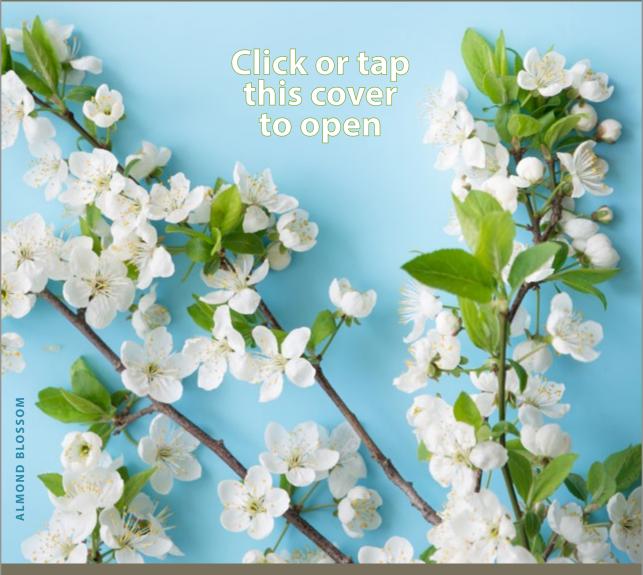


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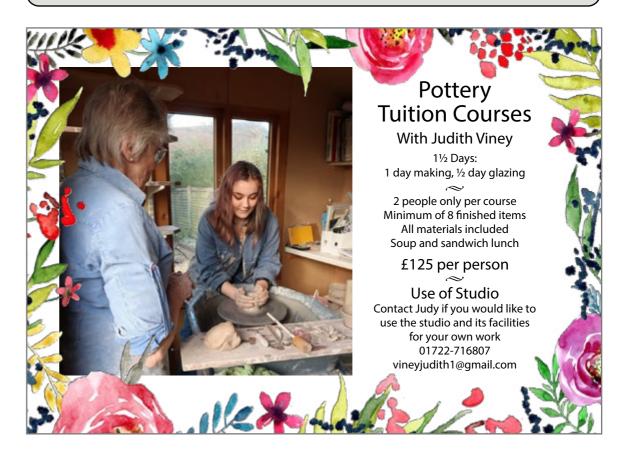


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MANY OF US, I'M SURE, have played the table football game 'Subbuteo' in the past, but do you know where the name for this game came from? Well, the designer of the game, Peter Adolph, was a keen ornithologist and his favourite species of bird had always been the little falcon called a Hobby, whose scientific name is Falco subbuteo meaning 'smaller than a buzzard' — so he chose it as the new name for his invention!!

The hobby is a bit smaller than a kestrel and has a slate grey back and wings that are long, narrow and pointed, which when combined with a relatively short tail, enable this elegant little falcon to be incredibly agile in flight. It is most often spotted dashing past at speed looking just like an over-sized swift, but should you be lucky enough to see one gliding more slowly overhead, you will notice that its plumage underneath consists of a striped chest and red under its tail.

The first Atlas of Breeding Birds of Britain and Ireland (1968 – 1971) put the population at only about 100 breeding pairs, mostly confined to the heaths of southern England. However, this population grew rapidly, so that by the late 90s numbers had risen to around 1360. Today, breeding pairs have topped the 2000 mark. The population has also moved steadily northwards and now the hobby nests in Scotland, which many observers quote as a good example of the evidence of climate change.

The hobby is a summer visitor to this

country, arriving in May and choosing an old crow's nest to breed in, especially it seems, when sited in a Scots pine tree. Eggs are usually laid in June, meaning that the chicks hatch in July and fledging takes place in August. This time of year provides the high speed predator with an abundance of its favourite food dragonflies. Also, in August there are plenty of young house martins and swallows which have recently left the nest, and can be easily taken on the wing by a falcon that can accelerate rapidly and has amazing aerial manoeuvrability. Most of the smaller prey items are eaten while the bird is still flying along, passing the food from the talons to its beak with great dexterity.

Peter Thompson, Barford St. Martin

It is not known exactly where British hobbies spend the winter, as there have never been any ringing recoveries south of Spain – and no hobbies ringed anywhere in Europe have been recovered south of the Sahara. Most ringed hobbies recovered in Europe on migration appear to have been heading in a south-

westerly direction, towards West Africa, but the main wintering area for this species is believed to be the Zambezi basin. So, if you are out enjoying an evening walk this summer and you suddenly hear the shrieking, high pitched alarm calls of martins and swallows – quickly look to the skies as you might just get a glimpse of this exciting little falcon as it dashes overhead. A good place to try and catch up with them is Fonthill lake, where I have watched them hawking for dragonflies on warm summer evenings.— PT Peter Thompson lives in Barford St. Martin and has worked in conservation and farming all his life. He is Chair of the Salisbury & District Natural History Society and would be delighted if readers joined either the society's Facebook page or the society itself - or indeed both! If you are interested, please see details over



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With the 2017 film DUNKIRK creating huge interest in the greatest disaster in British Military History, it is time to tell one man's quest for survival.

Rick Haynes — Fovant

Sidney Frank Haynes, nicknamed *Tank*, was born on the 16th of September 1912. My father never spoke about his parents, so I assume that he was born out of wedlock. He roamed the streets of London, searching for food to survive. He was smaller than many of his age and walked in bare feet until his twelfth birthday. Jumping over a high wall with sharp spikes for a dare, endeared him to his mates, but the long stay in hospital to repair the deep gash in his thigh gave him the best food he had ever tasted. After his discharge he had a choice, starve or lie about his age and join the army. It was an easy decision for a fifteen-year-old and one that would change his life forever.

"I grabbed my

Lee-Enfield rifle

and started

firing."

With his passion for horses, my father was readily accepted as new cannon fodder

for the Royal Artillery, even though the army knew he had lied about his age.

"I loved it," dad said enthusiastically.

Dad had found his vocation and relished the training.

"All the square bashing and countless orders were a small price to pay for three good meals a day."

He learnt discipline, and how to ride horses, and loved every minute within the barracks. Fully grown he was 5 foot 6 inches tall, had broad shoulders and unusually, for his size, he had massive fists. Being brought up in a harsh environment gave him the edge in boxing and he went on to win many bouts as a middleweight champion. All in all, he was fearless – perfect infantry material.

Germany invaded Poland in 1939 and World War II followed soon after. In May 1940 Britain sent the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) to France where they were to assist in putting down the upstart from Germany, Adolf Hitler. Untried young men with rifles were thrown against the massed might of Hitler's Panzer divisions.

The battle lasted just three weeks and was doomed to failure from the beginning.

Operation Dynamo was hastily launched by the British Government with the aim of rescuing as many troops as possible, no matter what it took. The evacuation would take nine long days of utter misery and death, yet the story would

become the stuff of legends.

My father was in a trench with many of his comrades. On their left was a company of Belgian infantry, their job was to stand firm and repel the enemy. In the early hours of dawn, the sound of gunshots broke the silence and sleeping men rushed to their defensive positions.

"I grabbed my Lee-Enfield rifle and started firing."

With all his training it was an automatic response, but fear and adrenalin rushed through his body. The Germans had somehow outflanked them and now they were in danger of being overrun.

He recalls sending a stream of insults at the Germans, and the Belgians on their flank, as he continued to fire his rifle. He hated the former and couldn't understand why their allies nearby were not returning fire. It transpired that the Belgians had orders to withdraw under cover of darkness and regroup to another position. Alas, no one had informed the British, and with the German forces moving so quickly the command structure had started to collapse. Like his mates, the dread of death washed over him.

"I really thought I'd copped it. With so many Germans all around us, I didn't think I'd see England, your mum, and your sister again."

He goes on. 'I'll never know how I escaped. The Germans were everywhere, and the constant gunfire deafening. I wanted to stay and fight but it would have made no difference,



My dad is in the middle of the front row at the Royal Artillery Barracks, Folkestone.

as we had so many casualties. We didn't have the manpower or the firepower to win. Yet, in the confusion and the drifting smoke, I somehow made it out of the trap along with a few of my mates. All I did was run as fast as I could along the only route not being shelled. I was sure that we would regroup somewhere and take the fight to the enemy.' Little did he know

Little did he know that the die of defeat had already been

cast, and the long walk to the sandy beaches of Dunkirk had begun.

Static positions proved to be almost useless due to the everchanging battleground. With communications breaking down, chaos





ensued all across the field of battle. The self-assurance of those in command had quickly evaporated, their poise now one of survival mode. It wasn't long before orders were issued to evacuate as many as possible.

Winston Churchill believed that if 50,000, or even 40,000 men, could be saved, it would be a miracle.

Retreat to Dunkirk

His rations soon ran out, and, like so many others dad scavenged whatever he could. It soon became clear that it was every man for himself, yet he had a few of his mates with him and all

were determined to stay alive and get back to England.

"The march seemed endless, and full of constant noise. Enemy planes screamed overhead and artillery shells began to rain down on all of us trudging toward

the coast. I could hear explosions ahead, so I dived into a ditch. I guessed that German bombers were pounding targets up the road and now they were coming too bloody close."

With so many men on the march to the beaches, my father felt that they were all walking toward a disaster. He wasn't wrong, yet he had no idea of the utter carnage that awaited him along the golden sands of Dunkirk.

As he walked, dad was drawn to the sound of a horse in great pain, and without hesitation walked into a field covered in bomb craters.

'It didn't take long for me to find the horse. Poor thing was lying on its side with a broken foreleg. A piece of metal, probably from a bomb blast, had caused the damage. There was nothing that could save the poor beast, so I gently stroked its head. I hesitated. I knew what I had to do, but I loved horses. My hands shook as I took hold of my rifle.

I spoke softly to the horse and pulled the trigger. At least it wouldn't suffer anymore."

A dead Belgian officer lay nearby. My father took, luckily for him, a full water bottle, his bayonet, and a map case — I still

have them. The map of the area was superb. It showed all the latest positions from the previous day, and where the Germans had cut a huge wedge between the BEF

and their allies. Unfortunately, with such a fluid battlefield, it soon became clear to dad that the Germans had moved quickly and the map was now useless.

Being so

hungry, my father and his mates were eating fresh, but only partially cooked, horse meat. "It was the first time I'd eaten anything in two days and I was starving. We couldn't stay long as the Germans weren't far behind us, so eating undercooked meat was a risk worth taking. When shells landed in the adjacent field we quickly grabbed a few bits of horse meat and ran off." He hoped that his next dinner wouldn't be two days away.

Alas, his fears proved to be true, as his next decent meal would be a long time coming.

Everything was left behind

With enemy bombers overhead, and the Germans swarming forwards like a massive army of ants, he pushed on toward Dunkirk. "There was nowhere else to go. We passed allied tanks, lorries, and artillery pieces, all destroyed, burnt out by our side. Orders must have been given to leave nothing for the Germans. Bloody stupid orders they were. Men were dead on their feet, so those trucks could have carried them all the way to the beaches."

The roads were packed with troops all walking one way, yet their task was made so much harder due to the detritus of a broken army laying everywhere. Bodies were left to rot, flies covered them and a few brave crows pecked at the eyeballs. "I saw stacks of rifles, ammunition pouches, and helmets along the roadside. Anything heavy, anything that would slow a man down was dumped, strewn across a road of endless rubbish. With so much

Me 109 fighter and Stuka dive bomber.

wreckage the stench made me throw up, and the great pall of smoke from the destroyed oil tanks outside Dunkirk didn't help. It took months before that smell left me."

Eventually, my father reached the never-ending line of sand dunes

"I couldn't believe my eyes. You couldn't see the beach as so many soldiers were crammed in. Everywhere I looked there was a mass of men, standing, sitting, or lying down. Smoke was rising from too many fires to count, and the area was littered with the wreckage of bombed tanks, guns, and trucks. German planes were flying unmolested overhead, bombing at will. The sea was full of boats. Larger ships, destroyers, were out in the channel, but small ones were bobbing up and down near the shore trying to steer clear of the mass of flotsam. Rubbish was everywhere. Whoosh! We all ducked. Another shell exploded near the harbour which was full of soldiers, all waiting in line. I guessed they were ready to board the destroyer now edging her way alongside the Mole. Lucky sods."

Dad told me how he longed to be on that Mole, to board a ship and come home.

"I looked back at the sands. It was organised chaos and not a pretty sight."

Little space on the beach.

"I was told to go to the beaches east of the town and await further orders. So me and my mates grabbed some water and what little food we could, and trudged over sands and resting

men before reaching our allocated space in the dunes. The smoke, the constant bombing, you could go mad here. I hated it". He continued ... "We stank,

everyone stank, but fear was our worst enemy."

According to my father, the situation soon worsened. "Not long after we arrived all hell broke loose." Whilst the bombers had previously flown over the retreating troops only a few bombs had been dropped, along with some strafing by fighter planes — now explosions were constant. The German Air force, the Luftwaffe, had been ordered to concentrate their strength on the beaches and the ships now arriving to take the remnants of the BEF home.



Everything

was left

behind.





"The Stuka dive bombers took turns with the ME 109s to bomb and strafe all of us on the dunes. Sand gave little protection when the bullets and the bombs flew, yet any hole was better than none at all. Like so many others I dug with my bare hands to survive."

The Dunkirk Mole that stretched out into the waters of the North Sea wasn't made for ships but it was strengthened to allow the larger boats to dock. That single idea turned out to be a lifesaver for so many troops, as more men were rescued from the Mole than from the beaches.

"Until the day I die, I'll never forget the long lines of soldiers awaiting their turn to board a boat, any boat, all along the sands of Dunkirk."

The long wait

For hundreds of thousands of demoral-ised troops, this would be their home for some days to come, yet many would never see their loved ones again. The bombs dropped like

when they die, confetti and the machine guns of the ME 109's continually was our hell sang their song of death. Pieces of dead men lay all along the on earth." beaches. With very little medical supplies, dad saw men die in agony all around him, yet amazingly, he had escaped the carnage. That soon changed.

"I was hit. A lump of shrapnel tore into the middle finger of my left hand and pain shot through my whole body. Compared to others it was a nothing wound, but with no medical assistance I knew that I had to get off this bloody beach and quick, or I'd perish."

Like every man at Dunkirk, he constantly prayed to go home.

"We'd tried many times to board boats but something always happened. We were either turned back by those in command, or the boat was already full. The one time I managed to get on board, others followed. With the extra weight, it capsized in the

shallows and when it refloated, I lost out."

The bombs continued to drop from the skies, and the shelling increased as the German army moved in for the kill. Dad stayed on the purgatory beach for a total of seven days before he was eventually taken aboard a ship. But even then the Luftwaffe was bombing everything that floated and heading away from Dunkirk.

By the time he reached a hospital, his middle finger had turned gangrenous and had to be amputated to save his life. He was lucky; he could have lost a hand.

He wrote the following:

"People talk about entering hell when they die, but this was our hell on earth."

The waiting game

"People

talk about

entering hell

but this

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Miraculously, 366,131 allied troops were picked up and brought back to

> England. From small boats that held a dozen soldiers to the fast destroyers that held hundreds, even thousands, sailors answered the call for help and sailed across the English Channel, risking all to save the men of the BEF and their allies.

To the rescue

Using the Dunkirk Mole for the bigger ships was a major factor in saving tens of thousands of men and the men of the BEF would live to fight again.

A small victory had somehow been snatched from the jaws of a massive annihilation. Yet, within a week, the Battle of Britain would commence and the war in Europe would cross the English Channel. It would be five long years before the yoke of oppression could be lifted on VE day -Victory in Europe.

I salute all those that survived, or died, at that place of so much torment and suffering.— RH

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The Withdrawal from Dunkirk, June 1940, as painted by Charles Cundall (1890-1971) for the War Artists' Advisory Committee.

AUTHOR'S NOTE.

As any student of Dunkirk will realise, there are gaps in this story. In my defence, I would say this. I have recounted the tale that my father told me, relying on my memory and the few notes that he made at the time. However, I cannot recall whether he came home in a naval vessel from the Mole — the most likely route — or was rescued by one of the small ships. Thus these details are absent, along with the names of his comrades and his homecoming across the deadly English Channel.

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The Wylye Valley Art Trail team is hugely proud that, in early 2022, Her Majesty The Queen approved the QAVS National Assessment Committee's recommendation that the volunteers of The Wylye Valley Art Trail should receive the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS). This was one of the final awards made by Elizabeth II before her death in September 2022.

Nick Andrew, the founder and coordinator of the Wylye Valley Art Trail states:

"I hope you enjoy following the 12th Wylye Valley Art Trail. I can't believe that it is 22 years since the first event in 2001, when 34 studios, workshops and makeshift galleries threw open their doors, stretching a vibrant trail across this beautiful corner of Wiltshire. Since then it has taken place every two years, organised by a small team of volunteers, growing in size and bringing a wonderfully colourful and varied patchwork of visual creativity across the landscape to the attention of enthusiastic and art hungry visitors.

Achieving the Queens Award for Voluntary Service is a fabulous honour and reflects profoundly on everyone involved in WVAT over the years, from the organising teams through to the participants"

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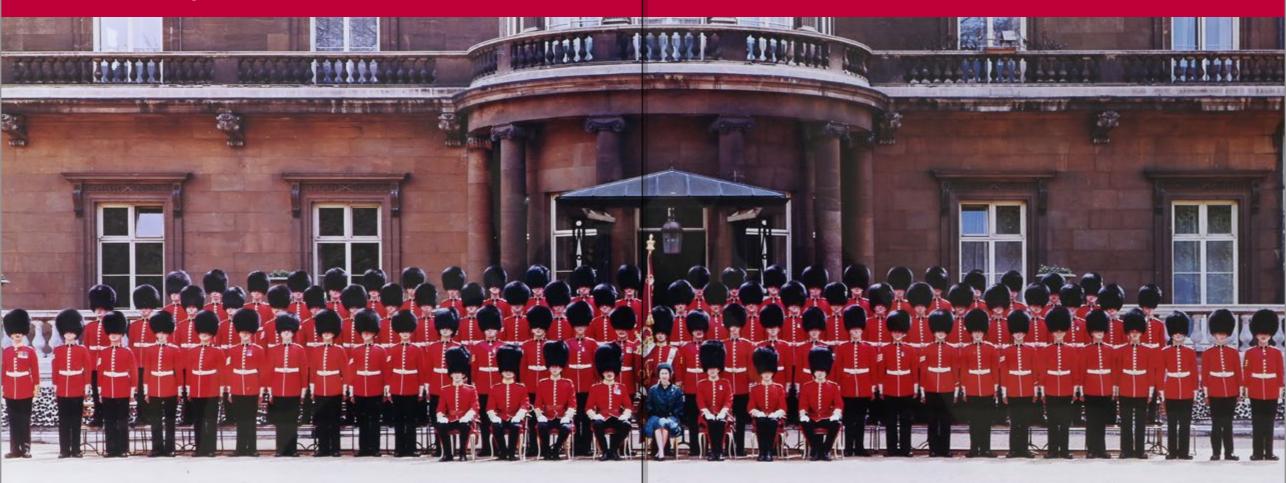
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Once The Queen's, now The King's, Part 2 – The King's Company

Paul Cordle – Chicksgrove



DURING THE CORONATION SERVICE ON MAY 6TH the sharp-eyed TV viewer may well spot some unusually tall Guardsmen in Westminster Abbey and wonder why they are on duty. Others may notice a large crimson Colour (flag) flanked by Guardsmen. This piece explains why they are present and gives the reader a glimpse into The King's Company, Grenadier Guards about which a television presenter is unlikely to know nor have time to mention.

The Queen's Company, 1962

The late Queen reviewed her Company in the gardens of Buckingham Palace in May 1962. Seated next to her is The Captain, Major Philip Haslett MBE; The Ensign, Lieutenant John Baskervyle-Glegg, carries the Colour.



England is rich in her regimental histories, the oldest of which go back officially to 1661 when King Charles II established by Royal Warrant what is now the British Army. Even by then six regiments had a back-story although not all had been in the continuous service of the Crown. Of the regiments established by the Royal Warrant only three still exist without being amalgamated and with an unbroken record: The Life Guards, The Grenadier Guards and The Coldstream Guards.(1/2) Each of these regiments has undergone continual change but, in essence, their service to the Monarch and the country has run without interruption since the 17th century.

The regiment of The Grenadier Guards stands out. It was raised by King Charles II in 1656, five years before the 1661 Royal Warrant, when he was in exile following his escape from England after his defeat by Oliver Cromwell at the Battle of Worcester in 1651. Had it not been for his survival at the battle, the successful outcome to his six-week escape to France and eventual invitation from Parliament to return as King in 1660, the history of England would have been very different.

The Grenadiers' story connects back to the evening of 3rd September 1651, the day of the battle, when the King fled north leaving →

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Paul Cordle – Chicksgrove

the city at dusk through St Martin's Gate. He was accompanied by sixty mounted followers, mostly officers and some servants; amongst them were Lord Wilmot, Colonel Thomas Blague and Lord Wentworth. Three days later the exhausted King, in deep disguise, hid in an oak tree at Boscobel with Major William Carlis, the last man out of Worcester. The King recognised the devoted service of these four officers at the time of his greatest danger upon whom he, as a 21 year old fugitive, had depended for safety and later during his exile he rewarded each with a commission in his regiment, The King's Royal Regiment of Guards, later named The First Guards and now The Grenadier Guards. When the King raised the regiment he reserved for himself the command of its first Company which was

designated as The King's Own Company; that same command has been held in every reign since by his successors, King or Queen, and now by his namesake King Charles III.

Since those early days The Grenadier Guards, of all five regiments of Foot Guards (3), has been closest to the Sovereign, its loyalty goes unquestioned and no loyal toast is expected of its officers when dining. Within the Regiment, the unique relationship between the Sovereign and their Company makes serving in it a special privilege for Grenadiers. This is reflected in The Captain, whose appointment is approved by the Monarch, writing annually to update him or her about the Company. Historically the tallest men have been assigned to it; they are measured against a 6ft 2" metal pole.

It is the Company's privilege to carry out certain customs and periodic duties, the most significant of which were seen last year during the late Queen's funeral. Most noticeably, the Company provided the Bearer Party throughout the funeral ceremonial and The Queen's Company Colour was draped over the steps of the catafalque during the Lying-in-State. It was The Queen's Company who escorted her from Westminster Abbey to Marble Arch and at Windsor took her up the Long

Walk to St George's Chapel in the Castle. Keeping to historical precedent, The Queen's

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The late Queen inspects her Company in 1953. The average height of the Company was 6ft 3".

Company Camp Colour (a smaller flag) was buried with her. At the end of the service, once all the State Regalia had been removed, TV viewers saw The King lay it on the coffin just before it was lowered into the vaults where, later and out of sight of the public eye, the Bearer Party moved the coffin to its permanent resting place.

Notwithstanding its ceremonial duties, The King's Company is the senior rifle company of 1st Battalion Grenadier

Guards which is a fully operational unit in the Army's order of battle and its senior infantry →

The King's Company 1914.

Immediately after the declaration of war, HRH The Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII, aged 20, was attached to The King's Company seen here marching 'at ease' on a route march at Warley, Essex in August 1914. The Prince was 5'6" in height, at the time the Company's average height was 6ft 1". The officer nearest the camera was Lieut. Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, aged 27, who was appointed as mentor to The Prince. In front of them is Colour Sergeant Chamberlain who was later killed in action. By the end of The First World War, The Grenadier Guards had lost 4,711 killed and 7,181, wounded. Photo by kind permission of Colonel Richard Aubrey-Fletcher, formerly Grenadier

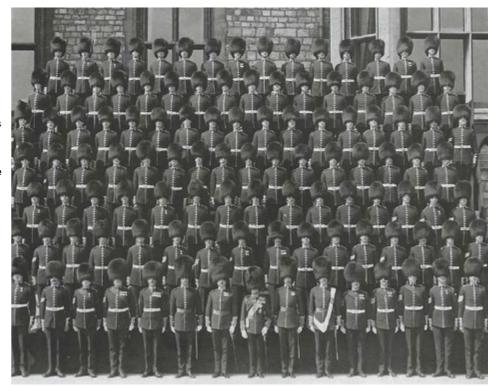
Guards, Henry's grandson.



Note. Henry Aubrey-Fletcher joined The Grenadier Guards in 1908 and had a tumultuous war. He was wounded twice (at the first Battle of Ypres (1914) and at the Battle of Loos (1915)), was Mentioned in Despatches three times and won a DSO and the (French) Croix de Guerre. He succeeded to his family's baronetcy in 1937 aged 50.

King George V with his Company at Windsor Castle, 1926.

The Sovereign periodically reviews his or her Company; after the 1926 parade King George V was photographed with his Company. The King was 5ft 6" tall, the average height of the Company was 6ft 25%".



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regiment. At the time of the late Queen's death the Company was deployed in Iraq and was immediately withdrawn from operations and returned to London a week

before the funeral. To have changed instantly from one challenging role to another, and so impressively well, shows that it has no equal in the British Army.

The Company's early operational history closely followed that of the other 23 companies of The King's Own (or First) Regiment of Guards established in the 1660s. For identification in battle, each company carried a Colour and to each the King granted a royal badge for emblazoning

on it. Most of these badges had been used by earlier Kings, going back to the Plantagenets, to denote their reign. Two, however, were

The Queen's Company, 2003

The late Queen reviewed her Company in the Quadrangle, Windsor Castle. The Royal Standard Grenadier Guards is far larger than any normal regimental colour.

different and stand out to this day. The first was the Royal Cypher and Crown for use by The King's Own Company. The second badge, the design of which the King himself conceived,

> showed his crowned head in the branches of an oak tree. This was intended to be a potent reminder of his once fugitive status, his achievement in outwitting Parliament and his successful escape.(4)

King Charles II also ordered that his Regiment of Guards should have a Royal Standard and that this was to be his company's colour. This remains the case today with each succeeding monarch giving it, emblazoned with their

Royal Cypher and Crown, as his or her personal gift to the regiment. In 1704 a significant addition to the Colour was made



The Inkerman Company Camp Colour

This is the 20th badge granted by King Charles II to his regiment of Guards in 1660s. He conceived its design to commemorate the six weeks he spent as a fugitive in 1651 and shows his crowned head in an oak tree. It remains in daily use with The Inkerman **Company Grenadier Guards.**



The Queen's Company Camp Colour

This colour displays the Royal Crest granted by King Charles II. It was in daily use in The Queen's Company during the late Queen's reign and was buried with her; it was laid on her coffin by HM The King just before it was lowered into the vaults beneath St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

which reflected Queen Anne's and Parliament's sense of an emerging United Kingdom of Great Britain. She ordered that when her Company's Colour (The Royal Standard) was replaced, it had been 'shott to pieces at the Battle of Hochstett' (Blenheim, 1704), it should include, in each corner, a crown with the emblem of each nation to which she laid claim - a rose, a thistle, shamrock and a fleurde-Lys for France; the last has since been replaced by a second rose. (5)

The Colour is only carried on special occasions when the King is present; for instance, when a Guard of Honour



The King's Company Colour, The Royal Standard Grenadier Guards

HM The King presented this colour to The King's Company on 27th April in the garden of Buckingham Palace. The King's cypher CR reversed and interlaced, is surmounted by the Imperial Crown.

parades in his honour or for a visiting Head of State when accompanied by him or when, periodically, he reviews his Company. The Coronation service is one of those special occasions and the privilege of being in the Abbey, enjoyed by The King's Company on behalf of The Grenadier Guards, reflects a unique relationship which now spans nearly four centuries of loyal service to the Crown.(6)

The late Queen presented The Queen's Company with a new colour in 1953 in the Quadrangle, Windsor Castle. Five officers and 117 men were on parade, their average height was 6ft 3" (the 30 men of No 1 Platoon averaged 6 ft 5"). And so

> the story continues: last month on 27th April in the garden at Buckingham Palace, HM The King presented The Royal Navy, The Life Guards, The King's Company and The Royal Air Force with new standards and colours. On parade was a representative party of The King's Company of four officers and 53 men – their average height was 6ft 1". No ordinary body of men! (7) $-PC \rightarrow$

TOP OF THE PAGE:

The silver-gilt filial to The Royal Standard, **Grenadier Guards given by King William** IV to the Regiment in 1832.

Once The Queen's, now The King's, Part 2 – The King's Company continued

Paul Cordle – Chicksgrove

Notes

- 1. The Life Guards, formed by men of noble birth in exile with the King, was established in 1658. The Royal Horse Guards (The Blues) originated as a Parliamentary regiment (Colonel Union Crook's Regiment of Horse) during the Civil Wars. It was taken into royal service on the disbandment of the Parliamentary Army in 1660 and was amalgamated over 300 years later with the Royal Dragoons (1st Dragoons) in 1969. The Royal Dragoons was raised under the 1661 Royal Warrant as The Tangier Horse to garrison Tangier which became an English possession on the marriage of King Charles II to Catherine of Braganza. The Coldstream Guards was raised as a Parliamentary regiment during the Civil Wars - see note 2. The Scots Guards (1642) and The Royal Scots (1633) had been raised by King Charles I before the Civil Wars but had not been in the continuous service of the Crown.
- 2. The Coldstream Guards, raised in 1650 as Colonel Monck's Regiment of Foot, was a Parliamentary regiment and thus initially opposed to The King. In consequence, at the Restoration, although instrumental in bringing the King back, it was given seniority below that of the King's Regiment of Guards, soon called 'The First Guards'. The Coldstream, in a huff, adopted as their motto 'Nulli Secundus' or 'Second to None'.
- **3.** Five regiments of Foot Guards form The Guards Division: The Grenadier, Coldstream, Scots, Irish and Welsh Guards.
- 4. The King often spoke of his escape. Even when racing at Newmarket in 1680, five years before his death, he recounted it to Samuel Pepys who took it down in shorthand. Earlier he had wanted to recognise those who had remained loyal during the Civil Wars and those who had helped him during his escape and exile by creating them 'Knights of the Royal Oak.' A silver medal, hung on a Garter blue ribbon and depicting the King in the Boscobel oak, was to be bestowed on them. Hundreds of potential knights were listed for the honour but the King was advised not to go ahead as it would have kept alive the divisions and animosities of the Civil Wars.
- 5. The Act of Union 1707 saw the union of the Scottish and English Parliaments and the creation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain. Strange as it may seem, the English Crown continued to lay claim to the Kingdom of France until 1801 by when France had become a republic. The Act of Union with the Kingdom of Ireland was in 1801
- 6. In 1863 a further six royal badges of later origin were granted to the Grenadiers by Queen Victoria. These, and the badges granted by King Charles II, remain in use today; many of them are emblazoned on Company Camp Colours
- After the Coronation The King's Company will return to its operational role.

Footnote: The author Paul Cordle, formally Grenadier Guards, served in The Queen's Company on three separate occasions, twice in the 1960s and lastly, as The Captain, 1972 - 1973.

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Further reading

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NEXT PAGE:

TOP: Officers of The Queen's Company, 1953

The late Queen presented a new colour to her Company at Windsor Castle in June 1953. Seated next to her The Captain, Major Heywood-Lonsdale MVO, MC. The Ensign, 2nd Lieutenant. The Viscount Boyne, carries the Colour.

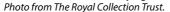
Top left is the Company Sergeant Major Fred Clutton MM, RVM.

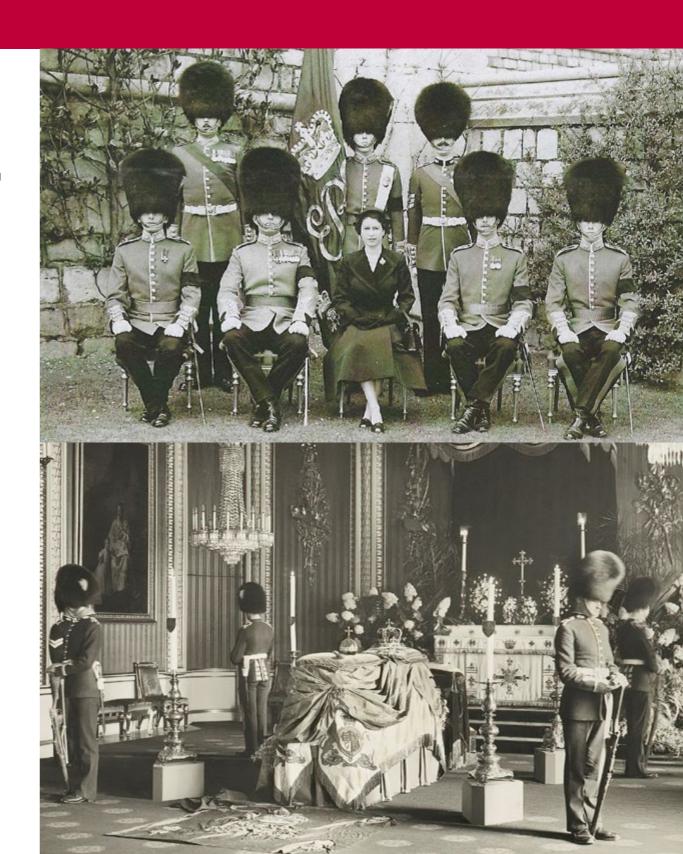
The officers are wearing black armbands as the Court was in mourning following the death of HM Queen Mary (widow of King George V) in March.

BOTTOM:

HM King Edward VII lying privately in the Throne Room, Buckingham Palace, 1910.

According to precedent, men of the Sovereign's Company guard a deceased monarch from as soon as possible after death until their burial or public Lying-in-State. This photograph of a Corporal and four Guardsmen of The King's Company standing vigil, resting on their reversed arms, highlights the closeness of the Company's duty to the Monarch. The King's Company Colour can be seen spread on the floor. The King was taken later to Westminster Hall for the Lying-in-State.





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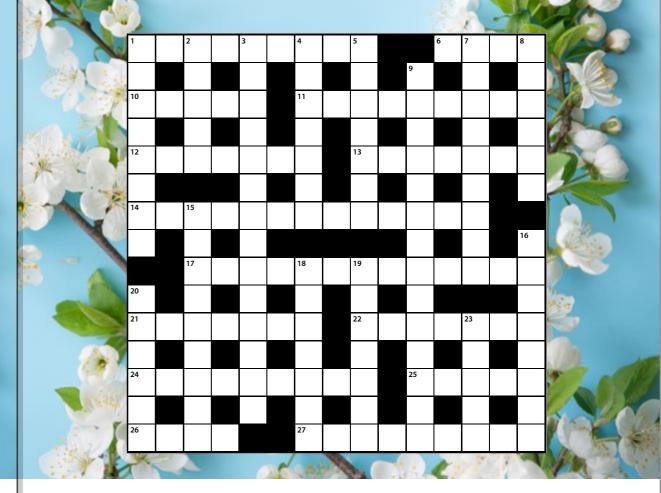
The objective of the puzzle is to complete the grid so each of the rows, columns and 3 x 3 subgrids contains the numbers 1 to 9. The challenging part of the puzzle is that each number can only appear once per row, column, or sub-grid.

SOLUTION PAGE 45



May's Brain Gym





Across

- A mild, semi-soft cheese with an orange rind, originally made by French Trappist monks in 1816 (4,5)
- 6 A sultanate on the southeastern corner of the Arabian Peninsula (4)
- 10 A sheet of rock brought far forward by recumbent folding or thrusting (5)
- 11 A book of the Old Testament comprising a collection of dramatic love poems traditionally attributed to Solomon (9)
- 12 Graham ____, co-writer of the TV sitcom Father Ted with Arthur Matthews (7)
 13 ____ Hall, a historic house in Salford, formerly a moated Tudor
- mansion and family seat of the Radclyffe family (7)

 Songstress whose single Walk on By reached number 9 in 1964
- (6,7)17 Savoy Opera by Gilbert and Sullivan, alternatively titled The
- King of Barataria (3,10)
 21 An ecclesiastical vestment worn by a subdeacon or a bishop at mass (7)
- 22 Disgusting or offensive to sight or smell (7)
- 24 ____ Presley, actress who played Jenna Wade from 1983 to 1988 in the TV series Dallas (9)
- 25 The German word for strength, a type of strong smooth brown wrapping paper made from pulp processed with a sulphur solution (5)
- 26 ____ Guinness, British fashion brand of handbags and accessories, launched in 1989 (4)
- 27 An illicit bar selling alcohol during the American Prohibition (9)

Down

- 1 A cocktail typically made of gin, grenadine, cream, egg white and lemon juice (4,4)
- 2 Yorkshire town whose racecourse was the first in Britain to host a horse race for female jockeys in 1723 (5)
- 3 Canadian humorist who wrote the sequence of stories Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town in 1912 (7,7)
- 4 The largest and capital city of Uttar Pradesh, India (7)
- 5 In America, an acknowledgment of message received, especially in radio transmissions (3-4)
- 7 City whose main airport is named after Billy Mitchell, often regarded as the father of the United States Air Force (9)
- 8 Swiss-based food and drink company whose brands include Ovaltine. Shreddies and Kit Kat (6)
- 9 Frontiersman of the American Old West, killed by Jack McCall while playing poker in Deadwood in 1876 (4,4,6)
- 15 Happening every eighth year, or lasting eight years (9)
- 16 Shropshire town, birthplace of the poet Wilfred Owen (8)
- 18 A simple eye or eye-spot, distinguished from a compound eye, in insects and other lower animals (7)
- 9 British science fiction comic hero, a "Pilot of the Future" in the Eagle from 1950 to 1967 (3,4)
- 20 In botany, a small appendage, usually paired, at the base of a leaflet (6)
- 23 City in Japan that lies at the mouth of the Yodo River (5)









TEA and CHATS

Our next 'tea and chats' in a warm space will be on

Wednesday 17th May, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

St Martins Church, Barford St Martin

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St. Martin's Church

1:00pm

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- Free Entry
- Tea Tent & Cake Stall
- Raffle
- Music
- Childrens Pot Luck
- Childrens Crown Decoration Competition

6:00pm

Coronation BBQ

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The Barford Inn







Make a note in your diary that there will be a

Coronation Village Picnic on Sunday 7th May 12.00-3.30pm

All Saints is a local community group with a mission to bring everyone from Sutton Mandeville and Chicksgrove together through an annual programme of lively community events.

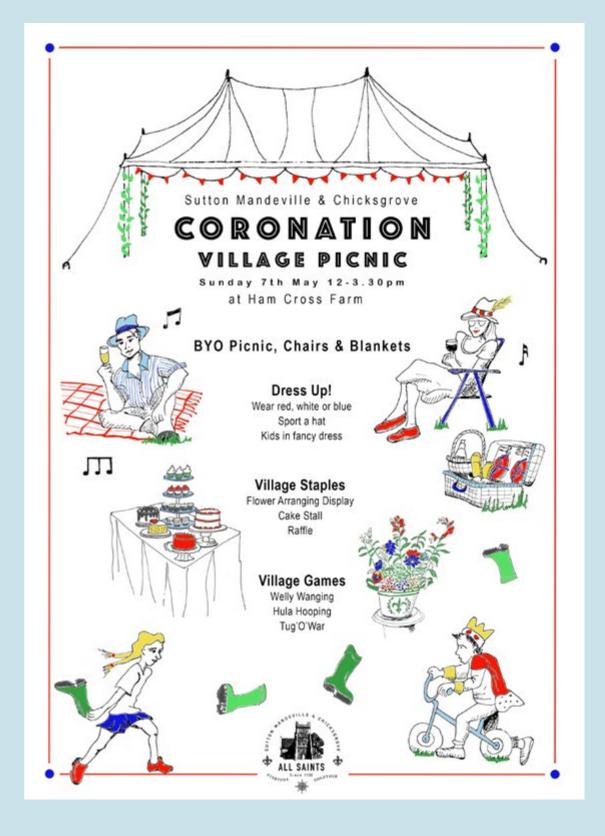
This year, All Saints is organising a Coronation Village Picnic on Sunday 7th May, 12-3.30pm, at Ham Cross Farm, where the two villages are invited to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

Organiser Lara says "This is an occasion to get dressed up, bring along a lovely picnic, and join in with some daft village games – including 'welly wanging' and 'log ladder'. We would be delighted if anyone wants to bake a cake for the church fundraising stall, create a floral arrangement for display in the marquee, or help us to sell raffle tickets on the day for some top-notch prizes."

Later this year, All Saints are organising another event, a Harvest Moon Dinner on Saturday 30th September which will feature local meat cooked on an argentinian asado. They are also planning a programme of talks to be held inside All Saints Church, and will be announcing more details soon.

For more information about All Saints Community Group please contact laracolenso@icloud.com

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SAVE THE DATE



The 2023 Sutton Mandeville Flower Show Saturday 9th September – 3.00pm

Fovant Village Hall





Ansty May Day Monday 1st May, 4.30 – 8pm



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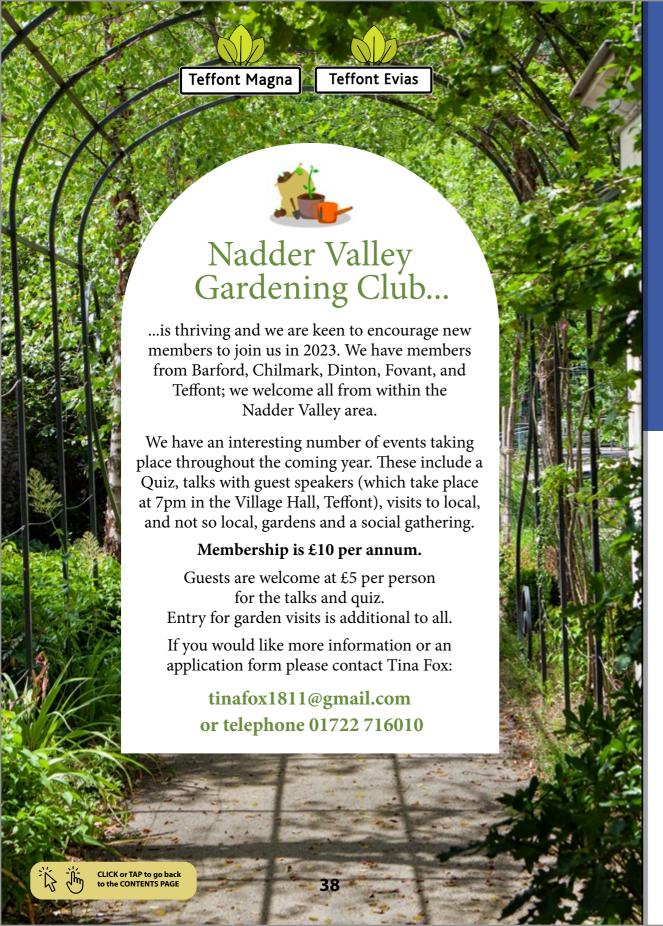
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Morning Praise





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When King Charles III is anointed as monarch, this is a sign that the monarch serves, not in their own strength alone, but with the help of God. It anchors us in the hope and intent that he will serve, seeking the values not just of his earthly kingdom, but of the Kingdom of God; to seek the good of all his people. So let's celebrate with joy.

May God save our gracious King.

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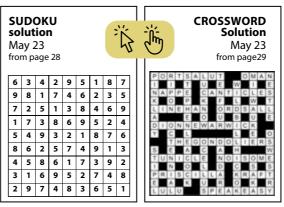


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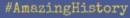
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