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Novel prayer Alison White, bishop of Hull, blesses a carving of Aslan, the lion who protects CS Lewis's Narnia from evil, for the north nave of St Mary's Church, Beverley

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Solve all five clues using each letter underneath once only

1 Lofty (4)

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2 Declare, assert (5)

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3 First, initial (7)

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4 System of linguistic rules (7)

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5 Nursery (9)

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A	A	A	A	C	E	E	G
G	H	H	H	I	I	L	M
M	M	O	O	P	P	R	R
R	R	R	S	S	T	T	Y

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Tube 'racist' attacked

A man was knocked unconscious on a London Underground train after appearing to direct racist abuse at black passengers. A video clip posted online shows him being punched by one of three men leaving the train at Bank station on Saturday evening. British Transport Police have appealed for witnesses. A police spokesman said that they were "aware of two videos on social media showing an incident on a Central Line Underground train on 15 August".

Drunk loses a wheel

A motorist with an "I'm not drunk, I'm avoiding potholes" sticker on his Range Rover has been charged with drink-driving after travelling for a mile with a wheel missing before hitting a bollard in Ironbridge, Shropshire. Police said the man was double the drink-drive limit. They said on Twitter: "Luckily [it was] just a bollard & not a car or person."

Tesco 'blackmail plot'

A farmer bought flowers for his wife after planting a jar of baby food containing metal shards at a Tesco store in Lockerbie, the Old Bailey was told. Nigel Wright, 45, is accused of trying to extort £1.4 million in bitcoin from Tesco. He claims he was forced to place the jar by travellers, and denies blackmail and contaminating goods. The trial continues.

Explosive reprimand

A woman who found a live hand grenade in her husband's study and drove into town with it in the boot of her car has been reprimanded by the police. Once the woman, who has been not named, arrived in the centre of St Helier, Jersey, she alerted the police who told her to drive to the harbour. Experts then took the Mills bomb away to destroy it.

Feast your mince pies

A museum charting the history of Cockneys will immerse visitors in the sights and sounds of a poverty-stricken East End of the 19th century when it opens this week, according to its founder, George Major, 82, Pearly King of Peckham. London property prices meant that the museum had to be located in Surrey, far from the Cockneys' traditional patch.

Childless children of the Sixties will have no one to care for them

Greg Hurst Social Affairs Editor

Baby boomer Britons are much more likely to depend on paid carers than on family members when they reach old age because of a large rise in childless couples, a report says.

Women born in 1965, who are now 55, are twice as likely to have remained childless as the generation of women born at the end of the Second World War who are in their mid-70s.

Adult children are the most common providers of informal care at home — other than spouses — with almost a third of people 85 and older receiving regular care from their offspring.

The Office for National Statistics said that in 30 years' time tens of thousands of people from the baby boomer generation will require care but will not have immediate family members to call on, making them much more likely to depend on paid carers for tasks such as dressing, washing, using the lavatory

and preparing meals or to move into residential care. More will have care needs that will not be met.

Over that period the number of childless women in their 80s will treble in England and Wales, from 23,000 last year to 66,313, it projected.

The actual number of women without children will be even higher because the projections are based on data from births plus estimates for numbers of stepchildren and adopted children but not all children survive until their parents reach old age.

Among those now in their 80s, when people are most likely to need care, 31 per cent receive care from one or more of their children, 16 per cent are looked after by a wider network of family members or friends and 8 per cent are cared for by their spouse or partner. Among those aged 65 and older who have children, only 7 per cent receive formal care, such as visits from a paid carer, while 21 per cent have in-

Percentage of women remaining childless by birth year



formal unpaid care. For people in the same age group who do not have children the proportion who receive formal care rises to 12 per cent, with 16 per cent having some form of informal care.

Other research has suggested that reasons for the rise in the number of couples without children among the baby boomer generation include easy access to contraception, changes in social attitudes towards voluntary childlessness, more women entering higher education and pursuing careers

and some women postponing having children until it was too late to conceive.

Catherine Foot, director of evidence at the Centre for Ageing Better, said: "Without action to fix our social care system, we risk sleepwalking into a crisis. We urgently need to find a fair and sustainable solution to ensure no one has to go without the care they need."

"But we also need to do more to prevent people needing care in the first place. This means making sure our homes keep us safe and independent for longer, and that people are supported to stay active."

Nina Hemmings, a researcher at the Nuffield Trust, said: "Action to meet this inevitable future demand must come now. We urgently need to see a fair, sustainable funding system which spreads the risks of catastrophic costs later in life and ensures that nobody is left in the lurch, including those without children or family support, when it comes to accessing the care they need."

Final mine in coal-rich county hews its last seam

Tom Ball

One of England's last remaining mines extracted its final lump of coal yesterday, bringing thousands of years of history in Co Durham to a close.

The Banks Group, which owns Bradley mine, had sought to expand the site but was turned down earlier this summer after a campaign by environmental and local activists.

The company said that without the expansion, which would have extracted a

further 90,000 tonnes of coal each year, mining in the area was no longer viable.

In February a coalition of former miners and activists from Extinction Rebellion was formed to protest against the planning application. Demonstrators dressed as canaries blockaded the entrance to the mine for three days.

Durham county council received more than 5,500 objections to the plan, many on environmental grounds.

The closure will mean the loss of dozens of jobs and will mark the end of an

era for Co Durham, which has been an important mining region for centuries.

It leaves the Hartington mine in Derbyshire, which had planned to shut at the start of the month, as the last surface mine in England. Several mines in Scotland and Wales are still in operation.

Reliance on coal has dropped dramatically in recent years, down from providing 40 per cent of Britain's electricity in 2012 to 2 per cent last year. The government has pledged to ban household coal by 2023 and phase out coal

entirely by 2024. Banks Group, which operates the mine at Bradley, is waiting for Robert Jenrick, the housing secretary, to decide whether plans for a new mine at Highthorn in Northumberland can go ahead.

Gavin Styles, its executive director, said he was "hugely frustrated, angry and sad" at having to inform staff at Bradley of the latest redundancy process, adding there was still "significant demand from British industry for the coal and fireclay that they produce".