

THE MOUNT

Mount Bures Parish News



Church News

As we are in Advent the start of the new Church year and the lead up to Christmas we can do it with HOPE

HOPE that we can be together
HOPE that there is an end coming to Covid

HOPE that 2021 will be a better year

HOPE because that is what God gave us when he sent his Son

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16)

Church Services/Events

Sunday 13th December 3pm join Sheryl and Emma for mulled wine and mince pies and listen to the organ playing Carols

Sunday 20th December 9.15am morning communion service with Rev Henry Heath

Thursday 24th Christmas Eve 3pm a nativity story

Friday 25th Christmas Day 10am Emma will be preaching in Wormingford

WHO'S WHO

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Bi-monthly meetings are currently held by video conferencing on second Wednesdays 7.30pm.

Please contact the clerk for details of taking part.

Neighbourhood Policing Team for the villages north of Colchester: Tel 101, ext. 430136

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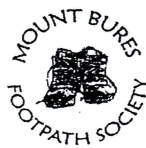
Silverline 0800 470 8090

Free 24 hour confidential helpline for older people to combat loneliness and to give advice.

Customer Services Colchester BC 01206 282700

New Mount Bures website: <http://mountburesparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Mt. Bures Footpath Society:



Guided walks usually take place on the first Sunday of each month.

Non-members are welcome on the walks.

For insurance purposes there will be a charge of £1/children 50 p which also provides membership of the Society for the calendar year. *Chairman:* Ian Woodman Linden House, Mount Bures, CO8 5AJ 01787 227689

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Citizens Advice Colchester

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0344 499 4719

Sudbury 01787 321400 or 0300330151

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Hedingham/Chambers buses 03301 020801

Greater Anglia trains: 0845 600 7245

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Welcome to the Village!

To **Mr and Mrs Rolfe**, who have moved into Mountview, Craigs Lane.

To **Esther Morrell** and her children **Ruben** and **Evie**, who have moved into Hall Cottage. Both children go to the local school and are really enjoying their new home, thanks to Charlie and Claire for making it so beautiful and welcoming. As well as working in Colchester as an HR Manager, Esther teaches yoga. If anyone would be interested in lessons group or private locally, please contact Esther on Morrelle7@gmail.com

Remembrance Sunday wreath laying ceremony:

From left to right: Val Sayer, Emma Barr,
Taylor Fox



From left to right: Ian Woodman, Taylor Fox,
Ronnie Cattson, Emma Barr, Keith Latto

Stephen Brown 1958 – 2020

Born and educated in Bures, later on in Langham, Stephen started work at Bakers Hall Farm, then at Valley Green, and in the 90ies took up his own agricultural business at Hall Farm.

Married to Heather, they raised two sons: Timothy who followed in Stephen's footsteps and has embraced a life in agriculture, and Murray who chose an academic career.

In 1990 Stephen and Heather purchased Hall Farm, rearing cows, sheep and, initially, pigs. They even diversified into pea growing.

Between 2008 and 2010 the Farm incorporated a shop as a joint venture. At "Farmer Brown's Farm Shop" they sold their own meat and locally sourced produce.

Stephen (or Steve as he was known), was a very kind man who would never turn away anyone asking for his help. He finally lost his battle against cancer.

In the words of a local resident: "Steve was such a good bloke and will be sorely missed!"

Peter Chillingworth: Moving to a Carbon-Neutral World

Scientific opinion and evidence of significant changes in the world's climate make this, notwithstanding the Covid-19 pandemic, the most important issue we face in this crucial decade. It affects the whole world where all governments must work together to take action to lower carbon emissions and do all they can within their own areas of control. The same applies to local authorities.

In July 2019, Colchester Borough Council voted unanimously to declare a 'Climate Emergency'. Following the Declaration a Task & Finish Group of Councillors was set up to advise Council and the Cabinet. Since 2008, the Council has been working with the Carbon Trust, a national charity with significant expertise and experience in guiding local authorities, to work to reduce its own carbon emissions. In fact, the earlier target to reduce emissions by 40% was met one year early in 2019. The T&F Group continued to work with the Trust, which has resulted in the Council adopting and publishing its Climate Emergency Action Plan in January 2020, with the goal of carbon neutrality by 2030. In addition, the T&F Group received presentations and held discussions with several local organisations pushing for action on climate change and has been able to include some of their ideas in the Action Plan. With its initial task completed, the T&F group has been replaced by a permanent body, the Environment and Sustainability Panel with Mark Cory, Leader of the Council as Chairman and myself as Deputy Chairman. The Action Plan and other related matters can be seen on the Council's website. (Just write in Climate Emergency Action Plan in the search box on the home page.)

The Action Plan included the appointment of 2 full-time officers to take forward the work within the Council. Other proposals in progress are embedding the climate emergency into the Council's culture and decision-making; creating a roadmap to reduce its carbon footprint to net zero by 2030; providing for environmental sustainability through planning and development, travel, waste and recycling; building community resilience through behavioural change and partnership working.

Although the Council can take action to do what it can to reduce its own carbon footprint, its scope is limited if one considers the carbon footprint of the whole Borough. It is hoped by setting an example and explaining what can be done, the community and business will respond and, while each taking action in its own way in supporting the Council and Government policies as they emerge, help achieve the Government's legally-established target of carbon neutrality by 2050.

Every indication is that if carbon neutrality is achieved, not only will the worst effects of climate change be avoided, but it will be a cleaner, more bio-diverse and more sustainable world to live in for our children and grandchildren.

Tips for a greener Christmas

Can wrapping paper be recycled? Only if it passes the scrunch test. Simply take a piece of your wrapping paper and scrunch it up into a ball in your hand. If it stays in a ball, it's likely this can be recycled, however if it bounces back then it cannot.

Foil or glitter-decorated paper, Christmas cards, gift wrapping and accessories such as ribbons and bows can't be recycled and therefore must be placed in the general waste. For a more environmentally-friendly alternative, opt for reusable or recyclable accessories such as natural twine or paper ribbon.

You can also re-use last year's glittering or other bows on this year's presents.

Helium balloons: Helium is a naturally occurring, precious gas, in short supply. Its main uses are of a medical nature ie MRI scans. Which is more important: luxury balloons for special occasions, but ending up as litter, or potentially life-saving MRI scans?

Parish Council News

Mount Bures Parish Council has continued to operate throughout the Coronavirus period, with Council meetings being held virtually by Zoom.

Issues that have been taken forward by the Council include:

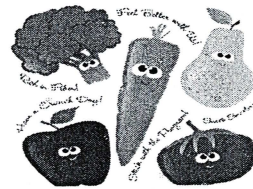
- Working with Bures Hamlet Parish Council and Colchester Borough Council to get improvements to the junction between Brook House Lane and the B1508 Colchester Road. This is a key crossing point for people catching the bus to Colchester or walking on footpaths to Bures, but the blind corner for traffic approaching from the Bures direction makes it dangerous for pedestrians. Applications have been made to Colchester Local Highways Panel for improvements to the bus stops and a possible 40 mile an hour buffer zone for cars approaching and leaving Bures. A speed survey appeared to show that average speeds were not excessive and the 40 mile an hour zone does not look as if it will progress. We have yet to hear about the bus stops.
- Objecting to a proposed travellers' site behind Goodwin's Farm in Crepping Hall Road in a rural location that would be inappropriate for such a development. Fortunately, this application has since been withdrawn and the land sold to a local business. The Council has also raised objections to another proposed travellers' site at the top of Lamarsh Hill in Bures Hamlet where it was felt that its prominent position and close proximity to Mount Bures would adversely impact on local residents. This application has yet to be decided.
- Working with our local Borough Councillor, Peter Chillingworth, to respond to a complaint from a local resident about the noise from powered light aircraft towing gliders from Wormingford aerodrome. The Wormingford Gliding Club is allowed to use powered tow aircraft on four days a year. Following the complaint it became apparent that the Gliding Club was formally notifying Colchester Borough Council of the days it proposed to use powered tow aircraft but that this information was not being passed to Mount Bures. The Council has now asked for this information to be forwarded so that local residents can be forewarned of the dates when powered aircraft will be flying from the airfield.
- Furnishing the Village Green telephone kiosk, which is now owned by the Council, as a local information point for walkers and cyclists. The kiosk already contains a powerful bicycle pump for the use of passing cyclists and will soon include a map showing local walks. The Council would welcome ideas for other information that could be included in the kiosk.

In September Councillor Mark Graham decided to step down as Chair of the Parish Council. The Council is most grateful to Mark for all his work for the Parish over the last 10 years. Councillor Ian Woodman was elected as the new Chair. The Parish Clerk, Liz Malvisi, is also standing down and the Council is recruiting a new Clerk. This is a paid position and if anyone is interested in supporting the local community by helping the Council to achieve its objectives then please contact Ian Woodman or the current Clerk. The closing date for applications is 11 December.

The Parish Council warmly welcomes any members of the public who wish to observe Council Meetings and there is always an item on the agenda for public participation. If you would like to join in please contact the Parish Clerk who can arrange for you to join by Zoom. The next meeting of the Council is on 13 January 2021.

More recycling news: In the absence of a textile collection from the kerbside, you can take your clean wearable clothes, bed linen (but no duvets, please), pairs of shoes to special recycling containers at the Bures Recreation ground. Proceeds go to Bures Scouts

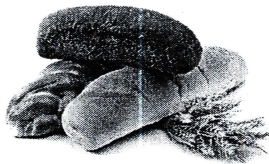
Bures Market on the Common Land 10am—1.00 pm
 Second Saturday of the month. Next Market 12th December
 01787 227781, email fyshhousefarm@aol.com



Sudbury Farmers Market St Peter's Church
 every last Friday of the month 9.30am—2.00pm

Next market Friday 18th Dec

Enquiries re all of the above www.suffolkmarketevents.co.uk Tel. 07503 332675



Sudbury Thursday, Friday and Saturday Market on Market Hill
 enquiries 01787 372331

Bures Surgery Tel. 01787 227529

Reception/Dispensary hours
 Monday 8.30—1.00, 2.00—6.30
 Tue/Fri 8.30—1.00; Wed/Thu 8.30—1.00, 2.00—6.00
 Surgeries as normal. Please wait till you are invited in by staff, if need be call them or knock.
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for residents on Tuesday (10.00-12.00) and Thursday (1.00-3.00) every week, for groups of up to a maximum of 8 individuals. These "Tutorials" are provided by the Digital Access Support Team (DAST).

The tutorials are on-going, having started on 17th September, and their aims are to support residents in gaining digital skills, running for 3 months on each batch of topics. The first batch provides information on how to use:

- 1) Facebook 2) Emails 3) Video Calls 4) Online Forms 5) Search Engines.

For more information, or to book onto a course please visit our website

DAST Contact Telephone: Colchester 01206 282 452

Email: Digital.AccessSupport@Colchester.gov.uk Web: <https://www.colchester.gov.uk/digitalaccesssupport/>

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order of Hall Road, (MOUNT BURES) 17/18th Dec.

The closure is necessary to carry out work for the installation of Fibre optic Broadband .

Please click on the following link one.network.co.uk to find details of the intended closure of Hall Road, 17/18 December. The closure is from the junction of Craigs Lane heading south for approx. 250 meters. Vehicles parked in the area may have to be moved temporarily. Access to properties within the works location will be available, and access for pedestrians and cyclists will always be maintained.

For any questions please call TELEC on 01473 830622



A & B Fresh Fish

Van visiting Mount Bures every Tuesday approx. 8.15am, parking in a private drive next to the

Level Crossing in Hall Road.

Tel.07739739074

aandbfreshfish@tiscali.co.uk

Mobile Library

Parking near the phone box in Hall Road/Craigs Lane, visits every 3 weeks on Tuesday 14.30—15.00

Next visit dates: 22 December
12 January 2021, 02 February 2021,
23 Feb., 16 March

Colchester Recycling Centre - Maldon Road,

Shrub End, Colchester, CO3 4RN; T: 0345 603

7625; Email: wastemanagement@essex.gov.uk

opening times: 9.00am—4.00pm every day

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve closed from 1 pm,

Closed all day Dec.25/26, and Jan 1

Sandy Lane Sudbury Recycling Centre

Open 9—4 , Closed Wednesday

Closed 25/26 Dec & 1 Jan

Contact @SuffolkHWRC Tel. 03456066067

Mini recycling centre

behind Village Hall

3 containers for glass bottles and clean jars

No Pyrex (heat resistant glass),

No window sheet glass please

1 container for cans (rinse & flatten please),
clean food/pet food tins, alu foil and (metal)
aerosols

Thank you for keeping the site tidy!

Green Homes Grant Scheme – Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

The Green Homes Grant Scheme is still on-going. The government will provide a voucher worth up to £5,000 or £10,000 to help cover the cost of making energy efficient improvements to your home. Improvements could include insulating your home to reduce your energy use or installing low-carbon heating to lower the amount of carbon dioxide your home produces. You must redeem the voucher and ensure improvements are completed by 31 March 2021. The government will provide a voucher that covers two-thirds of the cost of qualifying energy efficiency or low carbon heating improvements to your home.

The maximum value of the voucher is £5,000. If you are on a low income and receive certain benefits, you can receive a voucher covering all of the cost of the improvements. The maximum value of the voucher is £10,000. To apply for the voucher, you must either: • own your home (including park homeowners, long-leaseholders and shared ownership) • be a private or social landlord <https://greenhomesgrant.campaign.gov.uk/>

Winter Work at Sergeants Orchard



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Wildlife Trust

If you have visited the reserve this autumn, you might have seen the Trust's sheep. We had 40 at first in the large field. 15 were taken back to Tollesbury Wick, where the flying flock is based. The remaining 25, which did a good job of grazing the new orchard left us in the middle of November. The grass has less sugar content now and they were turning their attention to the fruit trees. Fortunately, not too much damage was done and the tree guards may need strengthening this winter.

Some sheep may return after Christmas, provided it is not too wet. They will be removed before the wild flowers appear. Having the fields grazed regularly at the right times of the year helps increase wildflowers at the expense of coarser vegetation. We have seen evidence of this in the new orchard.

Winter is a busy time at the reserve. Pruning is a big job with over 60 trees in the new orchard. We also like to prune some of the old trees as well. It's a pleasant job to do in the winter sunshine and even on dull days we enjoy doing it. At this time of year you may see or hear winter visitors such as fieldfares and redwings. We have already seen a few at the time of writing.

Now is also the time to cut back vegetation. You may have noticed that we have been cutting down some of the willows in the large field. The aim is to keep plants away from the fenceline. We want to easily spot any problems with the fence. It will also help in keeping the paths open. Some of the willows away from the fences will also be cut down. Left to their own devices, the willow would turn the field into scrub rather than a mix of grass and shrubs.

Although October was wet and there has been some water standing in both fields, the pond is still dry. Last winter was particularly wet and made doing anything harder work than normal. We shall see what this winter throws at us. We may try and create an additional pond in one of the wetter areas in the big field, which could benefit turtle doves.

As we mentioned in the last article, it was a good year for apples and pears, now more or less gone. It's also been good for hawthorn berries, sloes and acorns. This should provide food for the birds and small mammals this winter. We see and hear a lot of jays and no doubt these are attracted by the acorns, which they bury in very large numbers. There are also squirrels to enjoy all this food.

Buzzards have been increasing in recent years. What was once a very rare sight round here is pretty common these days. Kestrels had been in decline, possibly as a result of competition with the buzzards. However, we've been pleased to see two kestrels on or close to the reserve fairly regularly. We think they may have nested locally, possibly on the reserve itself.

Although these dark winter days in the run up to Christmas encourage us to stay in, there is still plenty to enjoy in our local countryside. Please visit the reserve and enjoy it this winter.

David and Shirley Green 01206 240005

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Darker Nights – Home Security

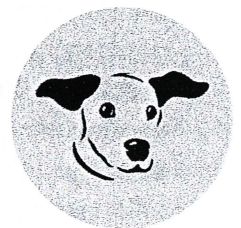
Can you spot an empty house? The burglar will. During winter, houses are more likely to be burgled in the early evening. Put lights on timers in the rooms you use most to make it look like you're in. Below are a few more tips:

1. Close and lock all windows and doors every time you leave the house or go to bed. Make sure that the door is locked properly i.e. lift the handle, turn the key and then remove the key ensuring that it is available for you to exit in case of emergency but out of sight from prying eyes.
2. If you have a burglar alarm use it at all times, even if just popping out for a moment, or zone off areas before going to bed.
3. Leave lights on timers or radios on in the rooms you use the most, invest in a TV simulator such as 'Fake TV' to make it look like you are in. Fit external lighting using energy saving bulbs or LED's which are activated by a dusk to dawn sensor. If burglars see your house has security lighting they are less likely to approach for fear of being seen.
4. Secure your boundaries and ensure access to your back garden is not easily obtained, lock gates and consider some spiky plants. Look out for climbing aids such as wheelie bins that may make it easier for the burglar to get in. Keep sheds, garage and other outbuildings locked securely, as they may contain valuable items or tools that may be used to break into your house.
5. Use forensic marking or other property marking methods to identify your property and display any product signage/labels. Keep an inventory of your property including serial numbers and photographs. This can be done in a paper version or on an online asset recording product. Make sure you include details such as identifying marks, value, and purchase date.

Information on security products including property marking products and, asset recording products can be found at: www.securedbydesign.com For further crime prevention information visit: www.essex.police.uk/cp/crimeprevention

Animal-friendlier fireworks

(Advice from The Dogs Trust)



As most public events are cancelled due to the Pandemic, fireworks are more likely to be of a private nature. More people will buy their New Year's Eve fireworks to use at home.

If you are planning on having fireworks in the garden, please consider this:

- Let your neighbours know well in advance
- Keep it short
- Keep it quiet or silent if possible. More animal friendly fireworks are on the market.

Some additional things for you to do to keep your pet as calm as possible:

- Choose a quiet spot for the pet, draw curtains, shut windows, put on some classical music or TV
- Well before any firework, take your dog for a long walk. For toilet purposes.
- Make sure your pet can't escape, keep them indoors.
- Stay with your pets, don't leave them alone. Play games with them if they feel like it.

Lovely Lurcher Christmas Advice



Although Christmas is allegedly going to be 'different' this year, I thought I would write again about seasonal toxins as it is something we see the effects of every year at veterinary practices.

We all know (but I'm going to say it again!) about chocolate, grapes, dried fruit products (currants, sultanas, raisins, including Christmas pudding, Christmas cake and mince pies), and onions (including other members of the onion family - garlic, leeks, shallots and chives).

Less well known are macadamia nuts, sweets containing artificial sweeteners (particularly xylitol), alcohol (dogs seem to be attracted to sweet cream-based liqueurs) and leftovers, particularly mouldy foodstuffs. I would highly recommend keeping all these products (and your food waste bins) completely out of sight of your pets.

Not so easy to avoid is the ingestion of toxic substances when you are out for your winter walks. Our dogs are obsessed with acorns! Unfortunately they can be toxic and vomiting and diarrhoea may occur. There is also the risk of gastrointestinal obstruction and there have been reports of renal and liver damage following substantial or chronic ingestion.

Our lurcher is also rather partial to red berries and has been known to help himself directly off the plants. If you are like me and haven't the foggiest idea about plant species, then it can be difficult to know whether ingestion is a toxicological risk. I can just about identify holly berries (*Ilex aquifolium* apparently) and this is obviously the one that is most often brought into our homes at Christmas. Perhaps more difficult to identify are cherry laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*), beauty berry (*Callicarpa bodinieri*), Cotoneaster species, and Yew (*Taxus baccata*). Ingestion of all these berries can cause gastrointestinal signs but some contain cyanide and other serious toxins and can be fatal.

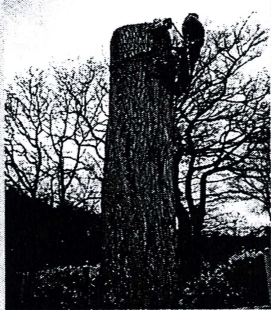
Ivy (*Hedera* species), mistletoe (*Viscum album*) and poinsettia plants (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) are also toxic to dogs and it is generally well known that the *Lilium* (lily) species are highly toxic to cats. It must be emphasised that all parts of the plant, including the flowers, leaves and pollen are poisonous. Cases have been reported where cats have developed renal failure after playing with boxes in which lilies were delivered, presumably only having been exposed to remnants of the pollen. Perhaps we will be sending more Christmas flowers or plants this year if we cannot see all our friends and family, so if they have pets please consider carefully which ones to send!

Wishing everyone and their pets a happy (and safe) Christmas.

Please send any questions or ideas for articles to Kate for future editions of *The Mount!*



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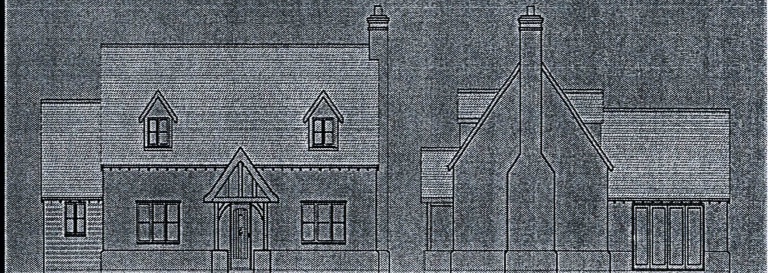


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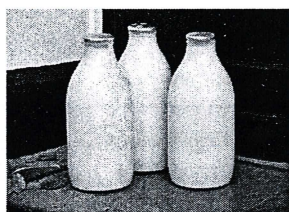
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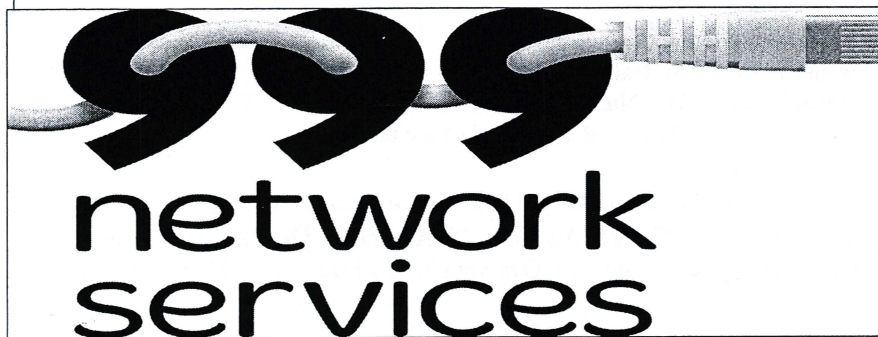
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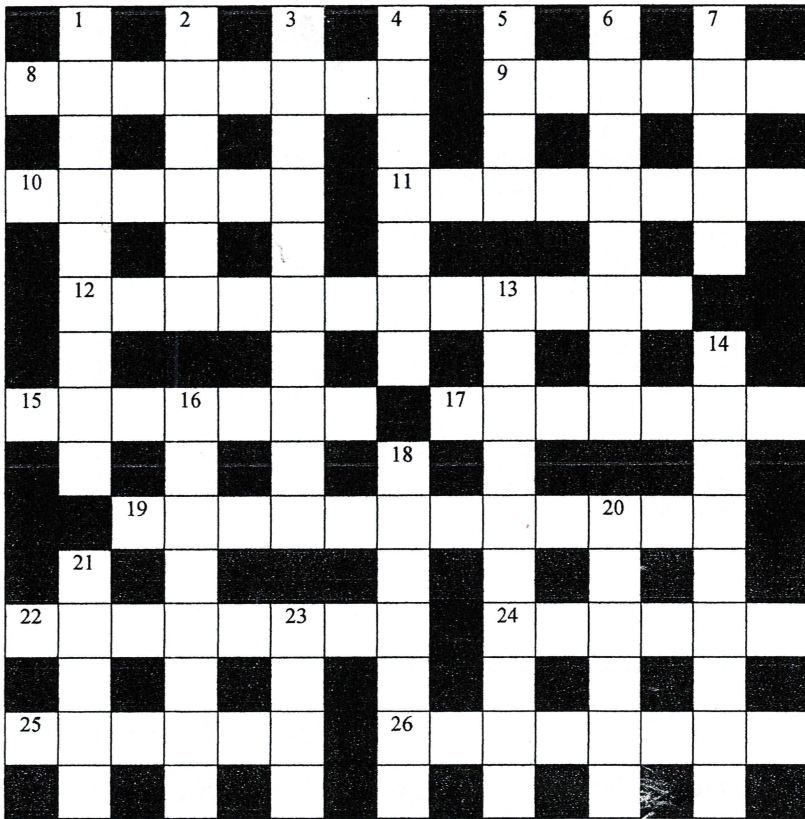
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Across:

- 8 Whitens (8)
- 9 Hates (6)
- 10 A less common name for cashew (6)
- 11 A town in South Wales, a former coal mining centre (4,4)
- 12 Sold or operated on a basis of cash payment for merchandise which is not delivered, but removed by the purchaser (4,3,5)
- 15 An old fashioned, now offensive, name for a person with Cerebral Palsy (7)
- 17 Stablemen, especially those at an inn (7)
- 19 The use of fragrant essential oils extracted from plants as a treatment in complementary medicine to relieve tension and to cure certain minor ailments (12)
- 22 (of music notes) Short, clipped, and separate (8)
- 24 A tall, slender, short haired breed of hound with large erect ears and a coat of white, chestnut or tan or a combination of all three colours (6)
- 25 Mock attacks or movements designed to distract an adversary (6)
- 26 An old fashioned name for graphite (8)

Down:

- 1 A popular name for raspberries in USA (9)
- 2 A stringed musical instrument with a long neck played with the fingers or with a plectrum (6)
- 3 Any painful disorder of joints, muscles or connective tissue (10)
- 4 Rises (7)
- 5 A sidepiece or post of a door, fireplace etc. (4)
- 6 A type of leather made from kidskin or goatskin (8)
- 7 Amusing in a quaint or odd manner, comical (5)
- 13 Moderate or sparing, especially in the consumption of alcohol or food, temperate (10)
- 14 A wrangling argument or verbal dispute (4,5) 16 Syrian or Arab nomads. (8)
- 18 Quarrelsome, bad tempered, rowdy obstreperous, awkward to deal with.(7)
- 20 With hands on hips and elbows projecting outwards (6) 21 Number (5)
- 23 A domed or vaulted semi-circular, or polygonal recess especially at the east end of a church (4)

Cognate anagram 50:
COUPLES (to make 2 words)

Answer to 49:
Shining rub

Answers to crossword No. 65: Across: 7 Abraham 8 Dunnock 10 Blat 11 Bramblings 12 Ingle 13 Ethiopia 16 Dardanelles 19 Acronyms 20 Awash 21 Relentless 24 Iffy 25 Adoring 26 Amphora **Down:** 1 Abalone 2 Martellato 3 Mamba 4 Cubbyhole 5 Anti 6 Scaglia 9 Paternoster 14 Overweight 15 Eddystone 17 Scheldt 18 Ashford 21 Asama 23 Earn

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