

HEPWORTH SOCIAL CLUB NEWSLETTER

*"Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends."*

~John 15:13~



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Over 60's Christmas Lunch Hepworth Pavilion

Would you believe that this is the thirteenth year for our Over 60's Christmas Lunch. This year it will be on Friday 14th December 12.00 noon for 12.30 ish!! Carol will again be cooking this for us and what a splendid job she does!



If you are new to the village and qualify on age, please do come along, you will be most welcome. The meal is free to Hepworth Over 60's. If you would like to bring a younger friend or someone from another village, the charge for the meal will be £9.00. If you need a lift, please ring 250048.

As usual we would be grateful for any contributions towards our raffle, we have been very fortunate in the past with many of you contributing generously with money, hampers, wine, sherry or gifts and for this we thank you. Without your support, we could not fund this lovely, friendly Christmas lunch, where people get together sometimes only at this time of the year.

We are again looking for volunteers to help with this event, as without you, we really are struggling. We need help with lifts, waitressing, taking coats, washing up, delivering prizes and cleaning the hall afterwards. If you are able to help in any way, please ring me on 250048.

Lastly, you do need to ring me on 250048 to book your meal. Carol obviously needs to know how many meals to cook. We are taking bookings up until Monday 10th December and would appreciate you letting us know by then.

We hope you will enjoy your meal in our lovely, friendly, festive atmosphere and look forward to seeing you there.

Margaret and John.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

With this issue you will find an envelope enclosing raffle tickets. If you would like to buy some, please fill in the counterfoils and put them in the envelope together with the money, seal it up and drop it into the letterbox of one of the addresses on the front of the envelope. If there are any books which you haven't used, please also enclose them in the same envelope. If you have difficulty getting to one of the addresses, please give me a ring on 250048 and I will be happy to collect.

The reason we've gone onto this system is twofold. With darker nights upon us, it is unfair to ask our collectors, some of whom are at work all day, to call round and try and fill in the counterfoils in the dark and also a bit dangerous when we have a shortage of well lit footpaths. The other is that many of you don't like answering the door when it is dark outside and this is fully understandable. So we hope you'll appreciate the reasons for not calling on you personally.

Last year, we found that several people purchased tickets by way of a donation, not wanting the prizes themselves but wanting to contribute something towards the dinner. If you would like to do this, please put your name and the word 'donation' on the ticket, if you wish to remain anonymous – just write 'donation', add the money and put into an envelope. The fairest way we found of drawing these was to issue one different ticket to each of those over 60's who attended the meal. If we drew one of these 'donation' tickets, we drew a corresponding ticket to those attending the lunch, and this was much appreciated by those present.

We would like to thank all of you in advance for buying the raffle tickets and supporting the Social Club's Over 60's lunch, it's a tradition we hope to keep going for many years to come. The first prize is £100, the second is a giant hamper. Other prizes include a microwave, toaster, coffee maker, DVD player, and many many more (we usually have over 70 so there should be plenty for all!!)

Many thanks
Margaret

PET REGISTER

Just recently we've been asked on a couple of occasions if we knew the owners of certain dogs who've gone 'walkabouts' and ended up in someone else's garden. Luckily, we've been able to find their owners through a few phone calls around the village. Because of this we've come up with an idea.

What about a pet register in the village? We thought that if those who are interested, just told us their breed of dog, cat, hamster or whatever pet and perhaps supply us with a photo and your phone number, we could keep a register of this and if someone found a pet on 'walkabouts', we could ring and reunite them with their owners fairly quickly

What do you think? We would be willing to start this. Let's have your thoughts please.

Margaret.

HORMONE TEST

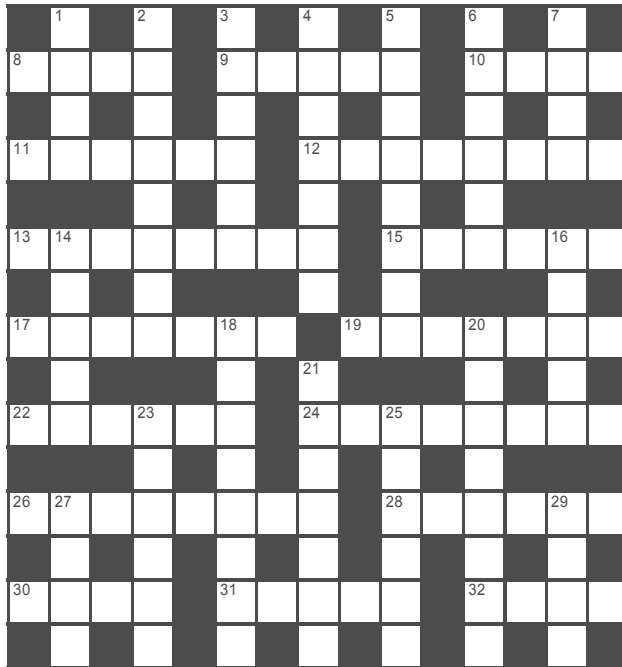
Yesterday, University scientists released the results of a recent analysis that revealed the presence of female hormones in beer. Men should take a concerned look at their beer consumption. The theory is that beer contains female hormones (hops contain phytoestrogens) and that by drinking enough beer, men turn into women.

To test the theory, 100 men were fed 8 pints of beer each within a 1 hour period. It was then observed that 100% of the men tested had:

- 1) Gained weight.
- 2) Talked excessively without making sense.
- 3) Became overly emotional.
- 4) Couldn't drive.
- 5) Failed to think rationally.
- 6) Argued over nothing.
- 7) Had to sit down while urinating.
- 8) Refused to apologize when obviously wrong.

No further testing was considered necessary.

Crossword No 112



Across

- 8 You (4)
- 9 Mistake (5)
- 10 Ogled (4)
- 11 Smaller (6)
- 12 Diminish (8)
- 13 Creative (8)
- 15 The elder (6)
- 17 Biology, Chemistry etc. (7)
- 19 Inuits (7)
- 22 Helpful (6)
- 24 Excess water (8)
- 26 Succession (8)
- 28 Artists stand (6)
- 30 Fish or meat (4)
- 31 Additional (5)
- 32 Attack (4)

Down

- 1 Clothing for foot (4)
- 2 Daylight glare (8)
- 3 Confidential (6)
- 4 Foretell (7)
- 5 Farm vehicles (8)
- 6 Rely (6)
- 7 Animal doctors (4)
- 14 Competes (5)
- 16 Revealed (5)
- 18 Settlements (8)
- 20 Manufacture (8)
- 21 Involves (7)
- 23 Defended (6)
- 25 Dramas set to music; (6)
- 27 Way out (4)
- 29 Put down (4)

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The scheduled meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday, 6th September 2007 at the pavilion. The meeting was chaired by Mr Stannard. Amongst the matters discussed were:

Report from Borough Councillor The Borough Councillor reported on the planned Recycling Presentation at Stanton Village Hall on 16th October, proposal for 530 new houses per year within St Edmundsbury Borough, a planning application to turn the former workshop building in Stanton into a car-wash, and the cancellation of the IKEA distribution centre.

Report from County Councillor The County Councillor confirmed that the IKEA Distribution Centre would not go ahead, reported on the problems with flies and smells from the composting plant, and discussed a letter from Suffolk Constabulary regarding the closure of the enquiry desk at Ixworth police station.

Wet Patch on A143 It was confirmed that the water authority is aware of this problem, but will need to close the road in order to remedy it.

Clerk's Report The Clerk's report included grant-funding for the Hepworth Parish Newsletter, dumping of rubbish on the A143, and membership of Suffolk ACRE.

Parish Plan The Parish Plan has been formulated, and is about to go to print – it should be available before the next meeting.

Tree behind Bungalows at Nos 7-9 The Street A large, mature tree which is leaning badly and creaking will be reported to Havebury Housing

Use of Route from Church Lane to Wood Lane by Motorised Vehicles The Clerk will check whether road-worthy motor-cycles may use this lane or not.

Bus Shelter on A143 As IKEA will no longer be providing a bus shelter, the Clerk will ask Suffolk County Council to erect a glass bus shelter on the A143 at the junction with The Street.

Overgrown Footpath from The Street to the Recreation Ground

The Clerk will ask the two landowners (one on either side) to cut back brambles and nettles.

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday, 18th October 2007 at the pavilion. The meeting was chaired by Mr Beales. Amongst the matters discussed were:

Planning Application - Mill House, Bury Road Application for the erection of a second floor extension with new roof, and new pitched roofs to the existing single-storey annexes of detached property. The Parish Council had no objection, and observed that the change of use application for the Annexe remained outstanding.

Listed Building Application and Planning Application - The Barn, Reeves Hall, North Common Applications for the erection of a single-storey infill lean-to extension to the north-west elevation. The Parish Council had no objection or observation.

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Planning Application - 23 Church Close Application for the erection of conservatory to the rear elevation. The Parish Council had no objection or observation.

The Old Cottage, North Common The Clerk will find out whether the problem with foul water leaking from a broken pipe on Shepherds Grove has been rectified.

Dirty Telephone Kiosk BT will be asked to clean externally the kiosk on The Street.

Information



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

FLY-TIPPING

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of waste. It can vary in scale significantly from a bin bag of rubbish to large quantities of waste dumped from trucks. Fly-tipped waste may be found anywhere, such as roadsides, in lay-bys or on private land. A wide variety of wastes are fly-tipped. These include rubbish, large domestic items, such as fridges and mattresses, garden refuse, tyres and clinical waste.

Fly-tipping is a problem because:

- it costs the Council to investigate and clear many of the fly-tipping incidents and these costs fall on taxpayers and private landowners.
- it poses a threat to humans and wildlife, damages our environment, and spoils our enjoyment of our towns and countryside.
- it undermines legitimate waste businesses where illegal operators undercut those operating within the law. At the same time, the reputation of operators is undermined by rogue traders.
- as with other things that affect local environment quality, areas subject to repeated fly-tipping may suffer declining property prices and local businesses may suffer as people stay away.

If you have witnessed an incident of fly-tipping or wish to report waste that has been fly-tipped, please contact Waste Management on (01284) 757320. The maximum penalty for fly-tipping is £50,000 unless it goes to the crown court where there is no ceiling limit.

Play your part for cleaner, safer neighbourhoods

Many people are actively doing their bit for the global environment by recycling, saving energy and buying local produce. But what do we do about things such as litter, graffiti, fly-tipping, dog fouling and abandoned cars?

In St Edmundsbury, everyone knows that this type of low level anti-social behaviour can cause problems for local residents. As a result, the borough council is making it easier for people to report incidents by arming residents with one phone number which they can ring about a variety of issues. This also speeds up the council's response, meaning unsightly problems are sorted out more quickly.

For example, the council will remove abandoned cars in public areas within 24 hours, clean up graffiti promptly and hand out fines of up to £80 to anyone caught dropping litter. Because of this, recent surveys have shown that residents are now much more satisfied with the way the council deals with these types of anti-social behaviour than in the past.

Keeping our communities clean, safe and litter-free is a challenge for all councils – but is something which everyone can help with. If you notice a fly-tip, graffiti or abandoned car, then please let the borough council know. St Edmundsbury will either deal with the incident immediately or, if that's not possible, explain to you why not.

So please play your part for a cleaner, safer environment by reporting any anti-social behaviour as soon as you see it.

The new Safer Neighbourhood Teams made up of police, councils, organisations and volunteers are working together to listen to people's concerns and tackle local issues promptly. You can contact your parish/ ward team and report problems by visiting www.safersuffolk.org.uk or telephoning Suffolk Constabulary on 01473 613500.

You can also contact St Edmundsbury Borough Council's waste management team, on 01284 757320 or by email at waste.management@stedsbc.gov.uk to report problems such as fly-tipping and abandoned cars.

Play your Part to keep fireworks fun

As the dark nights draw in, we can look forward to seasonal events such as Bonfire Night. Traditionally, this is the time to enjoy fireworks, but increasingly they are used all year round to celebrate many occasions

While most people enjoy fireworks responsibly, in the wrong hands they can cause real misery through anti-social behaviour. Many adults and children suffer fireworks injuries either through accidents or intentional attacks.

Letting off noisy fireworks late at night with no regard for neighbours can cause distress by frightening people and pets, while a dangerous minority deliberately use fireworks to intimidate residents and damage property.

The laws against firework misuse have been strengthened to protect communities and provide more powers to tackle the problem locally. Misuse offences relate to throwing, possession and controlling when fireworks are used, and other laws regulate the supply and sales of fireworks.

Did you know?

- It is an offence to set off fireworks in public places such as parks, streets and school grounds and they should not be sold to young people.
- You cannot set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except on 5 November, Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year, when the curfew is extended to 1am.
- Offences carry fines of up to £5000, or six months imprisonment and a range of anti-social behaviour orders (ASBOs) may be used to prevent fireworks misuse by persistent offenders.

Fireworks offences should be reported to your local Safer Neighbourhood Team by visiting www.safersuffolk.org.uk or telephoning Suffolk Constabulary on 01473 613500.

WARM FRONT

Some residents could receive up to £2700 to make their homes warmer, healthier and more energy efficient if they qualify for a Warm Front grant.

The government-funded scheme is designed for those who receive certain benefits and who own their home or rent it from a private landlord. Some homes that need oil central heating may receive a grant of up to £4000.

Contact Warm Front free Monday – Friday 8am-6pm 0800 316 2814
www.warmfront.co.uk

Value for Money

A Scotsman, planning a trip to the Holy Land, was aghast when he found it would cost £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee.

"Hoot mon," he said, "in Scotland it wouldna ha' been more than £20."

"That might be true," said the travel agent, "but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked."

"Well, at £50 an hour for a boat," said the Scotsman, "it's no wonder he walked!"

Sudoku - (solutions on page 12)

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SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2007 AT 2.30 PM

Remembrance Services in the Abbey Gardens at the Dunkirk Memorial and Appleby Rose Garden.

YULE FEST AT WEST STOW

This is a great, free, day out for all the family at West Stow Country Park and Anglo-Saxon Village, on Sundays 11 and 18 November.

Entry to the village is free and on the first Sunday Stowacynn, the resident Anglo-Saxon family, will be joining in the fun and demonstrating crafts and skills.

Green Santa will bring clever gifts that are recycled and there will be music, mince pies and merriment.

Contact West Stow Country Park and Anglo-Saxon Village
01284 728718 www.weststow.org

FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2007 AT 11.30 AM

The Royal Anglian Regiment - St Edmundsbury Borough Council welcomes the Royal Anglian Regiment on their return from Afghanistan, as they exercise their Freedom of the Borough.

Service on Angel Hill, Parade of troops and band from the Abbey Gardens, Churchgate Street, Guildhall Street, Abbeygate Street and Angel Hill.

Sudoku Solutions (from page 11)

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CHRISTMAS PARK AND RIDE

Buses run every 15 minutes and cost £1.50 per car load of passengers. The parking at Kempson Way, Moreton Hall is signposted from the east exit on the A14 and the additional parking for Saturday 1 December only, at Olding Road on Western Way, is signposted from the north A14 exit.

The park and ride is open for the Saturday and Sunday of the three-day Christmas Fayre, but not on the Friday. Parking at Kempson Way is open 10am-7pm on Saturday 1 December and from 10am-4pm on Sunday 2 December. Parking at Olding Road is only open from 10am-5pm on Saturday 1 December.

The scheme also runs on Saturdays 8, 15 and 22 December from 10am-6pm, from Kempson Way only.

Contact Tourist Information Centre 01284 764667.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN BURY ST EDMUNDS

The whole historic centre of the town will be welcoming shoppers from far and wide for the spectacular three-day Christmas Fayre. It is held from Friday 30 November to Sunday 2 December and combines five markets.

There is the street market on the Buttermarket, on Angel Hill there is a continental market and people in Victorian costume, There is also a market at the cathedral and a historical market at Moyse's Hall. To add to the atmosphere there is also a fun fair on Angel Hill and street entertainment in town.

During the rest of the month there are extra street markets on Sunday 2, 9 and 16 December and a special Christmas Eve market on Monday 24 December.

Contact Tourist information Centre 01284 764667

TURNING ON THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Bury St Edmunds lights are turned on at 6pm on Thursday 22 November on the Buttermarket.

Contact Tourist information Centre 01284 764667

"When I'm an Old Lady"

When I'm an old lady, I'll live with each kid,
And bring so much happiness..just as they did.
I want to pay back all the joy they've provided.
Returning each deed! Oh, they'll be so excited!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

I'll write on the wall with reds, whites and blues,
And I'll bounce on the furniture..wearing my shoes.
I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out.
I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll shout!
(When I'm and old lady and live with my kids)

When they're on the phone and just out of reach,
I'll get into things like sugar and bleach.
Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their head,
And when that is done, I'll hide under the bed!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

When they cook dinner and call me to eat,
I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat,
I'll gag on my corn flakes, spill milk on the table,
And when they get angry..I'll run..if I'm able!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

I'll sit close to the TV, through the channels I'll click,
I'll cross both eyes just to see if they stick.
I'll take off my socks and throw one away,
And play in the mud til the end of the day!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh,
I'll thank God in prayer and then close my eyes.
My kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping,
And say with a groan, "She's so sweet when she's sleeping!"

God Bless All Mum's and Grandma's Everywhere!

Local Crimes



Hepworth

Hepworth between 8am Mon 01/10/07 and 8.15am 02/10/07 Two new 6 foot wooden field gates have been stolen from a farm.

Barningham

Windsor Close, between 12.30am and 8am Thurs 04/10/07 Offenders have broken into a garage by forcing the door and stolen items including power tools, hand tools and a Honda generator.

Church Road, Barningham between 7.40pm and 8pm Mon 01/10/07 Police are appealing for witnesses after a 14 year old girl was grabbed by a man as she walked past the church. She screamed, struggled free and ran off. The offender is described as male, white, in his late teens or 20s, 6 foot tall, of stocky build and was wearing a dark coloured hooded top and dark coloured trousers.

METAL THEFTS

Thefts of all metals has been increasing county wide and nationally.

Over the last week in Suffolk alone there have been thefts of copper piping from a village hall in East Suffolk, and from a building site at Red Lodge. Thefts of lead from church roofs is continuing, in Haverhill, lead was stolen from the sports centre roof and in Ipswich, lead was stolen from the roof of a house extension.

To steal metals in this way requires some time at the scene and a substantial vehicle to remove the stolen items. Police need to be informed immediately by use of the 999 system if any suspicious activity is observed.

Have you seen any unusual activity recently? Have you an idea as to where the stolen metal is going? Has anyone approached you offering to purchase scrap metal?

If you have any information that could assist in identifying who is responsible for these thefts please telephone 01473613500

Things that go bump in the night.....

Police are appealing to young people and their parents to take a responsible attitude to Halloween this year, and appealing to the general public to be a little more tolerant of the high spirits of young people celebrating this event.

A series of posters have been produced which addresses the issues surrounding Halloween. These posters will be put up around the county and have been widely distributed to schools and businesses.

One poster is designed for those people who do not want to take part in the celebrations to put in their window. It states, "The occupants of this house kindly ask you not to call on Halloween. Please respect our wishes." Copies of this poster can be printed directly off the Suffolk Police website www.suffolk.police.uk

It is hoped that the privacy of those people who clearly indicate that they do not wish to be involved in Halloween will be respected.

Inspector Ben Cook, Crime Reduction Officer for Suffolk Police said, "We hope that this year people will take a responsible attitude to Halloween.

"Thanks to continuing support from the local media, members of the public have responded well to our requests for them to act responsibly over the last few years. By repeating the measures that worked last year, we hope to keep the number of disturbances to a minimum.

"There will be extra patrols throughout the county, the helicopter will be deployed and each area has a specific set of initiatives for tackling any disturbances caused by unruly celebrations.

"We don't want youngsters to think we are picking on them and trying to spoil their fun. Indeed I would also like to appeal to the public in general to be a little more tolerant of the antics of those celebrating Halloween."

APPEAL FOR WITNESSES:

Road traffic collision – Great Barton

A143, Great Barton at around 4.40pm Mon 08/10/07 Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious injury collision on the A143 in Great Barton at the junction of School Road. A Derbi moped was in collision with a Mercedes minibus, the teenage male rider of the moped suffered serious injuries and was taken to the West Suffolk Hospital, he was later transferred to Addenbrookes where he is in a critical condition. The driver of the minibus was uninjured, there were no passengers on the minibus at the time. Police want to speak to any witnesses to this collision, particularly the driver of an articulated bulk carrier seen in the area at the time. Calls in relation to this incident should be made to PC Phil Smith at the Bury Roads Policing Unit on 01284 774100 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.
Ixworth - Road traffic collision

A1088 Ixworth at around 7.25am Tues 02/10/07 Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious injury road traffic collision this morning in Ixworth. A red Nissan Almera and a green Suzuki motorbike were in collision at the junction of Heath Road and Thetford Road. The male motorcyclist suffered serious injuries and has been taken to Addenbrookes hospital where his condition is described as stable. The female car driver suffered minor injuries. The road was closed until 12.10pm.

GOOD NEWS:

Cannabis factories, Bury St Edmunds and Forest Heath

Police have made a further three arrests in connection with the discovery of cannabis factories in Bury St Edmunds and the Forest Heath area in July. Two men, aged 28 and 26, and a woman aged 22, all from London, have been released on police bail to return to Bury St Edmunds Police Station on November 15th.



Taking pride in keeping Suffolk safe



Retirement

It is important for men to remember, that as women grow older it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as when they were younger. When you notice this, try not to yell at them. Some are oversensitive and there ain't nothing worse than an oversensitive woman.

My name is, Alan, let me relate how I handled the situation with my wife, Sue. When I was laid off from my consulting job and took "early retirement" in April, it became necessary for Sue to get a full-time job, both for extra income and for the health benefits that we needed.

Shortly after she started working I noticed she was beginning to show her age. I usually get home from the Golf Course about the same time she gets home from work. Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner. I don't yell at her. Instead, I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she gets dinner on the table. I generally have lunch in the Men's Grill at the club so eating out is not reasonable. I'm ready for some home cooked grub when I hit that door...

She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating. But now, it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner. I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves. I know she appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed.

I really think my old business as a consultant helps a lot. I consider telling people what they ought to do one of my strong points...

And speaking of bed, her age really shows up there. I go out and golf all day, come in dead tired and after a two hour nap and a good meal, I'm ready, if you know what I mean. Age has gotten her so bad that she actually dozes off during lovemaking. But that's okay. Her satisfaction in that area is important to a sensitive guy like me and if she enjoys sleeping during our little trysts, what the heck...

Now that she has gotten older, she does seem to get tired so much more quickly. Our washer and dryer are in the basement.

Sometimes she says she just can't make another trip down those steps. I don't make a big issue of this; as she finishes up the laundry the next evening, I'm willing to overlook it. Not only that, but unless I need something ironed to wear to the Monday lodge meeting, or to Wednesday's or Saturday's poker club, or to Tuesday's or Thursday's bowling, or something like that, I will tell her to wait until the next evening to do the ironing. This gives her a little more time to do some of those odds and ends like shampooing the dog, vacuuming or dusting...

Also, if I had a really good day on the course and it was wet and muddy my clubs are a mess, so I let her clean them, you know.....get the grit off the grips and a little light Brillo on the club faces at a casual pace. My golf bag is heavy so I lift it out of the trunk for her. Women are delicate, have weak wrists and can't lift heavy stuff as good as men. But I did tell her I don't like to be wakened during my after golf nap, so rather than bother me, she can put them back in the trunk when she's finished.

Another symptom of aging is complaining, I think. For example, she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. But boys, we take em for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two or even three days. That way she won't have to rush so much.

I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean). I like to think tact is one of my strong points.

When doing simple jobs, she seems to think she needs more rest periods. She had to take a break when she was only half finished mowing the yard. I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair man. I tell her to fix herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while. And, as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me too, then take her break by my hammock. That way she can talk with me until I fall asleep.

I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support Sue. I'm not saying that showing this much consideration is easy. Many men will find it difficult. Some will find it impossible! Nobody knows better than I do, how frustrating women get as they get older.

However, guys, even if you just use a little more tact and less criticism of your aging wife because of this article, I will consider that writing it was well worthwhile. After all, we are put on this earth to help each other...

Alan.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Alan died suddenly, March 3. He was found with an extra long 50 inch golf driver rammed up his rectum with only 2 inches of the rubber grip showing.

His wife Sue was arrested, but the Grand Jury accepted her defence that he accidentally sat on it. She was released on March 4

Wordsearch - Hepworth Residents

A wordsearch with a difference. They are all surnames of Hepworth residents. There are 38 altogether. The word list is on the back cover. See how many you can get before looking at the list



"PAINTING THE PICTURE"

When my hair is thin and silvered, and my time of toil is through;
When I've many years behind me, and ahead of me a few;
I shall want to sit, I reckon, sort of dreaming in the sun;
And recall the roads I've travelled and the many things I've done.

I hope there'll be no picture that I'll hate to look upon;
When the time to paint it better or to wipe it out, is gone.

I hope there'll be no vision of a hasty word I've said
That has left a trail of sorrow, like a whip welt, sore and red.

And I hope my old age dreaming will bring back no bitter scene
Of a time when I was selfish, or a time when I was mean.

When I'm getting old and feeble, and I'm far along life's way,
I don't want to sit regretting any bygone yesterday.

I am painting now the picture that I'll want someday to see;
I am filling in a canvas that will soon come back to me.

Though nothing great is on it, and though nothing there is fine,
I shall want to look it over when I'm old, and call it mine.

So I do not dare to leave it while the paint is warm and wet,
With a single thing upon it that I later will regret.

Author Unknown

November Birthdays

15th Joan Mayes
17th Jenny Ellis

December Birthdays

22nd Peggy Lee
22nd Alison Pollard
26th Gwen Mileham





PIPS PAGE

Hello Pip here,

We've been in turmoil for the last six weeks or so because of a small black thing with what Marg calls 'a Beatle haircut' (if you can remember that far back, I can't of course!!)

It's all John's fault, he was talking to a friend one day who was moving house, had sold his but his new one wasn't ready to move in and he said he would have to put his dog into kennels. John, the big softie, says – 'Oh don't do that, we'll look after her'. Now I know he would have asked Marg but he didn't ask ME.

'It' arrived one Monday evening. Small, black and tan (more black than tan) with this fringe and a tail that looked more like a well worn lavatory brush. All you could see was a shiny black nose and just a peep of glittery dark eyes. 'Meet Molly' said John cheerfully. Well, we were all dumbstruck. What was this, a new toy to play with or what? Does it squeak? Lets try, I'll put my paw on her back and see what happens. Oh my - what a big bark from such a small dog, I think we could have trouble here. The girls would have nothing to do with her so it was up to me and Billy to make her welcome. She seemed a bit scared at first but then she found the toy box. (Marg puts all our toys in a box under the table, she says it's worse than having a load of kids about as we pull them all out and leave them around the place). She's trying to train us to put them back but she has no chance as each time she picks one up we all think its playtime and start tugging at it.

Anyway Molly found a soft ball that squeaks when you bite it and its driving us all mad. She takes it outside and shakes it so violently we expect her head to fall off at any minute and its non-stop, all day every day. Occasionally she loses it down the side of the patio and Marg has to retrieve it with a long stick. We keep hiding the stick, but she always seems to find it. We're all looking forward to the peace and quiet when she goes home but I think we'll miss her though, like you miss a sore tooth when its gone!!.

At the moment all is quiet, we've all had our dinner, Cyril's gone to bed, Billy's sitting on the window sill by the desk, I'm sitting on the

desk next to Missie watching an RSPCA programme on TV. Marg's trying to work on her computer and Abbi's helping her by standing on the keyboard. Molly's still looking for her ball (we all hid it up earlier on). This leaves John whose ordering more chicken for us from Tesco's.

Must go now seems like Molly's found that damned ball again and we've all got to try and get it from her.

Love from Pip, the gels, Billy 'the kid' and our lodger Molly.

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(NB for obvious reasons the editor reserves the right to decline an advertisement)

Answers to Crossword 112

Across: 8 Thou, 9 Error, 10 Eyed, 11 Lesser, 12 Decrease, 13 Artistic, 15 Oldest, 17 Science, 19 Eskimos, 22 Useful, 24 Flooding, 26 Sequence, 28 Easels, 30 Dish, 31 Extra, 32 Raid.

Down: 1 Shoe, 2 Sunshine, 3 Secret, 4 Predict, 5 Tractors, 6 Depend, 7 Vets, 14 Races, 16 Shown, 18 Colonies, 20 Industry, 21 Affects, 23 Fought, 25 Operas, 27 Exit, 29 Laid.

THE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A married couple in their early 60s were out celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic little restaurant. Suddenly, a tiny yet beautiful fairy appeared on their table and said, "For being such an exemplary married couple and for being faithful to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish."

"Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband" said the wife. The fairy waved her magic wand and poof! - two tickets for the Queen Mary II luxury liner appeared in her hands.

Then it was the husband's turn. He thought for a moment and said: "Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me. Both the wife and the fairy were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish..."

So the fairy waved her magic wand and - poof! - the husband became 92 years old.

The moral of the story: Men who are ungrateful so and so's should remember that fairies are female.

Wordsearch Word List

Allen	Ellis	Nicholson	Spink
Ashford	Filby	Pearce	Taylor
Bailey	Goode	Penn	Truman
Barton	Holden	Phillips	Turner
Burton	Kemp	Potter	Vernon
Carpenter	Lambert	Roe	Walsh
Clarke	Lee	Rose	West
Constable	Ling	Ruddy	Wyatt
Cook	Mayes	Rudge	
Curtis	Mileham	Smith	

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Please could you let me have letters or articles for the December edition of
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