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Posted - 18/08/2008 : 12:37:32

We stopped off in Marlow on the way home from Henley and popped into the Complete Angler for a drink on a sunny day. Dusty liked the hotel, she even holed up here for a few days when life in Taplow was being disrupted by the press. She was also interviewed here by Rob Hoerburger, when, as part of his article *Dusty Rides Again*, he wrote this...

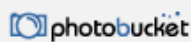
Teatime on the Thames. We're in Marlow, a hamlet that's a short drive west of London. Dusty Springfield moved back to England seven years ago, following the success of her collaborations with those postmodern popsters the Pet Shop Boys. The chart renaissance was brief, but it made her believe she had a place in her home country again. She lives just up the road with her cat, and she's been house hunting, wanting to get even closer to the river. It has a calming influence on her, but one that's dangerous to her fans because it can put singing out of her mind for years at a time. "Ah, here comes the regatta," she says wistfully, espying a line of geese.

Gray wisps dangle from inside her straw hat; she let the air out of her hair long ago, and any vestigial puffs of her beehive were flattened by the chemotherapy she underwent for breast cancer. Though in her official public appearances her face still looks a bit mummified, she wears surprisingly little makeup today, and her eyes, liberated from their mascal burden, have a yearning, we'll-always-have-Paris look. Despite her zaftig delusions, she looks trim and spry in her light denim, a rock-and-roll version of Auntie Mame. A country churchyard that lies a stone's throw across the river brings the poet Thomas Gray to Springfield's mind. But she's not ready for an elegy...

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Last part of call of the weekend was Taplow. I'm not sure whether it was ever decided on Bev's past visits, which house Dusty lived in but I can tell you it was this one, No 9. Doesn't look much from the front but I'm told the back gardens were wonderful and that's what sold it to her.

Carole x
"The days have come and gone since you were here..."

Posted - 18/08/2008 : 13:24:01

allherfaces
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Thanks for the photos and the RH interview excerpt--I can visualize Dusty in that setting now.

Looks like it was a beautiful day to be out and about.

~You thrill me with a holy kind of bliss. . . .So closer (closer)



Kathy
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Posted - 18/08/2008 : 15:00:19

Wonderful pictures Carole, thanks for posting. I think the house in Taplow the query was what street it was on (the number 9 wasn't in dispute). There are two similar sounding streets and both have appeared in print in connection with Dusty I understand. What was the name of this street?

xx
Kathy

"You're still here on my mind..."



mssdusty
I've got a good thing
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Posted - 18/08/2008 : 15:04:13

THANKS CAROLE NICE PICTURES

MARY



THE LOOK OF LOVE IS IN YOUR EYES!
Watch my video with Dusty on YouTube!



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Posted - 18/08/2008 : 16:01:09

It's Wellbank Kathy. There are two rows of houses and I remember there being some confusion about which block it was in but maybe it got sorted. Simon confirmed it for me.

Carole x
"The days have come and gone since you were here..."

Edited by - daydreamer on 18/08/2008 16:02:09



Will
Wasn't born to follow
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Posted - 18/08/2008 : 16:12:32

'The Compleat Angler' looks gorgeous, Carole - what a lovely place to sit near the river and sip something cool.. and that article piece was very evocative and captured the place wonderfully, I thought. Why do they spell 'Compleat' like that? Does it have a particular meaning? Place name?

England is such an extraordinarily wonderful and beautiful place. So many fantastic places to go and see.

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Will
<http://www.mactastic.net/>

"..Catch me if you can - I'm goin' back.."



Posted - 18/08/2008 : 16:14:09

I thought when I got home I'd try and find that out Will and now you've just reminded me!

Carole x
"The days have come and gone since you were here..."



Posted - 18/08/2008 : 16:48:18

:)

Will
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"..Catch me if you can - I'm goin' back.."



Posted - 18/08/2008 : 16:49:06

From the Mac dictionary..

>>• (also compleat) chiefly humorous skilled at every aspect of a particular activity; consummate : these articles are for the compleat mathematician. [ORIGIN: the spelling compleat is a revival of the 17th cent. use as in Walton's The Compleat Angler.]<<

Wonder if that explains it?

Will
<http://www.mactastic.net/>

"..Catch me if you can - I'm goin' back.."



Posted - 18/08/2008 : 18:03:51

Fabulous pictures Carole, and you seem to have had better weather than we have.

Wendy



Posted - 18/08/2008 : 19:01:31

Well done Will 🏆

Carole x
"The days have come and gone since you were here..."



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Will
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Posted - 18/08/2008 : 19:25:20

So. It's named after a book.. thankfully, they didn't call it "Fly Fishing" (after the famous book by J.R.Hartley)..

The Americans won't have a clue what we're talking about ;)

Will
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Posted - 18/08/2008 : 20:29:29

Yes Will, Izaak Walton lived in the Marlow area and wrote his book The Compleat Angler in 1653. There now, you learn something new every day 😊

Carole x
"The days have come and gone since you were here..."

Edited by - daydreamer on 18/08/2008 20:30:28



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Will
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Posted - 18/08/2008 : 21:11:13

>>There now, you learn something new every day<<

I certainly have! But I'm still utter rubbish at Trivial Pursuit :(

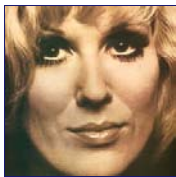
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memphisinlondon
Where am I going?
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Posted - 18/08/2008 : 23:02:04

Thanks for the excerpt from the Rob Hoerburger article and the lovely pictures. Such a modest house even if it has a lovely big garden. So close to the neighbours. Dusty had absolutely no pretensions. I can see that here. Thanks Carole. Looks like you had a perfect day. 😊

Memphis
Ever since we met...



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Chrispld
I'll try anything
★★



Posted - 19/08/2008 : 00:17:26

Thanks for those photos Carole and article about Dusty.

Chris



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Cas19
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Posted - 20/08/2008 : 12:49:38

Lovely pics Carole, so interesting about the Complete Angler, if I ever knew half these things, I have long since forgotten. 😊 It all looks so lovely, Henley is very picturesque.

Casx



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'Something in your eyes'



bobbie
I start counting

Posted - 22/08/2008 : 05:28:41



Carole,
Hope some of the Dusty Day visitors will want to see this when we yanks cross the pond for "DUSTY" in '09.

BOBBIE



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dusty_freak
I've got a good thing
★★★★★

Posted - 22/08/2008 : 05:57:03

Thanks for the info and photos Carole 😊



Clare xoxo

"You know you've got it if it makes you feel good..."



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Corinna
Forum Admin
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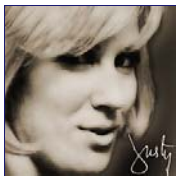
Posted - 22/08/2008 : 19:52:44

"We'll always have Paris" look... I can imagine JUST how she looked...

Thanks for that article, Carole. What a lovely place also!

Cor xx

"I don't know what it is that makes me love you so..."



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Posted - 22/08/2008 : 22:30:39

Anyone who hasn't read the whole article, and it's a really good one, can do so via Michael Bayly's site....

<http://www.cptelecom.net/mbayly/article1.htm>

Carole x

"The days have come and gone since you were here..."



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Will
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Posted - 23/08/2008 : 12:37:45

Lovely. Thanks, Carole :)

Will
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