

CLN NEWSLETTER

May 2020

Hello - I do hope you are all keeping well.

I am sorry that you have not been able to receive your usual monthly magazine, but I am sure you will understand that the safety of our volunteer printers and distributors is paramount.

As clerk to the parish council I have witnessed just how wonderfully the community has risen to the challenge of these unprecedented times.

There have been volunteers galore with many undertaking click and collect shopping for their neighbors and medication runs.

Gardens are being lovingly tended and household jobs are being completed after many years of being put off. We are coming together as a community at 8pm on a Thursday evening to say thank you to the NHS and all the brilliant key workers.

I am sorry if you or your loved ones have been affected by this awful virus. Continue to look after each other.

Keep safe and well - Tina



Sadly our local parish VE Day commemorations have been cancelled, however that hasn't stopped some in the parish from hanging out bunting and posters – and very nice it looks too...

Some national events are still taking place and if safety permits why not take part. 8th May

- 11am- Two Minutes Silence
- 3pm- Churchill's speech on the BBC (picnics in the garden)
- 6pm- Raise a glass to your neighbours
- 9pm–Sing along with the Royal British Legion
- 'We'll meet again' following the Queen's address.





Hello –it's me Harvey!

I hope you are keeping well and not missing school and your friends too much, I also hope that you are enjoying spending more time with your family. Of course I know some children are still going to school as their parents are woofy key workers.

I have still been going out for my exercise and I have seen lots of people out for runs, bike rides and walks, but I keep my distance as that is important at this time.

Enjoy the colouring

Keep safe



St Sofa's

We worship at St Sofa's now
Since Covid came to stay
We don't dress up or do our hair
But still we come to pray!

Our Vicar is a clever chap
A Zoom with his IT
And so we sit down ev'ry week
And meet up virtually!

Our Parish Church stands empty
With praise she does not ring;
But still her people gather round
To pray, and praise, and sing!

The virus is a nasty thing
Yet it has helped us see
The church is NOT a building
But folk like you and me!

By Nigel and Carol Beeton



Where was the social distancing?



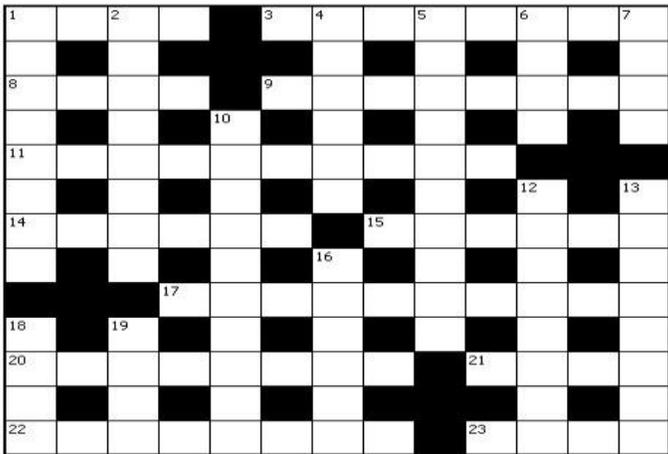


Polite church

“The congregation was wonderful,” said the visiting minister after the Zoom service. “They were so polite that they even covered their mouths when they yawned.”

Makeup

Every morning, a little girl would go in the bathroom to watch her mother as she was putting on her makeup to go to work. But during coronavirus, the mother stopped bothering with makeup, much to her daughter’s confusion. “Mummy,” she cried early on in the lockdown: “Come back! You forgot to kiss the toilet paper goodbye!”



CLUES

Across

- 1 See 23 Across
- 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8 Invalid (4)
- 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
- 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
- 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in — , faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was — , to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4) 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

As I type this, we are all in shut down, and not quite sure for how long. One report said 8 weeks, another 3 months, as most of our committee are old and fragile my guess is the latter. The RNLI committee planned to have a Plant sale on the 2nd May, this will not happen, we also planned our popular 'small & friendly' Boot sale on 6th June, although this is beyond the dates given out at the moment we decided it was too close to risk.

At the moment, the August bank holiday Cobham fete seems to be our possible first outing. We have plenty of bric-a-brac to dispose of (at very reasonable prices) and strangely enough RNLI Christmas cards and calendars always are a best seller at that event. If things continue to improve an Autumn Event in October is very likely.

Still going strong after about 200 years, the RNLI is a very worthwhile charity, with lots of very good people risking their lives, helping others at sea and on the coast, all without government support. The fund raising branch at Meopham was founded by Joan and Frank Saunders, (perhaps you remember them, Joan died in 1998) and the committee are mostly the same as those days. We are no longer as able to cope with the same amount of events as before and had already decided to slow down, this year cutting out the Spring coffee morning or going to Harvel fete. It is probable that we may decide to make this or next year our very last, and will look back on our time as very enjoyable, making friends along the way and doing what we consider to be one of the most worthwhile fundraising causes in the country, who will continue to need all the support that you can give for the foreseeable future..

Sandra.



ANSWERS

Across

- 1 Care
- 3 Paradise
- 8 Null
- 9 Profaned
- 11 Legalistic
- 14 Closed
- 15 Stores
- 17 Missionary
- 20 Covenant
- 21 Thai
- 22 Trade-off
- 23 Eden

Down

- 1 Conflict
- 2 Religion
- 4 Arrest
- 5 Affliction
- 6 Iona
- 7 Eddy
- 10 Allegiance
- 12 Preached
- 13 Assyrian
- 16 A son of
- 18 Scot
- 19 DVLA

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