

The Elton Echo

A voice for everyone in Elton and Gratton

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Jubilee Street Party - Volunteers Needed

Elton Parish Council is organising a street party for the community to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

The event is to be held on Sunday 3rd June between 12.30pm and 4.30pm. Everybody welcome - friends and family.

We are currently arranging a number of games and fun things for families to enjoy, along with the pub, food and music.

We are kindly asking for village residents to contribute in anyway they can by doing either of the following:

Giving one hour of your time to man a stall or game.

Donate food to 'bring and share table'

Serve tea and coffee in the village hall

Donate prizes for a tombola (to be delivered to Colin at

End Cottage, Well Street, Elton)

If you can help with any of the above, I would LOVE to hear from you.

Colin Swindell **On behalf of Elton Parish Council**

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We welcome your news, views and articles of interest, provided they are not anonymous, libellous or offensive. Views expressed are not necessarily those of the editorial team. Items may be condensed where necessary.

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If you would like to join the editorial team please contact one of us.

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Please send us your news, views, stories and diary events (for June, July, August & September) no later than:-

Next Copy Date
Monday - 6th August 2012

to: John Wellington
Stride Cottage, Main Street.
Preferably by email in MSWord to:
eltonecho@tiscali.co.uk or
on CD or handwritten

Diary Dates

June

- 3 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 12.30pm on Main Street
- 7 Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH
- 14 WI 7.30pm Tina Cox - Aromatherapy
- 17 Farewell to Andrew Taylor-Cooke in Church at 6pm and afterwards in VH
- 19 ELHG 7.30pm VH
- 23 Music Night 7pm JF with 'Take the 7'
- 24 Church BBQ - Church Croft

July

- 5 Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH
- 12 WI 7.30pm Judy Colby - The Wardrobe Mistress' Tale
- 17 ELHG 7.30pm VH
- 28 Elton Beer Festival JF 2pm - Midnight

August

- 2 Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH
- 9 WI 7.30pm - Summer Walk
- 21 ELHG 7.30pm VH

September

- 6 Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH
- 13 WI 7.30pm Doug Bradbury - Life & Times of a Farrier
- 18 ELHG 7.30pm VH
- 25 Gardening Club 7.30pm VH Jeff Bates - Colour in the Winter Garden

Weekly events

Refuse Collection Wed (unless Bank Hol)

Gentle Keep Fit every Wednesday at 6.30pm in Village Hall. Contact Anne Wellington 650857

Fortnightly events

The Eltonians (the over 60's group) meet every other Wednesdays at 2pm in the Village Hall. Contact Mike Musgrave on 650293 for details.

Glass & Paper Collection - Blue Box & Bag Every other Wednesday - from 14th March

Garden Waste Collection - Green Bin Every other Thursday - from 15th March

Mobile Library - see back page

Elton Parish Council Public Meeting Feedback

On Thursday 5th April 2012, Elton Parish Council held public meeting with residents of Elton and Gratton.

Parish residents were invited to come along to give their views and opinions on what they wish to see done, changed or preserved in their community. Those who were unable to get along were invited to give their feedback via a survey form.

Below is a list of the points raised with the Parish Council through the meeting or feedback forms.

Response via feedback forms:

- Fix pot holes on West End.
- Re-install streetlight on West End between Methodist Chapel & Bungalows.
- Need for a Pillar Box on West End.
- Request for reassurance that the Village Hall will not be sold and for such reassurance to be printed in the Elton Echo.
- Reinstate the 'churned-up' grass verges on the East End Junction.
- Tidying up of 'Village Green' – more pavers and cutting back of vegetation.
- Request for more dog waste bins.
- Support the construction of new Jubilee Field Club House/Pavilion.
- Maintain the bus service.
- More affordable housing for young people.
- Support local businesses, labourers and farmers.
- Secure the future of Elton School.
- Request to bring back a weekly fruit & Vegetable stall.
- Stop parking on pavements.
- Parking on the main street is getting too much.
- Create a parking area opposite 'Brimsby Well' on Bury Cliffe for tourists along with the installation of an 'honesty box'.
- Support the Duke of York public house.
- Request to publish Parish Council accounts in the Elton Echo.

Meeting Feedback

- Numerous requests for support for the construction of the Jubilee Field Club House/Pavilion – suggestions included:
 - > The Village Hall Committee loan funds to the Field Committee to erect the roof.
 - > More fundraising and support from village residents and user groups.
 - > Increasing the Parish Council precept.
- Clean up the area at the top of the Jubilee Field.
- Tidying-up of pavements and roads throughout the village.

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Parish Councillors

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All Saints Church

Vicar: Canon David Truby 824707
 Minister with pastoral charge:
 The Rev'd Andrew Taylor-Cook 820049
 Church Warden: Alastair Scrivener 650791

Monthly Services

1st Sunday 9.30am Book of Common Prayer
 2nd Sunday 6.00pm Sanctuary
 3rd Sunday 9.30am Parish Eucharist
 4th Sunday 6.00pm Evensong
 5th Sunday Where this occurs, we will join with the Methodists. Please refer to church notice board for details.

From the Revd Andrew Taylor-Cook

“And now, the end is near, and so I face the final curtain”. As you know, these are the opening words from a well-known song by Frank Sinatra. However, I don’t think for one moment that I’m facing my ‘final’ curtain, as in, meeting God face to face. But it is most certainly my final curtain in relation to writing an article for the Elton Echo due to the ending of my curacy and my time within the Wirksworth Team. By the time you are reading this article, I’ll have already taken up my new post as Chaplain amongst Deaf People in the Diocese of Peterborough and, in the Diocese of Oxford (North and East). I have quite unexpectedly gone

back to working with and alongside profoundly Deaf and Hard of Hearing people. It isn’t a job I was looking for, but one that has most certainly found me! My new area is from the tip of Peterborough down to the centre of Oxford which means I cover two dioceses, five counties, over twenty major town or cities, covering an area just short of 900 square miles with an additional mixture of urban and rural areas. So that should keep me busy for a while, shouldn’t it?

It is always a strange feeling when it comes to writing one’s last article as it tends to generate very mixed emotions - for there is a huge sense of excitement as one looks forward to new adventures and challenges. Whilst at the same time having to deal with the pain and sadness of saying ‘goodbye’ to people whom one has got to know and love. Then there is the handing over of one’s responsibilities to someone else; the letting go of things that one has started, helped to grow and nurture. But also the remembrance of special moments and events, such as: baptisms, weddings and funerals. I have truly enjoyed my time in Elton over the past four years and will greatly miss you all. The following are just ‘some’ of the treasured memories I take with me: the beer festival, (notice how I get my priorities right!); the various fund raising events and activities in the village hall; the gathering on the Jubilee field for those very special themed days; the Church/Community BBQ and the bring and share harvest supper in the school; the Thursday night visits in the Duke; the Christmas and Easter celebrations; the 70th birthday parties; the wedding reception invites; the opportunity to pop in and see someone over a cuppa and chat.

Through God’s good grace I have helped oversee some changes within All Saints Church and have had the privilege of encouraging some people to let go of certain responsibilities, whilst at the same time, encouraging others to take on ‘new’ responsibilities and challenges. I have even managed to introduce new forms of worship, as well as to welcome and encourage (with the help of Rev David Briggs) members of the Methodist Church to make All Saints their new home.

Hand on heart, I can truthfully say I am going to miss you all and offer my most sincerest thanks and gratitude for not only making me feel welcomed and loved, but also ‘at home’ in Elton, and for granting me the opportunity to share a small part of your lives. I not only take with me a whole host of wonderful and treasured memories, but also a few battle scars and moments to reflect on and to learn from, as I look back at some of my mistakes and errors of judgement. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to journey alongside you over the past four-years. Until we meet again.....Take care and God Bless! Andrew.

FAREWELL TO ANDREW – We will be saying a proper goodbye to Andrew at a farewell service at Elton on Sunday 17th June at 6pm. Please come along, both to say goodbye and to join us at the Village Hall afterwards for refreshments.

Village News and Views

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- Fix the ongoing water leak by Oddo Farm.
- Clean the telephone box.
- Request for more dog bins.
- Campaign for improved broadband.

In response to the meeting and above views from the residents, the Parish Council and Colin Swindell, as our District Councillor, have already begun the task of addressing these matters.

Below is a brief summary of what has been achieved so far and answers to some of the above points:

- An onsite meeting with Highways Officers of the County Council has been arranged to look at and address the numerous road and footway concerns.
- Requests have been made for a Pillar Box on West End, but this has been declined by Royal Mail due to there being 2 already in the village.
- As Chair of the Village Hall Committee, Colin Swindell has stressed there are no plans to sell the Village Hall for any reason whatsoever.
- The damaged Grass verges at East End will be addressed at the onsite Highways meeting.
- The District Council will not be issuing any new dog waste bins on the grounds of lack of funding and resources.
- There are currently no plans to build further affordable housing in Elton following the construction of the 6 new properties at Alice's Cottages.
- The Parish Council has published its annual accounts in this edition of the Elton Echo and will continue to do so from now on. (*SEE PAGE 11*)
- The Parish Council Clerk is currently making progress with the County Council and Severn Trent to fix the water leak near Oddo Farm, West End.
- BT has repeatedly been asked to clean the telephone box, but so far has failed to respond. Thankfully, a number of village residents will assist in getting this done.
- The suggestion that the Village Hall Committee loan money to the Jubilee Field will be discussed at the Committee's next meeting. Strong concerns will be taken into account by those who have donated funds to the Village Hall in the past.
- The Parish Council has stressed its commitment to support village businesses, the pub and the school. We will always use local labourers and traders where practical.
- The larger projects, such as improving the village green, will be discussed at future meetings.

The Parish Council is willing to hear further comments from village residents regarding the above or further ideas, views or concerns you may have.

Parish Council meetings are held every first Thursday of the month in Elton Village Hall at 7.30pm. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Thank you and Farewell to Rev. Andrew Taylor-Cook

Later this month Elton will be saying goodbye to our vicar Rev. Andrew Taylor-Cook.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrew for his wonderful contribution to Elton Church, the Parish and the Community over the years.

I'm sure he will be missed greatly by the church, but also by the many Parish residents he has met, helped and comforted over the years.

We wish him and his family all the very best in the years ahead.

Elton Parish Council

Elton W.I.

In the County Quiz held in March, Elton WI quiz team was delighted to come first out of nineteen teams taking part at the Fairfield venue

In April Elton hosted a very successful Group meeting with members providing a delicious buffet supper. The speaker, Suzie Litton-Wood, gave a fascinating, illustrated talk on the development of canals in this country interspersed with folk songs about life on the canals.

Earlier in the month was the annual visit to Rowsley WI whose excellent speaker gave a nostalgic talk, with many examples of Toys of Yesteryear.

We were also introduced to Kurling which we hope to try out at Elton at some time in the future.

We were very pleased to welcome fifteen visitors to our May meeting when the subject was Tudor Music. Dressed in Elizabethan costume, Helen Chambers described and played a number of instruments and accompanied herself on the harpsichord while singing. She also gave us some background information about life in London during the reign of Elizabeth 1. We hope our visitors enjoyed their evening.

There will be a WI fund-raising event in the Village Hall on Bank holiday Monday. More details nearer the day.

Winfred Woodward
WI Secretary

Gentle Keep Fit

The keep fit class meets every Wednesday at 6.30 - 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Nothing too strenuous and it's only £2.00 per session and everyone is welcome.

The Winster Pre School

National Lottery Draw

Winster Pre School are running a National Lottery Bonus Ball Draw with a weekly prize of **£20**.

We still have a few numbers available. Anyone who is interested please contact Cathy Banks on 01629 650593

Eltonians Annual Report 2011/2012

We all had a good year and thanks to all Margaret & Mike's hard work we received a grant of £2,300. This was spent on the following trips:

February	Crystal Peaks
March	Stockport
April	Leek and the Roaches for lunch
May	Macclesfield
June	Rudyard for lunch
August	Skegness
August	Rushton afternoon tour
December	Biggin Hall

Due to unforeseen circumstances Mike and I only went on two trips.

I wish to thank Margaret for all the hard work in standing in for Mike and doing the work with the grant money and all the helpers.

Now we are back to normality, so I hope everyone is happy. Thank you all very much.

Rose Musgrave



Outreach Service, Elton

The service is located at:

**The School House, Elton Primary School,
Main Street, Elton**

Opening times
Every Thursday between 1:45pm and 3:45pm

Services include:

Postal services, stamps, pensions, benefits, council tax & bill payments,
Plus car tax & cash withdrawals

(Some services may be subject to change)

Calling all gardeners

....is your compost more mushy than magical? More whiffy than wonderful?

Compost is a great, inexpensive way of improving your garden that makes use of uncooked food scraps and other household waste - but it can sometimes be difficult to get it right. As it's National Composting Week from May 6 to May 12 now is the ideal time to perfect your compost recipe. Take a look at the simple steps below for some top tips on getting the balance just right. Plus, thanks to Derbyshire County Council, you have the chance to win £25 worth of garden centre vouchers just by answering some simple questions online.

Top Tips to successful composting.

What can go in your compost (remember you'll need a good 50/50 mix of green and brown materials)

GREENS:

- Tea bags
- Grass cuttings
- Vegetable peelings
- Old flowers / nettles
- Coffee grounds and filter papers

BROWNS:

- Egg shells
- Egg and cereal boxes
- Corrugated cardboards and paper
- Toilet rolls and kitchen roll tubes
- Straw and Hay
- Twigs and hedge clippings
- Tissues, paper towels and napkins
- Ashes from wood, paper and lumpwood charcoal
- Sawdust

What can't go in your compost:

- Cooked vegetables
- Meat
- Dairy products

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The Sanctuary .

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A unique, inspirational, multi-purpose venue on Harthill Moor, near Chatsworth and Bakewell.

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Want to see family and friends without the hassle?

Homestead Farm
B&B and Self-catering Cottage

Book them in with Jean or Alan Carson on
Tel. 650359

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- Diseased plants
- Dog mess, cat litter or baby's nappies

Once you have started filling up your bin remember that patience is a virtue. It takes between nine and 12 months for your compost to become ready for use so keep on adding browns and greens. Remember to turn your compost occasionally to get air into it and then let nature do the hard work. Derbyshire County Councillor John Allsop, cabinet member for technology and recycling, said: "We're hoping lots of people join in and start composting at home if they aren't already.

"It's not hard once you've got into the hang of it and the end result is nutrient-rich food for your garden. "Now is a good time to start as it's a time when many of us are tidying up outdoors so you can put all those cuttings and clippings to good use. "By putting less rubbish in your dustbin, you're helping to reduce landfill, protect the environment and preserve precious resources."

Once your compost has turned into a crumbly, dark material resembling thick moist soil and gives off an earthy fresh aroma you know it's ready to use. Your homemade compost can then be put to lots of different uses, from enriching flowerbeds and pot plants to growing herbs and feeding your trees.



The county council works in partnership with Even Greener to offer discounted compost bins from as little as £16 plus delivery charge.

For more information go to www.derbyshire.gov.uk/composting or call 0844 571 4444.

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Elton Village Hall – May Day Thanks

On behalf of the Elton Village Hall Committee, we wish to say a big thank you to everybody who supported the May Day Celebrations on Monday 7th May. It was warming to see so many people joining us for a drink and a bite to eat to show their support for the Village Hall. We would also like to thank everybody who purchased raffle tickets and donated prizes and plants.

The total funds raised on the day were an amazing £912.00 which will go into Village Hall Funds.

May I thank all committee members and volunteers for their contribution to the event and for ensuring everything ran so smoothly.

A special 'thank you' must go to Norma and Margaret for manning the plant stall year on year.

Colin Swindell
On behalf of the Village Hall Committee

Putting you in the picture!

At the Jubilee Celebrations on June 3rd in the village hall, Elton Local History Group will unveil the new, hand-drawn illustration of Elton village by artist Sue Prince. We hope to have it available as a limited edition print in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. It will be an historic commemorative document. Don't miss it!

Lynn Burnet

Through the pages of the Elton Echo I would like to thank all the children, staff, governors and parents of Elton School for giving me a tremendous send off into semi-retirement.

It was a very special last week for me at school and will be one of my treasured memories. I was very touched by everyone's kindness and generosity and will get enormous pleasure from my 'Red Letter Day' at a Falconry in Knutsford. Thank you so much.

Thanks must also go to John Gladwin the school dinner taxi driver and Derbyshire County catering for their best wishes and support.

Being at Elton School has been like belonging to one big happy family
 and I am going to miss that.

Keep up the good work and a big 'Congratulations' on the Ofsted report. Well done.

Best Wishes from Jean Carson

Bakewell Choral Society – Summer Concert – A Night at the Opera

Saturday 30th June at The Medway Centre Bakewell DE45 1DY starting at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £10(students and children FREE)

from Bakewell Bookshop, choir members and at the door.

Leopard lost in Elton

This article rounds off our survey of licensed premises in Elton by looking back to the 18th century. In the early days, beer was brewed in ordinary houses and sold to customers who drank it in the parlour or in the 'houseplace' (the kitchen). These were called alehouses rather than public houses. Purpose-built public houses didn't appear until towards the end of the 18th century and even then, the beer would be brewed on the premises. For a man, alehouse keeping would be his secondary occupation. It was usually the woman of the house who brewed and sold the beer.

From the 1750s alehouse keepers had to be licensed and there still exist records of their names but not of the names or exact locations of their premises. In 18th century newspapers we sometimes find adverts for auctions of land to be held at alehouses but usually the house is identified only by the name of the licensee not the name of the house.

Lead miners liked their beer; it prevented lead poisoning or so they said. At the height of the lead mining boom in the middle of the 18th century Elton miners had a choice of seven licensed alehouses in the parish. An eighth was within easy reach, at the top of Dudwood Lane, although this one was actually in Winster parish. Three of the seven Elton alehouses were likely to be where the Old Red Lion, Nelson House and the Duke of York are today. We've been able to discover where at least two of the 'lost' alehouses were and one of them was on the old road to Bakewell.

To get to Bakewell today, you turn left at the crossroads to go down the New Road, which has been called by that name for nearly 200 years! The old road to Bakewell is Dudwood Lane, which would have been busy with carts, wagons, carriages, teams of packhorses, drovers of cattle and sheep, people on horseback and pedestrians, all struggling with mud and ruts. Travellers could stop for a rest and refreshment at Mary Hathaway's, now Meadowside. Mary and her husband William came from Birchover and built the house in Dudwood Lane in 1737. You can see their initials over the door. After being widowed in 1751, Mary made a living as an alehouse keeper. Mary's would be handy for miners at Portaway mine, just up the road.

Gambling was a popular pastime in all alehouses but John Brunt's on Back Lane offered something special, a cockpit. Gamecocks were bred for aggression and to cause as much damage as possible to their opponents, to the great excitement of the onlookers gathered around the cockpit. Cockpits were made illegal with the Cruelty to Animals Act in 1835. By this time, the old alehouse had been sold and two new houses built on the site, now April Cottage and Pine Cottage.

A licensee by the name of William Knowles appears in 1772 and for most of the 1770s his is one of two licensed premises in Elton. In 1775 and 1776 his is the only one. The owner of the building, Robert Clayton of Darley Bridge, advertised it for sale in the Derby Mercury in December 1780 when it was described as 'A large and commodious and well-accustomed public house with stabling and other outbuildings and garden thereto adjoining'. In 1783 we find an advert for the sale of all the real estate of William Knowles, late of Elton, innholder, an insolvent debtor, consisting of a large dwelling house with a stable, garden and outbuildings thereto adjoining, used as a public house'. William Knowles was a miner as well as an innkeeper. Lead mining in the mid 1700s was very profitable but the boom didn't last long. It appears that William Knowles bought the premises he'd previously rented but bankrupted himself in the process. Where in Elton this alehouse was, we don't know for sure, but the evidence points to Homestead Farm on Main Street.

An intriguing advert in the Derby Mercury of May 1762 gives notice of an auction to be held at 'the house of William Salt, known by the sign of The Leopard, situated at Elton'. We don't know where William Salt's house was but in a rate book of 1826 a certain Jacob Salt of Gratton, son of William Salt of Elton, owned four houses on Main Street in Elton, Nelson House, Croft Farm and either Croft Cottage or Adelante. At this stage we can't get any closer to The Leopard but it's almost certain to be lurking in the history of one of these four houses.

Village News and Views

New Website Launched – www.eltonderbyshire.com

Following the closure of the village website in late 2011, I am pleased to say that the new website for the Parish of Elton and Gratton is now up and running and already receiving a good number of daily visits.

The new website address is www.eltonderbyshire.com

The majority of the new site is now up and running although content, new pages and information will be added gradually in the coming weeks and months.

Any comments on the site, good or bad, are welcome. Please let me know what your views on what improvements could be made, what additional content could be added and any problems you may have using the website.

The website is there for parish residents. If you have a business, holiday accommodation, an event or news you want to see advertised on the site, please email all details to the village address, elton@live.co.uk, and we'll have it published.

And don't forget, you can always sign-up to the mailing list to receive news and information by email. Again, simply send your email address to elton@live.co.uk.

Temporary Road Closure

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

At the time of writing, Parish Council are making plans for a community celebration to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. At present plans are in the early stages and parish residents will be informed as to what will be happening via a leaflet through the door. What we can be sure of is there will be plenty of fun, food and drink for the family.

In the meantime, however, the Parish Council have applied for a Road Closure notice to enable the event to take place. **We ask residents to note the following road closure details:**

Date: Sunday 3rd June 2012 **Time:** 1:00pm – 4:30pm

Road: Main Street, Elton from the junction of Ivy Lane to West End.

If you do park your car in this area, we would kindly ask that you make arrangements to park elsewhere in this short space of time.

Colin Swindell on behalf of Elton Parish Council

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Village News and Views

ELTON PARISH COUNCIL Receipts and payments for the year ended 31.03.12

2010/11	Receipts	2011/12	2010/11	Payments	2011/2012
7849.00	Precept	7149.00	2993.85	Administration	3114.48
44.19	Bank Interest	39.57	3049.00	Donations	3034.00
25.00	DDDC Reimbursable	135.00		Repairs	424.60
120.00	Donations	30.00		Xmas	110.69
	Live & Local	626.50	25.00	Reimbursables	0.00
166.57	VAT	0.00		Newsletter	
			49.12	VAT	38.94
<u>8204.76</u>		<u>7980.07</u>		Live & Local	569.05
				PO Rent	520.00
			31.00	Plants	23.00
			60.00	Grit Bin	
				VAT	
					<u>7834.76</u>
			<u>6207.97</u>		

Bank Account

Balance at 01.04.11	6450.95
Add Income	7980.07
Less Expenditure	<u>-7834.76</u>
Balance at 31.03.12	6596.26

1. The Precept is the money DDDC collect through Council Tax for the Parish Council
2. Reimbursables are monies which can be reclaimed from DCC or DDDC for footpath and mowing work
3. Administration includes Clerks salary, insurance, subscriptions, postage etc
4. Donations include £1000 each to the Jubilee Field, the Village Hall and the Church

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Cathy Banks on **07799084244** (6.30 - 8pm Tues evenings only) to register.

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LAST MAN TO THE AZORES AND BACK - Final Part

As we got further south Lexia and I had some wonderful days sailing, reaching across a smooth, clear, green sea with crystal clear nights, a bright full moon and some magnificent sunrises and sunsets. On day 21 a beautiful high island appeared out of the cloud and I got my first sight of the Azores. I was surrounded by numerous dolphins. Then suddenly they all disappeared and a whale approached us in a direct line from a long way away, turned and swam alongside the boat and then dived under it and away. It was as big as the boat and I held my breath. I have never seen a whale before and that one had come to visit us. It was boys' own adventure stuff.

Then the wind died. Other competitors who had been a week or more ahead of me had also found that the wind died as they got to the islands. Some had even retired from the outward race because they could make no progress, and perhaps because they had schedules to keep to. Being a pensioner I had no schedule and I stuck it out. Punto Delgada is on the south of the island and it was far from clear if I would go clockwise or anticlockwise. Gradually a faint breeze took me to the eastern end and so my course was decided. The island looked even more spectacular by night with strings of lights. I wondered if, as night fell, I might get a land breeze to help me on my way. There are high mountains on the eastern end of the island which fall straight into the sea and they had been covered in cloud; clearly there was some dirty weather up there. Around midnight the dirty weather all fell off the mountains and found me. I was suddenly in a gale, if not a storm. I managed to get all the sail down and held on tight as we were blown away from the island at up to six knots for a number of hours. Katabatic wind. They do teach that on the RYA courses, but I had never experienced it before. I even considered deploying the drogue, but did not need to as there was no fetch and therefore no big waves. Then suddenly it stopped and I was becalmed. As a still, clear dawn came up I heard loud thunderclaps, or was it quarry blasting? Later I could see accompanying bursts of smoke from fields and woods and villages. Was it an army training area or firing range? Was it the game shooting season? Later I was told that it was a saint's day and the island was celebrating with fireworks. So I had lots of noise but absolutely no wind. I had about thirty miles to go. The GPS showed that for some reason I had a current going westwards at about half a knot. I still don't know why. I know that some competitors carried long sweep oars because on previous races they had also been becalmed here. I experimented and found that if I waggled the tiller I could get another quarter knot, so I waggled and waggled from dawn until midnight. How I ached. I was intrigued that as night fell I was surrounded by hundreds of small brown birds that settled on the water and proceeded to gossip with each other. I got within sight of the lights of Punta Delgada but then the current stopped, and then it turned against me. There was quite a bit of shipping moving. I had been without sleep for 48 hours and I was not sure that I could continue to stay awake. Earlier in the evening I had passed a small offshore island with an anchorage marked on the chart. I now very much regretted that I had not anchored there and got my head down. I had about four miles to go, but in a text message to Jane and James I said that I regretted that, for safety's sake and in common sense, I would probably have to motor in. A text came back from Jane very smartly saying "Hang on in there!".

She who must be obeyed ... In the small hours of the morning a gentle breeze started, perhaps this time genuinely a land breeze. I crept towards the final waypoint. An unknown harbour, a night approach to what Anne Hammick describes as a narrow entrance and I was tired. I put on the engine in neutral ready to take evasive action from either vessels or harbour walls. At 0330 hours UTC I crept across the finish line after 22 days and 15 hours. The remainder of the competitors, after some days of festivities and tourism, had all started the return leg 5 days earlier.

The next morning I was visited by a member of the committee of the Club Naval and the club's full time boat man. The latter was very sorry that he had not met me at the finish line because he had met everyone else. I hadn't minded! I booked into the marina and was told that there were actually other AZAB boats there. Embla 3, a Van de Stadt 40, had suffered steering damage on the outward leg and had not started the return. She was in the marina but her crew had returned to Norway and would come back with parts. Equilibrium, a Sweden 38, had started the return race but after some hundreds of miles her alternator failed and, as she has no other means of generating electricity and her self-steering was electrical not wind vane, Graham and Roy had returned to Punta Delgada and were addressing repairs.

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Because all the RCYC people had left the Azores, Graham and Roy kindly became my reception committee and support team as far as they could, and we also went out for a couple of very good meals. I had a compulsory 48 hour stop. As it happened I did not need to stop because I still had enough diesel, water and food to get home to England. However, it is a sensible rule and a good safety measure. For two days I worked flat out doing rigging repairs and topping up food, water and diesel.

Everything takes twice as long if you are single handed. I also got in some sleep. I saw nothing of the island other than the immediate harbour area and the walk to a big supermarket. Maybe I will be able to return as a tourist one day. I found out that I needed to recharge the battery on my tracker and that this would take 24 hours, so my departure was delayed by some hours. On the way south I really had decided that I would not race back, and I had thought about all the options, including flying back to England and then returning in the autumn with a crew to cruise back.

Starting from Falmouth had been easy because one was carried along with others in a wave of enthusiasm. Starting the return singly was a much more cold-blooded thing and required me to screw up my courage.

Due to calms, I made a slow start round the other, west end of the island and, due to proximity of the coast and tidal currents, had to be on my guard. However, after about 36 hours I picked up a steady reaching breeze from the west and started to make much better progress including runs of 140 miles per day. Both Lexia and I were at last beginning to sail something like our handicap predicted speed. The return was not without incident. At one time, whilst still well out in the Atlantic, I took a look round the horizon and spotted a sail dead ahead. As it got nearer I thought it was not a sail but a motor boat. Then I gradually realised that it was a yellow and black buoy. It was in a charted depth of almost 4,000 feet. The Atlantic chart states that; "ODAS buoys mostly of Lanby type are to be found in the waters covered by this chart." But it doesn't give any indication of positions. So, was it a weather buoy and was it really secured by a cable 4,000 feet long? All I do know is that I would certainly have hit it if I hadn't seen it and changed course. That might have been the end. Later I was overtaken by a large, fast sailing boat. She was sailing at 15 knots compared to my 3. She called me on VHF. She was *ICAP Leopard*, a 100 foot Maxi, making her way to England after a transatlantic race. What a sight. I also had a close encounter with a merchant vessel. Again I had a look round the horizon and spotted him on a collision course. At the time I was becalmed. I called him on the VHF and got no response and so started the engine and got out of his way. In my indignation I took down his details from the AIS and recorded the position and told myself I would report him to the Maritime Accident Investigation Branch. Surely he should have seen me on AIS. However, when I eventually got back to England I noticed that the VHF antenna which serves the AIS and the VHF through a splitter was no longer at the masthead. There was a length of cable flapping in the wind and I think that this, rather like the bent metal clothes hanger stuffed into the broken aerial on a car, was sufficient to receive VHF and AIS at close range but possibly not to transmit. I don't know at what stage the antenna had broken off, but it gives pause for thought. I had assumed that vessels were seeing me on AIS but I may well have been deluded. Later Jane and James reported by text that I had disappeared from the tracker web site. Jane contacted the tracker supplier, Yellowbrick, and they eventually admitted somewhat sheepishly that my display had been turned off. Apparently they couldn't believe that anyone from the race could still be out there.

Eventually I got to the Scillies and turned east on a run to skirt the southern edge of the Traffic Separation Scheme. In the evening gloaming I saw Land's End and then started serious navigation and watch keeping to get round the Lizard with its strong spring tidal streams. The next morning I drifted towards Falmouth and the finish. The RCYC had very kindly organised a fleet of boats to come out to meet me. They did know that I was still out there. I was 48 hours ahead of the closure of the finish.

I stayed overnight at Falmouth and next day had a wonderful sail to Plymouth on my 64th birthday. After a long sleep, I put the boat to bed and drove back to Derbyshire. I was supposed to spring into action to start to prepare for the wedding of our daughter. However, I was pretty inoperative for about 10 days. Initially I was charged with adrenalin. When that wore off I was still rocking and my sleep pattern was very disturbed and so I was pretty dozy and useless.

I had returned safely from my adventure and I achieved my stated aim of reaching the finish before it closed. Formal results therefore are pretty unimportant. However, here goes. I was certainly last to finish on the outward leg, 41st position. For their various reasons, 18 did not finish. On the return leg I was 45th **but not last** as Equilibrium, after finally completing her repairs, had gallantly set off in pursuit and arrived in Falmouth just after me. She then received a time penalty for the assistance she had received. For the combined outward and return I was 38th and last out of the 59 starters because 21 did not finish one leg or the other. However, in Class One, for the combined outward and return legs, ie the AZAB, I was 6th and last out of 16. But, only one other single hander in Class One managed both legs so I suppose in that respect I was a runner up! I fear that my ocean racing career may have peaked after just two races.

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TROUBLE SHOOTING

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- If it's too dry and is not rotting then add some green materials.
- Air is essential to the composting process and by mixing material up and adding scrunched up browns such as cardboard as you fill your bin, it will create air pockets and help keep your compost in tip top condition.
- Keep it all warm by placing a flattened cardboard box or piece of old carpet on top of the compost materials
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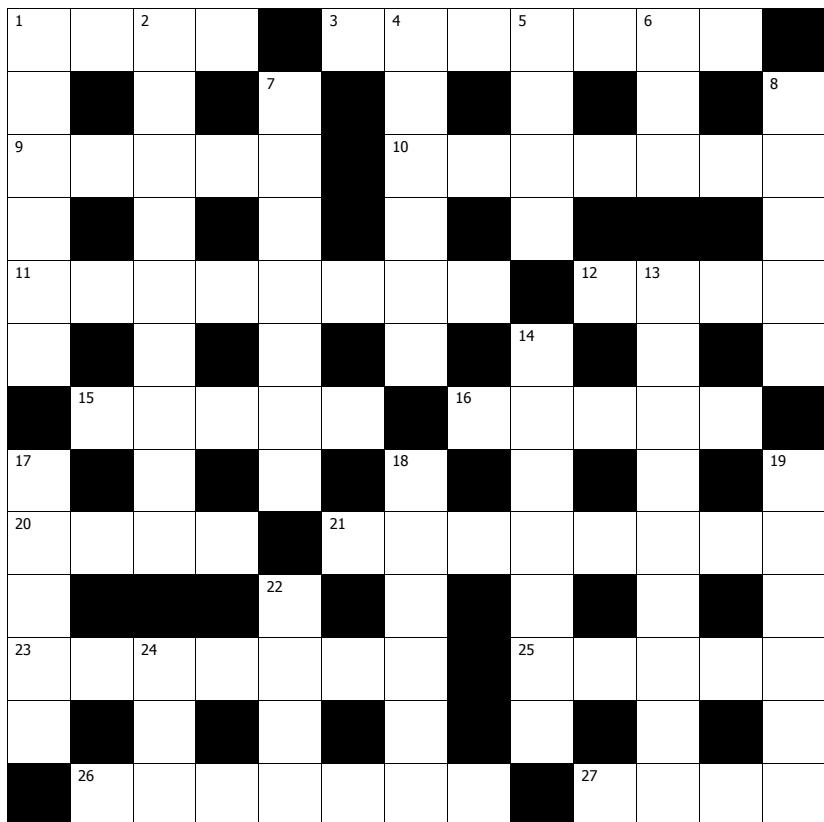
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Across

1. Herb having wisdom (4)
3. Get rid of (7)
9. Obtain with effort (5)
10. 'Obviate' distress (7)
11. Enables 9 across (8)
12. Part of a 'Quiz Night' (4)
15. Consolidate (5)
16. Europe's small change (5)
20. Thatcher's material (4)
21. Meeting between delegates (8)
23. Proving of a will (7)
25. Not firmly fixed (5)
26. Solemn pledges (7)
27. Convey (4)

Down

1. Quite bendy (6)
2. Grouse but no bird (9)
4. Blue flowered herb (6)
5. Poetic island (4)
6. Place for drivers (3)
7. Serious scare (7)
8. Scholastic periods (5)
13. Cut off the loin (9)
14. Marine bird (7)
17. Staged propellers (5)
18. Having great power (6)
19. On the up (6)
22. The first big theory (4)
24. Nocturnal hooter (3)

ROBIN'S KNOTTY CROSSWORD

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SOLUTION ON BACK PAGE

Peak Serenity. Cliff Farm.

Lots of things happening here at Peak Serenity, but first, I must thank everyone who visited Serenity Coffee Shop last year. It was very kind of you to come and say hello. We are open again for the summer. But now, what is new..... WELL, do you want to meet a REAL, LIVE HORSE – WHISPERER ? If so, come along with or without your horse, and see Susie at work , here at the Sanctuary, on Tuesday, July 3rd. 9.30am-4pm. £5-p.p.with coffee and cakes, horse consultation £35- per horse If your horse needs some healing or has behavioural issues, bring him along. This should be an interesting event and Susie is working with dogs in August. Space for your horsebox.

CURTAIN MAKING on Wed. July 11th That, also, should be good with Sally Wallwin. ROMAN BLINDS next. We are talking with a Social Media expert to run some workshops for Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. Let me know if you are interested in these.

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Cross Down: 1. Supply 2. Gravestone 4. Borage 5. Isle 6. Tee 7. Terrier 8. Terms 13. Entrecote 14. Seagull 17. Pops 18. Potent 19. Ascend 22. Bang 24. Owl

Cross Across: 1. Sage 3. Obviate 9. Piss 10. Relieve 11. Leverage 12. Team 15. Unify 16. Cents 20. Reed 21. Congress 23. Probate 25. Loose 26. Pillights 27. Send