

Finished At Last!

I was amused to read the letter from Miss M.L. of Dublin in "The People's Friend", Issue No. 7857. I, too, made the top of a quilt during my days of working and finished it about 25 years later in retirement. It is of sample blocks mainly in brick red and emerald green. I had started it off as a single quilt, but the single bed was discarded before I finished the top, so I just kept adding blocks until it was a king size. What's more is that I stitched and quilted the whole quilt by hand, making a block each evening while sitting down after dinner. I finally finished it about five years ago, and it is still in use today.



Mrs H.K., New Zealand.

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Star Letter

*Growing vegetables is full of aggravation and pain,
The bad back brought on from all the digging,
Regular watering when there's no rain.
That initial joy of watching a seed take
Is destroyed when it's devoured by a pest
- "FOR GOODNESS' SAKE!"
Trying to remain organic brings added stress,
Mixing concoctions to kill slugs and snails,
That continual fight for success.
But there is elation on seeing a cucumber finally grow
When so many have been lost
... Row upon row ...
Yes, the courgette, lettuce, broccoli and swede,
Are all coming on in spite of it all.
Watching crops flourish brings pleasure indeed.*



I have attached a photo of my son Henry, now five, who is a cheeky, obstinate little fellow whom I love dearly. Here is in our vegetable patch. Henry attends Hook-with-Warsash C of E Academy with his sisters Harriett (ten) and Heidi (eight). All three learn the piano and play cricket.

Mr T.A.S., Locks Heath.

Our Star Letter writer will receive a Dean's branded jute shopping bag containing a selection of delicious Dean's shortbread. Consume as part of a balanced diet. Prize may vary slightly from picture.

All other printed UK letters will win one of our famous tea caddies and a pack of loose tea. Our friends from overseas will receive an alternative prize.



The Kindness Of Strangers

My doctor thought I might have an aneurism so I had to travel to Ninewells Hospital in Dundee. As I live in Dunfermline, this was a bit intimidating so my son drove me. We arrived at the car park and began to look for loose change to pay for parking.

A lady suddenly appeared, offering to pay for us. She explained that when she had arrived at the hospital car park the first time, feeling anxious and without change, a gentleman paid for her parking and she wanted to pass on his kindness.

We thanked her and my son promised that he, too, will pass on this kindness in the future.

The kindness of strangers. And the good thing is that I didn't have an aneurism!

Ms E.H., Dunfermline.

Medals Mystery

I was thrilled to see in last week's issue that someone had been contacted by Adam Simpson York to tell her he had her grandfather's medal from World War I.

I wondered if he has any other medals to be passed on to relatives.

My grandfather Charles Arthur Smith won a DCM in 1918 for fixing telegraph wires. He also won four other awards, but no-one knows what happened to them as he remarried after my grandmother died.

Ms C.S., Northampton.

Strike The Pose

This is my daughter's cat Jessie posing next to a china model which looks remarkably like her.

Jessie was one in June and doesn't sit still like this much.

Ms S.A., Beccles.



Daddy's Little Helper

I thought your readers might like to see this photo of my great-grandson, Luke.

He is eighteen months old and loves helping.

He got his own little cleaner at Christmas and he loves it. He's Daddy's little helper.

Mrs J.M., Nailsea.



Vintage Patterns

As a collector of vintage knitting patterns, I was recently given these by a dear friend. I was delighted and even more so when I noticed they were from my favourite magazine, "The People's Friend".

I would say they are from the 1950s. I sometimes knit the patterns up and try to adapt them to modern wool. I have been knitting since I was eight years old. I'm now sixty-three.

Vintage knitting patterns always remind me of my dear mum - I still have



many of her patterns which I love to look through, and I remember the garments which she knitted up and we wore.

Mrs C.W., Felixstowe.

Serial Satisfaction

I would just like to say how much I enjoyed "The Tanner's Son", the new serial from Pamela Kavanagh. I couldn't wait for my "People's Friend" to arrive to read the next instalment.

Usually I turn to "Riverside", the weekly soap, first, but this serial was so exciting. I loved every part of it.

Thank you for supplying such a lovely magazine full of wonderful stories and interesting articles as well as cookery and things to make.

I have been reading this magazine for many years and am now seventy and never tire of reading it. Keep up the good work!

Mrs V.S., Kent.

Feed The Birds

For me, getting older means becoming concierge to our feathered neighbours, laying out veritable banquets and holding my breath with all the nervous anticipation of a first-time dinner hostess.

It wasn't so long ago that I didn't believe in all this, truth be told: feeding the birds makes them lazy, they can find insects...

But the reality can't be ignored: there are fewer insects than there were before.

Birds are a noisy, alive, dynamic, part of our landscape, and it is our duty to make sure they thrive! Please find your tuppence a bag and feed the birds.

Ms M.R., Ottery St Mary.

Puzzle Solutions from page 25

Word Ladder

One answer is:
JUNK, SUNK,
SANK, SAND,
SAID, SAIL,
MAIL.

Crossword

T	O	R	C	H	B	E	A	R	E	R	
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Pieceword

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Sudoku

6	9	7	1	4	3	8	2	5
3	4	5	2	9	8	6	1	7
1	2	8	5	6	7	4	9	3
9	7	3	4	8	5	2	6	1
8	6	4	7	1	2	3	5	9
5	1	2	9	3	6	7	4	8
2	8	1	3	5	4	9	7	6
7	3	9	6	2	1	5	8	4
4	5	6	8	7	9	1	3	2

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