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Editor's Note

Ami and I spent a few days in London last week. We were lucky enough to win tickets to Wimbledon again, after entering the public ballot last September. I say "win" but they weren't free - far from it! With ticket, travel, food and accommodation costs it was an expensive trip, but well worth it! We got to

watch two quarter final matches and afterwards squeezed ourselves onto The Hill to watch Djokovic's epic match against Auger-Aliassime. Wow, what a contest that was!

We also took in a show (*Kinky Boots*), had a wander around Camden Market where we saw Pixie Lott (didn't have time to listen to her sing unfortunately), and on the final day we took a walk through Richmond Park (spotted a herd of wild deer) then strolled along the Thames into Richmond.

We survived largely on street food, so probably consumed our annual ration of carbs while there - but sometimes it's good to have a little (or even a lot!) of what you want without feeling guilty about it. I would not swap for anything the delicious homemade gelato we had on Richmond Green!

Every time we venture to London I am reminded how easy it is to get there and back by train. We have plans to return for a day trip when we hope to watch a matinee. We've never seen *The Mousetrap* so that's top of our list. If you've never taken a trip to London I really recommend you give it a try!

Until next time...

Debbie Singh-Bhatti

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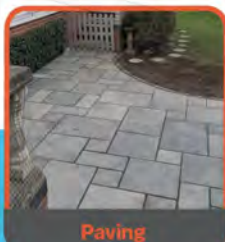


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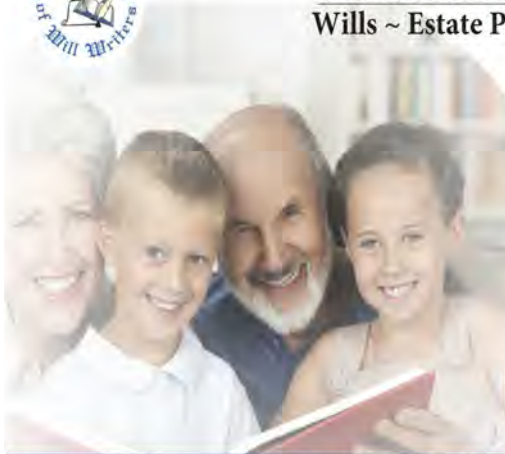
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Time Versus Money



There was a time when saving money almost always meant doing things yourself. You cooked instead of ordering in, assembled furniture rather than paying for installation, and spent hours searching comparison sites to shave a few pounds off household bills.

That mindset still has value, particularly during these uncertain economic times. Yet many people are finding that the decision to spend or not comes after an assessment of other factors too, with the result that the money we do spend feels important and worthwhile.

The time trade-off

Many of the services that have grown rapidly in recent years are built around exactly this idea. Food delivery apps, same-day shopping, subscription services, cleaners, meal kits and home maintenance platforms all offer the same core promise: less effort, less stress and more time.

On paper, paying for convenience can look extravagant. Yet for busy professionals,

parents or carers, the equation is often more complicated than simple pounds and pence. If spending £15 on delivery saves an exhausted parent an hour of cooking and washing up after a long day, is that poor financial judgement, or sensible prioritisation?

For many households, convenience is no longer seen as laziness. It is increasingly viewed as practical time management.

The hidden value of mental space

There is also a less obvious factor at play: mental load. Modern life involves a constant stream of decisions, responsibilities and small administrative tasks. Outsourcing certain jobs – whether that is grocery shopping, gardening or assembling flat-pack furniture – can reduce stress in ways that are difficult to measure financially.

Sometimes the value lies not in the task itself, but in removing it from an already crowded schedule. This is particularly true as flexible working and blurred work-life boundaries continue to reshape home life. Time spent queueing, travelling or dealing with avoidable inconvenience can feel more costly than it once did.

Balance matters

None of this means every premium service is worthwhile. Convenience spending can easily become habitual, and small costs have a way of accumulating quietly over time. The challenge is distinguishing between purchases that genuinely improve life and those that simply become automatic.

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Twenties

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Thirties

Adults can start losing muscle mass from their thirties onward if strength training is neglected. Metabolism may also slow slightly, making movement and recovery increasingly important. Incorporate resistance training into weekly routines, even in small amounts. Strength work supports muscle retention, posture and long-term mobility.

Forties

Cardiovascular fitness becomes increasingly important to combat

risks linked to heart health, weight gain and blood pressure. Activities such as brisk walking, jogging, cycling and hiking help support heart health. Weight-bearing exercise and moderate strength training can help with bone density and to maintain both balance and overall strength later in life.

Fifties

Think of fitness less as competition and more as lifestyle. Activities such as tennis, dancing, golf, hiking and swimming provide both movement and enjoyment, making exercise both sustainable and social. Exercise such as Pilates and yoga help to maintain joint movement and posture.

Sixties and beyond

Exercise is hugely important later in life. Research increasingly links regular activity with improved mobility, better mental wellbeing and reduced risk of conditions associated with ageing. Walking, gardening, swimming and light resistance training all help support balance, coordination and strength.



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Though it might be tempting to take a dip in rivers, deep pools, canals, reservoirs, lakes and similar areas of open water, this should be avoided. Sudden immersion in cold water could cause shock to your body, resulting in breathing difficulties or even heart problems.

Spending too long in the sun can cause heat exhaustion. Symptoms include dizziness, headache, vomiting and weakness. If attempts to cool down (for example removing clothing, drinking cool water and using damp towels or a fan) do not work after 30 minutes, seek medical advice, as heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke, which is a medical emergency. .

Despite these dangers, we can still enjoy the warm weather if we take certain precautions. Drink plenty of cool drinks or warm tea to start the cooling down process. Avoid the sun between 11am and 3pm when it is usually at its hottest. Wear light-coloured, loose clothing in a fabric such as cotton which is breathable. If indoors, move to a room which does not have direct sunlight and close curtains, blinds and windows if it is hotter outside than in the home. Babies, children and older adults are at greater risk of dehydration than other people, so a ready supply of non alcoholic liquids is recommended. A 'straw' hat with a wide brim is a very useful accessory for those with thinning or no hair.

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Resin-bound surfaces are harder to install, but they offer an attractive, seamless, permeable, and low-maintenance surface. Porcelain paving is a super-stylish choice and can give your drive a fantastic look. It is a sleek, durable, and low-maintenance surface.

Block paving

Block paving is a cost-effective way to resurface your drive, with a wide variety of choices available. Some sought after block designs are more expensive than others and the complexity of the lay can also impact the cost.

Because it is made up of many individual blocks, it is easy to repair if some become damaged. Block paving also lasts for decades if maintained correctly. While it is a very traditional surface, there are some excellent design options available to give it a modern look. On the downside, block paving drives require regular weeding and re-sanding.

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If approved, the project could cover approximately 4,700 acres of land and include solar panels, battery energy storage systems, substations and associated infrastructure. Supporters of the project highlight its potential contribution to renewable energy generation and the UK's long-term energy objectives. Others have raised questions about the impact on agricultural land, local landscapes, wildlife and nearby communities.

As part of the planning process, local residents, landowners, businesses and community groups have the opportunity to

review the proposals and provide feedback (see website link below). The Planning Inspectorate will consider a wide range of evidence, including technical assessments, environmental information and representations from interested parties before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will make the final decision.

Residents who wish to learn more can review information published by the project developer and by the Planning Inspectorate. Taking part in consultation exercises and reviewing official project documentation can help people understand how the proposals may affect their area.



Whether individuals support, oppose or remain undecided about the project, the planning process provides an opportunity for local views to be heard and considered. Engaging with the available information and participating in consultations enables residents to make informed decisions and contribute to discussions about the future of their local area.

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August might be a lazy month for many, but for gardeners it is a busy time pruning, harvesting and watering.



Deep watering

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Lawns

Hot, dry weather can lead to browning of lawns, but a good August downpour will help rectify this. Whilst it is important to mow your lawn regularly, this month you might consider mowing only every ten days or two weeks and keeping the mower blades high to prevent drying out the grass.

Fruit and vegetables

Frequent harvesting is the key to better cropping, especially courgettes, runner beans and tomatoes. Plums and blackberries are ripe for picking this month.

As you harvest your potatoes, be vigilant for potato blight and remove any affected plants. On a dry day, lift onions and shallots if their tops have died down, then leave to dry out in the sun.

As you pick your summer salad crop, sow hardy crops such as land cress, rocket and lamb's lettuce for late season harvest. Now is also a good time to plant potato tubers in large tubs in a cool outbuilding or porch so you can have freshly harvested potatoes with your Christmas lunch.

Flowers

Water and feed hanging baskets and pots regularly, and dead heading should be done almost daily to encourage new growth and the best display. In borders, dead head Dahlias, roses and bedding plants to ensure new growth and colour well into the next season. Likewise, hardy geraniums should be cut back a little as this will ensure new growth and flowers for longer.

Once they have finished flowering, now is the perfect time to prune climbing and rambling roses. Collect and store in a cool, dry place the seeds of your hardy annuals and perennials like Nigella and Cerinthe which you can then sow in the autumn.

Don't cut off the flowerheads of ornamental grasses such as Indian grass and Big Bluestem as they provide food and shelter for many species of wildlife when other food sources are scarce.



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1. Heat the oil in a frying pan, add the mushrooms and cook for 8 minutes until they begin to go brown.
2. Meanwhile, bring a large pan of salted water to the boil. Add the pasta and cook according to the packet instructions.
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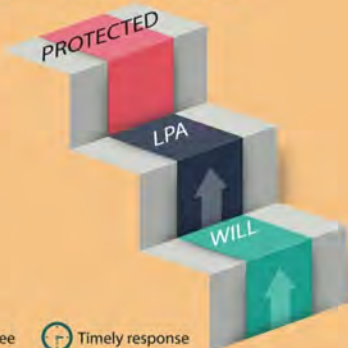
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Sept 18 - Ian Mather - Retford Little Theatre
Oct 2 - Stephen Gay - Cleethorpes or bust!
Oct 16 - Autumn Lunch – Venus, Dinnington

Woodsetts Local History Society

Our speaker on Thursday 20 August is Steve King presenting 'Like a Rolling Stone', a fantastic illustrated talk on the music of the 60s. On Thursday 17 September we have our AGM followed by 'My Life in Publishing', an illustrated talk by David Asquith

All meetings are in St George's Church at 7.30pm. Members £3, guests £4, refreshments included.

Kiveton and District Women's Club

On 6 July we had our summer party which was the last meeting before our summer break. We ate salmon sandwiches, strawberries and cream followed by scones with jam and cream, all washed down with prosecco, bucks fizz and a fruit drink. Needless to say a good time was had by all!

We are having a get together on 12 August, 12 noon at the Vintage Tea Rooms in Todwick, when some ladies are coming along to see if they like us before they join the group. Why don't you come along too?

We will meet again on 21 September at 1.30pm at Kiveton Park and Wales Village Hall, when Stephen Gay will be taking us another of his rail journeys.

I'm Joan Bramley, secretary. 07767 838265
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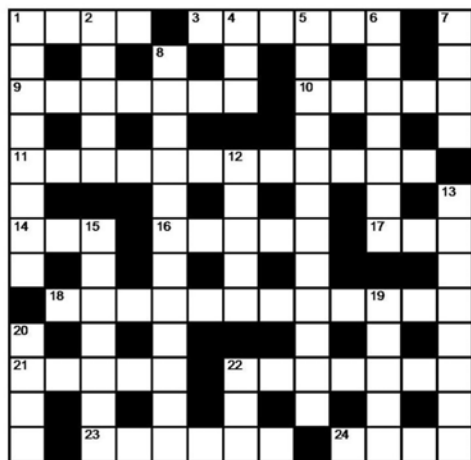
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- 11 X-ray treatment (12)
- 14 Roll (3)
- 16 Pick-me-up (5)
- 17 Cheap clutter (3)
- 18 Ephemeral (12)
- 21 Large blood vessel (5)
- 22 Sank the Titanic (7)
- 23 Munched (6)
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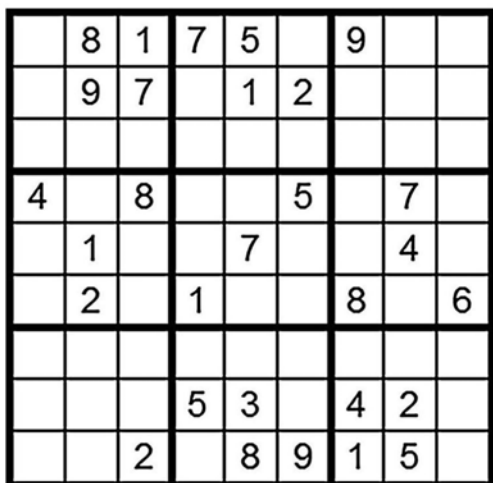
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- 2 Starving (5)
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- 7 Let go (4)
- 8 Expensive (12)
- 12 Sharpened (5)
- 13 Toughness (8)
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Word Search

Can you find all of the British insects hidden in the grid?

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| Black garden ant | Froghopper | Ladybird |
| Bumblebee | Garden tiger moth | Magpie moth |
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2	8	1	7	5	4	9	6	3
6	9	7	3	1	2	5	8	4
5	3	4	9	6	8	7	1	2
4	6	8	2	9	5	3	7	1
9	1	3	8	7	6	2	4	5
7	2	5	1	4	3	8	9	6
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