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Dear Village Buzzers

We are finalising the August issue of our lovely magazine in the middle of July when the intense heatwave promised by the weather gods has materialised with a vengeance. These gods have already warned us all that we should be prepared for extreme heat way above the norm, so we are sitting here in shorts, flip-flops, sun hats (in case we are bold enough to venture outside) and four buckets of iced water – one for each foot! And a fridge full of choc ices... oh and the odd bottle of purely medicinal chilled rosé to combat any heat stress. So hopefully, to paraphrase the Girl Guides, we are prepared. On top of this, we are both laid low with covid which serves us right for daring to go up to London for a day to see friends.



The weather gods say that we could hit a 38/40°C peak this week, which is pretty seriously hot for the UK as a whole, never mind the Nadder Valley! This got us wondering about where on earth could be hotter than Compton Chamberlayne. Googling away, lo and behold, we found a place in Death Valley (friendly name), near Las Vegas, called Furnace Creek (yes, really) which even has a museum and people even live there! It is a tiny bit hotter than the Nadder Valley, coming in at a pleasant 49°C. Never mind frying eggs on car bonnets, this is baking pizzas!

With a bit of luck, by the time you sit down and read this issue of Village Buzz our summer weather will have returned to its usual more balmy temperatures and once again we will all be able to actually walk on our patios! Fingers crossed that our gardens and summer bedding have survived too but, in any case, it has been a salutary reminder of how quickly things can change and how little control we humans actually have.

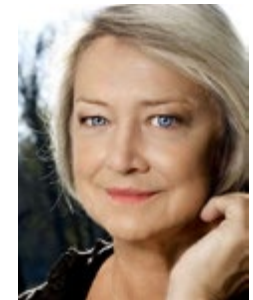
In the meantime, we both hope you all have a great, relaxing summer.

Gill & Jan

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Species of the month

RED ADMIRAL – VANESSA ATALANTA

Peter Thompson, Barford St. Martin

Red Admirals are one of the best known and loved butterflies, probably because they are quite large and showy, with their distinctive orange (not really red!) streaks on a black background, finished off with white spots near to the wing tips.

The name 'red admiral' apparently comes from a corruption of the original 18th-century name 'red admirable'. I rather like the French name for it too. Le Vulcain meaning the Vulcan – the God of fire, which particularly includes the fire created by volcanoes – conjuring up the orangey-scarlet flames against the inky black igneous rocks – wonderfully describing the admiral's coloration!

If you watch a red admiral for a while, especially in this country, the chances are that the sun will go behind a cloud before too long, and when that happens the butterfly will probably close its wings to conserve warmth. Immediately this happens, an eye-catching insect virtually disappears within a second! In my opinion, the underside of the wing is also spectacular, albeit in a more subtle way. A mixture of blues, whites and pinks collected around the edge of the wing, merge into a myriad of dark, mottled tortoiseshell



colours, camouflaging the insect perfectly against its background.

Early in the year, red admirals start a northward migration from North Africa and continental Europe. The first admirals to be spotted here in spring, sometimes as early as February, may well have managed to overwinter in the south of England as adults, although usually our winters are too harsh for them to survive. Climate change may well be resulting in more adult admirals successfully overwintering here.

The immigrant females' mate and lay eggs, usually on stinging nettles, resulting in a new batch of adults hatching out from around mid-July onwards – so August is a good month to spot them.

The number of adults seen in any one year is dependent on the quantity of migrants reaching us. In some years, red admirals can be widespread and common, spreading as far north as the top of Scotland and even the Shetland Isles, but in other years they can be surprisingly scarce.

There is increasing evidence that second generation red admirals born here and across northern Europe,



do start to migrate back south again during the late summer. Ornithologists in Finland recorded the autumn migration of the red admirals, (they were high up in an observation tower looking out for migrating birds). In 1998, a particularly good year, 1240 migrants were counted moving south, representing some half a million butterflies migrating through a 100-km front.

The butterflies were flying above forests, using cool northerly winds to aid them on their journey southwards. Radar also indicated that a large proportion of the butterflies migrated at great height, well outside the visible range of humans on the ground, or even up a bird observation tower!

Buddleia and Michaelmas daisies are great favourites of the red admiral – so try looking for them here. As the summer progresses and autumn begins to take hold,

admirals can be readily found nectaring on ivy flowers and also on fallen fruit, especially apples and plums.

So, see if you can spot one this summer, and if you do, take some time to study its beauty. You will not be disappointed. — PT

Peter Thompson lives in Barford St. Martin and has worked in conservation and farming all his life. You might also be interested in reading his blog: 'Fresh Air Scribblings' <https://freshairscribblings.blogspot.com>

Reference the Village Buzz article on hedgehogs in the May issue – should you see a hedgehog in the Village Buzz area – do please send me the date of your observation and a place (either a house number/ name and post code or an ordnance survey grid reference). Send the info through to either my email: peter.gl.thompson@outlook.com or text me on 07710344340. Thank you.

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Dinton Oaks

Keith Musgrove 2022, Teffont Magna

There may be no virtue in longevity for its own sake but there is something to be said for old trees. The oaks in Dinton Park are companionable. On grey days they loom unthreateningly out of the mist and you can sense their underground shoots linking up with each other to form networks of pathways or sealed interconnections beneath the earth-cover of grass and cowpats. We walk among them and they seem to know us as we pass through or around them. Some are in clumps with one or two maybe past their prime but they are supported by the others in their groups; some stand alone in their huge majesty. We make obeisance before leaning on or touching them to absorb, so we imagine, their energy and their understanding of our difference.



World-class musicians in Compton Chamberlayne create a memorable evening of great delight

FOR A SECOND YEAR, a fund raising concert was held in St Michael's Compton Chamberlayne on a cloudless evening in July. A hundred or so fortunate people from Compton Chamberlayne and further afield, many of whom had been present at the previous year's concert, took their places with eager anticipation to listen to La Nuova Musica led by David Bates the conductor and harpsichordist who was supported by the outstanding soprano Lucy Crowe and eleven other internationally known musicians.

The beautifully balanced and exciting programme of music selected by David and energetically performed by his gifted musicians created an evening of intense delight. Music by Handel, Vivaldi, Pachelbel, Bach, Rameau and Mozart was featured and surpassed all expectations. It was a memorable evening and one can only imagine that a demand for tickets in 2023 will far outstrip the church's capacity to cope. Compton Chamberlayne is very fortunate that David Bates who lives in the village was able to do this and that Richard and Sara Willan supported by a team of able helpers arranged the evening and delicious refreshments so generously. A truly memorable evening!



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Sutton Mandeville before the First World War

Emma Firth – Sutton Mandeville

The Platinum Jubilee celebrations prompted several villages to delve into their historical records and to set up photographic displays. Emma Firth of Sutton Mandeville has kindly allowed Village Buzz to publish Winifred Johnson's pre-First World War memories of Sutton Mandeville. It is a fascinating testimony of a former age – Editor.

Winifred Johnson
– an introduction by Emma Firth

Winifred Johnson was born in 1901 at the Homestead, Sutton Mandeville as Winifred Green. Her family owned the Homestead, The Cottage and The Stables and the land surrounding these cottages opposite the Church in Sutton Mandeville. Her father was the local butcher in the village and Wyn spent her life in Sutton Mandeville, at one time being a parish councillor. She lived at the Homestead until the 1980's, when she did a house swap with her son who lived in the Stables. Here she remained until the early 1990's when she moved to a home in Dinton; she died in 1991, aged 90.

She was a feisty lady; when I was in my teens, we'd call round to hers for tea after riding and she was hilarious. You'd go into her house (now our house) in the winter, and she would be there, with her feet in the Rayburn to keep warm. She was probably one of the last remaining inhabitants of the village who would have remembered the First World War army camps and the village as it was in the early 20th century. The following unedited memories were most likely dictated by Winifred, when she was in her 70s, to Pam Coles, former shepherdess at Larkham's Farm throughout the 1970's until her death in 2014. Pam's son, Lawrence, still lives at Larkham's Farm.

Life in the Village before 1914

by Winifred Johnson (1901- 1991)

THE VILLAGE HAS CHANGED GREATLY SINCE I WAS A CHILD. There were no lorries, tractors, or cars on the roads, just the steady clop-clop of the horses going to and fro on their journeys to the farm buildings and farm lands.

There were many more children in the village; the church school had between thirty-five and forty pupils, with a head mistress and junior teacher. Our childish fun was made for ourselves. There were four ponds in the village which froze over in the winter. These were our skating rinks. Now, alas they have all been filled in. One was on the left up Sutton Hill; another was at Pit Close, just below the school house. Then there was one where Thick's Barn now is, and another opposite Farm Orchard.

In the summer we spent a great deal of time up on the downs, especially by the Ring of Firs. We paddled in the two dew ponds and saw lots of newts. These ponds have now gone, also the many wild flowers which were peculiar to the chalk downland. Wild strawberries and raspberries grew in profusion, in fact, we could pick enough of both fruits to make preserves for the winter; but now the top of the downs has been cultivated for wheat and barley. As we walked through the water meadows to swim in the Nadder we could count on finding plovers nests on the ground. If the eggs were all pointing towards the middle of the next, we knew that the chicks would soon be hatched.

From the river we could hear the

trains coming from the direction of Salisbury, so we hurried to the railway bridge below Panters to be under the bridge when the train went over. The steam locomotives sometimes stopped near the bridge to refill their water tanks. Huge pipes were used, and the water was sucked up with a terrific swoosh and gurgle which simply delighted us, especially when the fireman or engine driver waved to us.

Three bellringers rang the church bells on Sundays, two of the young ringers paid the supreme sacrifice in the First

World War as did

so many young men from the valley.

Our house, The Homestead, was on the side of the road near the church. When there was a funeral all the blinds were drawn, and the children had to stay in the house until the service was over and all the mourners dispersed. One bell in the tower was rung denoting a death and if you counted the number of times the bell tolled, you would know the age of the deceased. If a person living by the road was seriously



lady must have had rather bad eyesight as she always wore two pairs of glasses. At this time rabbits were very plentiful, and stoats, weasels, foxes and badgers were much more common than nowadays. The rabbits and hares were skinned, and

ill, straw would be strewn thickly outside the house to dull the noise of the horse's hooves and waggon wheels going by.

Some people were very superstitious. A man was killed on Sutton Hill when a thrashing machine, moving from one farm to another, frightened his pony and he was thrown from his cart. The road men who cleared all the banks and hedges, dug a cross in the bank to mark where the man had died. The cross was tended for many years, but lots of people would not venture past this place after nightfall. They said the old man's ghost could be seen. Two people have told me on different

occasions that they have seen a ghost at the top of Mill Lane.

On a happier note, much pocket money was earned by the boys of the family, who put down traps to catch moles. They were skinned, and the skins stretched and nailed to a board to dry. Eventually a parcel of skins was sent away to a firm who bought them; when the postal order came it was quite a gala day with the money to spend on sweets. An old lady sold sweets to us at one of the cottages, Jay's Folly. She had squares of newspaper meticulously cut out and twisted into pokes. For one penny we got about fourteen sweets taken from a big glass jar. I think the old

an old man with a donkey cart called on Saturdays and bought the skins. That was another gala day.

Fovant pond was a great place for breeding frogs and I can visualise them even now, with their heads above water croaking away while dragon flies flew above, their beautiful wings shimmering in the sunlight. Ravens nested across the valley, and it was said when they came and circled over Sutton Mandeville, there would be a death in the village. — EF



ABOVE: The Cross, Sutton Mandeville, looking down on 'Homestead'. 1910. The lane to Fovant is off to the left.

FAR LEFT: Pre-1914, a family business wagon in the Valley.

MIDDLE LEFT: The Chequers Inn (now Lancers House), Sutton Mandeville on what is now the A30.

LEFT: 'Homestead' Winifred's home at The Cross, Sutton Mandeville, c. 1910. The Notice Board and Letter Box are still in use today. Note the surface of the lane to Fovant is not yet tarmac-ed



175 men and one woman from the Valley were killed in the 1914-19 War amongst them six men from Sutton Mandeville.



Barford 'Try-a-Sport' Day

The phenomenal success of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Barford St Martin, raised more than £5,000 towards the new children's playground being established in the village this summer. Now more exciting events have been organised for children of all ages by the Barford Community Fund and on Saturday 13th August a Barford 'Try-a-Sport' Day is planned.

This will give children and grandchildren an opportunity to sample a variety of different sports, including archery, Tai Chi or even orienteering, which combines walking or running whilst navigating a route.

There will also be organised children's games for younger children focussing on catching throwing and agility. All skills that are essential in a wide range of sports.

For those that have not tried archery before, South Wilts Archery Club will teach the basics to shoot



arrows using either a Recurve or Long Bow. This is really aimed at all ages, and even children as young as four can have a go. There will even be a simple competition at the end of the day for those that have caught the bug and to decide who is the Robin Hood of Barford.

Parents and grandparents are also welcome to join the children in a session of Tai Chi, which uses slow meditative movements that have proven health benefits. Definitely one for all ages.

This event will be held on the Barford Playing Field from 11.00am until 3.00pm. A BBQ and refreshments will be available, and a small charge will be made to raise funds for the new children's playground in the village.

To book a place please contact **Stephanie Wheatley** on 07840 617512 or email: stephanie.stephanian@hotmail.co.uk

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Friday 28th October

Mike Anderson from Baverstock will talk about his book,

'the Ticket Collector from Belarus'

This is the story of the only British War Trial to take place in London in 1999 which Mike had published this spring to much acclaim. If you missed him at the Chalke Valley History Festival, now is your chance to hear him tell this amazing story.



Friday 4th November

Charlie Walker is an explorer specialising in human-powered expeditions. He lives between London and Bowerchalke.

A trek along Siberia's frozen Lena River

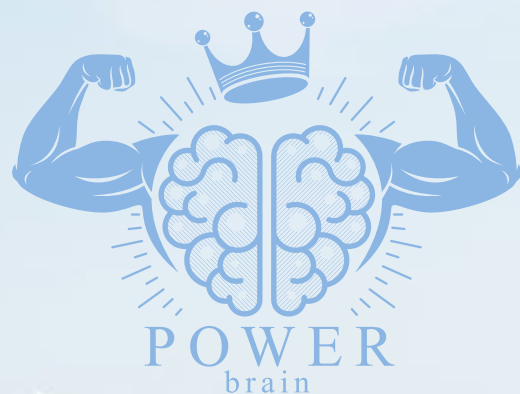
This year Charlie has undertaken a self-supported trek along Siberia's frozen Lena River from Yakutsk to the Arctic Coast at 72° North to photograph and document the region's remote indigenous communities. Hear how he was imprisoned in Russia, not knowing how long he would be detained.



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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

The objective of the puzzle is to complete the grid so each of the rows, columns and 3 x 3 sub-grids 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.



August's Brain Gym

SOLUTION ON PAGE 27

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Across

- Carthaginian general in the Second Punic War who crossed the Alps with 40,000 men and defeated the Romans (8)
- A multiple race competition in track cycling, with points being awarded for performance in each (6)
- A large 17th- or 18th-century bowl, usually of silver, fluted and scalloped, for cooling drinking glasses (8)
- Military slang for anti-aircraft artillery or fire (3-3)
- Bingo, especially when played for money (5)
- Durable aromatic timber from various large evergreen conifers, used in shipbuilding, fencing, furniture etc (9)
- Violinist who became President of the Elgar Society in 1983 (6,7)
- The birthplace of Coronation Street actress Thelma Barlow (13)
- ___ Williams, writer of the 1947 play A Streetcar Named Desire (9)
- In Greek mythology, a deity or nymph of the woods (5)
- A first-magnitude star in the constellation Aquila, and the twelfth brightest in the sky (6)
- In art, on fresh or moist plaster (8)
- A method of creating a pattern in textiles during colouring, by binding or knotting parts of the fabric (3-3)
- A sleeplike state in which the mind responds to external suggestion and can recover forgotten memories (8)

Down

- John ____, presenter of the BBC TV quiz show Mastermind since 2003 (8)
- Name of the former four-storey House on London Bridge, the earliest documented prefabricated building (7)
- A tributary of the river Rhone in France, which joins the river Drac in Grenoble (5)
- A globular cloud forming at a height of about 2400 to 6000 metres (11)
- Ellen ____, yachtswoman who broke the world record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe in 2005 (9)
- Native or resident of the Gem State in USA (7)
- Literally 'exalted gate' in Japanese, a title given by foreigners to the Emperor of Japan (6)
- The Deputy Leader of the Labour Party from 1980 to 1983 (5,6)
- American frontier town on the Santa Fe Trail, known as 'The Sodom of the West' (5,4)
- Rock band who released the single Riders on the Storm in 1971 (3,5)
- A large aquatic mammal of tropical coastal waters and rivers, with paddle-like flippers and tail (7)
- Poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson which includes the line 'To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield' (7)
- Royal family which ruled Scotland from 1371 to 1714 (6)
- Roberto ____, Panamanian four-weight world champion boxer nicknamed 'Hands of Stone' (5)

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DATE	7 August			14 August			21 August			28 August			4 September		
SUNDAY	Trinity 8			Trinity 9			Trinity 10			Trinity 11			Trinity 12		
SOUTHERN AREA															
Ansty	11.15	MBCP	LAY	11.15	PC	GS	11.15	HCBCP	CF	11.15	AAC	GS	11.15	MBCP	
Compton Chamberlayne	09.30	PC _T	GS	-	-	-	11.15	AAS	TF	-	-	-	09.30	PC _T	
Fovant	08.00	HC02T	GS	-	-	-	18.00	EBCP	GS	09.30	PC	MH	08.00	HC02T	
Sutton Mandeville	18.00	EBCP	GS	-	-	-	09.30	PC02T	GS	-	-	-	18.00	EBCP	
Swallowcliffe	11.15	PC _T	MH	18.00	EBCP	GS	08.00	HCBCP	GS	11.15	MBCP	LAY	11.15	Hymns & Pimms	
NORTHERN AREA															
Barford St Martin	11.15	AAC	EB	09.30	McW	LAY	09.30	HCBCP	TF	09.30	AAC	EB	11.15	AAC	
Baverstock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Chilmark	11.15	AAC	JN	09.30	AAS	EB	11.15	AAC	EB	11.15	MPr	LAY	11.15	AAC	
Dinton	09.30	AAC	EB	-	-	-	09.30	Patronal AAC	EB	09.30	McW	TF	09.30	AAC	
Teffont Evias	-	-	-	11.15	AAC	EB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Teffont Magna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.15	AAC	EB	-	-	
WESTERN AREA															
Chicklade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hindon	09.30	PC	JN	09.30	AAC	JN	18.00	EBCP	JN	09.30	PC	SE	09.30	PC	
Fonthill Bishop	17.00	EBCP	MH	08.00	HCBCP	JMH	09.30	MBCP	JA	-	-	-	17.00	EBCP	
Fonthill Gifford	08.00	HCBCP	JMH	11.15	MBCP	MH	08.00	HCBCP	SE	11.15	MBCP	CF	08.00	HCBCP	
Tisbury	09.30	AAS	JMH	09.30	PC	JMH	09.30	PC	JN	08.00	HCBCP	SE	09.30	AAS	
							18.00	EBCP	JA						



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6.00pm

Wednesday August 10th
St Andrew's Chapel,
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Including a reading, a song, meditation and prayers for all the needs of your world.

"Come to me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest" says Jesus.

SERVICES

AAC	All Age Communion
AAS	All Age Service
BCP	Book of Common Prayer
CbE	Communion by Extension
CW	Common Worship
E	Evensong or Evening Prayer
FC	All Age Family Communion
HC	Holy Communion (<i>said</i>)
HC02T/C	Order 2 Communion, <i>traditional/contemporary</i>
M	Mattins or Morning Prayer
MPr	Morning Praise

PC	Order 1 Communion (<i>with hymns</i>)
PC_T	Order 1 Communion, <i>traditional language (with hymns)</i>
PC02T	Order 2 Communion, <i>traditional language (with hymns)</i>
PC02T/C	Order 2 Communion, <i>traditional/contemporary</i>
RS	Reflective Service
SoP	Songs of Praise
SoW	Service of the Word

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GS	Graham Southgate
JA	Judy Anderson
JMH	Juliette Hulme
JN	Jo Naish
MH	Mark Hayter
SE	Simon Evans
TF	Tina Fox

Children's Holiday Workshop

Monday 8th August, 10.30am – 12.30pm
FOREST AND FIELD in Swallowcliffe Village Hall

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Contact Revd Jo Naish on **01747871820** or email – revdjoannaish@gmail.com to book your spot.

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Come and join us exploring our faith together in new and unexpected ways.



AUGUST FALLS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF HOLIDAY SEASON. Gradually, holidays have come to be a part of our culture – and many of us try to take some time away from routine. It might be going camping, or a visit abroad in search of more reliable weather. Some of us like city breaks, visiting historic or cultural sights or simply finding good restaurants. And some of us stay at home, but take time to do the things we just haven't had time for, connect with family and friends, enjoy gardening or just read a book in the sun.

In the story at the very beginning of Genesis, God created the heavens and the earth and all that was within – but on the seventh day God rested. And the very word 'holiday' comes from two words – Holy Day. Because very often, the only days of rest that were possible in the Middle Ages, Tudor, Stuart and Victorian times were the Saints Days and other religious festivals celebrated by the church. Working men, women and children would take time to visit family.

Even a single day of holiday can have a life-changing effect. One man, a herdsman, born in Compton Chamberlayne, met his wife on one such 'holiday'. Walking to Middle Woodford to see his mother on Mothering Sunday, he met a dairymaid. After a further 2 years of walking home at Easter, at Pentecost, at Harvest and at Christmas, they were married and remained so for over 60 years.

But the thing is – that without some time for reflection, for physical and spiritual repose, our minds and bodies just don't function as well as when we rest. It's so easy to cram in one more email, one more visit, another job, an extra chore or three; to say "Yes", when we might really mean "Thank you, it's really lovely to hear from you, but would next week do?" Time to rest gives us time to be the people that we were made to be. Jesus frequently took time out – to rest with his friends, enjoy a meal, climb a mountain to pray.

A 'Holiday' or 'Holy Day' doesn't have to be a costly expedition to the Mediterranean or a world trip, although these are wonderful; sometimes a picnic or two, or even a walk in the rain, will do just as well. As long as it gives our minds and souls time to be glad to be alive!

And when we are reconnected with our truest selves, we become much more aware of the needs and cares of others; able to be inspired again, with energy to tackle new things, or simply to do our regular tasks more effectively.

This month – let's take some time for ourselves to relax well and reconnect with the things that are most important, but which we may have neglected.

Every blessing, Jo



Postscript
May '22 edition
Paul Cordle
Chicks Grove

Royal Hospital Chelsea

Twice in as many months the Royal Hospital has been mentioned in Village Buzz so I hesitate to write about it again. Recently, however, I was at a funeral service in the Hospital's splendid Wren Chapel and was struck by two things.

Firstly by hearing, during the prayers, that King Charles II's hiding in the oak tree at Boscobel is remembered to this day by the wording of the Royal Hospital's Collect which starts as follows: "O God, who by the overshadowing of an oak, didst preserve our Royal Founder from the hands of his enemies and so lead him to an earthly throne"

Secondly, by the ceiling painting in the apse thought to have been paid for by Queen Anne in 1714 as a donation to the Hospital which was completed in 1687 and consecrated in 1691. Interestingly, although the painting was completed after the Act of Union in 1707, it still shows the Risen Christ holding a flag of the Cross of St George and not a Union Flag. Perhaps God is an Englishman after all!



Ceiling in the Wren Chapel, Royal Hospital Chelsea. Resurrection by Sebastiano Ricci, assisted by his nephew Marco, 1714.



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Leslie Brantingham of Fovant Badges Society writes as a postscript to Fovant's Jubilee celebration...

..“A J70 Legacy Moment..After strimming the Signals Badge this month I moved on to have a go at the Poppy. This had been done already in May before the J70 Beacon but needed a haircut to bring it nearer to the standard that KDC Ltd are achieving in the FBS Works 2022 contract. I was really perturbed by what I saw....not hare scrapes which we generally fill, but much smaller and more frequent holes over the Poppy sward. Damn I thought.. pesky rabbits are infesting this area, or something else is ... Potentially undermining the Badge (See pic). Only when I saw the same sized hole in the chalk of the Badge itself did I remember that these were the sockets for the flares we had cut 7 weeks earlier for the Crown Beacon.. Dohh !! The Beacon Bunny is alive and well on Fovant Down”



“44s mate! Bagged them earlier... Diesels...”

my ignorance was showing...
“ You here for the ‘kettle’ then? Must be late, waiting at Wilton”.
 A time honoured tradition I thought.

And then the ‘Kettle’ hove into view and just as quickly hove off. That smell of steamed smoke and the memory of the firm wetness of mother’s handkerchief corner on soot!



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Sudoku solution
August 22
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9	5	4	3	1	7	8	6	2
3	7	6	2	8	4	1	9	5
1	2	8	9	5	6	3	7	4
7	6	1	5	4	8	9	2	3
4	9	2	1	7	3	5	8	6
5	8	3	6	2	9	4	1	7

Crossword solution
August 22
from page 19

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The Royal Flying Corps

Postscript
June '21 edition
Paul Cordle
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You may recall reading that in 1910 the War Office finally accepted the military value of aeroplanes; this followed the success of a scouting flight during manoeuvres on Salisbury Plain when an aeroplane flew over ‘enemy’ territory and sent back the information about their positions and movement.

This photograph is believed to be of the first fly-past in history. It shows a BE 2 piloted by Major Gerrard of The Royal Marines flying past General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien and his staff at Perham Down on 22nd May 1913. Neither the staff officers in their splendid uniforms nor the horses appear to be unruffled by the closeness of the aeroplane.



First fly-past in history. General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien in feathered cocked-hat (centre at front of staff) salutes, May 1913.



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