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Dear All

Welcome to our November newsletter and unfortunately Lockdown 2 - the return! Please keep safe and don't forget if you fancy a chat, you know where I am.....Karen

Member Spotlight Brenda Denby – Chorley Branch

Brenda has been a member of Chorley branch for 25 years and after 3 years became Secretary. Brenda worked at the NHS for 37 years, 20 of those at Chorley Hospital outpatient department

where she was employed as a staff nurse, a sister and an outpatient manager.

Brenda starts to tell her story "In November 1979 our eldest son Paul was knocked down and severely injured on a main road not far from where we lived. He was admitted to the I.C.U. at Preston Hospital where his injuries were assessed. We were informed that his head injury was so severe that his life hung in the balance. Unfortunately, the decision was made (in consultation with us) to switch off his life support machines. However, my husband and I decided to donate some of Paul's organs for transplant. He was only 15 years old and we knew that the organs we donated would be viable. But this is not the end of the story.

In March 1984 our younger son Craig, answered a knock on our front door late one Sunday afternoon. He came into the kitchen and said

"Mum, there's a young man at the door saying he has one of Paul's kidneys". You can imagine my reaction. Going to the door, sure enough there stood a young man saying he had received one of Paul's kidneys. Obviously, we invited him in, eager to learn how he had tracked us down. Back in the 70's recipients of organs were not told who the donor was – likewise the donor's relations. We were only told that his organs had been used. I was very keen to know how he had found us. Steven, (the recipient) had been very ill with kidney failure when a match had been made with Paul's kidney. The transplant duly took place. One day in hospital waiting for an X-ray he spotted his case notes resting at the end of his trolley and read them.

He discovered that his kidney had been donated by Paul Denby from Preston, Lancashire . This was all the info he could find. He vowed then and there that when he was fully recovered, he would find



out more and come to thank us. He came up to Preston and went to the offices of the Lancashire Evening Post, found the story of our son's accident and managed to track us down. My husband had a friend in Blackburn who was a journalist. He telephoned him and told him what had happened and before we knew it photographers from newspapers arrived. It was quite a story. However, it did not end there.

Colin, Steven and Brenda



A few days later I was at work at Chorley Hospital when one of my staff informed me that I was to go and see one of the Hospital administrators. I duly went and was informed that I needed to go home immediately. My husband and I were to appear on T.V. AM the following morning with Steven. The train and hotel had been booked for that evening. The next few hours were quite a blur.

The following morning there I was in the makeup department, sat next to Bob Geldof (who was there to talk about the Live Aid concert). We were interviewed by Nick Owen and Anne Diamond. There was no time to feel nervous and the interview seemed to whizz by. When we came off air, we all enjoyed breakfast at the TV AM studios. Quite an experience! Steven lived in Luton but of course we kept in touch and saw him as often as possible. Looking back know it still seems incredible that Steven was able to find us and thank us. It brought us joy to know that our tragic loss gave Steven a better life.

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Mind Game Answers from October

Question 1 - Correct answer: C - France - Bonbons were first reported in the 17th century and were made at the French royal court.

Question 2 - Correct answer: C - 1.33 Tons - That's a lot of toffee. It was specifically pecan toffee, and contained approximately 7 million calories.

Question 3 - Correct answer: B - Liquorice Allsorts - Charlie Thompson is the name of the worker at Barratt's who reportedly tripped and unwittingly created this confectionery classic.

Question 4 - Correct answer: C - Communion wafers - That's right! Flying saucers were first made by Belgica as an alternative product they could sell because the demand for communion wafer was going down.

Question 5 - Correct answer: A - Butterscotch - A tray of Butterscotch was presented to her majesty on a trip to Doncaster!

Question 6 - Correct answer: B - Liquorice - Any true Pontefract cake fan won't think twice about this answer!

Question 7 - Correct answer: C - Germany - Werther's Original were first made in 1903 in the town of Werther in the Westphalia region of Germany.

Question 8 - Correct answer: C - Fudge - Fudge was first introduced in the 1800s, but prior to this if you'd said the word fudge, you'd have meant something clumsily put together or to cover a mistake up. And it can still mean this!

Question 9 - Correct answer: A - Jelly Babies - Jelly Babies are the sweet most associated with the Doctor, who in many episodes used Jelly Babies to try and diffuse tense situations.

Question 10 - Correct answer: B - Dog and Cat - Rhubarb was the dog, and Custard was the cat!



FREE TALKS FOR MEMBERS

Mirthy.

Replays now available on demand. Do remember that once you have registered and received a confirmation email with a link to join the talk live, once the talk has finished this same link can be used for 7 days to watch a replay of the talk on demand. If you cannot make the live talk when it is first shown you can watch it on your own for up to 7 days. Registration is easy - please just visit www.mirthy.co.uk/NHSRF and you will get an email with a link to click at the start of the talk.

The next talks planned are:

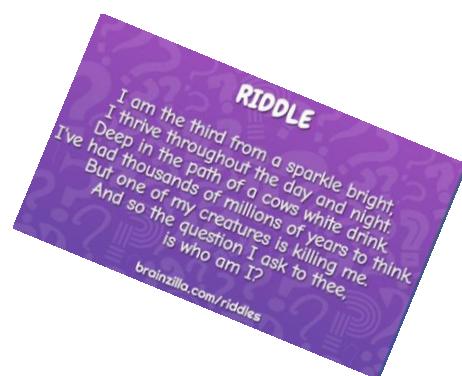
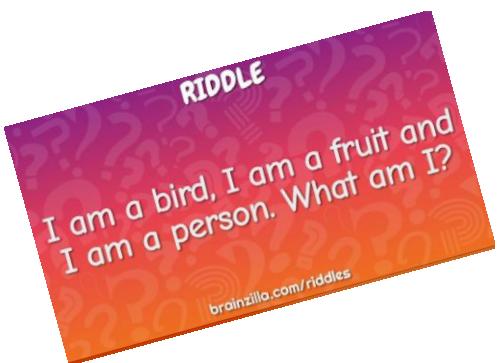
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| 1 Dec | - 10.45am A Christmas Entertainment – Sun Jester |
| 15 Dec | - 10.45am Tis the Season to be Jolly – Kath Reynolds |

Research Project – Northern Ireland

Did you, or anyone you know, move from Northern Ireland to Manchester, London or Glasgow in the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s or later? Or were you, or was anyone you know, born in Manchester, London or Glasgow to parents (one or both) from Northern Ireland? If so, a special academic research history project would love to hear from you. The oral history project is being run jointly by the universities of Manchester and Brighton and aims to look at how coming from Northern Ireland or having strong, family links to Northern Ireland shaped your childhood, education and into adulthood and careers. Participants will do a remote interview with researchers which could take up to three hours. It may touch on subject and issues which are hard for you to talk about, but researchers have been briefed on handling sensitive issues with care. If you would like further information, please email Lucia Hiden

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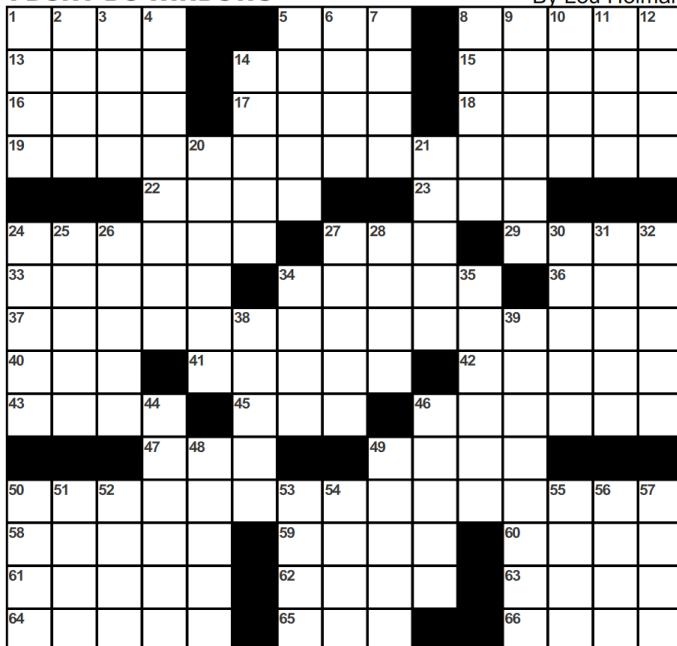
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ACROSS

- 1) A possible end to night?
- 5) Defeat on a mat
- 8) Flip a lid off
- 13) Vigorous spirit
- 14) You might make it up
- 15) Documentarian Michael
- 16) Unworldly person
- 17) With a clean slate
- 18) Bologna ball game
- 19) Flipped one's deadbolt
- 22) Act the agitator
- 23) If you take this, you'll be sick
- 24) Andean volcano
- 27) Tiny charged particle
- 29) Where the Magi came from
- 33) "None of the above" alternative
- 34) Coming-__ story
- 36) 901 in Roman numerals
- 37) Went from one side to another?
- 40) Sound heard after a lot of shots?
- 41) Yale of university fame
- 42) Strong suit
- 43) Munro's pen name
- 45) Santa Barbara-to-Vegas dir.
- 46) Had a hankering
- 47) "Go to your room!" commander
- 49) Completely gratify
- 50) Extremely anxious or excited
- 58) Elephant gone amok
- 59) White-and-black stacked snack
- 60) Varied group
- 61) True pain
- 62) "Star Wars" captain
- 63) Berserk
- 64) Ethical standards
- 65) "Yew" homophone
- 66) Yardstick units

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By Lou Holman



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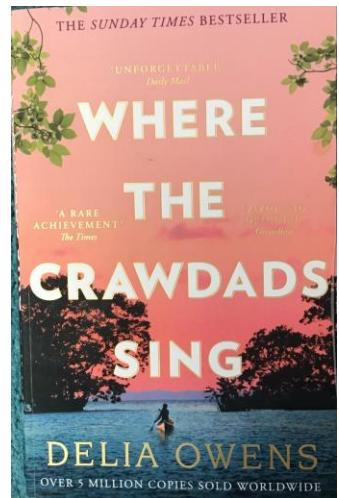
- 1) Waiter's offering
- 2) Thicke of "Growing Pains"
- 3) Track border
- 4) Carries out, as laws
- 5) Comic strip segment
- 6) Clinched, as a game
- 7) Water-loving salamander
- 8) Flower cluster, as on a carrot plant
- 9) Soup letter
- 10) Chanel of perfumery
- 11) Gas station brand
- 12) One's contemporary
- 14) Bed of nails user
- 20) Far from finely ground
- 21) Be contingent (on)
- 24) Highland waters
- 25) Airy courts
- 26) More than surprise
- 27) " __ shoe fits ..."
- 28) 20th largest island in the U.S.
- 30) Chipmunk snack
- 31) Dealt a blow, old-style
- 32) "My bike can't move because it's two-__"
- 34) Balder's father
- 35) Lacking in physical strength
- 38) Lacquer resin
- 39) Independent one
- 44) Exempt
- 46) "Gulliver's Travels" brute
- 48) Complies with
- 49) Upright stone monument
- 50) Study at the 11th hour
- 51) Corporate symbol
- 52) Hunchback in a lab
- 53) Brandy sniffer
- 54) "... how does your garden __?"
- 55) Ingredient in many lotions
- 56) They lay nits
- 57) Spoils of war

BOOK REVIEW

NHSRF Warrington Branch Chair - Wendy Smith gives us her book review :

This book was recommended to me by a likeminded friend but if I had seen it in a bookshop, picked it up and read the information on the front and back covers I would have put it back on the shelf.

The recommendation came during lockdown, so I wasn't able to visit a bookshop. I like to buy second-hand books if I can, I like the idea of them being recycled and it also saves a bit of cash, both good so I ordered it on eBay. When it arrived with the postman, I read the covers and thought it wouldn't be for me but wanted to tell my friend what I thought of it, so I began to read.



What makes a book special, what makes it catch your imagination? I think you need to have some empathy for the characters and, even though you know its only fiction, care what happens to them.

For me this very quickly developed for the main character, Kya. Though difficult circumstances she ends up being abandoned and grows up in the marsh area of the North Carolina coast. The descriptions of this area and its wildlife are exceptional and the gentle treatment of Kya's emotions as she grows up, managing to escape going to school and fending for herself are exemplary.

There follows a love story with two teenage boys who win her affection, a mystery, a court case and a thrilling conclusion. I'm deliberately being sketchy about these events, not to spoil your enjoyment.

This developed into a page turner for me, perhaps it would for you too. I was surprised to learn this is a first novel. I'm hoping for more.

Finally, just to say hope you enjoyed our Newsletter – comments would be appreciated, and we welcome any contributions for our next issue, maybe share with us what you are doing at this unprecedented time or send some photos and I take this opportunity of thanking our member contributors this month Wendy Smith and Brenda & Colin Denby.

Please note if you do have a contribution but haven't got anything typed up just give me a ring and I can type this up with you over the telephone call: 07967 489162 or email
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