

TEN WORD TALES No. 4

Blackberry-on-the-Mead

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CHAPTER 3



Within a very short time, everyone in the village had heard the news. Everyone was running round in excitement.

Mr Jones, who had been in the army when he was younger, called everyone to order.

“For all we know, the Queen will be taken off in another direction by a royal helicopter but just in case she comes this way, let’s make a sensible plan.”

Everyone agreed and soon a sensible plan took shape.

A retired mechanic went to help with the Queen's car and Mr Jones drove his own car to bring the Queen to the village if she would like to visit and rest.

Antoine, George and Miss Frangipane decided on refreshments, in case the Queen was hungry. The village school children were divided into teams to make banners and flags. Everyone else was to tidy the village. This was an easy job as, unwittingly, they were perfectly prepared, having had a Best Berry Garden competition only the week before. All the gardens were at their finest and smartest, just needing some last minute trimming.

Mia had been sent as a messenger, because no phones worked in the bend in the sea road. She would bring news of what was happening. The children spilled out of the school, holding their flags. At last a flash of orange in the distance and Mia's bicycle and Mia herself came into view.

"She's coming!" she called and the words seemed to be carried on the air, as everyone echoed them. "She's coming! She's coming!"

And then, "She's here!"

Watch out for Chapter 4 tomorrow!

