

Craft spot with Jane Mowforth Happy Birthday NHS and thank you!

To mark the 72nd birthday of the NHS people across the country are being encouraged to get together and say thank you to everyone who has worked so tirelessly during the pandemic.

On **Saturday 4 July** there will be a minute's silence at 8.00pm and we are being encouraged to put a light, torch or candle in the window in remembrance. Famous buildings will be lit up in blue.

On **Sunday 5 July** at 12noon there will be a final clap of thanks for ALL the people who have helped during the pandemic. Following this everyone is encouraged to share time with friends and neighbours.



Craft idea

Gather a rainbow of flowers and place them in the window with a candle/night light, or colour a thank you poster in the colours of the rainbow and put it in your window.

Book Group News: Janet Smith suggested June's book: *A Town Called Alice* by Nevil Shute.

Sue Priddy explains: "The story falls into three parts which depict, very graphically, three vastly different cultures and lifestyles – post-war London Malaya during the Japanese invasion and Australia."

The central character Jean, together with a group of British expat women and children are made to walk around Malaya during the Japanese occupation. They were helped by an Australian prisoner of war, Joe Harman. (This part of the novel is based on the true story of a group of Dutch women and children being made to walk round Sumatra during the war, many of whom died)

Lindsay Norris said: 'Jean invests money in a dying outback village in Australia to encourage women to stay, so the lonely men can get married and start families.'

"I think Jean was a very kind person" said Janet.

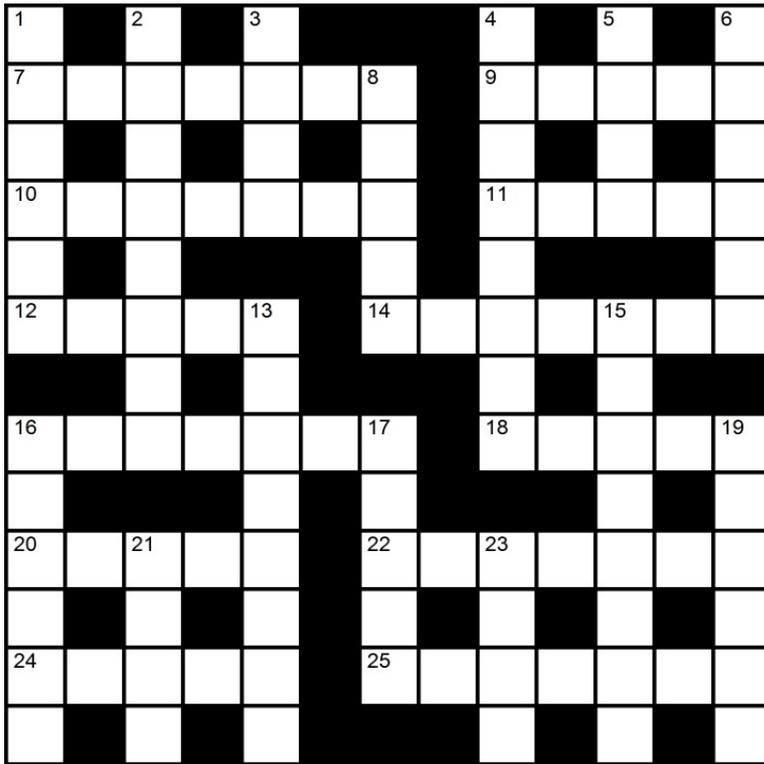
Jennie Herring said: "My favourite part was when Jean travelled to Australia . . . and eventually met up with Joe again. I thought their romance was very well written."

Both Jennie and Carol Bravo have visited Australia and experienced some of the very dry areas as depicted in the book, and heard some of the colloquialisms that were used.

Carol said: "I would definitely read the book again and would probably put it in a list of my 100 best books." *Gwen*

Tiger@Ten Crossword

Number 5 clues



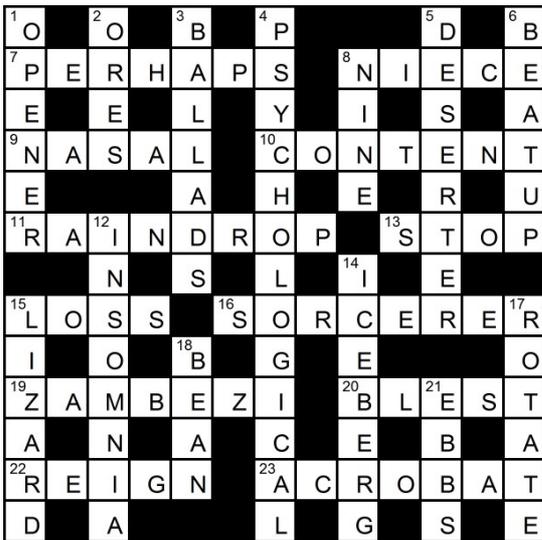
Across

- 7 Ceded (7)
- 9 Wear away (5)
- 10 Creatures (7)
- 11 Scowl (5)
- 12 Remove dirt with a broom (5)
- 14 Cosmetic brand (7)
- 16 Permanently inactive (7)
- 18 Aegean island known for its sweet wine (5)
- 20 Gaiety (5)
- 22 --- Ffestiniog (7)
- 24 Form of address for a woman (5)
- 25 Late (7)

Down

- 1 Road around an obstruction (6)
- 2 Dregs (8)
- 3 Notion (4)
- 4 Acts (8)
- 5 Game played on horseback (4)
- 6 Minute (6)
- 8 Miller's nickname (5)
- 13 Wide view of an extensive area (8)
- 15 Fruit drink (8)
- 16 Bivouac (6)
- 17 Forbidden (5)
- 19 Shallow dish (6)
- 21 Whirlpool (4)
- 23 Peak (4)

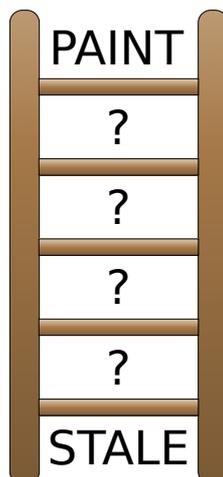
Crossword 4 solution



Wordladder

Change the bottom word into the top one a letter at a time, making a new word with each change.

Write your changes between the rungs.



And finally ...

We hope your sunflowers are growing well. We have heard that some are now flowering and soaring up . . . but still the tallest by far belongs to Val. It has now reached the dizzying height of 6ft 1" and is still growing! Can anyone else catch up with Val!