



FEBRUARY SOLUTION

Across 1 connection, 7 absolve, 8 Spam, 10 Abel, 11 relative, 13 Alfred, 15 hornet, 17 assorted, 18 chum, 21 Nile, 22 imitate, 23 understand

Down 1 caste, 2 null, 3 evened, 4 testator, 5 oration, 6 catamaran, 9 september, 12 retrieve, 14 fashion, 16 perils, 19 heard, 20 Lima



Across

- 1 Breathe (7)
- 5 Slumber (5)
- 8 Odour (5)
- 9 Item of clothing (7)
- 10 Vertical (7)
- 11 Fatigued (5)
- 12 Impetuously (6)
- 14 Unpowered aircraft (6)
- 18 Bestow (5)
- 20 Open-handed (7)
- 22 Talk very quietly (7)
- 23 Taut (5)
- 24 Heavenly bodies (5)
- 25 Mocked (7)

Down

- 1 Saviour (7)
- 2 Take an oath (5)
- 3 Unlawful (7)
- 4 Fourscore (6)
- 5 Scolding woman (5)
- 6 Green gem (7)
- 7 Trifling (5)
- 13 Endurance, staying power (8)
- 15 Large crustacean (7)
- 16 Akin (7)
- 17 Cake-burning king (6)
- 18 Dresses (5)
- 19 Sorts, varieties (5)
- 21 Inflexible (5)

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Volunteers' reception

ACC held its very first Volunteers' reception on Friday 19th May, to thank and felicitate all our lovely volunteers who generously give their time manning the café, organising outings and sessions, hosting teas and lunches and making the club a friendly and welcoming place for our members. Attended by more than 15, it was a fun evening with nibbles and tipples, much chatter and laughter, and some nostalgic music provided by David.

The wine was kindly donated by Dick Morgan, the generous owner of the Express Tavern in Brentford. Thanks so much, Dick!



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newsletter

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David says...



The cost of living crisis is, unfortunately, still with us. Some time ago I mentioned that we hoped to provide written guidance about help and advice that is available. Sadly, this task is beyond the resources available to us. Much information is available online via the internet but of course some people do not have the IT capability that is required. In this context I am pleased to note that we have been able to restart the tutoring sessions that enable people to use their phones and laptops better, including accessing the internet. Thanks are due to Gayla who has put a great deal of work into this initiative.

In Hounslow, the help that is available can be found online via the "Hounslow Connect" section of the Borough's website. Those who are not able to use this facility should contact the Hounslow Community Solutions team on 020 8583 2211.

Let's hope that as we move deeper into the summer months some of the costs that have hit us all start to reduce.

Coronation celebration



Coronation Tea: 11th May How could we let the Coronation go by without a celebration of our very own at the club! Our volunteers organised a wonderful afternoon with an elaborate and delicious spread of cakes, savouries and treats washed down with lashings of hot tea, while our very own Quiz Master, Hazel, conducted a quiz themed on all things royal!

The room was decorated beautifully with bunting and even a printed menu. Thanks Emma, Thora and Sue for all your efforts making this event a success!



George IV lunch

A large group of members attended the lunch at our local pub on Chiswick High Road, on 29th March. At a fixed price, we were served a delicious two course lunch. It was a memorable meal, made even more special by the relaxed time everyone had, nattering and chatting together.



Left: Lunch!

Below left:
Claudette's
Snowdrop

Bottom left: Marie's
Peonies

Below right: Pat with
her cushion

Squires visit

Our members had a really lovely day visiting a Squires garden centre, pottering around among the flowers and shopping for knick knacks at the shop on site. Marie has already planted the Peonies she bought there, and Claudette bagged a very attractive and unusual Snowdrop, while Pat took home a cushion everyone coveted. There was even time for a huge lunch of fish and chips!



CRACKING EASTER EGGS!

Our lovely member, Piera, kindly brought Easter eggs to the club for all to share. What a delightful way to celebrate Easter. Thanks Piera! We love your sweet treats!



Subscriptions : These are now due. Many of you have paid but if you haven't yet done so, please pay as soon as possible. Remember that only paid up members may attend the Annual General Meeting which we hope will be later this year.

Payment methods: Please pay online if you can. Our bank details are: Sort code 20-35-93, account number 20674761. Otherwise, you can send a cheque payable to "Age Concern Chiswick". Or come in to pay in person in cash or by debit or credit card.

Music to our ears!



ArtsEd performance: 16th March

Students from the local ArtsEd college put on an exclusive performance at our club on 16th March.

It was an enjoyable afternoon with the students putting on a spirited show with singing, strumming of guitars and even a violin recital.

They truly are a talented lot.

A walk in the park

Isabella Plantation visit: 25th April

Annette organised another one of her eagerly anticipated day trips, to the Isabella plantation on 25th April. It was a glorious day out, and attending members loved every minute of it.

If you would like to join in on these visits, do keep an eye out on our notice board for upcoming dates, and book at the earliest with Barbara.



DIGITAL DROP IN SESSION

Organised by our Gayla, these new sessions are a godsend for anyone struggling with any IT related issues. If you have a query or problem with your phone, laptop, ipad or digital device, just drop in to these monthly sessions. The experts from Hounslow council will gladly work out a solution for you then and there.

The first session on 15th May from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm was a roaring success, with several of our members availing themselves of this brilliant service. The next session is on Thursday 15th June from 11.00 am to 2.30 pm.



EVENTS SCHEDULE

Chiropodist

The next date is Monday 3rd July. As usual, please see Barbara to book an appointment.

Monthly short outings

These are now on Tuesdays rather than Wednesdays, normally the last each month. Annette will email details in good time. For those without email, there will be a notice at the club. Booking is with Barbara.

Garden volunteering, anyone?

I am sure you all realise how lucky we are to have a garden here. It is maintained by volunteers, and they could do with some help. Would anyone like to lend a hand, even if only from time to time? Do let us know.

Outing to Eastbourne

We leave the Friendship Centre at 9.30 am sharp on Wednesday 21st June. The ticket price is £32. We need to be able to pay the coach company!