25 Season

Marilyn Wilton-Smith



3rd Tuesday in the month 7:30pm at
Malt Rooms, Titchfield Community Centre PO14 4AB

October 15th	100 Years of Malaria History: 1920 to 2020 our attacks on the disease in the 20th century which saw it being eradicated from Western Europe. Dr Tim Mason
November 19th	Timbered buildings in the Worthies. Bill Fergie
December 17th	Social Event
January 21st	Hampshire Pioneers who changed the World. Erica Wheeler
February 18th	Winchester History. Andrew Negus
March 18th	D Day – The Normandy Landings. Jeremy Prescott
April 15th	The Civil War between King Stephen and Empress Maud - 1141, siege and counter-siege in Winchester and the resulting battle at Stockbridge. Jon Sims
May 20th	The Manor of Wickham Part 1 , history of the development of the manor under four families who ran Wickham for 900 years. Geoff Phillpotts

Please take a look at our 2024-2025 program of talks. We have a wide variety of fascinating topics that will as always be brilliantly presented by Experts in their field.

The format is an hour long presentation followed by 15 minutes of provided refreshments and a 10 minute Q&A concluding at 9pm.

Our historians are on hand and books are on display for purchase. Membership is £15 for the year. Guests welcome £5pp

We always welcome your suggestions for topics and indeed speakers.

Meon Health Practice

Amanda Gray, Managing Director



It's been over six months since we introduced Anima, our digital care system, so we wanted to share our progress so far with you. We have identified some key areas which we have detailed below but we do, however, recognise that more improvements still need to be made.

Telephone calls and improving contact during the '8am rush'

Our telephone services are improving, and telephone calls are more than 50% reduced, with abandoned calls more than 70% reduced from January to August. We have also been keenly tracking the statistics to identify improvements made during the '8am rush'.

Total telephone contacts and in person medical requests are both down more than 70%, and abandoned calls reduced by more than 80%.

Online access to appointments

Patients asked for online access to our services, so, we introduced Anima internally in January, and full online access was released in February.

We are really pleased to see so many patients engaging with Anima as their preferred method to contact us, and more than 17,500 patients (47%) registered with Anima between January and August.

From 21st February, when patients could submit online medical requests, we have received and assessed over 5,200 medical requests from patients who previously would have contacted us by phone or in person.

Routine appointments

We will always provide 'urgent' or 'same day' care to those who need it, and we'll continue trying to find ways to improve access to 'non-urgent' or 'routine' appointments.

Since introducing routine requests in Anima, initially as a trial, we have responded to more than 2,000 routine medical requests online.

All data provided is correct as of 22 Aug 24.
Full data was published in our September Patient Newsletter.

The Arts Society Solent

Bridget Hillier



The lecture we were expecting in July had to be cancelled at the last minute as the lecturer had covid! Fortunately we were able, at extremely short notice, to arrange for one of our favourite lecturers, Douglas Skeggs, to come and give us a wonderful lecture on James Whistler. It was a huge success and we will look forward to welcoming him again in our next season of lectures.

By the time this article has been printed we will have had our September lecture titled **Before the Raj: British Life in India circa 1775-1845** given by Prasannajit de Silva.

Upcoming lectures

The October lecture will be held on **Tuesday 15 October at 10:30 hrs.** We are looking forward to welcoming Amy Lim who is coming to talk to us about 17th and 18th century paintings in her lecture **Making Sense of Portraits in Country Houses.**

On **Tuesday 19 November** the lecture will be on palaeontology when Aaron Hunter will be coming to tell us all about **The Jurassic World of Mary Anning.**



The Arts Society Solent is a Member Society of The Arts Society. Members meet on the third Tuesday of every month (except August) at **Titchfield Community Centre at 10:30 hrs.** We have visiting lecturers who cover a broad spectrum of arts-based subjects – ranging from music, architecture and sculpture to ballet, poetry and art, both modern and classical.

Members can enjoy 11 lectures given by accredited speakers all for an annual subscription of £53 a year. Our membership year runs from June to the end of May. If you are not a member why not join us?

article continued overleaf

Non-members are very welcome to sample a lecture as a guest. You do, however, need to book a place ahead as numbers are limited. A donation of £8 per guest is payable in cash at the door. Please arrive by **10:25** hrs as the lecture will start promptly at **10:45** hrs.

If interested please email info@theartssocietysolent.org.uk (or telephone 02392 556565 or 07951 753117).

The Bellringers on a St Mary's tour

Di and Lyndon Hatfield

On Sat 17th August Titchfield ringers and friends, with guests from Netley and Alverstoke set out towards the Liss area for their annual outing. By coincidence all four churches visited were dedicated to St Mary!

The morning began in perfect weather for ringing, with all assembled in the pretty village of Selbourne, home of the naturalist, Gilbert White. Unfortunately, there wasn't time to visit his house or garden, but the church was well worth a visit. The beautiful window depicting St Francis with birds is not to be missed.

There are now eight bells here, rung from the ground floor at the back of the church; but some of us remembered ringing here prior to 2007, when there were only six bells.

After 45 minutes it was back to the cars, down narrow wiggly lanes to Newton Valance, with the local ringer preceding us on his bicycle.

This is an estate church at the end of an attractive long drive, overlooked by the big house. Again, the bells were rung from the back of the church, the ringer of the third bell having the unique experience of standing on the base of the font! They are a mixture of ages the oldest 2 dating from the 1620's!

Once everyone had rung enough, people drifted away to find the lunch venue of the Spread Eagle, an old traditional pub with excellent pub food.

Not far down the road was the third tower, in the church of Liss, with many curious extensions. A bell in a cupola on top of the roof was not one rung that day. The eight bells were rung from a large balcony with views through the end glass wall in to the church, and provoked differing opinions on their merits!

Finally, Buriton, where the church sits just above a little pond, attractive with dragonflies. By now the weather was a lot warmer, and our numbers had diminished somewhat, but slightly flagging spirits were revived by some good ringing. A tricky approach to the ringing room, up a ladder, and a cramped ringing room were rewarded by ringing on bells similar to Titchfield, but arguably easier to ring.

After exiting the church, all assembled for a group photo and thank you to Phil for making arrangements. Thanks too to both Phil and Lyndon for organising ringing.

And hopes for another enjoyable day of ringing on next year's outing. Where shall we go in 2025?



**The Fareham Art Group
Annual Art and Craft Exhibition
2024**

Carole Jarman

Following our wonderful success over the last two years, Fareham Art Group are once again holding their annual Art Exhibition and Craft Fair at Titchfield Community Centre on Saturday 26th October from 10am to 4.30pm and on Sunday 27th October from 10am to 4pm. The Exhibition will be opened at the members preview evening on 25th October by the Mayor of Fareham. An award will be given for the artwork of the Mayors choice. In addition, a guest judge will select and award further prizes for work in both the art and craft categories and awards will also be given for the public vote.

This year's **free** event will exhibit hundreds of original paintings for sale, plus craft stalls, greeting cards and gifts. This is an ideal time to purchase an original Christmas present or a treat for yourself. We will be serving delicious refreshments, including homemade cakes and pastries, which will be served throughout the day. We will also be running a tombola with lots of prizes plus a stall selling Art Materials and Art Books.

The sale of our 2025 Calendar – “Seasonal Scenes”

During our summer months break, Fareham Art Group asked its members to paint a seasonal painting so that we could produce a Calendar for 2025. The calendar will show the 12 winning entries of the competition, selected by our members, at our September AGM and produced ready to sell at our Exhibition.

Parking is free and there is wheelchair access.

Why not come along and vote for your favourite painting or craft piece and sample our delicious homemade cakes.

Fareham Art Group has over 150 members. We hold Tuesday afternoon painting sessions at St John's Church Hall, Redlands Lane, Fareham and during the summer we organise outdoor painting days at various venues. We also have Saturday workshops in Portchester. Our members have a range of abilities from beginners to professionals, who draw and paint in all types of medium. At the weekly group meetings we help and encourage each other to learn and have fun by sharing our knowledge and experience. We also offer regular tutored groups to allow us to focus on a specific subject or paint medium. Each month we hold evening demonstrations by professional artists at the Holy Trinity Church Hall Fareham or online during the winter months. There are also opportunities to win a prize or trophy in our variety of competitions.

Membership costs only £17.00 per year and you can join at the exhibition or online. Want to know more? Find us on our website at www.farehamartgroup.co.uk and on our Fareham Art group Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you at our Exhibition.

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EcoTitchfield for the Titchfield Ward

The EcoTitchfield Team

We are proud to introduce our newly formed Sustainability Action Group, a community-driven initiative originating from four longstanding residents focused on reducing the carbon footprint of our village and enhancing local biodiversity. By building on our community's historic strengths and reputation, we are committed to working with everyone who lives in the Titchfield Ward to create opportunities that promote sustainability in a cost-effective manner.

The core mission of EcoTitchfield is twofold: to significantly reduce our village's carbon footprint and to increase biodiversity in our local environment. These objectives are crucial as we face the pressing challenges of climate change and environmental degradation. We believe that by working together, we can make meaningful strides toward a more sustainable future.

Real local change requires the collective effort of the entire community. That's why we are engaging with the complete cross-section of our residents—ensuring that every voice is heard and every hand is involved. This includes reaching out to our younger residents, who are the future stewards of our environment, as well as our local businesses, which play a vital role in our economic and environmental landscape.

In these challenging times, we understand that sustainability must also be practical and cost-effective. EcoTitchfield is focused on identifying and promoting measures that are not only good for the environment but also make financial sense for our residents and businesses. Whether it's through energy efficiency initiatives, waste reduction, or supporting local, sustainable practices, our aim is to make sustainability accessible and beneficial for everyone.

Our first phase of activity is to engage and grow our community over the next year. So in conjunction with The Greening Campaign we will roll out our first work plan that encourages every resident to get involved.

This focuses on five key pillars:

Space for Nature: This pillar encourages communities to create or improve natural spaces to support local biodiversity.

Energy Efficient Warmer Homes: This involves reducing energy consumption and making homes more energy-efficient, which also helps lower CO2 emissions and energy bills.

Health Impacts of Climate Change: This pillar focuses on raising awareness about the health challenges posed by climate change, including the impact of rising temperatures and mental health concerns.

Waste Prevention: Instead of focusing on recycling or reusing waste, this pillar emphasises reducing waste at its source.

Cycle of the Seed: This initiative promotes food security by encouraging communities to grow their own food and learn about soil health, fostering discussions around food sustainability.

These pillars are designed to be accessible and engaging, making it easier for our residents to take collective action.

As we embark on this journey, we are confident that our rich history and strong community spirit will be the foundation of our success. By tapping into these strengths, we will not only achieve our initial goals but also build a resilient community that is prepared to face further challenges.

As the saying goes 'It takes a Village' so we very much hope all residents to join us in this important effort, this opportunity is for everyone and we can't do it without you. Together, we can make the Titchfield Ward a model of sustainability, ensuring that it remains a thriving, vibrant place for generations to come.

Let's work hand in hand to reduce our carbon footprint and increase biodiversity.

Website: www.EcoTitchfield.com

Email: info@ecotitchfield.com



THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME 28TH OCT - 2ND NOV

This amateur production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. concordtheatricals.co.uk



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September (Environmental)

Ross Underwood

September is a month that features in many songs to illustrate good things coming to an end. On the nature front it is a time when many birds are on the move. The swallows gathering ready to depart is seen as the harbinger of autumn, and a flock of 350 was seen at Weston Shore in the first week of the month. The young now join their parents feeding themselves on the wing rather than waiting online!



Another bird which travels through is the yellow wagtail (not to be confused with the grey wagtail which is also yellow and inhabits our waterways through the summer). The yellow of the species breeds in southern and eastern Britain, but gathers in large numbers ready to migrate to Africa. At the end of August, a flock of 420 was recorded roosting at the Haven. They follow cattle and horses to pick up the bugs disturbed by the hooves. These two were part of a flock of 125 reported at Warsash.



We are lucky on the South Coast that so many migrants pass through. I saw this Osprey, also called the fish hawk, at Farlington Marshes last month. In addition to the influx from the north, Osprey have now nested in Poole Harbour for a second year following the reintroduction programme by Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation.



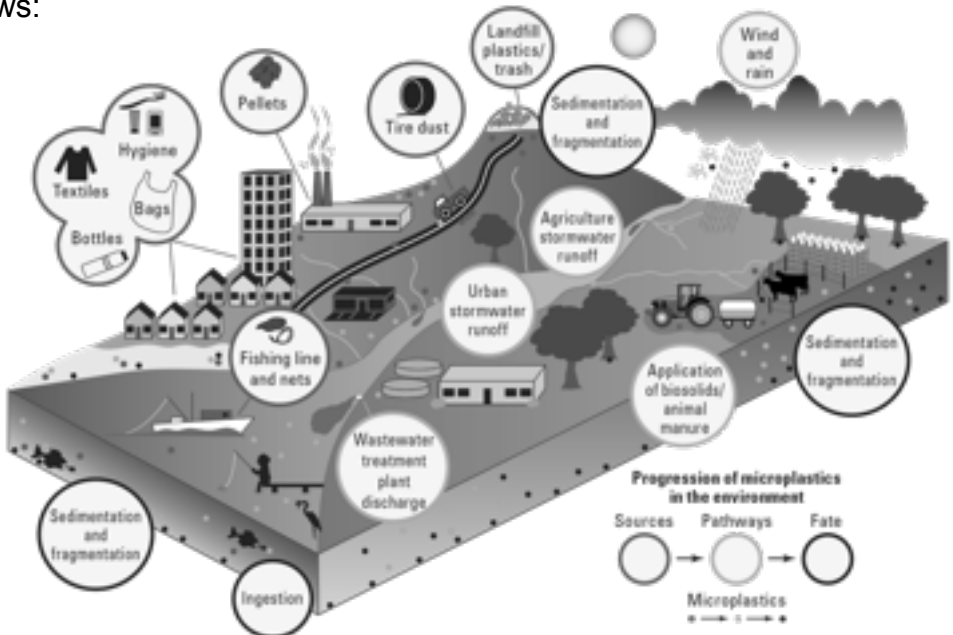
Ring ouzels breed in Scotland but pass through our area on migration. They are like a blackbird with a fancy collar. I have seen them on the Balmoral Estate, but this one was at Butser Hill in September 2016. It took me ages to find it, but I eventually caught up with the flock in the car park of all places!

Aiming for a Plastic-free diet?!

Lisa Williams

It has been found in the darkest depths of the Marianas Trench. It has been found buried deep in the ice in Antarctica, and on the beaches of the most remote islands. It has even been found in the placenta's of pregnant women and in the testes of men. Yep - it's plastic! And, as we discovered in June's Titchfield News, the exponential increase in the amount we produce, use and throw away is leading to a global plastic waste crisis that is only predicted to get worse in the near future.

As mentioned above, a less obvious but just as serious consequence of the amount of our plastic addiction is the increase in microplastic particles (very small, less than 5mm diameter) and nanoplastic particles (even smaller, often so small they can't be seen) that are being released in to every aspect of our environment as plastics degrade. And as a consequence of this, we are now ingesting plastic over time from our food, water and the air. See the diagram below for the main sources and flows:



Estimates of just how much plastic we are likely to be ingesting have varied, ranging from around 50 000 microplastic particles a year in a 2019 study to around 5g (the weight of a credit card!) a week in a more recent one. The health impacts of this are so far also unknown, but there is general agreement that they are unlikely to be beneficial!

Fortunately, there are some things that you can do to reduce this....

Top 3 tips to help you reduce the amount of microplastics you eat and drink

- 1. Avoid bottled water** Whilst present in both tap water and bottled water, studies have found the concentration of microplastics found in bottled water is usually significantly higher. Therefore, carrying that refillable steel water bottle around with you is not only better for the planet, it's probably better for you!

To go one step further in avoiding microplastics, invest in a water filter which helps remove microplastics from your tap water before drinking.

- 2. Don't re-use single-use plastics to store food or drink products** Sadly, although it can make us feel better when re-using single use containers rather than throwing them away, it can actually mean they end up shedding micro-plastics that we then eat. It's much better to store food in Pyrex, aluminium or glass.

Save and re-use your old takeaway containers, yoghurt tubs and sweetie tubs, but re-use them for storing something other than food. Even better (but a much bigger challenge!) – try to buy food products that do not come in plastic packaging to start with!

- 3. Don't microwave in plastic** Heat can further cause plastic to degrade and shed, so try not to microwave in plastic. This is true even in re-usable bowls or dishes which are labelled as micro-wave safe. Instead stick to glass or pyrex if you can. The high temperatures in dishwashers can also cause degradation to occur, so try to wash plastic by hand where possible.

Letters to the Editors

We welcome letters to the Editors, either for publication or just to send us your views, so do please contact us at: magazine@stpeterstitchfield.org.uk making it clear whether or not your letter is for publication by November 6th 2024 please.



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10.00 am	Parish Communion	Live-streamed for those unable to join us in church and available on the website stpeterstitchfield.org.uk followed by refreshments in the church.

Midweek Worship on Thursday mornings

10.00 am	Holy Communion	Book of Common Prayer 1 st & 3 rd weeks Common Worship 2 nd , 4 th and 5 th weeks followed by refreshments in the church.
		Choral evensong sung by Portsmouth Cathedral Choir

Sunday 6th October

From the Parish Registers

Weddings	09.08.24	Richard Paul Wood and Camilla Jodie Culshaw
	24.08.24	Joshua Jordan Wright and Zoe Theresa Bolster
Baptisms	21.07.24	Henry Martin Adam O'Connor
	21.07.24	Keira Christine Pauline Scott
	18.08.24	Noah Michael Cole
Funerals	01.07.24	Brenda Wood (91)
	17.07.24	Henry John Cooper (75)

Services at Neighbouring Parish Churches

Please check information on their websites or telephone numbers below:

Holy Trinity with St Columba, Fareham:	https://www.htscf.org.uk	01329 232688
Other Parishes in the Western Wards Covenanted Partnership:		
St John's, Locks Heath:	https://www.stjohnslocksheath.org.uk	01489 578082
St Mary's, Warsash:	https://www.stmarywarsash.org.uk	01489 570846
St Paul's, Sarisbury Green:	https://www.spsg.org.uk	01489 858405

WHAT'S ON.... in the village?

There are other events happening from time to time as well: these are listed in the report pages of each society where relevant. Enjoy!

Week 1			Week 2		
Monday	Bridge Club***	7.00-10.30pm Com. Centre	Tuesday	Abbey WI	9.30am Com. Centre
Tuesday	Oasis Youth Club (5-9yrs)***	6.30-8.30pm Com. Centre	Week 3		
Wednesday	Wed AM Bridge	9.30-12.30am Com. Centre	Tuesday	History Society	7.00pm Com. Centre ^B
	Lunch Club (60+)***	10.30-13.00pm Village Hall	Saturday	Lego Club	8.30-10am St. Peter's
	Gardeners' Club	7.30pm Village Hall	Week 4		
	Sea Scouts ^{\$}	7-9pm Com. Centre	Monday	WI	7.30pm Village Hall
	Bridge Club*** Dementia Care Hub	As above 2-4pm	Tuesday	Arts Society	10.00am Com. Centre
Thursday	Yarnbombers [£]	3-16.30pm Village Hall	Thursday	Fareham Flower Club	7-9pm Com. Centre
	Oasis Youth Club (14-18yrs)***	6.30-8.30pm Com. Centre	For exercise and dance classes SEE community centre "What's on" - page 32		
	Cubs ^{\$}	6.30-8pm Com. Centre	*** repeats weekly		
	Fareham Flower Club Sing Now Choir	7-9pm 7.30pm Com. Centre	^{\$} Term time only		
			[£] Yarnbombers: Contact Suzy on 07532 168454		
Friday	Country Market***	9.30-11.30am Village Hall	^A See: www.theindyclub.co.uk/sugar-push-social		
Saturday	Ladies Breakfast	9.00-10.30am St Peter's	^B September to May only		
Sunday	Sugar Push Tea Dance	Quarterly Com. Centre ^A	Note: Carols around the Christmas tree Village Green 12 th December 2024, 7pm		
	Titchfield Auctions	6.30pm Com. Centre			

Titchfield on the web

Information on Titchfield.....	www.titchfieldnews.com
Information on St Peter's Church.....	www.stpeterstitchfield.org.uk
Friends of St Peter's Church.....	www.friends-of-st-peters.org
Information on Titchfield Village Trust.....	www.titchfieldvillagetrust.com
Titchfield Community Centre.....	www.titchfieldcommunitycentre.org.uk

WHAT'S ON? To enquire about joining a group, please see the Contacts page

Saturday

Solent Taekwon-Do (4-11yrs)	9.30 - 10.00am 10.15 - 11am
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Debut Dance Academy*	9am - 12.30pm
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Sunday

Titchfield Auctions	Viewing 5.30pm Auction 6.30pm
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Sugar Push Tea Dance (Qtrly)	1 - 6.30pm
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Monday

Tai Chi	12 - 2pm
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Solent Taekwon-Do (4-11yrs)	6 - 7pm
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Titchfield Bridge Club	7 - 10.30pm
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Latin & Ballroom Dancing	6.30 - 8.45pm
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Lindy Hop	7.30 - 10.45pm
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Tuesday

Titchfield Abbey WI (2nd)	9.30am - 12pm
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Arts Society Solent (3rd)	10am - 12.30pm
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Tea Dance	1.30 - 4pm
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Express Dance Academy*	5 - 6.30pm
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History Society (3rd Tues, Sep-May)	7 - 9pm
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Zumba	7 - 8pm
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Oasis Youth Club (5-9yrs)	6.30 - 8.30pm
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* Term time only

FareGos home education group is on site daily, see contact page for details. Our pre-school is currently empty. We are working with Hampshire County Council to find a new provider.

Wednesday

Zumba	9.30 - 10.30am
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Flexercise	9.30 - 10.30am 10.40 - 11.05am
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Wednesday Morning Bridge	9.30am-12.30pm
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Titchfield Lunch Club (60+)	10.30am - 1pm
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The Dementia Care Hub	2 - 4pm
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Express Dance Academy*	5 - 8pm
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Beavers (6-8yrs)*	5.45 - 6.45pm
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Pilates	6.30 - 8.30pm
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Tai Chi	6 - 9pm
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Cotton On Sewing	7 - 9pm
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Sea Scouts (10-15yrs)*	7 - 9pm
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Titchfield Bridge Club	7 - 10.30pm
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Thursday

Bowling (Oct-Mar)	2 - 4pm
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Express Dance Academy*	5 - 8pm
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Latin & Ballroom Dancing	5.30 - 9.30pm
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Cubs (8-10yrs)*	6.30 - 8pm
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Fareham Flower Club (1st)	7 - 9pm
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Sing Now Choir	7 - 9pm
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Oasis Youth Club (Yr 9+)	6.30 - 8.30pm
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Friday

Pilates	9.15 - 10.15am
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CONTACTS

To enquire about joining a group, please call the group leader directly

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B	Bowling Club Carolyn Garrett..... 07963 500348
C	C J Dancing Ballroom & Latin James Taplin.....01489 584502
	Cotton On Sewing Workshops Sheryl Vincent.....07704 065633
D	Debut Dance Academy Sofia Higman.....07881 292981
E	Express Dance Academy Laura Whittenham07851 567229
	FareGos Home Education.....01329 550630
F	Fareham Bee Keeper Assn Gregory Young07788 174115
	Fareham Flower Club Val Hockley.....07961 181605
	Flexercise Lindsey Wheeler.....07715 435863
H	History Society Peter Mills.....01329 317912
J	Jiveasy Nigel Sefton-Smith..... 07590 848938
L	Lindy Hop/Sugarpush Tea Dance Simone Graham.....07944 255574
O	OASIS Youth Club email: info@yservices.co.uk
P	Pilates Manous Jacobs.....07798 708309
	Sing Now Choir Jack White.....email: info@singnowchoir.com
S	Solent Stitchers Sandi Jones.....01329 847930
	Solent Taekwon-Do Mike Stuart..... www.solenttkd.co.uk
	The Arts Society (Solent) Caroline Hodgkinson.....07801 731633
	The Dementia Care Hub Dr Kellyn Lee..... 07769 009599
	Tai-Chi Andrew Austin.....07824 330950
	Tea Dance & Come Dancing (monthly) Pauline Steel.....01329 234562
T	Titchfield Abbey W.I Sandi Jones.....01329 847930
	Titchfield Auctions Isabel Farmer.....07720 023950
	Titchfield Bridge Club Jill Mogridge.....01329 849826
	Titchfield Lunch Club Ken Moore.....01329 315615
W	Wednesday Morning Bridge Digby Hands.....07772 519644
Y	Yoga Warren Bright.....07562 188819
Z	Zumba Tia Newbury.....07593 301149



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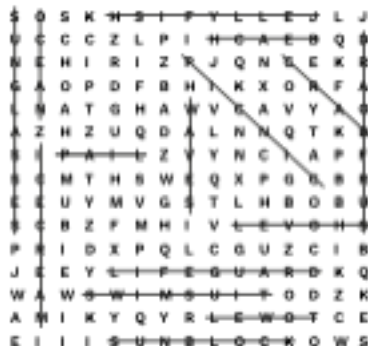
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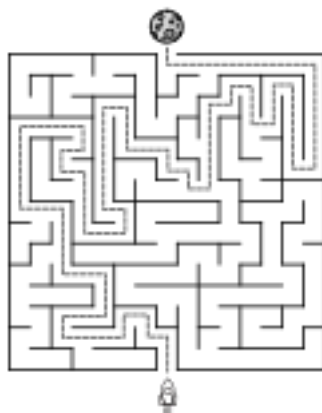
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