



Daffodils in Spring

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Diary Dates

March

- 5 Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH
- 13 Elton Quiz Night 7.30pm
- 25 ELHG afternoon meeting 2.30pm VH

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- 2 Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH
- 10 The Watch 2pm CH
- 12 Eucharist 11.15am CH
- 13 Easter Monday Refreshments in VH 12pm - 3pm
- 17 Elton Quiz Night 7.30pm
- 22 ELHG afternoon meeting 2.30pm VH

May

- 7 Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH
- 8 Elton Quiz Night 7.30pm
- 20 ELHG afternoon meeting 2.30pm VH

June

- 4 Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH
- 12 Elton Quiz Night 7.30pm
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Weekly events

Tea/Coffee & Toast in Church - every Thursday morning 10.00am - 12.00pm
Everyone is welcome

Gentle Keep Fit - every Tuesday from 1.45pm to 2.45pm in the Village Hall - £4.00 per session. See full details on page 5

Fortnightly events

Grey Bin & Food Caddy Collection

Every other Wednesday - from 4th December

Blue & Green Bin & Food Caddy Collection

Every other Wednesday - from 11th December

Four-weekly Mobile Library - see back page

Councillors Corner

Goodbye to Christmas - Hello to Spring

Christmas is now behind us and I'm sure that most are looking forward to Spring. However, we should not make this passage without acknowledging those who helped make Elton's Christmas a little special. This past year we held our "Two Trees" lighting ceremony on the second Sunday in December (and not the traditional 1st Sunday). This caused much prior debate, but we feel the village atmosphere was enhanced with many more residents having Christmas lights already on the front of their homes.

Once again, a contingent of the Youlgrave Silver Band accompanied our carol singing and entertained us with festive music whilst we sipped (some glugged) mulled wine and grazed on mince pies and other delights. So thanks to the Youlgrave Silver Band, to Claire Jackson for procuring and preparing the wine and to all those who donated food and helped with the washing-up. We must thank Amy and Steve for donating and installing a beautiful tree at the front of the church yard and to Dave Musgrave, Peter Bell and Pauline Mason for installing the two tree's lights. For your diary, this year's event will be held on Sunday 6th December. Looking forward to Spring.

(By Nigel Mason on behalf of Elton Parish Council)

New Waste Contract Agreed

District Councillors have voted to renew the current waste collection contract with Serco from August 2020. The renewed contact will see the introduction of an annual £50 charge for the collection of garden waste from 2021. Although I was reluctant to vote for this new charge, the Council was left with little option.

8 years ago, when Serco first took over waste collections in Derbyshire Dales, the company sold the recyclable material it collected for a good price and profit. This meant the charge Serco made to the Council for carrying out waste collections was kept low. In recent years, the market has completely changed. Rather than selling recyclable materials, Serco now pays to dispose of it. This has resulted in Serco making a loss and the District Council having to pay more for waste collection services.

To make the future waste contract affordable the Council was left with two options. The first was to introduce a charge for collecting garden waste – a service which the authority is not obliged to provide. Secondly, reduce the frequency of grey bin collections (general waste) to 3 or 4 weeks. Here are the reasons why I voted to introduce charges for garden waste collections and renew the contract with Serco.

1. Many residents told me that their grey bin was full after two weeks, especially larger households and families. A reduction in collections would be difficult to manage.
2. The consultation carried out by the Council received a record number of responses with the majority preferring a charge for garden waste collections over a reduction in grey bin collections.
3. Residents who want to have their garden waste collected have to opt-in. This means the charges are optional nobody will be forced to pay them. So those who do not have a garden or want to use the service do not have to pay. Residents can alternatively take garden waste to the skip or compost it.
4. I felt the charge of £50 (or £1 per week) was reasonable.

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YOUR VILLAGE. YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR SHOP.

Thank you to Alistair and Chris for hosting the Quiz where £165.00 was raised for Winster Shop and thanks to everyone who took part. Winster Shop team came 1st and we put that down to Jayne and Katrina and their knowledge of Music and the shop (with no cheating or inside information of the shop).

Also thank you to Lyria Jones for her contribution of the proceeds from her marmalade.

Good News is that the money has already been put to good use by having the flat roof repaired before the snow comes.

Don't forget **Pancake Day on Tuesday 25th March** where you can find all you need in the shop to make your amazing pancakes and brush up on your pancake-flipping abilities.

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4th Sunday 6.00pm Evensong

March-May 2020

As I write this there is a beautiful pale sunshine warming the bright yellow daffodils on my windowsill. It's the promise of Spring on its way, but before we get there is Lent to get through yet. And I'm aware that by the time you read this we will be in Lent. Lent is traditionally a time for "giving up", for going without some food or drink or treat, as an act of self-denial. It is meant to help us step back and re-examine our standing before God and those around us. Fasting is a common practice in Christianity and

Jesus asked us to do it (see Matthew 6:16-18). Fasting isn't easy, whatever you are fasting from, be it food or something else, like social media or doing a carbon-fast or a plastic-fast (for ideas see: <http://www.greenanglicans.org/lent-fasts/>). Nevertheless, I suppose the important thing to remember about fasting is that fasting changes us, not God. Fasting is not a way to appear more spiritual than others. Fasting is to be done in a spirit of humility and a joyful attitude. But for many people, across this country, this Lent, fasting won't be a spiritual choice, it won't be a choice at all, it'll just be the reality they are living with. There are many families in our midst who go hungry regularly. Our fasting this Lent can be a way of experiencing just a little of what many marginalised people face day in and day out – going without. And if fasting is a way to demonstrate that we are serious about our relationship with God, it can also lead us all to a better kind of "charity", the kind where receiving help from a food-bank leads to the building of relationships in our communities, and together we can start to build a more just society. So this Lent, get involved where you can, it'll change you.

And after Lent comes Easter. Just like when Spring bursts through the cold of Winter, Easter always feels like a blessed relief. Easter, the festival when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, is a festival of rebirth, of hope and immeasurable love. Easter equals new life. It is the celebration of God's unlimited love washing over his creation. I know I'm waxing lyrical here, but Easter really is amazing! To me it is the annual reminder that God's love is steadfast and will burst through anything to reach us. And for me it's an annual opportunity to show my gratitude to God by loving others back, basically I try and **be** Easter to someone else, be new life to those who need it.

And then we have May, and in church that means two things: Pentecost and Christian Aid Week. At Pentecost we remember and celebrate the time when the first disciples received the Holy Spirit and were empowered to go out to preach and live the Good News. Pentecost reminds us that we are the Church, and we are sent out into the world to change it through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This Pentecost we are hoping to come together with the other villages in our benefice and celebrate together, maybe with a joint picnic. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for more information closer to the time and come and join us.

And finally in the middle of May we have Christian Aid Week, when we look further out and help those who daily struggle with endemic poverty. Christian Aid's website (www.caweek.org) has some powerful stories of their work and reminders that we are God's hands and feet and voice and eyes and ears in this world. It's what we mean by "love", in "love thy neighbour". Christian Aid Week unites over 20,000 churches to put this love into action. It reminds us that *"at Pentecost, the Church is sent out into the world to change it. The Church is given the Holy Spirit, and with it the charge to speak out wherever there is injustice, whenever the world is not as God wants it to be."* The world is not as God wants it to be. It is not as we would want it to be. So what are we going to do about it?! Join us. Help neighbours near and far. Give generously, love abundantly.

God bless!

Carla Vicencio Prior

Wirksworth Team Ministry Team Vicar. Mob: 07767087530

5. Charges are made per bin. So, neighbours can make a personal arrangement to share a bin if they wish.
6. The potential for fly-tipping is less with garden waste, as opposed to introducing 3 or 4 weekly general waste collections.
7. Although Serco had problems with delivering the service at the outset, it would make sense for them to continue now things are running relatively smoothly and bedded in.
8. There will be no changes to how you sort your waste and the number of bins and containers you have. Apart from the new charge, things will remain the same.

The service will remain free until April 2021 when the annual £50 charge will come into effect. There is an 'early bird' discount offer of £35 for the first year for anybody who buys into the service before 31 January 2021. Charges will be a single one-off payment at the start of each year.

There are several other points and questions about the service which I am still seeking clarification on. I will continue to keep you updated as things progress, but in the meantime please contact me with any questions or comments you might have.

Cold Callers and Doorstep Salespeople

In the past couple of months there appears to have been a big increase in the number of called callers and people visiting Elton. Many of them claim to be charities, ex-offenders or ex-servicemen. Several residents have raised concerns about some of the people who have called at their homes, their suspicious behaviour and intimidating elderly or vulnerable people.

I have been in touch with the local police team about this matter. Although doorstep selling isn't an offence, the police have provided the following advice...

- Never open the door fully to people you do not know. Keep the door on a latch if you have one.
- Never let people into your home you do not know – especially if you are not expecting anybody.
- Never leave strangers unattended on the doorstep or alone on your property where you can't see them.
- Do not leave valuables, keys, money or purses on display.
- Never feel pressured into buying anything. Be firm but polite. Say 'no thank you' and close the door.
- Always ask for proof of identity if you are expecting somebody.

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In common with some of the local wildlife Elton Local History Group has been hibernating over the winter as far as monthly meetings are concerned. Everyone is welcome at the history group meetings; there's no formal membership. They start again in March. Some years ago we extended our sphere of interest into local natural history and at our meetings last autumn we discovered some facts about hibernating hedgehogs and butterflies.

At our session on hedgehogs one member recounted the true story of a lady she knew who had started to clear a pile of dry leaves in the winter but stopped when she discovered a bunch of bristles in it. She kept watching out for the hedgehog to emerge in the spring but was disappointed. Thinking the animal must be dead, she removed the pile of leaves and found that the 'hedgehog' was actually the head of an old yard brush! One winter I began to cut down a big fern that had flopped over but stopped when I lifted some fronds and found, snuggled against the crown amongst dry grass and leaves, a sleeping hedgehog. He or she received some compensation for being exposed in the form of an extra-thick roof of fern fronds. Hedgehogs wake up every fortnight or so during the winter and may go for a walk. They don't necessarily return to the same nest but may find a suitable spot to build a new one.

It seems incredible to us now but hedgehogs used to be considered vermin because it was thought they suckled milk from cows' udders, recumbent cows of course. An Act of Parliament was passed in 1566 which required churchwardens to pay out of the parish rates two old pence for every dead hedgehog brought to them. Hedgehog hunting became a lucrative pastime for poor parishioners. A sample of the Youlgreave churchwardens' accounts for the three years 1704-1706 records bounty payments for a total of 132 dead hedgehogs. The Act wasn't repealed for more than 300 years. However, in 1712 the churchwardens in Youlgreave decided that no more money was to be paid out for hedgehogs, not because of any concern for the animals but 'by reason that the parish has been grossly abused and imposed upon in that respect'. Nowadays it's illegal to trap a hedgehog in the wild.

Remember those ten days of unseasonal warm weather in February last year? Flying around the garden in the winter sunshine were three species of butterflies - Peacock, Comma and Small Tortoiseshell. They soon returned to their winter quarters when cold weather resumed. All these butterflies overwinter as adults whereas most other species spend the winter as eggs, caterpillars or chrysalises. Some, such as the Red Admiral, don't overwinter in Britain at all but fly in from the continent, arriving in the south of England as early as March. Keep a look out for them arriving in Elton and make a note of the date. I'm sure they will return this year; Brexit means nothing to them. The name Red Admiral



Red Admiral

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is a corruption of the original 18th century name Red Admirable, a fitting name for this spectacular insect.



Peacock butterflies were abundant last summer but all of a sudden, around the first week of September, they became much less frequent. They'd found themselves a dark crevice such as a hole in a tree or wall. They hibernate together in large numbers, not to keep warm but for mutual protection. If disturbed they make a hissing noise by rubbing their wings together and this can be quite loud when a group all hiss together, loud enough to deter predators or an inquisitive gardener.

The Comma butterfly was fairly rare in Derbyshire until the 1980s but is now regularly seen here. It overwinters amongst leaf litter where it is well camouflaged by its orange colour and the scalloped margins of its wings.



The butterfly that chooses to hibernate in our houses and outbuildings is the Small Tortoiseshell. This has two broods a year. Adults of the second brood generally start flying in August, gorge on nectar (Buddleia, Verbena, Sedum and Lavender are favourites) and then find a suitable site to spend the winter. Last year this species was still feeding on our ice plants (Sedum) well into October. However, in the south of England the insect is getting through its life cycle much earlier in the year and adults are starting to look for places to hibernate as early as July. If you see a butterfly madly flapping inside your window in late summer and autumn it's most likely a Small Tortoiseshell. The best thing to do is capture it in a box and take it into a cool, damp outbuilding where the butterfly will be free from disturbance. It won't survive for long in a warm, dry house.

Lynn Burnet

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- Call a neighbour, friend or family member if you feel insecure.

If you feel a person is acting suspiciously, looking around homes and properties or using threatening behaviour call the police on 101. This will connect you to Derbyshire Police who will checkout any doorstep sellers in the area as soon as they have officers and resources available.

Finally, if you see a crime being committed or in the event of an emergency always call 999.

Can I help you?

I am always here to help in any way I can. If you need help, have an issue of concern or know of a problem that needs fixing, please contact me. My contact details are below. If I can't help you, I will always try to point you in the right direction.

Colin Swindell - District Councillor Winster and South Darley Ward

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The Morgan Three Wheeler Club Night Rally 25th/26th April 2020

I'm writing to let you know about a vintage car event I am arranging here in Elton in April. It's specifically for Morgan Three Wheelers.

The original Morgan Three Wheelers were built between 1910 and 1952. They frequently took part in long distance rallies and navigational events. Indeed, the Company founder Harry Morgan was a great exponent of such events and competed in many of them.

The Morgan Three Wheeler Club was formed in 1945 so 2020 is our 75th anniversary and a number of special events are being planned including the Night Rally which has run most years since its inception in the mid-1950's in the south-east of England. The start point for the event moves around the country; it was last in Derbyshire in 2016 when it was run from the village hall at Rowsley.

For this celebratory year we are pleased to be using the Jubilee Fields Clubhouse as the base as it will provide excellent facilities and plenty of off-road parking.

We expect about 15 cars to take part with entrants coming from all parts of the UK. Two Club members from France have expressed interest and one from Boston, USA will fly over and borrow a local Morgan to take part.

The event is not timed, instead it tests the navigational and observational skills of the crews as well as the reliability of the cars – most of which are over 80 years old.

Crews (and marshals) will arrive around 6pm on Saturday for a meal and to receive the instructions to plot the route on an OS map.

They will set off around 10pm on an 80-mile route to the north of Derbyshire - returning to the Clubhouse around 2am for a one-hour compulsory rest break and sustenance. They will then set off on the second part of the event around the Staffordshire Moorlands coming back to Elton for a hearty breakfast around 7am on Sunday.



I hope you are pleased that the MTWC Night Rally will be taking place in Elton. If you would like any further information, please contact me - Steve Lister. West End Farm, Elton. 01629 650933. Volunteer marshals welcome!

1945 – VE DAY, A TOWN CALLED WISMAR AND A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CARD FROM BELGIUM

In a few weeks time we will be marking the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day - 8 May 1945. Other than his period of war service my father, Cliff Stone, lived his entire life in Elton but in the spring of 1945 he was witness to some momentous events leading up to VE Day. Cliff was a member of the Sixth Airborne Division, the unit which advanced deeper into Nazi Germany than any other British forces, meeting the Russians coming from the opposite direction at Wismar on the German Baltic coast on 2 May 1945. I remember that Dad was much taken with Wismar. It had been very badly knocked about by allied bombing but he reckoned that it would have been 'a really nice seaside resort in peacetime'. The front page of the Daily Mirror of 4 May 1945 reported the historic event there as follows:

'The first British-Russian link-up took place east of Wismar, and while our troops and the Red Army men were shaking hands, German prisoners were walking by – looking very scared. Troops of the British Sixth Airborne Division broke into cheers when they saw the first Russian tanks rumbling towards them. Then British and Russians ran towards each other'

The British commander, Field Marshall Montgomery, met his Russian counterpart at Wismar on 7 May, effectively marking the end of the war in Europe. VE Day was declared the following day. Meanwhile, a joint victory parade was organised in the impressive town square at Wismar with British, Canadian and Russian troops taking part. 'It was quite a big do', Cliff wrote in his journal in his typically understated style. There are photographs on the internet of the parade



On the 12th of May, 1945 before the Reuterhaus: German onlookers of the British victory parade.

itself but the picture I find most interesting is the one shown here of the ordinary folk of Wismar, men women and children, standing quietly on the pavement watching the ceremonies take place. These people must have experienced mixed feelings as they observed enemy troops (including one from Elton!) parading on their own town square. In one respect they were no doubt thankful that Wismar had been taken by the allies without any further fighting but they would also be acutely aware that their beautiful town had been heavily bombed by the RAF, the final raid taking place only four weeks earlier on 14 April 1945 – resulting in the loss of many of their historic buildings and two of Wismar's three churches.

Prior to the advance into Germany, Belgium had been liberated by the allies and, during a short pause in the advance, my father was billeted there with a Belgian family. They were called the De Smeths and they ran a small hardware business in Ghentbrugge. I remember Dad saying how very kind these people had been both to him and to the other soldier billeted with the same family - a Scotsman called Jimmy Strachan. The picture reproduced here shows Jimmy and Cliff enjoying what I assume was Belgian beer in the De Smeth's front room – the walls of the small space bedecked with family photographs. Cliff is on the right of the picture.



You could be forgiven for concluding that, on the evidence of the photo, war doesn't seem quite so bad after all - as the smiling pair raise their glasses in the direction of the camera. However, we need to bear in mind that these men perhaps deserved a little light relief - having only recently survived D Day and Arnhem. And further extreme danger awaited just around the corner. On the road again, they were soon to suffer a devastating attack by German jets (previously unheard of) as they fought their way into northern Germany. It was at a place called Xanten. The jets – only just developed by

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GLYN YATES – TRIBUTE TO A CRICKETER

Elton Cricket Club lost one its most faithful servants with the sudden passing of Glyn Yates on 10 February. For forty years - first as fast bowler, then captain, then umpire - Glyn made an enormous contribution to the continuity of the club. To describe him as a stalwart would be a considerable understatement. Everyone connected with the cricket club sends their sincere condolences to Sue and Ben.

When the cricket club first re-formed in 1977 Glyn lived at Stanton and, under the rule then prevailing, he was not eligible to play for Elton. In fact I remember him turning out against Elton on a couple of occasions. But once he moved into the village, Glyn couldn't wait to join us. He has been my next door neighbour throughout my married life and, for a time, we also shared a partnership on the field – opening the bowling together for Elton throughout the 1980's. That decade saw Glyn at his cricketing peak. He could bowl at a very lively pace indeed for long periods and he was always willing and able to come back for a second spell at the end of the innings. Glyn produced numerous match winning performances for Elton with the ball. I never asked him which he considered his best bowling performance but his nine wicket haul in a home match against Cromford must be up there.

As a bowler Glyn was the ultimate competitor. His roars of frustration when the ball narrowly evaded the batsman's stumps were legendary. But, at the same time, he was acutely aware that it was only a game. Once the stumps were drawn he loved to raise a glass or two and chew over the fat with the opposition. As a consequence he had a great many friends amongst the local cricketing fraternity.

By the mid-1990's Glyn was at an age when most bowlers of his type would have been winding down but he just carried on bowling – giving 110 per cent in every game. In 1999 the club suffered another massive blow with the untimely death of Alan 'Satch' Mosley. Satch had been our captain and Glyn was the natural pick to fill the void and step up as skipper. He also took on the associated responsibility for the organisation of the club's Annual Dinner and awards ceremony – a job he continued to carry out right up to 2018.

A few years ago Glyn suffered a health scare and he very reluctantly decided that the time was ripe to exchange his cricket whites for an umpire's coat - which he continued to wear with distinction right up to last season. Glyn was also a member of the organising committees for the Longstone League and Orme Shield competitions and he will be keenly missed by his colleagues there too.

I have not so far mentioned Glyn's batting. I think he wouldn't mind me saying that he wasn't the best batsman in the world - which is why he regularly came in at number 11. But he was a powerful man and if the ball was in the right place he could clout it a very long way indeed. I particularly remember a colossal straight six he hit one day at Youlgrave – as pure a stroke as anyone ever hit for Elton. Glyn's go-to stroke though was the first ball 'hurdle' - rolling the ball gently in the direction of square leg for a comfortable single to get himself immediately off-strike. He could somehow manufacture this particular shot almost irrespective of what the bowler served up. If I was still batting when Glyn came in we didn't need to discuss tactics. We didn't even have to make eye contact. I knew exactly what he would do first ball and I would be well on my way towards him by the time he executed the 'hurdle'. It hardly ever failed and we have laughed about it many times since we both stopped playing. RIP Glyn.

Frances Burton
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Medical Herbalist



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Post Office Outreach Service

A few years ago we lost our small Post Office run by Sarah Glossop. This was convenient to everyone in the village but of great hardship to older residents and those without transport.

With some effort we eventually secured our current Outreach Service supplied by Two Dales Post Office which still operates from the School House. However, this is only being used by a small number of residents.

We know it's only open for 2hrs on a Thursday, but we urge you to use it whenever you can for the sake of those that need it most.

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the Germans - dropped anti-personnel bombs before machine gunning survivors. Having been one of the few Brits to escape death or capture at Arnhem, Dad was again very fortunate to emerge from this episode in one piece. Many of his friends were not so lucky.

Yet further horror awaited. As they got closer to the Baltic, Cliff's unit came across and liberated a concentration camp which, shall we say, he found extremely shocking. It would not be appropriate to go into more detail on this here.

On the other hand Cliff was also struck by the extent of the damage previously done to German towns and cities by allied bombers. He mentioned Osnabruck in particular which had been almost completely razed – so much so that you couldn't tell where the streets were or had been.

But back to his short but happy time with the Belgian family. Amongst Dad's things I have recently come across a Christmas card together with an accompanying note he received from the De Smeths after the war ended. Their English is a little broken in the note but you get the idea. It reads as follows:

Dear Friend Cliff

We send you our best wishes for Christmas and New Year. Here everything is going well and we hope the same for you and family. Many times we are speaking about you and Jimmy and think also on the good evenings passed together. We have not forgotten our English soldier. We hope to receive a few lines in answer. So all the best to you and family.

Your friends from Ghentbrugge

Of course we will never know for sure whether Dad did respond as he was asked. I think he would have done.

JOHN STONE

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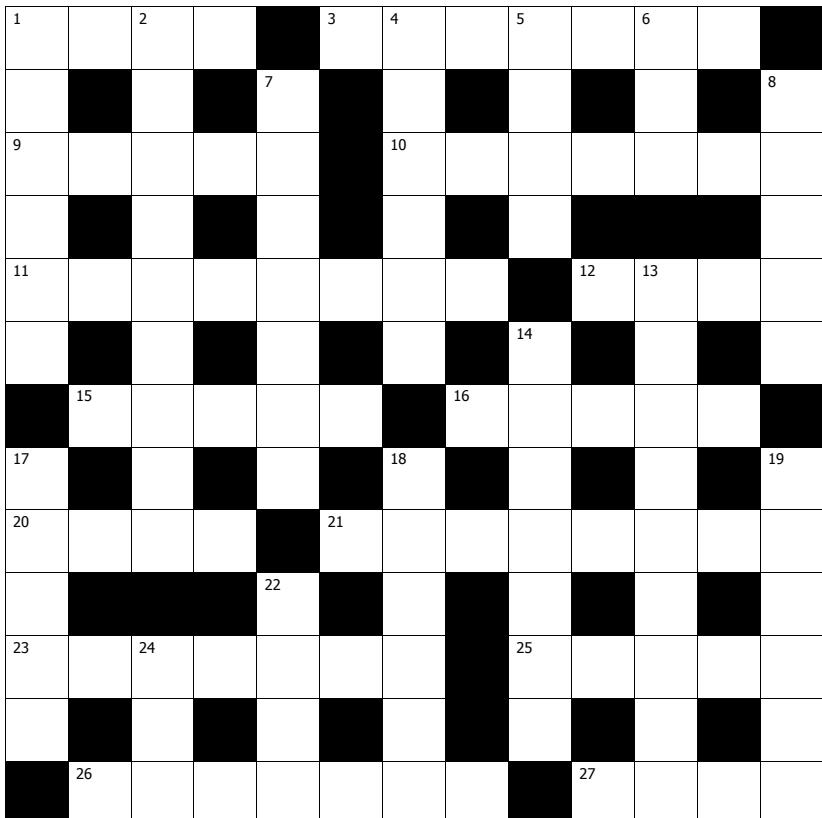
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Thank you ..Christine

Across

1. Discontinue (4)
3. Appropriate (7)
9. Island in the Aegean (5)
10. Wing-shaped (7)
11. With lees remaining (8)
12. Whip-stroke (4)
15. Unimaginative (5)
16. Slightly crazy is back (5)
20. Offensive smell (4)
21. Available service (8)
23. Take away from (7)
25. Caribbean country (5)
26. Works (7)
27. Snug (4)

Down

1. Integrity (6)
2. Enjoy indulgence (9)
4. Bordeaux wine (6)
5. Section (4)
6. Brazilian port (abb) (3)
7. Anarchic (7)
8. Alas an upward trend (5)
13. Rescindment (9)
14. Vertical and virtuous (7)
17. Swap (5)
18. More speedy (6)
19. Working the keys (6)
22. Precursor to rave (4)
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