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# Chairman's Report

Welcome to this, the summer edition of the ARA Magazine. Change is certainly in the air as I write this. A new government, new local MPs and new committee members are just a few of the changes, and in my view, change always brings hope for the future. Natasha Irons was elected MP for Croydon East to replace Sarah Jones who moved to Croydon West in the reshuffling of the boundaries. Other MPs in Croydon are Chris Philp, Croydon South, and Steve Reed, Croydon North and Streatham.

A very warm welcome to Sheila, Ian and Peter who have just joined the ARA and a special thank you to Peter for stepping into the Secretary role. If you ever wondered what we as a committee do, please do join us at one of the monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday evening of every month - see details elsewhere. We don't meet in August, so put the 3rd September in your diary if planning to visit us, and do pop us an email so we can plan for numbers.

You may also notice a change in your magazine. This bumper issue has lots more information and articles designed to be of interest to the local area. Please do tell us of your thoughts on the contents and feel free to send in a story for publication – or suggestions. This is a local magazine and we want to feature even more local stories.

Congratulations on the latest prize daw winners as featured in this magazine. You've got to be 'in it to win it' they say, and our three lucky winners had paid the magazine subscription and so found themselves winners.

The June ARA Boot Trail was not as well attended as the previous ones but thanks to all the households that took part; and I enjoyed walking around and seeing most of you. The committee is discussing how to improve future events so watch out for announcements on the website and WhatsApp groups.

One feature I would like to see in a future edition is an article on famous (or infamous!) people that have lived around this area. Apparently, a famous racing driver used to live Palace Green so I am researching this right now. Do you have a story to tell? If so, please do share it with the community.

One final change I've noticed while writing this is that the regular rain has finally turned into brilliant sunshine. Long may the sun reign!

Shabbir Halai, Chair



# BootFair Trail - June 23rd

Thanks to the 14 households that participated in the June BootFair Trail. Although not as busy as the previous Trail, this event raised money for some households, added some funds to the Addington Residents' Association and again helped bring the community together with some wonderful neighbourly chats!

The Committee have discussed ways to improve the footfall of these events so watch this space for ideas. Currently, the next scheduled event is Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – 10.30 to 1pm. (Check the ARA website for any changes to this).

If you want to participate in, please send an email to: [addingtonresidents@gmail.com](mailto:addingtonresidents@gmail.com) or send a WhatsApp or Text to: 0777 614 0913.

## Some Pictures from the June 2024 event:



# Puzzle Page

Welcome to our equine puzzle adventure, where the spirit of the horse gallops free through a maze of letters! Saddle up for a delightful challenge as you search for words associated with horses and the Grand National. Ready, set, trot into the puzzle!

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## Finish the Lyric

1. "I'm waking up to ....."
2. "You know you love me, I know you care, you shout whenever, ....."
3. "I came in like a wrecking ball, I never ....."
4. "Sweet Caroline, ....."
5. "I'm friends with the monster that's under my bed, ....."

# Selsdon Art Group

..... affectionately known as SAG!!

Our residents here in Addington will probably know about the Croydon Art Society and the very high standard of art the members produce. However, we have a group of aspiring artists closer to home, who meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Selsdon Centre for the Retired in the Sainsbury Centre at the Selsdon cross roads.

We are a very friendly mixed bunch with different styles and abilities but keen to develop, interested and supportive of one another. Although I have always been interested in art and been to various classes over the years and kept my sketchbook with me on holiday, it is so nice to have the motivation of meeting others and sharing our efforts. The group also provides the opportunity to learn and try new techniques. We started the year in January but still have six meetings booked to which new members would be very welcome. The annual subscription is £30.00 and attendance at meetings £5.00, which includes refreshments. Visitors also pay £5.00 per head and are allowed two visits before membership is required.

The programme until Christmas is as follows:

- Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Critique evening plus Art Mart; bring paintings for friendly critique and discussion
- Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Demonstration – William Newton – Landscape in Colour
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Practical evening drawing from a live model; bring your art equipment
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Practical evening – all draw/paint from the same photo; bring own equipment
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party – quiz and raffle; bring food and an item(s) for the raffle.

Members often bring one or two paintings and it is a pleasure and inspiration to see each other's work. I do hope that some Addington locals will feel encouraged to join the group.

The Secretary/Organiser is Fiona Hooper Tel No. 07973 412952



*With thanks to Sheila Kemble for article and painting*



# What happened on this day...

Ever wondered if anything important happened on this day in.....?

Wonder no more, for we have plenty of historical events for the months of July, August and September for you right here!

My favourite from July has a famous associated quote – can you finish this:  
“One small step for Man...”

A surprising one from August is the first pedestrian to die from being hit by a motor car in the UK was from Croydon!

And 13 was most certainly unlucky for Harry - the first person in Britain to be convicted on fingerprint evidence!

## July:

1st	1838	British scientist Charles Darwin presented a paper to the Linnean Society in London, on his theory of the evolution of species and natural selection.
2nd	1644	Parliamentarian forces defeated Prince Rupert at the Battle of Marston Moor, their first victory over the Royalists in the English Civil War.
3rd	1996	It was confirmed that the Stone of Scone, the symbol of the Scottish nation taken by Edward I of England in 1296, was to be returned to Scotland from Westminster Abbey where it has been used in the coronation of 30 British monarchs.
4th	1776	Congress accepted the Declaration of Independence written by Thomas Jefferson, formally ending American links with Britain.
5th	1791	George Hammond was appointed the first British Ambassador to the USA.
6th	1535	Former favourite of King Henry VIII Sir Thomas More was executed after refusing to recognise the King as the head of the Church.
7th	1307	English King Edward I, conqueror of Wales and “Hammer of the Scots” dies on the way to Scotland to fight Robert the Bruce.
8th	1822	Leading romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley drowned in the Bay of Spezia, when his boat sunk in a storm.
9th	1877	The inaugural Lawn Tennis Championship was played on top of the croquet lawns at Wimbledon, Spencer W Gore taking the men’s singles title.
10th	138	Death of the Roman Emperor Hadrian who ordered the building of a wall across northern England to keep out the <i>barbarian</i> Scottish tribes.
11th	1690	Deposed Roman Catholic King of England James II was defeated by the current king, William III or William of Orange, at the river Boyne, Ireland.

12th	1910	British pilot Charles Stewart Rolls, 33, died after his French built biplane crashed at a flying competition in Bournemouth, Dorset. He was a partner in the Rolls-Royce car manufacturing company.
13th	1923	The British parliament passes a law banning the sale of alcohol to under-18's.
14th	1858	Birthday of Emmeline Pankhurst, English suffragette who suffered imprisonment in order to gain the vote for women.
15th	1857	200 British men, women and children are chopped up by local butchers and thrown down a well at Cawnpore, as the Indian Mutiny continues.
16th	1557	Death, from natural causes, of Anne of Cleves, fourth wife of Henry VIII.
17th	1453	French troops defeat the English at Castillon, effectively ending the Hundred Years' War. Calais remains under English control.
18th	1920	750,000 war dead are commemorated with the unveiling of a new national monument in Whitehall, London. The Cenotaph takes its name from the Greek words <i>kenos</i> and <i>taphos</i> meaning empty tomb.
19th	1545	King Henry VIII looks on as his newly refitted flagship the <i>Mary Rose</i> sinks in the Solent, off England's south coast, with the loss of 700 lives.
20th	1588	The Spanish Armada consisting of 130 warships set sail for England from Corunna, a day later than expected due to a storm.
21st	1969	The Eagle lands on the moon and US astronaut Neil Armstrong is the first man in history to walk on its powdery surface.
22nd	1946	More than a year after the end of World War Two, bread is rationed in Britain. The shortage is blamed upon a poor harvest and drought.
23rd	1940	The Local Defence Volunteers changes its name to the Home Guard. The one million-strong force, which includes many World War One veterans, is intended to form Britain's last line of defence against the expected German invasion.
24th	1567	Mary Queen of Scots abdicates after defeat by the Protestants at Carberry Hill, near Musselburgh, East Lothian.
25th	1814	The chief engineer at the Killingworth colliery, George Stevenson, unveils <i>Blutcher</i> , a steam powered locomotive that can haul eight carriages loaded with 30 tons of coal at the break-neck speed of 4 mph.
26th	1978	The world's first test-tube baby is born in Oldham General Hospital near Manchester. Gynaecologist Patrick Steptoe and physiologist Dr Robert Edwards are credited with this pioneering work.
27th	1953	The Korean War is formally ended with the signing of a peace agreement at Panmunjom. The three year conflict has consumed an estimated five million lives.
28th	1540	A busy day for King Henry VIII as he has Thomas Cromwell beheaded and then goes on to marry Catherine Howard.

29th	1588	The Spanish Armada is sighted off the coast of Cornwall. The English fleet under the command of Charles Howard and Francis Drake set sail from Plymouth, to establish the birth of British naval supremacy.
30th	1966	England win the Jules Rimet trophy, Association Football's World Cup, at Wembley Stadium in London after beating Germany 4-2 in extra time.
31st	1667	The Second Anglo-Dutch War ends with the peace of Breda. The Dutch acknowledge the loss of Delaware and New Jersey, New Amsterdam is renamed New York.

## August:

1st	1740	'Rule Britannia' sung for the first time in public, in Thomas Arne's 'Masque Alfred'.
2nd	1100	King William II (Rufus) killed by a crossbow bolt in mysterious circumstances while hunting in the New Forest, his ghost is still said to haunt the woods.
3rd	1926	Britain's first set of electric traffic lights appear on the streets of London.
4th	1914	Britain declared war on Germany in support of Belgium and France, and on Turkey because of her alliance with Germany.
5th	1962	Nelson Mandela imprisoned for attempting to overthrow South Africa's apartheid rule.
6th	1881	Birth of Sir Alexander Fleming, Scottish discoverer of penicillin.
7th	1840	Britain bans the employment of climbing boys as chimney sweeps.
8th	1963	Britain's Great Train Robbery – £2.6 M stolen from Royal Mail.
9th	1757	Birth of Thomas Telford, Scottish civil engineer credited with opening up northern Scotland by building roads, bridges and waterways.
10th	1675	King Charles II lays the foundation stone of the Royal Observatory in Greenwich.
11th	1897	Birth of best-selling children's writer Enid Blyton, whose books have been among the world's best-sellers since the 1930s, with more than 600 million sold.
12th	1822	Lord Castlereagh, British Foreign Secretary, commits suicide. In his role as Foreign Secretary he managed the coalition that defeated Napoleon.
13th	1964	Peter Allen and John Walby become the last people to be hanged in Britain.
14th	1040	Duncan I of Scotland is killed in battle by his own men, led by Macbeth.
15th	1945	Japan surrenders to the Allies, ending the Second World War.
16th	1819	The <i>Peterloo Massacre</i> took place in Manchester at St. Peter's Fields.
17th	1896	Mrs Bridget Driscoll of Croydon, Surrey, became the first pedestrian in Britain to die after being hit by a car.
18th	1587	Birth of Virginia Dare, the first child of English parents to be born in the Roanoke Colony in what is now North Carolina, USA. What became of Virginia and the other early colonists remains a mystery to this day.
19th	1646	Birth of John Flamsteed, Britain's first Astronomer Royal. He would go on to publish a catalogue that identified 2,935 stars.

20th	1940	Winston Churchill referring to the RAF pilots, says " Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few".
21st	1765	King William IV born. William would go on to serve in the Royal Navy, earning him
22nd	1485	Richard III becomes the last English king to die in battle, killed at Bosworth
23rd	1940	The first night of the Blitz as German planes bomb the city of London.
24th	1875	Matthew Webb started his attempt from Dover in Kent, to become the first person to swim the English Channel. He reached Calais, France at 10.40 am the following
25th	1919	World's first international daily air service begins between London and Paris.
26th	1346	With the help of the longbow the English army of Edward III defeats the French at
27th	1900	Britain's first long distance bus service begins between London and Leeds. The journey time being 2 days!
28th	1207	Liverpool is created a Borough by King John.
29th	1842	Great Britain and China sign the Treaty of Nanking, ending the First Opium War. As
30th	1860	Britain's first tramway opens in Birkenhead, near Liverpool.
31st	1900	Coca Cola is sold for the first time in Britain.

### September:

1st	1159	The death of the only English Pope Adrian IV (Nicholas Breakspeare).
2nd	1666	The Great Fire of London begins in Pudding Lane and rages for 5 days, but kills only 9 people.
3rd	1939	Britain and France declare war on Germany.
4th	1962	The Beatles start their first recording session at EMI's Abbey Road Studios, London
5th	1800	The end of the Siege of Malta, as Napoleon's forces surrender to the British following a two year long naval blockade.
6th	1620	The Mayflower sets sail from Plymouth, Devon, carrying the Pilgrim Fathers to America.
7th	1533	Birth of Queen Elizabeth I, daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn.
8th	1944	The first V2 flying bombs kill 3 people in London.
9th	1513	James IV of Scotland is killed at the Battle of Flodden.
10th	1771	Birth of Mungo Park, Scottish explorer who published his 'Travels in the Interior of Africa' in 1799.

11th	1915	Britain's first Women's Institute opens in Wales.
12th	1908	Marriage of Winston Churchill to Clementine Hozier.
13th	1902	Harry Jackson becomes the first person in Britain to be convicted on fingerprint evidence.
14th	1752	The first day of the Gregorian calendar in Britain.
15th	1830	MP William Huskisson becomes the first rail fatality at the opening of the Liverpool Manchester Railway.
16th	1400	Owain Glyndwr proclaimed Prince of Wales.
17th	1701	King James II of England died whilst in exile in France.
18th	1709	Birth of Samuel Johnson, compiler of the first English dictionary.
19th	1356	The Black Prince, eldest son of Edward III, leads the English to victory over the French at the Battle of Poitiers.
20th	1258	Consecration of Salisbury Cathedral.
21st	1327	Death of Edward II, murdered with a red hot poker by his jailers.
22nd	1735	Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole moves in to 10 Downing Street.
24th	1776	The first St. Leger horserace is run at Doncaster, Yorkshire.
25th	1818	First transfusion of human blood is performed at Guy's Hospital, London.
26th	1580	The Golden Hind arrives in Plymouth harbour having sailed round the world under the captaincy of Sir Francis Drake. Drake plundered a few Spanish ships en-route to keep morale high!
27th	1888	First use of the name, 'Jack the Ripper' in an anonymous letter to the central news agency.
28th	1745	'God Save the King' is sung for the first time at London's Drury Lane Theatre.
29th	1758	Birth of Horatio Nelson.
30th	1938	Misguided British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain says, after meeting Hitler in Munich, 'I believe it is peace for our time'.

*Shabbir Halai*

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*Ian Drake – ARA Treasurer*

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# Prize Draw

## Congratulations!

The ARA Committee introduced a Prize Draw for 2024, and every household that pays their annual subscription (currently £5), is entered into that draw.

Why have we introduced this Prize Draw? We want to encourage more local residents to pay the subscription (currently only a third do so) and we want to re-vitalise the quarterly magazine so it has more local information, more local content and becomes the 'go-to' information booklet for residents!

The second draw took place at the June ARA Committee meeting, three households were randomly selected by an electronic number generator, and we are very pleased to announce the three Prize Draw winners for tis quarter as:

**1st Prize £50: J Brown from Palace Green**

**2nd Prize £30: Donna Brown from Crossways**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £20 : Mr and Mrs Bayford from Falconwood Road**

The next Prize Draw takes place in September 2024 when 3 more lucky winners will be drawn.

How do you get a chance to win? Just ensure that your household has paid the annual £5 voluntary subscription and you are eligible to win!

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# Rotary



# Sanderstead & Selsdon

## What's Next ?

We are revving up for a busy Summer & Autumn period  
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### **Hobby Fair Saturday – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

St John's Community Hall, Selsdon. 12:00-16:00 - Come along & meet many different groups, clubs & organisations which you could join.

Free Entry - come along & have refreshments, enjoy our event.

### **Sanderstead Community Day Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024 – Sanderstead Recreation Ground**

11:00-16:00, Free Entry, amazing number of stalls, entertainment, food & drink.

Come along & have a great fun day for all the family

### **Craft Fair Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – All Sanderstead Church Hall**

12:00-16:00, Free Entry, Come & see our stalls, enjoy our refreshments & enjoy a jolly good day out with the family. Don't miss out, have a super fun day.

If you would like to join Rotary for any of our exciting events, to put something back into our community, or just seeking fun & fellowship, contact

**Wendy A Parr our Secretary on 07774-186 792**

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# Summer Quiz

1. What animal features on the coat of arms of Berlin
2. What stately home was the location for the 1980's TV series Brideshead Revisited
3. How many equal sides does an isosceles triangle have
4. In which novel does James Bond first make an appearance
5. In which English County is the Glastonbury Music Festival held
6. What was launched in 1923 as Australia's answer to Marmite
7. How many lines does a sonnet contain
8. By what name is Formosa now known
9. Which US City is known as the "Big Easy"
10. For which element is Sn the Symbol
11. Which battle was fought on St Crispin's Day in 1415
12. Which human teeth are used for cutting food
13. Which French Monarch was known as The Sun King
14. Who married Jennifer Saunders in 1985
15. What bank note became obsolete in 1988



*Quiz answers are on page 26*

# An Adventure at 80

My children have commented on some of the stories of my youth “Mum you have had so many adventures”. It is true I have been fortunate, but my reply has been “When you are having an adventure you are usually rather worried and probably uncomfortable, it is only afterwards, when you have survived that it makes a good story”. This year’s birthday was a reminder that life is finite and at eighty, one cannot deny being old, the body is a constant reminder in any case.

However, one is not yet finished, and there is still so much to do and places to see. We have explored some of our beautiful country over the past during rambles and by walking long distance footpaths e.g. the Thames Path, Vanguard, North Downs, Greensand and Cotswold Ways. Having heard about the Test Way, it seemed a possible contender for a challenge, as not being too long, nor too far from



civilisation and also an area we didn’t know. I had heard that the River Test was one of the rare chalk streams. There are only 200 on our planet and we have 85% in England. A special sight not to be missed in view of the stories of sewage discharges. May seemed a good month, hopefully not being too hot or cold because we would need to carry our stuff for 5 days, and mostly because I just love the burst of new life in May. Pete and I booked train tickets to Newbury and planned to take a taxi to the top of Inkpen Hill, about 10 miles away in the Berkshire Downs to start the walk. Pete would be the chief navigator with trusty compass and Ordnance Survey Maps. We also had a one-page leaflet showing the route.

We had decided to start from home early to give us time for the eight mile walk to our first overnight stop at the village of Hurstbourne Tarrant. When we arrived at Paddington, our train had been cancelled, brief panic, but we were able to reroute to Reading and change without too much delay. It was an unwelcome surprise however to arrive at Newbury where the train stopped in the middle rail not at the platform. Thankfully after some further delay the driver managed to manoeuvre forwards to a junction and back to a platform. We could then disembark and phone for a taxi. The driver had never heard of Inkpen Hill, well we hadn’t ourselves until planning this adventure, but with a map and modern technology we found the spot.

The second highest hill in the South and wonderful views all around. Our route was south, about 50 miles to Southampton Water at Eling Tide Mill.

The views were stunning from the dramatic chalk escarpment, apparently on a clear day you can see the spire of Salisbury Cathedral. We followed signs "TW" down a sinuous valley track, trees in fresh green with a lark singing its heart out overhead and a cuckoo in the distance, adding to the bucolic atmosphere. There were chocolate Box thatched cottages at the pretty hamlet of Ibthorpe where Jane Austen had been a regular visitor. Although we had not yet reached the Test River, there was a clear rushing stream, a winterbourne, fed by winter rains. The crystal clear water was flowing strongly thanks to the very wet winter and spring. We were very pleased to see the George and Dragon Pub when we reached Hurstbourne Tarrant, where we were booked to stay overnight.

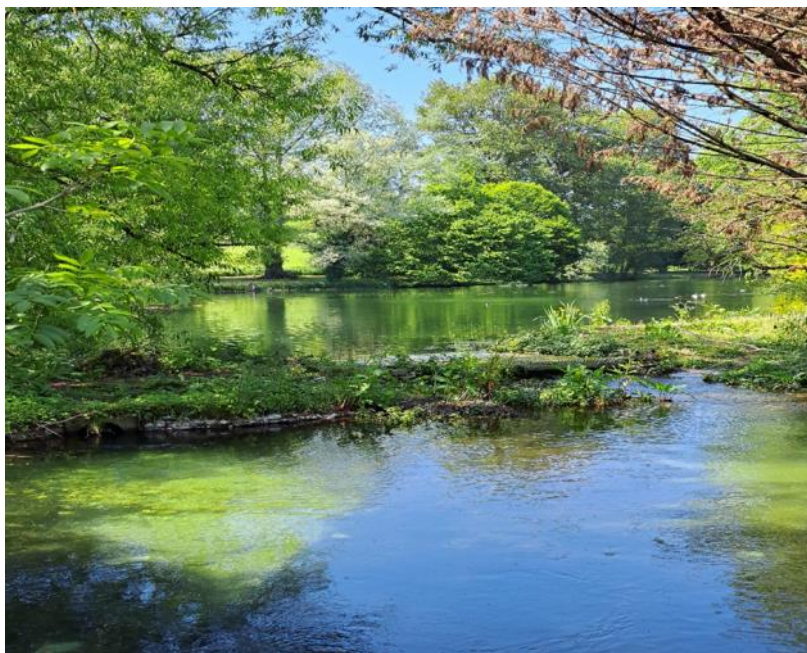
Next morning I was quite stiff but no option but to follow the path where it heads steeply uphill to the copses of Wallop Hill and the rewards of beautiful views across the valley. We were surprised to receive a phone call from our overnight B&B hostess to say that the Pub opposite Yew Tree Cottage, where we planned our evening meal, had closed and she recommended getting a meal at the next village along our route -St Mary Bourne. We followed her advice and found the Community Centre and village shop. It was too early for lunch but a cuppa and blackcurrant flapjack were very welcome, and we bought food for later. The village straddles the Bourne Rivulet another beautiful rushing stream and we had time to visit the 12thC church with several treasures including an almost unique font, the gift of Henry of Blois, brother of King Stephen and grandson of William 1. There was also a stone memorial to a 13thC crusader knight. He fought against French heretics the Albigenses. I find it extraordinary that this tiny tucked away village should be touched by significant matters of medieval history. We still had miles to walk to Long Parish for the night, so on we went.

We knew that our accommodation had a little kitchenette with microwave and kettle and was next door to the village shop and so we bought a ready meal for the evening and had a hot drink. Our hostess told us they had converted the garage and it was lovely room, ensuite with fresh flowers, a wall full of books and in a gorgeous garden. It would have been nice to linger but the route beckoned, so fortified by a traditional and absolutely delicious breakfast we were on our way. We had a look at the early 13thC parish church of St Nicholas, admired the window and remarked how nice that the churches were not locked as would usually be the case nowadays.

Our route took us past another of Jane Austen's haunts, Middleton House and the Harewood Forest. The area had been used as a WWII weapons dump and had some



of the concrete tracks used to conceal vehicles and very dilapidated pig units so it had an air of rather neglected industrial use. The foxgloves were in perfect form however, with nature gradually taking back her own. We finally reached the eponymous River Test and had a breathtakingly beautiful walk across the river on a long wooden footbridge at Wherwell. The nature of the walk was now quite different with reed beds, water meadows colourful with yellow flag iris, buttercups and water birds too. Water was everywhere and we had a surprise, finding one bridge ending up in the river. We just had to wade through. We crossed Cow Common with an inviting signpost to village shop and tea room at Chilbolton. This was the perfect time and place for a sit down for a lunch sausage buttie, served with an enormous teapot crowned with a hand knitted coronation tea cosy. Although we were walking beside the Test, in the afternoon it was along a disused railway line and because of the dense trees we couldn't see much of the river. It was good to reach Stockbridge and collapse for an hour on the bed at the White Hart Inn. Stockbridge is a very attractive small town with the river flowing through in several places.



The next day would be a twelve mile walk to Romsey and I felt this was going to be too far for me. I found on the internet a 54 bus leaving from outside the Church, and a phone number. We had not realised that nowadays the bus no longer existed. The phone number was for Hampshire Council and they helpfully agreed to book us onto the community transport after the school run. We sat outside expecting a mini

bus, instead a taxi arrived. It seems this is a more viable option and will pick up elderly people from nearby villages and take them for medical appointments etc. We felt a little guilty not being locals but there is clearly no longer public transport and the council employee had not quibbled. We picked up an elderly man from another village going to Romsey for an eye test. We asked the driver to drop us off along the main road near to Mottisfont National Trust property famous for its rose garden. It was drizzling a bit but the roses smelled gorgeous. We had waterproofs and a lovely morning enjoying the gardens followed by a pasty and cup of tea in the café there. Mottisfont was mentioned in the Domesday Book with an interesting history in the church originally established in the 7thC by Wilfred, Bishop of York. It was an important place with three rivers joining together, the Test, Dun and Wallop Brook and supplied food to Anglo Saxon Southampton.

It was then a pleasant six mile walk through meadows and reed beds followed by the muddy Squabb Wood, reminiscent of the New Forest, and colourful with rhododendrons. We were heartened to see the solid bulk of 10thC Romsey Abbey across the marshland then cross the river once again at Sadlers Mill and Salmon Leap. We thought the town very attractive with bunting fluttering in the market square and a statue of Lord Palmerston, its famous son. We found our B&B “The Palmerston Rooms”, two Georgian houses joined together. Our host opened the door with the welcome that we should not move and he would fetch some newspaper for our boots!!. We would of course have taken them off before treading on his pristine carpet. It certainly was immaculate accommodation.

The final section of the route would be another ten miles to the outskirts of Southampton near Totton. By sheer chance earlier in the walk we had met the author of the guide to the Test Way clearing overgrowth from the path. It was fortunate as the sign was obscured and we might well have missed the turn. To his surprise we did not have the guide book but were following the route on the Ordnance Survey map with the little leaflet I had picked up. He told us that the final section could be very muddy from Romsey, then semi-industrial with warehouses and wharves near the port. This made us decide that we had walked far enough, so to call a halt and have a look round Romsey on our final day. The Abbey is the main landmark dating from Saxon times when Winchester was the capital. The Normans rebuilt on a massive scale and we found it very impressive. The locals were using one aisle for a parish church at the time of Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries. They struck a deal with the monarch, that they would buy the building for £100 rather than having it knocked down. It is possible to see some Saxon features and also memorials to an Engineer Officer who was lost with the Titanic; Lord Mountbatten of Burma, whose Broadlands home is nearby and another local; Florence Nightingale.



The town has some charming buildings including, a war memorial park adjacent to the river Test, and an interesting museum in an old building called King John House with an attractive garden busy with volunteers. We had a good look round then joined the queue at a popular bakery for a bite of lunch and finally to the station for the homeward journey. This had its own element of challenge and frustration as our train was very late, however the connection at Salisbury was delayed even further. We rushed across the bridge as the London train was already at Platform 1. However, we need not have hurried as there was still a long wait for the train from Exeter that

had been held up by “animals on the line” and would join our section. Finally, we were on our way, when there was an announcement that the train would not stop at Woking or Clapham Junction and so passengers for those destinations must disembark at Basingstoke for another train. We finally reached home via Clapham, East Croydon and finally tram to Gravel Hill. We did have our fare refunded through “Delay-Repay”, so not all bad news!!.

Was the trip an adventure? It certainly felt like it when we set off not quite knowing what was in store. As the days went on the rucksack felt heavier, in spite of reducing things to a minimum of necessities for five days. It was hot sometimes, wet and muddy other times and once we needed to paddle across part of the river. My muscles were stiff and body felt very tired at the end of each day. There were a couple of times we were not quite sure of the route and needed compass and map to be sure. It was certainly a challenge and we felt good to have achieved forty miles of the trail without it being an endurance test. The little difficulties make the story. We really enjoyed discovering a peaceful area previously unknown to us., we had it to ourselves as didn't meet any other walkers. The countryside looked beautiful, the villages were delightful, the clear rushing water a joy and there was interesting history to discover along the way.

We did have ‘An Adventure at 80’ to remember

*Sheila Kemble*

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