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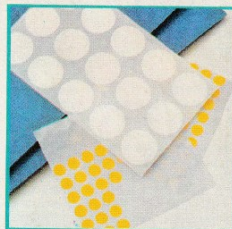


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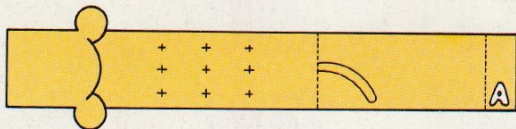
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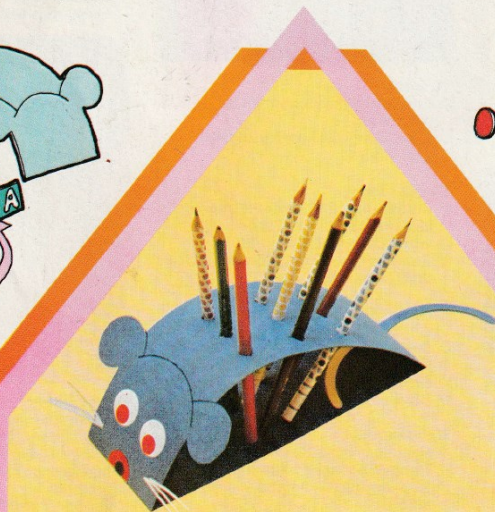
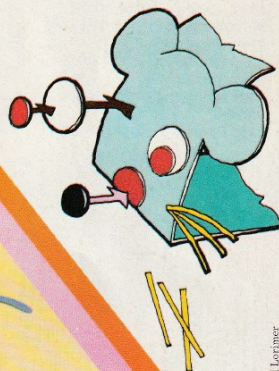
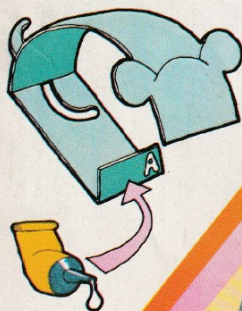
You need a piece of medium-weight card about 30.5cm (1') long, round adhesive labels in various colours for eyes and nose, strips of paper for whiskers, scissors and glue.



- Using diagram as a guide, draw mouse shape on to card and cut it out.



- Make criss-cross cuts where pencils will slide in. Cut along the solid outline of the tail leaving it attached to the body along the dotted line.
- Fold along the dotted lines; bend the tail back behind the mouse.
- Glue flap A behind the mouse's nose.
- Stick on eyes and nose.
- Glue on thin strips of paper to make the whiskers.
- Keep your pencils in the holes in the mouse's back.



**AUGUST EDITORIAL:**

**Hello everyone,**

Our hoped for new freedom is not quite what we expected it to be, is it? Masks will still be needed it seems.

Many residents are wondering when our various village groups will be starting up again. I have asked around and details are below. The only definite one is the Art Group who start on 7<sup>th</sup> September. See details below.

It has been a strange year and a half for the Magazine but during that time we had the assistance of Susan and Richard Simpson who have been putting it online for us when we couldn't get it printed. They continue to do so which enables the Magazine to go to the printers electronically. We get our pages together and arrange them in order, email them to Susan and Richard and they use their skill to lay them out for us. I think you will agree that the presentation is much improved. We really do appreciate their help.

I can't believe the Magazine has been going for 30 years next year, I have been involved since we started, I used to do Craft articles and stories and then got roped in on the committee. We have come a long way since we used to print the pages on the photo copier in the Parish Office, then collate all the pages and then staple them together and fold them. David and I spent a lot time each month putting the copies together, we used to do 300 copies a month. However, for many years now, at the request of the Parish Council we have delivered a free copy to each house in the Parish. We now have the magazines printed for us in an A5 format. We print and deliver over 850 copies a month and that number is increasing all the time. Our loyal band of volunteers delivers all these for us.

Keep safe and enjoy the summer. **Betty.**

**Art Group** commences Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at St.Barnabas 10.00-1.00. Cost £4.00 including refreshments, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. Please let Vi Turner know if you are going 01376 344228.

**Knit and Natter Group:** Please ring Irene on 01376 550971 if you would like to start again.

**Coffee Morning:** Sandra hopes to start again in September on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month. She will contact everyone with details.

**Cressing Events Committee:** No decisions yet, everyone will be contacted when the committee have met.





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2021 Summertime Home Security Advice

With the removal of most Covid19 restrictions and as we start to spread our wings a little don't get complacent with your home security, unfortunately there are those that will take advantage of this newfound freedom to seek opportunities to commit crime.

Even if you are at home, home working or enjoying a 'staycation' still consider your home security for as it gets warmer, we get to see a rise in the number of "Creepers Burglaries" where burglars take advantage of open gates, windows and doors. An open or insecure garden gate will provide the thief with access to the back of your home. **Before going out or turning in for the night don't forget to check all doors and windows**, someone may have closed it, but did they lock it?

A few tips for keeping your home secure:

1. Don't attract a thief with insecure pedal cycles or cars or gates on display.
2. Keep side or rear gates, sheds and garages shut and securely locked.
3. Doors - Leave any accessible external door open or insecure and an opportunist thief could pop in and anything lying around would be gone. You may have only popped out, or down the end of the garden or having a quick shower; it only takes a second for a thief to steal. Don't forget that with a PVCu multi-locking door you may have lifted the handle but until you turn the key (or on some doors a thumb turn on the inside) you have not locked all of the locking bolts in place.
4. Windows - If you have unoccupied rooms that are accessible to others from outside or off flat roofs make sure the windows are closed, if you need ventilation in these rooms whilst at home at least lock the larger window and only have the small window open even during the daytime. If you only have bigger opening windows, consider a lockable window restrictor and a small alarm sensor on the window to detect entry. Before going out or 'turning in for the night' lift the blinds or open the curtains and check windows and patio doors are closed, the sun may have been on the TV when it was hot, and so the curtains were drawn whilst the window was open.
5. If you have an intruder alarm activate it when going out and activate the zone for any unoccupied areas whilst in.
6. Car keys - **don't** take them to bed with you, where possible leave them in noisy drawer/location. Keep the keyless car fobs in a "Faraday" bag.
7. If you do hear a suspicious noise in the house that you are not happy with dial 999 and make a noise, shout out, it could cause any intruder to flee, they may not have known you were home, remember your life is more important than your property. If safe to do so, get a good description of the person/s and if possible the car index number and direction of travel.
8. **Make sure in case of fire that keys to windows and doors are readily accessible to occupants at all times but not in view of possible burglars.**

For further crime prevention advice see: [www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/) or [www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice/ensure-your-home-is-secure](http://www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice/ensure-your-home-is-secure)

## News from All Saints Church & St Barnabas

It has been a busy month as we return to the new normal. A big thank you to the group who spent a day at our wonderful church, All Saints, tidying up the church yard. Special thanks to our new Priest's son, Callum, who came to help, it made a big difference. Also a big thank you to all the people who regularly come down and cut the grass and help to keep it looking good. We are hoping to hold other days and will keep you informed. If you feel able to help with tidying up the church yard, any assistance would be very welcome.

It was exciting that we were able to hold our first wedding since the lock down with another one coming up soon; a sign of things changing for the better.

With the help of Paul from our sister church at Coggeshall we are hoping to move forward with some much needed maintenance at All Saints.

However, we still need to be careful as I discovered last week on a trip to Blakeney Point in Norfolk, despite being outside in a remote place I still got pinged by Track and Trace. This shortened my staycation and we sadly missed the End of the Pier Show at Cromer but, at least, I did not catch the virus so that's the most important thing. The message is please be careful and stay safe.

Don't forget we are holding regular services starting with the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 9.00 am, at All Saints.**

Hope to see some of you at Church in the near future,  
Peter and Sue Church Wardens

## THE VICARS LETTER

After very little activity at All Saints for quite some time, these last two weeks have seen quite a transformation. First a small army of volunteers declared war on weeds and ivy in the churchyard, and even the windows in the porch are now sparkling in the sunshine – thank you to all who worked so hard. And it was all worth it, because this week we had two wonderful weddings at All Saints, the church was full, and singing could be heard.

Not quite on a scale of the opening of the Olympics, but we did have plenty of photographers, videographers, musicians, bridesmaids and of course best men, all competing to make the day as special for the couples as possible. Just as the Olympics had to be postponed, so for many couples the long wait is finally over. Their relief and joy have been infectious, a sure sign that life is slowly returning to normal.

There is a wonderful verse in the Bible, in Proverbs 13:12 which I think perfectly sums up the delays and frustrations the pandemic has brought, and which are now slowly dissipating: “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.”

And so, I hope you will have a wonderful summer, that many of your longings will be fulfilled, that you will have time to relax with family and friends, perhaps have a chance to get away and do something we used to take for granted, only now they are special.

Revd. Heike Prentice



# Thirst Quenching Summer Drinks

## Apple Ale Punch

1 pint (600ml) low calorie ginger ale  
Half pint (300ml) chilled apple juice  
3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice  
2 teaspoons clear honey  
2 lemons thinly slices



Combine all ingredients, except lemon slices, in punch or serving bowl and stir to mix, float lemon slices in punch and serve chilled. Place punch or serving bowl in a larger bowl lined with ice (punch will be chilled but not diluted).

## Orange Tonic

6 fl oz (180ml) low-calorie tonic water  
2 tablespoons thawed frozen concentrated orange-juice  
Ice cubes (optional)

Chill a large tumbler. Combine tonic water and concentrated orange juice in blender or processor and blend until frothy. Pour into chilled glass and add ice cubes if liked. Serve immediately.

## Banana Flip

2 medium bananas  
1 pint (600ml) skimmed milk  
12 tablespoons single cream  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
2 tablespoons caster sugar

Mash bananas and place in blender with milk, cream, lemon juice and sugar. Puree until smooth. Chill well and divide between 4 long stemmed wine glasses.

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- \* Washing your hands
- \* Wearing face coverings (if not Exempt)
- \* Keeping 2m social distance

### Hands, Face and Space is still important

**We must keep on protecting each other.**

**HANDS**

**FACE**

**SPACE**

STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES

## GARDENING NOTES FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

We seem to have had an exceptionally wet summer this year, this has its benefits and a down side. The potato yield has been, at least with the earlies fantastic. On the other hand, my dahlias have suffered with a good deal of slug damage – well with gardening there are always ups and downs.

This month I thought I would mention house plants. A regular feed keeps these inside plants in good order and examples with a broad leaf benefit from having their leaves cleaned with a moist, damp cloth removing any dust and enabling the plant to photosynthesis more efficiently. Light and position are most important, house plants such as African Violets [Saintpaulia] need a window sill without draughts but not in the hot sun as do Oxalis the latter need to be dried off in the late winter taken out of the pot and the corms which look a little bit like a fir apple potato split and re potted in fresh compost where they will soon reshoot and the young plants will be ready for another season.

Keep picking sweet peas as they have a prolonged flowering season this year with the wet conditions, I noticed a well-known TV gardener/presenter advocates picking all blooms once a week a very useful tip and it certainly works.

Bulbs are now in the garden centres this is the time of year to browse and pick your favourite selection, do not be in too much of a hurry to plant daffodils, September, October is fine. Tulips can be left until November this seems to benefit the bulbs resistance to ‘tulip fire’. If you have dug up and dried bulbs from last year do check them over for mould and remove any dried stalks before replanting. Remember if you have purchased prepared hyacinth bulbs for an indoor display plant them as soon as possible, follow instructions keeping them in the dark etc they should flower for Christmas!!

In the greenhouse or allotment keep taking the side shoots out of tomatoes and feed regularly. Garlic can be harvested as soon as the leaves turn brown. Pick runner beans regularly and keep an eye on courgettes which have a habit of turning into marrows if not inspected daily.

Keep dry and enjoy your garden.....The Arborist.





## Crossing Primary School PFA Trail 19 July 2021 to 31 August 2021

The Parents and Friends Association of Crossing Primary school will be putting on a picture trail during the school summer holidays 19 July to 31 August 2021.

Follow our map to find 10 summer themed pictures and work out what word the letters in each picture spell

Then post your completed maps in the box in the village shop or through the letterbox at 39 Mill Lane for your chance to win a raffle prize.

Raffle prizes received so far include:

- A Family Day Pass to Jimmy's Farm and Wildlife Park
- A Morrisons Pamper Hamper
- A Costa Biscuit Hamper
- An Afternoon Tea Hamper
- A Voucher for a Reflexology Session

Plus more to come

Trail maps will be available at the village shop from 1 July and will cost £1 per map.

Thank you for supporting your local primary school's Parents and Friends Association by taking part in this trail.

## A Few Wise Words...

One of our newer residents has sent me several amusing pieces for the magazine. Here are some of her 'wise words'



**Never** eat more than you can lift.

**Too** much of a good thing can be wonderful.

**As you get older**, your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

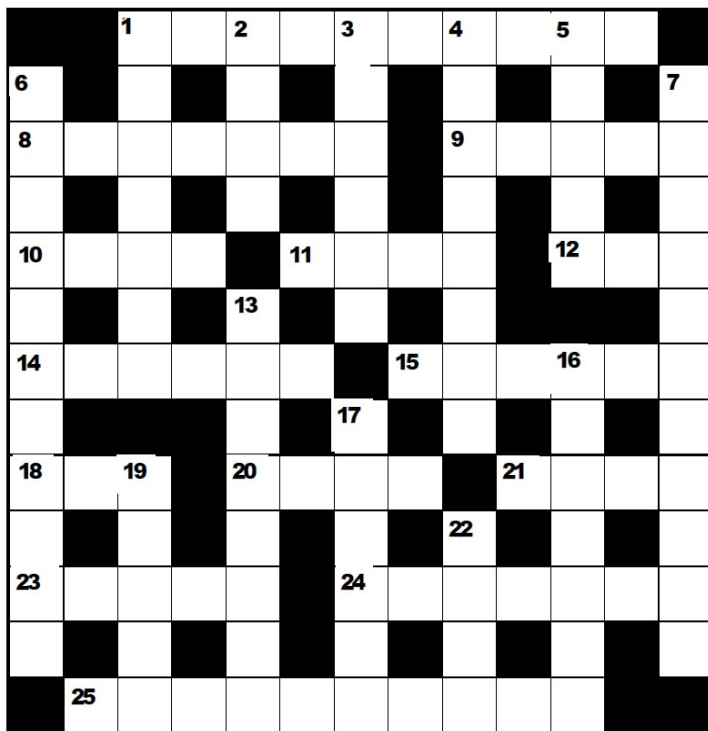
**Middle age** is when we can do just as much as we would rather not.

**My wild oats** have turned into prunes and All Bran.

**Forget health food.** I am at an age where I need all the preservatives I can get.

**You can't stay young forever** but you can be immature for the rest of your life.

# SUMMER 2021 CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

1. Atmosphere of strangeness (10)
8. Obtain something by force (7)
9. Sports Ground (5)
10. Wild goat (4)
11. Group of three people (4)
12. Tear or pull something quickly (3)
14. Editions of magazines (6)
15. Follow or chase someone (6)
18. Expression of distaste (3)
20. Organs of sight (4)
21. Freshwater fish (4)
23. Having a flat, horizontal surface (5)
24. Surname of famous actor Laurence (7)
25. Lacking schooling (10)

## DOWN

1. Fingerless gloves (7)
2. Painful (4)
3. To make certain (6)
4. Made an earnest request with someone (8)
5. To express an opinion (5)
6. Very pleasantly, especially to taste (11)
7. Retailers (11)
13. Drive or force back or away (8)
16. Gull, gannet or pelican (7)
17. Behaviour or talk that is bold or dramatic (6)
19. A place of safety or refuge (5)
22. Lean to one side (4)



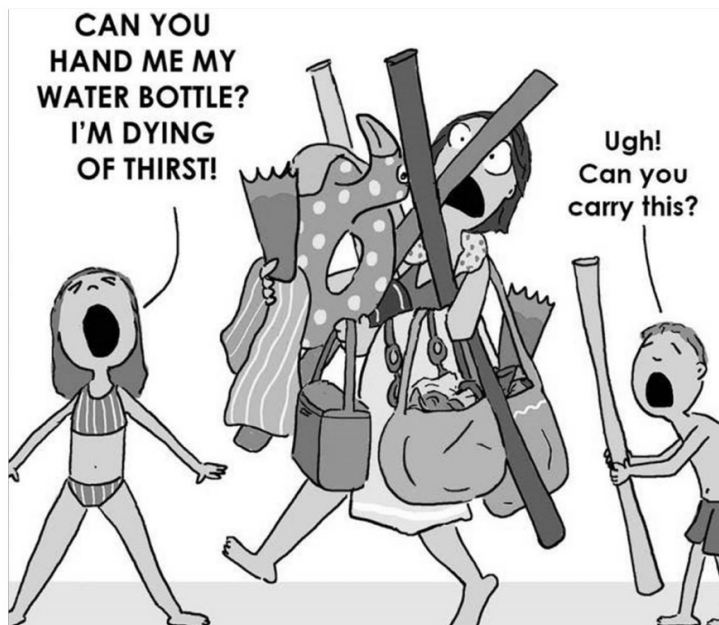
**ANSWERS TO JULY CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

- 1 BULLYOFF (8)
- 5 DOSS (4)
- 8 ANTI (4)
- 9 NEWSREEL (8)
- 10 INSIDER (7)
- 12 SHADY (5)
- 13 GETOFF (6)
- 15 BALLOT (6)
- 17 HOMER (5)
- 18 CAPTAIN (7)
- 22 ROLLCALL (8)
- 23 BEAR (4)
- 24 SIGN (4)
- 25 DATEPALM (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 BEARING (7)
- 2 LOTUS (5)
- 3 OUNCE (5)
- 4 FAWN (4)
- 6 OVERALL (7)
- 7 SALLY (5)
- 11 DEFER (5)
- 12 SHARP (5)
- 14 TIMELAG (7)
- 16 T.N.R.M (7)
- 17 HERTS (5)
- 19 ALLOT (5)
- 20 ARENA (5)
- 21 HAND (4)





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**CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL**

Two Councillors, the Parish Clerk, a District Councillor and one member of the public attended St Barnabas on 14<sup>th</sup> July for the Parish Council meeting. Unfortunately, that meeting was inquorate so had to be cancelled. Despite this, the business of the Parish Council must continue, so below is an update on some of the items that were to be reported at that meeting:

- i. The agreement for Cressing PC to cut verges has been re-instated and ECC will pay the Parish Council a fee towards this.
- ii. Speed monitoring equipment has been ordered and we await delivery.
- iii. The Clerk is chasing Bellways, BDC and Essex Highways to get the adoption by Highways of the footpath alongside Bulford Mill Lane, or at the very least the overgrown vegetation to be cleared. We are awaiting an update from Bellways.
- iv. The Parish Council received a suggestion for a gate to be installed at the end of PROW no. 20 (Mill Lane, opposite Jeffrey's Road) to stop walkers going straight into the road. Highways advise they will not install any barriers or gates to footpaths. We have asked them to investigate the widening of bridges along the PROWs (also a resident's suggestion to enable mobility scooters to use them). Essex Highways will look to see if this is feasible as any bridges require repair or replacement.
- v. A Local Highways Panel application has been submitted with the full support of our County and District Councillors to address the traffic issues in Bulford Mill Lane, particularly the sharp bends and flooding. This is a lengthy process, but the Parish Council will monitor progress of the application.
- vi. The Annual Governance and Annual Accounting Statements 2020/21 have been submitted to the external auditors. Copies of these documents are on the noticeboards and website, together with the Internal Auditor's report.
- vii. We have an issue with fixing the "Tommys" to the posts of the village signs as the posts are square and the fixings are round. The Clerk and Handyman are looking at alternative fixings.
- viii. Council has received three quotations for new seating on the playing field. Councillors will make a decision on this shortly.
- ix. The Clerk put forward the suggestion of installing a third defibrillator for Cressing, to be placed at the playing field and this is being considered.
- x. An Open Day for Cressing residents is being planned for 22nd September (3.00 til 8.00pm) at the playing field and Pavilion. So far, the Clerk and the Secretary of the Cressing Sports & Social Club Management Committee have been discussing the outline plan and aims for the day. This will include information about the Parish Council, the Social Club, the various community groups and activities available in the Parish as well as representatives and information about district services available to residents. Councillors will be in attendance throughout the day to answer any queries from residents.
- xi. There were many planning applications to be considered by Councillors at the meeting, including:



- a. 21/00175/FUL Erection of a two-storey 5 bed detached dwelling house with associated access road and landscaping on land adjoining and to the rear of 1 to 8 Leyfield Braintree Road Cressing Essex – the Council are raising objections to this application as it is a further residential access onto the busy B1018.
  - b. 21/01908/FUL | Demolition of existing Frankie & Bennys Restaurant with permitted takeaway facility and erection of a single-storey building with 'Drive-Thru' to provide a coffee shop / restaurant selling food and drink for consumption on and off the premises (Sui-Generis Use). Frankie And Bennys Restaurant Galleys Corner Braintree Road Cressing Essex CM77 8GA – the Council will be objecting to this application due to the additional traffic and congestion this will cause at the garden centre roundabout and Galleys Corner, not to mention additional litter!
  - c. 21/02059/ADV | Signage to include -6 No. internally illuminated fascia signs, 3 No. internally illuminated & 2 No. externally illuminated directional signs, 2 No. internally illuminated menu boards and 1No. internally illuminated totem pole. | Starbucks Galleys Corner Braintree Road Cressing Essex CM77 8GA - the Council will also object to this application due to the additional traffic and congestion this will cause at the garden centre roundabout and Galleys Corner, not to mention additional litter!
  - d. 21/01940/OUT | Hybrid planning application encompassing: (i) Outline Planning Application for 2 x self-build and/or custom build bungalows with details of Access, Layout and Landscaping to be determined (Scale and Appearance to be Reserved Matters); (ii) Full Planning Application for 4 x 3 bed and 2 x 4 bed residential dwelling houses with associated roads, car parking and landscaping. | Land Adjacent to Leyfield Braintree Road Cressing Essex (22 July)
- xii. There were also two applications whilst not within Cressing parish, but in neighbouring parishes, could affect residents in the future. These are:
- a. 21/01878/FUL | Construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm, with battery storage and other associated infrastructure, including inverters, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping. | Land East Of Periwinkle Hall Links Road Perry Green Bradwell Essex (19 July) – sustainable energy is to be welcomed but at what cost? During this development numerous HGV vehicles will need to access the site and whilst the strategic route will be the A120. However, once they leave there it is likely they will travel via Long Green, Ashes Road, Lanham Green Road, Boars Tye Road and finally Links Road. There will also be roadworks scheduled to bury high voltage cables. Obviously, none of this is decided yet, but the Parish Council will raise yet again the cumulative effect of the residential development already approved and this one that will impact seriously on traffic movements in, around and through Cressing.
  - b. 21/01810/FUL | Erection of 126 homes with associated access, open space and infrastructure (following outline planning permission 15/00280/OUT and as a variation of reserved matters approval 18/01751/REM) | Land Off Western Road Silver End Essex – this further

development proposed for Silver End does not touch the boundary with Cressing, but it will result in more vehicle movements and close the gap between the two parishes. The Parish Council will support Silver End Parish Council in its objection to this development.

- i. Land to the east of Braintree Road, Tye Green – Rainier Developments Ltd – Councillors to consider whether to submit feedback on communication from Rainier Developments. This planning application has not been submitted formally yet, but residents did receive a leaflet about it. We hope you took the opportunity to comment on the feedback form to the developers.

The August meeting, scheduled for 7.00pm on Wednesday 11th August will include a discussion on Her Majesty The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and how Cressing can mark and celebrate this historic occasion, so if you have any suggestions, please let the Clerk know and these will be included in the discussions.S

The next two channel (street) sweep dates for Cressing are 24<sup>th</sup> September and 24<sup>th</sup> December. We know it is difficult to find somewhere else to park, but if you can it will be greatly appreciated by the workmen as they can’t sweep under parked vehicles.

Recycling – if you find your recycling has not been collected, but has received a red sticker, this is because it is contaminated with items that cannot be recycled. These include: food, glass, nappies tissues and wipes, food and drink cartons, plastic bags and film, hard plastic, bubble wrap and polystyrene. PPE, clothing, wallpaper, sharps (knives, syringes) and snack packets that are foil lined (crisp and savoury biscuits). It is the householder’s responsibility to remove these items and put the bags out for the next collection.







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Do you run a community group?

Would you like to run a community group?

Are there any community groups you would like to see in Cressing?

Did you answer “yes” to any of the above, then please contact the Parish Clerk.

If you run (or have run) a community group, please let me have details of what it is, where it is and when it is.

If you have an idea for a community group that you would like to see in Cressing, again, please let me have details.

Let me have details of any groups you attend in neighbouring parishes. I can then discuss it with those co-ordinators to see if there is any interest for them to hold a group in Cressing.

Christine Marshall

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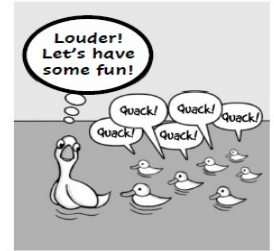
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## Quackers, Daniel and Tina's Girls

For over fifty years we have kept chickens, adding geese to our collection at a later date. We started off with a few chickens, adding rescued battery hens to our brood, and rehoming others that, for various reasons, their owners could no longer keep. Our two original geese soon bred and over the years we have seen many fluffy goslings grow and join the flock, plus new additions we have also rehomed. Just like humans every one has a different character and over the years have been fun to watch, of course the fresh eggs every day are an added bonus. Never did we think of keeping ducks, although many wild ducks and waterfowl visit us bringing their young for food and to swim on our field pond.



This has now changed, a few months ago we rehomed three Aylesbury ducks from a local farm, they apparently were causing havoc within the flock. We named them 'The Quackers' because of the noise they made. Unfortunately this also alerted the local fox who decided duck should be on his menu, and he quickly took two of them. The remaining one was, of course, very lonely, although he did feed and swim with the wild mallards, and occasionally would sit with our geese.

Then, as luck would have it, we received a call asking if we knew anyone who could rehome three ducks, they were also Aylesbury's so of course we took up the offer, so 'Daniel', and 'Tina's girls' moved in. At first Quackers (the name remained) was not at all interested in being friends, but did sit with them when the mallards had flown off each evening.

All the time I was very worried that the hungry fox would come back and wondered if I could train them to join the geese in the compound where they are enclosed each night. What a challenge—I thought my knowledge of training working and farm dogs in the past might help—it had worked on our cats and the geese who all seemed to react to the words 'stay' and 'no'. I realise now that a ducks brain works differently and soon discovered the only word they would respond to was 'food'. A bit like my family—that always has always worked to get them indoors!

It has taken quite a time for the ducks to respond, but now it mostly works and they return to the compound each evening. However, we have recently had one amusing incident (certainly not amusing at the time). One of 'Tina's girls' was too busy ducking and diving in the pond to realise that the others had returned to the compound. Noticing they had gone, she did not think to get out of the pond on her own but decided to quack and quack and quack. Easy I thought, rattle the food pot at the edge of the pond and she will come out. No chance, she just swam round and round in circles, her quacking getting louder all the time. My first thought was to leave her, my second thought was the fox would come, and the third thought was she would quack so loud all night and we would get no sleep. Ducks tend to do that, many a time have I had to walk across the field in the middle of the night to chase off a wild mallard that has been left by its mates!

I reverted to technology—downloading a recording of quacking ducks from the internet onto my iPad, I hid in the long grass by the pond and turned the recording on, crawling back towards the compound chattering all the time as if I was with the other ducks. Nothing much seem to be happening, I retrieved my iPad and went back to the house wondering what to do next. Then a miracle happened. The recording on the iPad had still been playing when I crawled by the compound, it had set the other ducks and the geese off, all quacking very loudly—of course I realise now the recording I had made was of strange ducks and mine probably thought they were being invaded, I turned the iPad off and as I went through the gate to the house the abandoned duck jumped out of the pond running at full speed to the safety of the compound.

Surely my husband would be very impressed with my actions, but on my return I was greeted with "I cannot believe what I have just seen, no wonder the duck came running back, who in their right mind would crawl along a field talking and quacking like that". I think I did very well, at least we had a peaceful nights sleep. Would I do the same thing again—of course I would !

*Lin Wenlock*

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## CRESSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Dear friends

Two men were walking through a field one day when they spotted an enraged bull. Immediately they ran toward the nearest fence, with the storming bull in hot pursuit. It was soon apparent that they wouldn't make it! Terrified, one shouted to the other, "Put up a prayer, John, we're in for it!" John answered, "I can't. I've never made a public prayer in my life." "Do it now!" implored his companion, "The bull is catching us!" "All right," panted John, "I'll say the only prayer I know, the one my father used to repeat at the table: "O Lord, for what we are about to receive, make us truly thankful".

Two of the most gracious words in any language are "Thank You." I wonder how many parents teach their children as soon as they learn to talk to say thank you when they are helped or given something. When Jesus walked this earth, we find He expressed words of thanksgiving to His Father many times. Jesus gave thanks for food, He gave thanks for answered prayer and He gave thanks for the Cross at Calvary.

Matthew 15:35-37 says that before feeding the four thousand, "He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when He had given thanks, He broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied." So, we see that Jesus too gave thanks to God before He ate.

So many people do not give thanks; a godly farmer was asked to dine with a well-known gentleman. While there, he asked a blessing at the table as he was accustomed to do at home. His host said jeeringly, "That's old fashioned; it is not customary nowadays for well-educated people to pray before they eat." The farmer responded "It is customary, for me, but there are some of on my farm that never pray over their food". "Ah, then," said the gentleman, "they are sensible and enlightened. Who are they?" "My pigs," the farmer answered!

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*Dennis*

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### Quick Lemon Cake

#### Ingredients:

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2 eggs  
4tbs milk  
Rind and juice of half lemon

#### Topping:

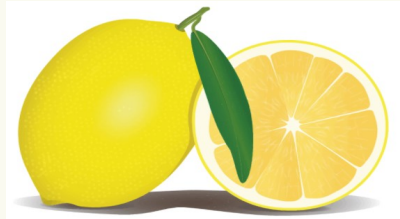
4oz icing sugar  
Juice of half lemon

#### Method:

**This cake is put into a cold oven so there is no need to pre heat it. Mix all the cake ingredients together until well mixed and creamy. Put into a greased or lined loaf tin. Turn the oven to 160c and bake for 1 hour or until cooked.**

**Allow to cool for a little while and then pour over the mixed topping ingredients. When cold remove from the tin.**

*This cake is easy to make, delicious and always sell well at fetes and events.*



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