

HEPWORTH SOCIAL CLUB

NEWSLETTER



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PIP'S PAGE

Hello Pip here,

The central heating was going really well except....one day John was using the drill and Billy kept poking his nose near the drill bit – not near enough I say!! Moll was busy sweeping up the drilling bits with her tail. Then she turned round and sniffed, got all the dust up her nose and started coughing and sneezing; this concerned John who stopped what he was doing to see if she was OK. Which just gave Billy enough time to stand on the switch that started the drill which then went whirly-gigs and ended up puncturing the pipe that John was trying to fit to the wall.

The pipe was replaced but the paintwork just needed 'touching up'. While it was still wet, Moll decided to give it a dusting with her tail which not only picked up the white paint but spread it on the red carpet – a nice contrast!!!!!! Meanwhile Billy, who has a soft spot for Moll leapt to her defence and tipped over the upturned lid of the paint tin knocking it onto one of Marg's favourite jackets which lay over the chair. For a while there it was absolute mayhem and during this commotion Missi and Abbi just sat and watched, they looked like they were watching a tennis match, their heads going from side to side with each activity.

All of a sudden Moll had disappeared to lay low I think. John was repairing the paintwork, Marg was busy trying to get the paint off the carpet and her jacket; Billy was trying to help by finding any dusters, tissues, socks or any piece of cloth he could drag around to help Marg to clear up the paint.

After all this hard work it was 'dinner' time. John had cooked us some liver and Marg mixed it with some of our favourite biscuits. After this we all had our favourite 'treats' which we always have after a meal. We decided that as we'd all had a good dinner, we were forgiven, so we just lazed about. Billy said that we should let Marg and John have a chair to themselves for a change and took a cushion off one of the chairs, dragging it to his chosen spot on the carpet and made himself comfortable. Us others 'doubled up' sharing chairs although with a little persuasion, I got Moll to share the cushion with Billy which left me with a chair to myself!!!

Peace fell on the household once more and with the heating

finished, all warm and cosy, the next job is to replace the window and door in the garage. I'm sure we'll be asked to help with that too, don't you?? Don't forget 'Sculpts' starts on 6th March until 9th, Abbi and Missi have already booked the chair they're sitting on to watch TV so we'll have to behave ourselves in the meantime.

Just found out that Billy is doing a write up for the next newsletter – I can't wait!!!

Love from Pip and his pack.

AN EVIL SPELL

Once upon a time there was a Prince who, through no fault of his own was cast under a spell by an evil witch. The curse was that the Prince could speak only one word each year. However, he could save up the words so that if he did not speak for a whole year, then the following year he was allowed to speak two words. (This was before the time of letter writing or sign language.)

One day he met a beautiful princess (ruby lips, golden hair, sapphire eyes,) and fell madly in love. With the greatest difficulty he decided to refrain from speaking for two whole years so that he could look at her and say "my darling". But at the end of the two years he wished to tell her that he loved her. Because of this he waited three more years without speaking (bringing the total number of silent years to 5).

But at the end of these five years he realized that he had to ask her to marry him. So he waited ANOTHER four years without speaking.

Finally as the ninth year of silence ended, his joy knew no bounds. Leading the lovely princess to the most secluded and romantic place in that beautiful royal garden the prince heaped a hundred red roses on her lap, knelt before her, and taking her hand in his, said huskily, "My darling, I love you! Will you marry me?"

And the princess tucked a strand of golden hair behind a dainty ear, opened her sapphire eyes in wonder, and parting her ruby lips, said: "Pardon?"



HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday, 21st February 2008 at the pavilion. The meeting was chaired by Mr Stannard. Amongst the matters discussed were:

Pre-planning Application – Acorns (formerly Oaklee), Beck Street

A pre-planning consultation was considered for a single-storey extension to existing building (kitchen and living room), and re-siting of double garage to align with property. After inspecting the plans, the Parish Council confirmed that they did not envisage any objection to the proposals.

Planning Application – Windy Hall, Church Lane

An application for the erection of a) a two-storey extension to front elevation incorporating garage, b) a single-storey extension to front elevation, c) a part single-part two-storey extension to side elevation, d) a two-storey extension to rear elevation, e) construction of dormer window to front elevation, and f) the raising of chimney stack (following demolition of front porch). After inspecting the plans and documentation, the Parish Council asked to pass their comments on the design and materials to the planning department.

Accounts for Payment

A payment was made to Hepworth Recreation Ground Management Committee for eleven extra meetings in 2007-08.

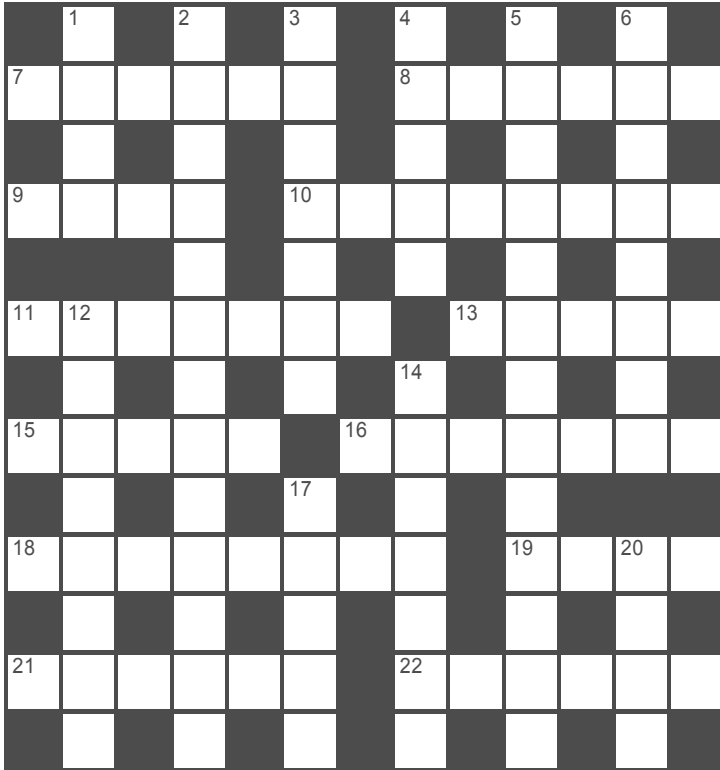
Brockley Wood Bridge

It was reported that two handrails had been fitted to the bridge.

Water Level Management Plan at Thelnetham and Blo' Norton Fen

Following an open meeting held in Thelnetham on 20th February to discuss proposals put forward by Atkins, the Clerk will let the Parish Council know when the meeting will take place with Atkins and the Environment Agency, as the issue of water from Shepherd's Grove Industrial Estate passing through ditches in Thelnetham to the Fen had been raised.

Crossword No 116



Across

- 7 Sudden outburst of anger (6)
- 8 Creator of clothes (6)
- 9 Top actor or actress (4)
- 10 Mathematical equal statement (8)
- 11 O₂ (7)
- 13 Gastropod mollusk (5)
- 15 Opposing military force (5)
- 16 Ask for (7)
- 18 Walking aids (8)
- 19 Water basin (4)
- 21 Brothers of your father (6)
- 22 Further in (6)

Down

- 1 Not straight (4)
- 2 Imprecise but fairly close (13)
- 3 People you know well (7)
- 4 Dark heavy-bodied ale (5)
- 5 Standing above others (13)
- 6 Settlements (8)
- 12 Uneducated (8)
- 14 The shore of a sea (7)
- 17 Go after with intent to catch (5)
- 20 Require (4)

Answers on page 19

How to know whether or not you are ready to have children??

Mess Test

Smear peanut butter or jam on the sofa and curtains. Place a fish finger behind the couch and leave it there all summer.

Toy Test

Obtain a 55 gallon box of Legos (or you may substitute roofing tacks). Have a friend spread them all over the house. Put on a blindfold. Try to walk to the bathroom or kitchen. Do not scream because this would wake a child at night.

Supermarket Test

Borrow one or two small animals (goats are best) and take them with you as you shop. Always keep them in sight and pay for anything they eat or damage.

Dressing Test

Obtain one large, unhappy, live octopus. Stuff into a small net bag making sure that all the arms stay inside.

Feeding Test

Obtain a large plastic milk jug and half fill with water. Suspend from the ceiling with a piece of string and start the jug swinging. Try to insert spoonfuls of soggy cereal into the mouth of the jug, while pretending to be an airplane. Now dump the contents of the jug on the floor.

Night Test

Prepare by obtaining a small cloth bag and fill it with 8-12 pounds of sand. Soak it thoroughly in water. At 3:00 pm. begin to waltz and hum with the bag until 9:00pm. Lay down your bag and set your alarm for 10:00pm. Get up, pick up your bag, and sing every song you have ever heard. Make up about a dozen more and sing these too until 4:00am. Set alarm for 5:00 am. Get up and make breakfast. Keep this up for 5 years. Look cheerful.

Ingenuity Test

Take an egg carton. Using a pair of scissors and pot of paint, turn it into an alligator. Now take a toilet paper tube and turn it into an attractive Christmas candle. Use only sellotape and a piece of tinfoil. Last, take a milk carton, a ping-pong ball, and an empty box of

Cocoa Puffs. Make an exact replica of the Eiffel Tower.

Car Test

Forget the BMW and buy a people carrier. Buy a chocolate ice cream cone and put it in the glove compartment. Leave it there. Get any coin and insert it into the front of the cassette player. Take a family size package of chocolate biscuits and mash them into the back seat. Run a garden rake along both sides of the car. There, perfect.

Physical Test (Women)

Obtain a large bean bag chair and attach it to the front of your clothes. Leave it there for 9 months. Now remove 10 of the beans.

Physical Test (Men)

Go to the nearest supermarket. Set your wallet on the check out counter and tell them to help themselves. Go to your employer and arrange for your wages to be paid directly to the store. Purchase a newspaper. Go home and read it quietly for the last time.

Final Assignment

Find a couple who already have a small child. Lecture them on how they can improve their discipline, patience, tolerance, toilet training and child's table manners. Suggest many ways they can improve.

Emphasize to them that they should never allow their children to run wild. Enjoy this experience. It will be the last time you will have all the answers.

Sudoku - (solutions on page 18)

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Information



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Easter bin collections

Bins will be collected as usual on Good Friday, 21 March. The next week, commencing Monday 24 March, all collections will be one day later. By the following week, commencing Monday 31 March, everything will be back to normal.

Green lanes and wildlife

Many of you will have walked at least part of your local footpath network and enjoyed the wealth of wildlife experience that some of these routes offer. In recent years ecologists have shifted their focus from promoting nature reserves towards these vital links that connect important wildlife sites, like ancient woodland or original hay meadows. The footpath network in your area makes up much of the opportunity to link these areas and act as a corridor for a variety of species to move a field. The need for mobility will become increasingly important as global warming starts to impact on habitats and species find that their conditions are becoming less favourable. Plants and animals will have to relocate and they will need friendly terrain to achieve this.

A 'green lane' is often ideal for migration. It also provides extra habitat that supports viable populations of plants and animals. The borough council wants to promote such habitats wherever possible and the park rangers and tree officer have come up with their ideal make up for creating one.

A new green lane should be between five and ten metres wide. Its two boundaries should be planted with a double-staggered row of native shrubs to give a natural hedgerow on either side. The shrubs should all be of local provenance, (which means they have been cultivated from seeds or cuttings that have been gathered from stock native to the UK and even better from Suffolk). The middle of the lane can be short mown grass, or if it links with the cycleway network, then a harder surface like tarmac would be better,

providing there are long grass margins either side before you get to the hedge. With this kind of layout wildlife can take advantage of the shelter and homemaking opportunities in the hedge and long grass and feed on the wide range of fruits, seeds and insect life provided. The final touch is to have the occasional mature tree growing up above the hedgerow, creating height in the landscape. Hedgerows studded with pollarded trees are a traditional feature of the Suffolk Countryside.

Maybe there is an opportunity to create a new green lane or to extend an existing one in your parish. Have a look around on your next walk. If you find an area that is suitable and the landowner consents, then St Edmundsbury Borough Council will look at paying for the plants through the village tree planting scheme that is run by the tree officer.

Contact John Smithson, Parks Development Manager, 01284 757092
john.smithson@stedsbcb.gov.uk

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Council Tax charges 2008 / 09

Breakdown of Council charges for Hepworth:-

St Edmundsbury Borough Council (SEBC) 12.32%

Suffolk County Council (SCC) 76.95%

Police Authority (POL) 10.73%

Hepworth Parish Council (HPC)

	SEBC	SCC	POL	HPC	TOTAL
Band A	114.66	715.92	99.78	12.09	£942.45
Band B	133.77	835.24	116.41	14.11	£1,099.53
Band C	152.88	954.56	133.04	16.12	£1,256.60
Band D	171.99	1073.88	149.67	18.14	£1,413.68
Band E	210.21	1312.52	182.93	22.17	£1,727.83
Band F	248.43	1551.16	216.19	26.20	£2,041.98
Band G	286.65	1789.80	249.45	30.23	£2,356.13
Band H	343.98	2147.76	299.34	36.28	£2,827.36

JUST A COMMON SOLDIER

(A Soldier Died Today)

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbours, his tales became a joke,
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,
For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.
Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way,
And the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great.
Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were young,
But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land
A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?
Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the style in which he lives
Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.
While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them for it was so long ago,
That the old Bills of our Country went to battle, but we know
It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom that our Country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand,
Would you want a politician with his ever-shifting stand?
Or would you prefer a soldier, who has sworn to defend
His home, his kin and Country and would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honour while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say,
Our Country is in mourning, for a soldier died today.

by A. Lawrence Vaincourt

Wordsearch - Boys Names

There are 40 - can you find them all.

The word list is on the back page



RULES FOR CATS WHO HAVE A HOUSE TO RUN

1. **DOORS:** Do not allow closed doors in any room. To get door opened, stand on hind legs and hammer with forepaws. Once door is opened, it is not necessary to use it. After you have ordered an "outside" door opened, stand halfway in and out and think about several things. This is particularly important during very cold weather, rain, snow, or mosquito season. Swinging doors are to be avoided at all costs.

2. **CHAIRS AND RUGS:** If you have to throw up, get to a chair quickly. If you cannot manage in time, get to an Oriental rug. If there is no Oriental rug, shag is good. When throwing up on the carpet, make sure you back up so that it is as long as the human's bare foot.

3. **BATHROOMS:** Always accompany guests to the bathroom. It is not necessary to do anything-just sit and stare.

4. **HAMPERING:** If one of your humans is engaged in some close activity and the other is idle, stay with the busy one. This is called "helping", otherwise known as "hampering." Following are the rules for "hampering":

a) When supervising cooking, sit just behind the left heel of the cook. You cannot be seen and thereby stand a better chance of being stepped on and then picked up and comforted.

b) For book readers, get in close under the chin, between eyes and book, unless you can lie across the book itself.

c) For knitting projects or paperwork, lie on the work in the most appropriate manner so as to obscure as much of the work as possible or at least the most important part. Pretend to doze, but every so often reach out and slap the pencil or knitting needles. The worker may try to distract you; ignore it. Remember, the aim is to hamper work. Embroidery and needlepoint projects make great hammocks in spite of what the humans may tell you.

d) For people paying bills (monthly activity) or working on income taxes or Christmas cards (annual activity), keep your aim in mind! First, sit on the paper being worked on. When dislodged, watch sadly from the side of the table. When activity proceeds nicely, roll around on the papers,

scattering them to the best of your ability. After being removed for the second time, push pens, pencils, and erasers off the table, one at a time.

e) When a human is holding the newspaper in front of him/her, be sure to jump on the back of the paper. They love to jump.

5. **WALKING:** As often as possible, dart quickly and as close as possible in front of the human, especially: on stairs, when they have something in their arms, in the dark, and when they first get up in the morning. This will help their coordination skills.

6. **BEDTIME:** Always sleep on the human at night so s/he cannot move.



The Ten Most Important Things

1. **LOVE:** The special feeling that makes you feel all warm and wonderful.

2. **RESPECT:** Treating others as well as you would like to be treated.

3. **APPRECIATION:** To be grateful for all the good things that life has to offer.

4. **HAPPINESS:** The full enjoyment of each moment. A smiling face!

5. **FORGIVENESS:** The ability to let things be without anger.

6. **SHARING:** The joy of giving without thought of receiving.

7. **HONESTY:** The quality of always telling the truth.

8. **INTEGRITY:** The purity of doing what's right, no matter what.

9. **COMPASSION:** The essence of feeling another's pain, while easing their hurt.

10. **PEACE:** The reward for living the 10 Most Important Things.

NW Co-ordinators out on the beat?



In response to the recent sensationalist news reporting in a Daily Mail article published on 12th February 2008 "Leaked memo: Now police want residents to patrol their streets", Frank Whiteley, Chief Constable of Hertfordshire Constabulary and ACPO lead on Neighbourhood Watch has released a statement to explicate the paper's article.

"The leaked paper, referred to in newspaper articles, was in fact a paper approved in principle by the National Steering Group on Watch Issues, chaired by the Home Office, on 16th January 2008 and circulated widely to Police Forces and the Force level Volunteer Neighbourhood Watch leads, for wider distribution to Neighbourhood watch members, on 1st February 2008. The documents are neither leaked, having being placed by the Police Service in the public domain, nor were they published on the same day as the Flanagan report. They were, in fact, published several days ahead of the Flanagan report. All the case studies mentioned in the paper reflect practice already happening in various parts of the Country. They do not represent Policing on the cheap but a genuine attempt to work better with local people to deal with local concerns."

The full statement along with the briefing paper can be viewed via the link below:

<http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SuffolkNeighbourhoodWatch>

A TIMELY REMINDER - bogus and doorstep callers

Following on from last month's distraction burglaries in Ipswich, it appears that the doorstep sellers are again becoming active with reports of persons offering to tarmac driveways in London Road. Now is the time of year that the tree and garden workers wake after their winters break and start doorstep calling. Often these people will target the elderly and vulnerable, but not always, we can all be caught unawares.

Here are a few simple steps to follow when you get an unexpected caller.



1. Fit and use a door security chain every time you open the door, and ensure your back door is locked before going to the front. It's not unknown for accomplices to be going through the back door while you are answering the front door.
2. ALWAYS ask for identification, that you can verify. Do not let the caller into your house until you have verified the caller's identification.
3. Check the identification of the caller by ringing his/her employer. Use the telephone number from your local telephone book (or utilities bill if from one of those companies).
4. Do not agree for anyone to carry out work in your house until you get a second opinion as to whether you actually need the work done.
5. Do not agree to any work if the caller says "We are only in the area today".
6. If you agree to buy any goods or services from a doorstep seller, AND you did not invite the doorstep seller to call, then you may have a short period of time to cancel the contract after it has been signed. Keep all the paperwork in a safe place.
7. In order for the contract to be completed successfully by both parties, the trader must serve you a notice of your cancellation rights. This will be in the form of a printed document giving you details of how to cancel the contract.
8. Generally the goods or services must be over £35 in value in order to cancel the contract. There are other circumstances where you have no rights of cancellation. Further information on this can be obtained from your Trading Standards Department telephone number 0845 040506 or visit www.consumerdirect.gov.uk
9. Never keep large sums of money in the house and keep purses and wallets out of sight and not near the door.
10. Keep a list of your credit card numbers and important documents in a safe place in case of loss.

Free security advice is available from the Police Crime Reduction Office or from your local Safer Neighbourhood Team contact 01473 613500.

STAY SECURE IN WEST SUFFOLK

Suffolk Police are urging people to keep their homes, garages, sheds and cars secure after a number of recent offences in rural areas involving insecurities.

In the Mid Suffolk and Bury Rural areas, around half of houses burgled since 1st December 2007 have been left insecure. About a third of all vehicles entered were left unlocked, and around a quarter of sheds, garages, outbuildings and workshops targeted were also insecure.

St Edmundsbury Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team Sergeant Clare Mowson says, "Whilst Suffolk is a safe place, people should not be complacent and should take steps to protect their property. Burglars and thieves will take advantage of an open window or an unlocked car – if you keep your home, vehicle and other buildings secure at all times you are denying them the opportunity to enter and commit crime. Never leave a spare key outside and fit visible, secure locks to windows and doors.

"You can also make your property more secure by keeping valuables out of sight. Anything left on display in a vehicle or through the window of a shed, house or garage is inviting to a thief, so remove items of value from your car before you lock it, and cover windows of sheds and garages so people can't see inside. Park in a secure garage if you can – if not, a well-lit area which is not concealed.

"Keeping a tidy garden can also put off a potential burglar. Keep shrubs, bushes and hedges cut back as they can provide a hiding place, and fit security lights outside your house. Heating oil tanks are a new target across rural west Suffolk, with 16 thefts of oil so far this year – that's the same amount as the whole of 2007. If you have an oil tank make sure it's as visible as possible and the lid is kept locked. Keep pipes covered and check levels regularly.

"We are also encouraging communities to be vigilant and to report any suspicious persons or activity. You can contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team by calling 01284 774100 (St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath) or 01473 613500 (Mid Suffolk and Babergh). If you feel a crime has been committed or is about to be committed, please dial 999 immediately.

Local Crimes

Barningham. An 11 year old male has received a reprimand following 11 offences of fraud committed in the village. The male has admitted collecting sponsor money with no intention of completing a sponsored event or passing the money on. The money “donated” has been handed back to those who gave it.

Market Weston, Church Road, between 02/01/08 and 14/02/08 A quantity of heating oil has been stolen from a tank in a garden.

Walsham le Willows - Criminals targeted the village overnight on Friday 8th February/Saturday 9th February. Four insecure buildings in Staple Close were entered, although nothing was stolen. Two vehicles, one of which was insecure, were entered in Jollys Close and a Nokia mobile phone and a Tom Tom satellite navigation stolen from within one of the vehicles. A rear windscreen was smashed on a third vehicle parked in the Close.

Wattisfield A Yamaha Motocross motorcycle was stolen from an outbuilding in Pottery Hill, Wattisfield, between the hours of 5.15pm on Monday 18th February and 5.45pm on Tuesday 19th February. Stanton A broken down Escort was stolen from a lay by on Grove Lane between 31st Jan and 6th Feb.

Bardwell, School Lane, between 10pm 31/01/08 and 6.30am 01/02/08 Offenders broke into a white Fiat Panda and a purple Fiat Punto parked on a driveway by forcing doors and stole a sat nav.

Bardwell, School Lane, between 10.30pm 31/01/08 and 8.20am 01/02/08 Offenders broke into a shed by forcing the door and stole a Honda petrol generator. An insecure Range Rover was entered and a snooper device was stolen.

Bardwell, Church Road, between 10pm 31/01/08 and 8am 01/02/08 Offenders broke into a silver Vauxhall Corsa and an orange Citroen Saxo parked on a driveway by forcing doors and stole CDs, cash and toys.



Taking pride in keeping Suffolk safe



LATE WEDDING PLANS

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, are both excited about their decision to get married so late in life. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding plans. On the way they pass a chemists and go in.

Jacob addresses the man behind the counter: "Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answers, "Yes, Sir."

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism and scoliosis?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "How about Viagra?"

Pharmacist: "Of course."

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, jaundice?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, pills for Parkinson's?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and zimmer frames?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob: "We'd like to use this store for our wedding gifts."

Sudoku Solutions (from page 7)

3	1	8	6	4	9	5	2	7
2	7	9	1	8	5	6	3	4
6	5	4	7	2	3	9	8	1
5	9	3	2	7	8	4	1	6
7	4	2	9	1	6	3	5	8
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5	8	9	3	4	6	1	7	2
6	2	4	1	8	7	5	9	3

Pigeons

Wood pigeons in great flocks came down
In search of grain where roller trod.
In great bands of blue they strutted
Over the green and precious sod.

White feathers on their wings and neck
Shone brightly in the noontday light,
But when they rose in unison
Their powerful bulk seemed dark as night.

Then suddenly, amid the flock
A kestrel darted to and fro,
The pigeons were too big it seemed
Although at times a feather flew.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March

17th Lucy Palmer
22nd Titch Fowler
24th Beryl Lambert
30th Diane Goldsmith

April

3rd Barney Rumbelow
22nd Lyndsey Pollard



Answers to Crossword 116

Across: 7 Temper, 8 Tailor, 9 Star, 10 Equation, 11 Dioxide, 13 Snail, 15 Enemy, 16 Request, 18 Crutches, 19 Sink, 21 Uncles, 22 Deeper.

Down: 1 Bent, 2 Approximately, 3 Friends, 4 Stout, 5 Distinguished, 6 Colonies, 12 Ignorant, 14 Seaside, 17 Chase, 20 Need.

Boys Names Wordsearch Word List

Alan	Gary	Larry	Richard
Alex	George	Leslie	Ronald
Andrew	Ian	Malcolm	Roy
Billy	Ivan	Mark	Stephen
Colin	Jack	Maurice	Thomas
Cyril	James	Michael	Tim
David	John	Norman	Tony
Derek	Jonathan	Paul	Trevor
Donald	Justin	Peter	Walter
Edward	Kevin	Philip	William

Crosswords, Sudoku and Wordsearch now available online at
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Strange Numbers

Take any three-figure number in which the first digit is the larger than the last...like 846. Now reverse it...648, and subtract the smaller from the larger making it 198. Now add that number to the same number reversed, 891. The answer is 1,089, and I didn't even have to use a calculator.

The answer will always be 1,089 even if the result of the subtraction is two figures, you just add a zero to the front before reversing.

AND FINALLY.....

Women are just like newspapers because...

They're well worth looking over

They have a great deal of influence

But, you can't believe everything they say

They always have the last word

Older ones are not in demand and..

You should really get your own and not go borrowing other peoples's



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