

de Worde



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The Wynkyn de Worde Society Newsletter

Dear Fellow Members

Welcome to the first edition of our email newsletter. I hope this finds everyone well, and in good spirits.

Many of you will remember the wonderful 'de Worde' journals and newsletters of our past, which appeared approximately twice a year, the most recent, I believe, being those edited by Patrick Brittain and designed and printed by Colin McHenry. This is a somewhat paler, digital version, and although not the same as our wonderful events, we hope it will be a way we can keep in touch and that you'll enjoy reading it.

The July luncheon at Stationers' Hall will unfortunately not be able to go ahead. Along with so many organisations, with the ever-changing situation we are having to take things as they come. We will of course let you know the next event we are able to hold as soon as we can.

On Thursday 16th July, which was the date in our diary, we are delighted to bring you another online quiz, from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Do join in if you feel inclined. Details are below, along with a report on our first one on the 21st May, which gave us a lovely opportunity to share some much needed fun together.

Take care, and in the words of dear Vera, "We'll meet again..."

With best wishes,
Carol

Carol Kemp - Chairman

Events

Thursday 16th July
6.00pm to 7.30pm

Online Quiz



We hope you can join in!

The quiz is free to enter and open to any members, but can only be entered individually.

There will be rounds on General Knowledge, History, Geography, Sport, Art, Literature, Food, Music and Film, plus prizes and surprises! Quizmaster extraordinaire will be past Chair, Becky Chilcott.

You will be responsible for marking your own answers. We are operating on trust, as we know that our members wouldn't ever cheat!

If you would like to join us, please RSVP to Alison Guy at alison.guy2@btinternet.com, by 9am Weds 15th July.

Once registered, you will be sent a link to the meeting which will be run via Google Hangouts. You do not have to download the software or an app for this – you will be able to join just by clicking the link.

Review: the May Online Quiz

And the winner was... **Catherine Dixon!** Paul Harpin came second and Gus Coulton, third. A Croc of Gold was awarded to the member with the least points.

We are very grateful to Becky Chilcott for coming up with the questions and masterminding the occasion so brilliantly. One round had photos of some of the members hiding their identities behind books, with part of the titles removed – see below (answers at the end of *de Worde*). Unsurprisingly, our members generally scored very highly in the round, *Identify the alcohol brand...* For the next quiz, have your drinks and nibbles to hand, when we look forward to more fun on 16th July.



Member News

New Members We welcome to the Society, **Patrick Baglee.** Patrick is a writer and creative director, and was proposed by Jeremy Tankard.

The Committee Welcomes **Geoff Waring,** who has been co-opted in advance of his position next year as Honorary Designer.

Congratulations, & Jubilations to

Jeremy Tankard, who was a finalist in this year's European Design Awards, with his typeface *Brucker.*
Rian Hughes, whose book about his work, *Logo a Gogo,* has been nominated for two Eisner Awards.

Members' Books

Amongst our esteemed membership, we have a number of authors and illustrators. As there is a tendency, not to blow trumpets in our Society, we thought it would be good to share their titles. We are hoping to have a page listing these on our website. If you would like to include a book you have written or illustrated, please send details to Peter Danckwerts, email: webmaster@wynkyndeworde.co.uk.

Members on Instagram

Our very own Vice Chairman, Paul Harpin, was interviewed for Type Thursday London, shown on Instagram Television. The full interview was only for live broadcast, but Paul gives an interesting short intro which can still be seen here [@typethursdaylon](#), or the [@londontypefoundry](#) instagram page. Watch out for the Wynkynde Worde invitations that Paul designed for us, amongst many other wonderful things.

A number of our members have Instagram accounts. It's good to be able to see some of their work, photos and what they get up to. Instagram is a platform on which you can just observe, join in with comments, or share images of your own. Please let us know if you would like to be added to the list, for the next *de Worde*.

Becky Chilcott [@beckychilcott](#)
Elizabeth Frazer [@frauhaus1](#)
Patricia Gidney [@patriciamaygidney.artist](#)
Paul Harpin [@londontypefoundry](#),
also [@harpinandwaring](#)

Justin Hobson [@fennerpaper](#)
Carol Kemp [@carolkemplettering](#)
Seb Lester [@seblester](#)
Matt McKenzie [@paekakarikipress](#)
Jeremy Tankard [@jeremytankardtypography](#)



Readers' Digestions

During lockdown, many of us have been spending more time reading, or are hoping to read those books that have been sitting on the bedside table far too long. We thought it would be good to share three books: those we have read and would recommend, ones we are currently reading, and books we hope to read.

Here are the selections from a few of our committee members. It would be interesting to see other members' three books, so please email your choices to us, for inclusion in future newsletters.

Alison Guy

Book I recommend: *The Siege* Helen Dunmore

"This may not be a cheerful read, but it certainly puts the lockdown into perspective. We don't know how lucky we are."

Book I'm reading: *The Body* Bill Bryson

"Densely packed with information as you would expect from Bill Bryson. Just hope I can remember some of it."

Book I would like to read: *When God Spoke English: The Making of the King James Bible*, Adam Nicholson

"This has been sitting in my pile of books for quite a while and now is the perfect moment to get on with it!"

Sue Dunk

Book I recommend: *All This I Will Give To You* Dolores Redondo

"Part mystery/whodunnit, part love story, this is so beautifully written – even in translation."

Book I'm reading: *Year of Wonders* Geraldine Brooks

"Based on the true story of a village in Derbyshire that chose to isolate itself to help stop the spread of plague in 1666, this emotionally charged fictional account resonates with the situation we currently find ourselves in."

Book I would like to read: *Find Them Dead* Peter James

"The next in the Brighton-based Roy Grace series is published on 8th July: my copy is on pre-order (although officially it is a birthday present for my husband) and I can't wait!"

Paul Harpin

Book I recommend: *Football Type 2* Denis Hurley

"All about the amazing array of excellent typefaces designed for football shirts from all around the world."

Book I'm reading: *Life With Picasso* Francoise Gilot

Book I would like to read: *Decode Unicode* Johannes Bergerhausen and Siri Poarangan

"This incredible book shows every character of every world language, including Cherokee. It's written in German, but you don't need to be able to read it to enjoy it."

Carol Kemp

Book I recommend: *Gutenberg's Apprentice* Alix Christie

"Historical novel about the printing of the Gutenberg Bible, through the eyes of scribe turned printer, Peter Schoeffer. A letterpress printer herself, Christie really brings to life the dynamics of the workshop. The story sets in context the resultant religious and political implications of this new means of making books."

Book I'm reading: *Dune* Frank Herbert

"Sci-Fi classic. Initially I was rather daunted. The Ambrose Bierce quotation came to mind: "The covers of this book, are too far apart." As I near the end, am now wishing it was longer. No problem though, as Herbert wrote five sequels."

Book I would like to finish reading/re-read: *How to Read Water* Tristan Gooley.

*"Once I have mastered it, I might move onto some six, or even seven letter words... Joking apart, this is a fascinating book about the patterns in water on the sea, rivers, puddles, and what they can tell us. I would also like to read another of the author's books, *The Walker's Guide to Outdoor Clues and Signs*."*

Vices and Verses

Once upon a time, there was going to be a July members' luncheon, with a limerick competition. If anyone did put pen to paper in anticipation, please send them in for us to include in **de Worde**. *Anon* has been struggling to complete this one, and would welcome suggestions for the final line. Printable ones only please..!

*There were a few members of Wynkyn,
Who were found in The Cockpit a-drinkin'
When the Chairman arrived
With a plan to imbibe,
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Across

- 1 Cheeky little fellow in the East End (7)
- 5 Calm emphasis as California lost and found in Tennessee (7)
- 9 Countrified right before a singular Russian range (5)
- 10 Flying instructor's last task – or next job (4,5)
- 11 Famous place to prepare an elegy.... (10)
- 12and an architect who worked in one (4)
- 14 Where to buy a sundial and where to put it (6,6)
- 18 One received from Monsieur le Professeur (6,6)
- 21 Parts never found in the middle (4)
- 22 Trisect dad; reassemble him to take Edward's mind off things (10)
- 25 An objection to a contest (9)
- 26 I really only kick out initially for a teak substitute (5)
- 27 Church adornment, a bit pricey at first (7)
- 28 Grandma eager to get some buff coloured cloth (7)

Down

- 1 Smart Scots pine (6)
- 2 Broadcast public transport with wings (6)
- 3 Cancel true mixup with unwillingness (10)
- 4 Hilarity ends after wit used to mark a channel perhaps (5)
- 5 Printisms is one of many! (9)
- 6 Greeks look at gamma psi to find a way (4)
- 7 Oxford term hides sex-appeal with laughter (8)
- 8 What not to do, according to Glenn Miller, at the Apple Tree (3,5)
- 13 Dare to go in for reforming an EU take-away (10)
- 15 A brief light-hearted romance looking like a German treaty. (9)
- 17 Caraway-flavoured tea-time attraction. (8)
- 19 Caress the eighth oarsman (6)
- 20 A DJ has nothing in to be beside another (6)
- 23 Enter disguised in wood (5)
- 24 It's a mistake to upset a lager (4)

Answers will appear in the next **de Worde**.

*We are grateful to Brian Verstage, who made a donation to the Children's charity 'Honeypot', for us to use this crossword. It was created by his yachting friend, **Afterthort**.*

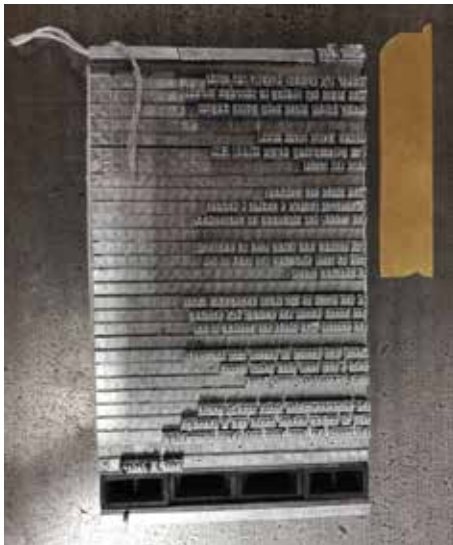
The Charitable Trust

Apprenticeship

This year's apprentice, **Clare Ozouf**

Each year, the Charitable Trust provides an opportunity for a student to work with one of our members. We are very grateful to Matt McKenzie for providing Clare with training in letterpress at his workshop in South London. Clare produced this wonderful poetry book, *Ashdown* by Siân Thomas, with images by Reem Acason, for the Paekakariki Press. Clare wrote about her experience:

"I really enjoyed my time with Matt at Paekakariki Press and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity. I have learnt a lot about the process and the history of printing, and also myself through the experience. Thank you again for the opportunity and your support during my placement."



Clippings

Sewing B

Some of our members have been handy with their scissors making fabric masks. Considering they are now *à la mode*, and it is possible that we will have to wear facemasks *en route* when we commence events again, we thought this pattern might be useful.



- 1 Cut 2 pieces of cotton fabric 9" x 7", and 2 pieces of 1/4" elastic, 7" long.
- 2 Pin a piece of elastic on the top and bottom of the short ends of the rectangle, facing inwards, 1/2" from the edge to create an ear loop.
- 3 Place a second piece of fabric on top, so that the right sides of both pieces are facing together.
- 4 Sew around the entire mask leaving a 2" opening along the bottom for turning. Backstitch over elastic.
- 5 Fold mask in thirds and press. Create 1/2" pintucks facing upwards, using pressing markings as a guide.
- 6 Topstitch along the outside of the entire mask using a 3/8" seam allowance.

Clippings continued...

Salad Clippings **The Luncheon Secretary's Vegetable Window Box**

As promised, we are reporting on Paul Benwell's vegetable window box, which he has made with his spare time. We are pleased to announce that Paul is having a very healthy diet (apart from the wine), due to the success of his lettuces, radishes and carrots. As yet, there haven't been any tomatoes (or indeed bananas).



Before



After

Laughter Medicine

Wonky de Worde

Typing 'Wynkyn' one day, I looked up to see that spellcheck had turned 'Wynkyn' to 'Wonky'. As this year has gone a bit 'wonky', I rather liked that, and wondered if we could have an amusing typos section, with spellcheck corrections, as well as ones that have actually appeared in print. We will include the funniest in future **de Wordes**, and they might even appear in a keepsake...

Here is one to get the ball rolling:

When on a trip to town I saw a friend going in to Lloyds Bank I texted my husband to let him know. Before I noticed my error, the text was sent and spellcheck had changed it to '...going in to Loot Bank.'

Jokes

A graphic designer walks into a shop and goes up to the counter. "Excuse me, do you make custom printed underwear?" "Yes, we do. What would you like to have printed on it?"

"I want it to say: If you can read this, you're too close." "Very well, what sort of typography do you want?" "Braille."

A friend of mine made the front page of the local paper. He's a printer.

In the scriptorium the monks are hard at work, writing out copies of the bible, to dutifully spread the word of God. The oldest monk, who has been staring wistfully out of the window for a while, suddenly puts his quill down, saying, "I'm just off to check on something." He goes down to the vault where the priceless, original master copy of the bible is kept.

After a long while, he still hasn't returned and a concerned monk goes to look for him, who finds him, head in hands, sobbing over the great book. "Whatever is the matter?" says the younger monk. The monk replies crossly, "It says 'Celebrate!'" Only goes to show the importance of a good proof reader...

Quiz Answers

Readers and their book titles: Becky Chilcott *The Mirror and the Light*, Alison Guy *Flora Britannica*, Paul Benwell *The Oxford Companion to Wine*, Carol Kemp *Green Eggs and Ham*, Lynda Brockbank *The Art of Looking Sideways*

We hope you have enjoyed this edition of *de Worde*. If you have any suggestions for future content, your book choices, jokes, limericks etc., please email them to carol@carolkemp.com or suedunk@icloud.com