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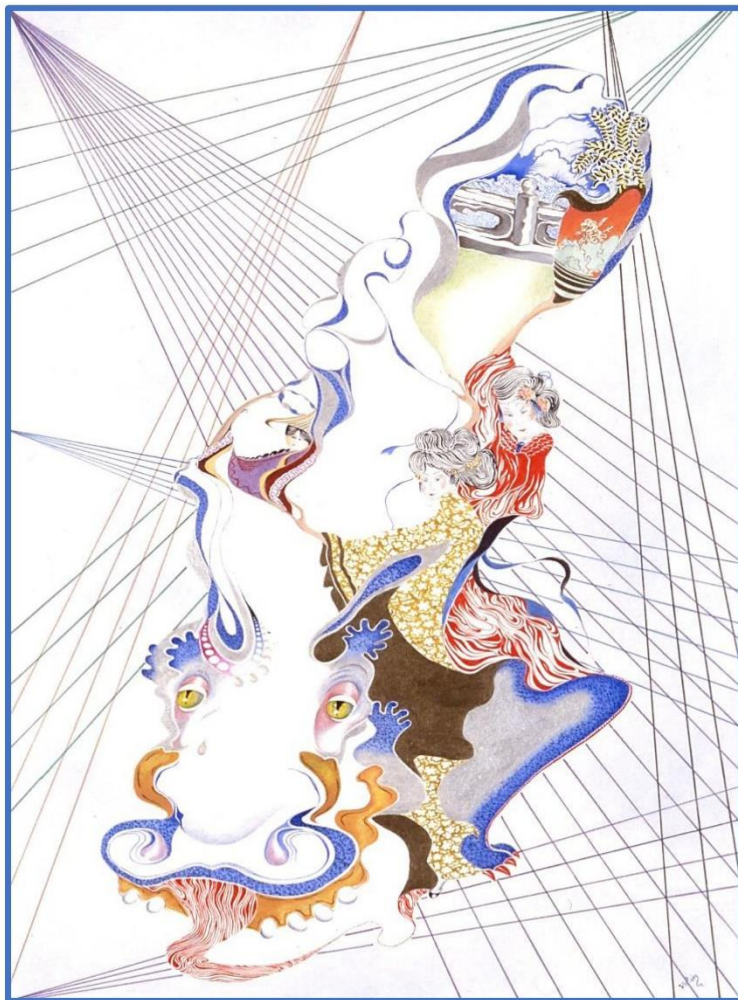
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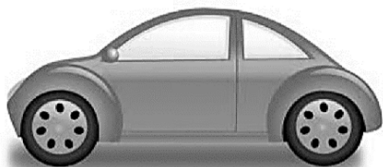
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# Message from the Editor

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

I must apologise for the late arrival of this issue of your magazine. At the beginning of March when information and articles for this issue started to arrive in my in-tray, there was little indication of the restrictions that would be placed upon society and social activities. Since then, we have seen a rapid closedown of all venues where groups of people may congregate to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

The Government's sensible measures have meant much of the material received for publication in this issue is no longer relevant. These include:

- Dorking Museum closed, and all external events cancelled until further notice.
- National Trust Box Hill Visitor Centre and Leith Hill Place closed until further notice.
- Local Music including Watermill Jazz events cancelled without any certainty when events will be able to start again.
- Churches closed and scheduled seasonal celebrations and events cancelled.
- Box Hill Good Neighbours' meetings and events suspended until further notice. **The Volunteer Drivers Scheme to take people to essential hospital and doctor visits will try to continue with a very limited pool of drivers.**
- Box Hill Village Hall closed so that all group meetings held therein are suspended until further notice including:
  - ◇ Box Hill Yoga                      ◇ Box Hill Social Club
  - ◇ Moves Fitness                    ◇ Box Hill Villagers
  - ◇ Box Hill Craft Club           ◇ All other Craft Groups
- Dorking Society of Artists' Spring Exhibition at Betchworth Village Hall cancelled.
- The Gage Players production of "Molly's Calling" scheduled for April but now postponed until November 2020
- Travel Agents' business seriously impacted by travel bans, tour cancellations and aircraft groundings. It's not the time for a Travel Blog.

Not since the 1918-1920 Spanish Flu epidemic has the world experienced such a widespread health risk. With coronavirus spreading quickly throughout the world, and especially Europe at the time of writing, daily life is more challenging and restrictive for all of us.

Keep Safe and Stay Well.

# ***Box Hill* News**

## **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS Renewal 2020-21**

The fact you've received this issue of the magazine at all was something of a challenge, and we must thank our volunteer home delivery team for distributing them at a time when our movements are restricted and great care must be taken to maintain a safe distance (the 2-metre rule) from others. Thank you, team.

This is the last issue in our subscription year. We would normally be inviting current subscribers to renew by attaching a brown envelope to this issue and asking you to return the envelope to your home deliverer when the June-July issue is delivered to you.

At this time, no one knows how the COVID-19 epidemic is going to spread or how long the current social-distancing measures are going to be in place. In view of this, we would not want to endanger any of our subscribers or team members by collecting envelopes which might require personal contact.

In view of this, we will not be putting out the brown subscription renewal envelopes until the next issue, cover dated June-July, which will be delivered at the end of May. **Envelopes will not then be collected until the end of July.**

We really hope all our subscribers will renew for another year. We know many of you are keen to make your payment promptly which is much appreciated. However, in the current circumstances as mentioned above, we would ask all subscribers to hold their payments until the end of July when hopefully the current social-contact restrictions have been eased.

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### **BHNC PUBLIC MEETING**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the meeting on 2nd March in the Village Hall. Thanks too to David Preedy and Hazel Watson for attending and answering questions. Yellow Lines, SES road works, drainage outside the Glade were discussed and these items are covered in David Preedy's report (p. 16-17).

**Prudential Ride London:** Hazel Watson is pressing for consultation on whether this will be continued. This will be discussed by Cabinet County Hall at the end of April when a decision will be made.

**Membership of BHNC:** Due to personal commitments and ageing of some committee members, it has been increasingly difficult to maintain and improve the free services that BHNC provides to residents. The committee would welcome volunteers prepared to give up some of their spare time to become a member of the BHNC Committee.

**Redundant Phone Box at Hillcrest:** It was agreed not to adopt it as it was not the old-style red phone box and appears to be on private land.

**Litter Picking:** In recent years, Malcolm Ladell has arranged litter picking throughout the roads within the village of Box Hill by members and friends of BHNC at about the same time as that carried out regularly in Headley by members and friends of Headley Parish Council. Bags and handheld pickers were provided by MVDC plus additional handheld pickers provided by BHNC with the rubbish being collected and disposed of by MVDC. Due to ill health this had fallen by the wayside on Box Hill until Rob Moon a new resident moved in and started to do it himself. If anyone would like to help him, please contact Rob by emailing: rom64@icloud.

**Obnoxious smell along sections of Boxhill Road:** This could be overflow of drains or sewers caused by flooding due to recent very heavy downpours of rain. This has already been reported to SCC Cllr Hazel Watson and MVDC Cllr David Preedy.

### **BHNC EVENTS & MEETINGS FOR 2020**

Date	Day	Event
01-Jun	Monday	BHNC AGM, 8.00pm Village Hall
05-Oct	Monday	BHNC Public Meeting, 8.00pm Village Hall

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## **HIGHWAYS**

The BHNC does monitor any issues and reports them to Surrey CC Highways. If residents have any concerns, they should report them to David Preedy, our District Councillor.

## **PLANNING**

Nothing to report at this time. BHNC does review any planning notices received and general matters are highlighted to Committee members if required. Any planning issues or queries should be referred to David Preedy.

## **CYCLING EVENTS**

Information not available at time of going to press due COVID-19 uncertainty.

## **PARKING IN NATIONAL TRUST CAR PARKS**

Last year, NT changed their system so that all NT members must now display a ticket in their cars - the badge on the window isn't sufficient. This enables countryside properties to get £2 credit for members visiting, as the pay for entry NT properties do. So, if you are a NT member and using the car parks, please do help Box Hill's funds by getting a ticket whenever you visit. To get a free ticket you will need to enter your NT membership number.

## **REPORTING A POTHOLE**

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## **BOX HILL COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

If you haven't already registered on our website, please do. It's very easy, just go to [www.boxhillcommunity.com](http://www.boxhillcommunity.com). Once registered you will receive regular emails about items of interest to the village.

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### **FEEDBACK**

The BHNC welcomes residents to feedback any concerns they might have about the village. You can do this by emailing [admin@boxhillcommunity.com](mailto:admin@boxhillcommunity.com) or contacting any member of the BHNC: Martin Williams, Jeremy John, Julie Lever, Malcolm Ladell or Jen Martinez (Ladell). We also welcome suggestions on how the money we raise could be distributed for the benefit of the village.

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

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## Update: David Preedy

**Mole Valley District Councillor for Box Hill and Headley**

Things are moving rapidly at the moment so I hope that most of this report will remain up to date by the time the Box Hill News lands on your doormat!!

**Coronavirus Pandemic:** It looks very likely that this will have a significant impact on our communities, with more people having to self-isolate. So please can I ask everybody to keep an eye open for your neighbours, especially those who are more vulnerable or who cannot use the Internet to keep in touch, order food, etc. I am currently trying to work out a scheme whereby would-be volunteers can put their names forward to provide simple help – collecting prescriptions etc. - but clearly, we need to ensure volunteers do not put themselves at risk. When a scheme is in place, I will advertise it on local noticeboards etc.

**SES Water Roadworks at Headley:** For those inconvenienced by the water main replacement work at Headley we expect the closure point to move to South of the shop at about the end of March. We have also been told that the latest plan is for the subsequent works on Headley Common Road to be done under traffic light control, rather than complete closure; If so, this would be a vast improvement in reducing the traffic that would otherwise go along Boxhill Road and in reducing the impact on the local bus service.

**Parking in Boxhill Road:** Three applications have been submitted by local residents for changes to the parking restrictions along Boxhill Road as part of Surrey's annual Parking Review; the proposals will be open for consultation later in the Spring – possibly in April.

- The first proposal would extend the current double yellow lines on the Northern side of Boxhill Road from The Stables to Ashurst Drive
- The second proposal would fill in the gap in the current double yellow lines on the Southern side of Boxhill Road outside Hillcrest mobile home park
- The third proposal would put double yellow lines both sides of the road outside the entrances to Upper Farm and the Smith & Western.

The consultation process will be advertised by notices in the affected areas and residents will be able to indicate support or opposition for the scheme or to suggest a reduction in the scheme proposed; suggestions to increase the schemes cannot be considered until next year's round of Parking Reviews.

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# Update: David Preedy (Continuation)

**Road Surface Water:** The recent wet weather has highlighted the number of wet spots on local roads. Surrey Highways have agreed to prioritise looking more closely at the drainage problems which have caused flooding outside The Glade. If you suffer from a similar wet spot, please make sure you report it on the Surrey Highways website every time it gets bad. It may well not lead to an instant resolution, but without clear the evidence of how often the problems arise, your "favourite" wet spot will never get to the front of the queue for the limited funds available.

**In Conclusion:** Please feel free to get in touch with any matters affecting our communities.

## **David Preedy**

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## Stop the Spread of COVID-19

The coronavirus that causes COVID-19 is transmitted on minute water droplets emitted by us when we breathe, talk, cough or sneeze, or when we touch infected surfaces and then our mouth, nose or eyes. Common colds and flu are transmitted in exactly the same way.

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# Coronavirus and the Food Chain



Supermarkets are confident that they can cope, not least because there is a limit to how much people can sensibly stockpile. So, they believe that shopping patterns should return to normal eventually. But the coronavirus pandemic has awakened wider fears about the security and strength of the hugely complicated supply chains, or logistics systems, that modern societies depend on.

There is an old military saying that while "amateurs talk about tactics, professional soldiers study logistics". Meanwhile, the Chinese military theorist Sun Tzu wrote that "the line between disorder and order lies in logistics". To test that idea, you only have to look in your kitchen cupboard or fridge. Almost certainly nearly everything in there came from a shop that was stocked by a lorry or van. And much of the food originated from a long way away.

Half of the food consumed in the UK comes from overseas, official figures show, with 30% coming from the European Union. Some basics like flour for bread, or lamb chops, may well have come from the other side of the world.

Not only that, but the introduction of "just in time" manufacturing in recent years means that many companies don't store the components necessary to keep their factories running. They are dependent on the parts arriving "just in time" from their suppliers, often from thousands of miles away.

While that has led to the closure of nearly every car plant in the UK, that same system has also been adopted by the large supermarket chains. As Tim Lang, professor of food policy at London's City University, explains, that makes the system vulnerable. "It is like a web of stretched rubber bands," he says, "if one breaks then it knocks on through the system."

The whole point of just in time logistics is to get rid of the cost of warehousing, and so there are not many reserves of food in the UK. So, keeping logistics working is essential to putting food on the table, and keeping the country's economy working. But how robust is it, and what plans are there to keep it working when more and more people become ill, or are isolated, by the virus?

The good news is that there are plans in place to keep essential supplies flowing. For example, the Freight Transport Association is working hard to ensure that, in the face of a shortage of garage mechanics, trucks still get serviced as and when required.

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## Coronavirus and the Food Chain (Continuation)

Meanwhile, the government is treating logistics workers in the same way as the emergency services or NHS staff. So, they should have better access to coronavirus testing, and be able to keep their children in school, so that they are free to go to work.

There is also spare capacity that is now free to be used. For instance, the closure of car plants across the country means that their fleets of supply trucks will not be needed for the duration. And the same goes for suppliers to all the restaurants, bars and cafes which have been shut down. Such suppliers already have the facilities and equipment to deliver food to supermarkets - refrigerated vans, food handling systems, warehousing that can be quickly repurposed for delivery to stores, or even to add to online food delivery capacity. There is also a lot of retail capacity that is not now being used, and so can be diverted to food, medicines and hospital supplies. John Lewis, for example, has moved staff from its closed department stores to its Waitrose supermarkets. Meanwhile, Amazon is taking on 100,000 extra workers.

The logistics industry seems confident that it can keep the shops supplied. Christopher Smelling, the Freight Transport Association's head of policy, says that the continuing empty shelves is a result of panic buying, and not a lack of supply. He adds that the "massive fall" in the number of cars on the road is helping matters because it "frees up logistics" - easier and speedier journeys mean more deliveries can be made every day by every driver.

However, not all the extra buying in supermarkets is for stockpiling or panic buying - in London a quarter of all meals are normally eaten outside the home. Closing all cafes, bars and restaurants has had the obvious consequence of increasing demand for food from shops, and that will continue.

The UK is also vulnerable because it does not operate in a vacuum, it imports almost half of its food, and therefore the smooth working of other countries supply chains is vital to our own. As borders across Europe have been sealed, exceptions have been made for the trade in goods. But the UK is dependent to a large degree on that continuing, and on Spanish farmers, French lorry drivers and Dutch dock workers turning up to work. At the moment this system still seems to be working. Goods are still arriving from Italy for instance, even though the country is in a shutdown. But it would only take one country to start banning the export of food for the whole system to be at risk, as others retaliate to secure their own supplies.

If coronavirus has shown us anything, it is how complicated and delicate supply chains have become. After this crisis has passed, there is bound to be immense pressure on companies and governments to strengthen and simplify them.

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Source: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/) Author: Jonty Bloom, Business Reporter [26 March 2020]



## **Suggestions on helping yourselves and your neighbours over 70 or those with health issues during the Coronavirus-COVID-19 crisis**

As a result of the Coronavirus situation we would like to encourage all residents of Box Hill to pull together and look out for their neighbours, particularly those over 70 and those with health issues who have been advised to self-isolate.

It is obviously a very worrying time for everyone, and we appreciate the implications that self-isolation can have on one's anxiety levels, but on the positive side it is an opportunity to connect with neighbours you might not have met before. Putting a little note through their doors offering your support if you are able to help is a simple way to contribute.

Obviously, the information is changing daily. We have been following the advice from the government and encourage you to do the same:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>.

Below is a list of suggestions to physically and mentally help protect yourselves and your neighbours.

### **1. Limit your information sources**

Always remember that the media are not primarily attempting to give you information or make you feel in control of the situation. Even supposedly high-quality media outlets need to sell papers or get you to click on their links. They can't do that by writing soothing headlines about the facts and the practical things you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones.

### **2. Reframe your Activities**

If you are stuck in self-isolation, or your daily activities are limited by your worries about the virus, you can reframe it as an opportunity to do all those things you always meant to do if you only had a bit more time at home.

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# **Box Hill Neighbourhood Council** (Continuation)

## **3. Get some fresh air and exercise**

If you are self-isolating, this can be tricky, but even if you can just access your garden for a little while, some fresh air and sunlight can really have an impact on your spirits. You might be able to go for a run or walk or take your dog or the dog of an elderly neighbour for a walk, but just remember to keep a distance of at least 6ft 6in (about 2m) between yourself and other walkers.

## **4. Keep in touch from afar even if you can't meet up**

If your isolating neighbours have access to technology allowing them to use things such as Face Time or Skype it is a great way to keep in contact.

## **5. Possible Fraudsters**

Sadly, we have seen reports where tricksters have posted notes through doors offering their help and taking cash or credit cards to buy groceries etc but not being seen again. So, we would advise caution.

## **Hilltop Stores (01737 842127)**

Hiren says he would be happy to make home deliveries for telephone orders or lists dropped into the shop, but he would only be able to deliver after 7pm. Please note that he does not have the facility to take credit card payments over the phone so you would need to pay cash or ask somebody to go to the shop and pay by credit card.

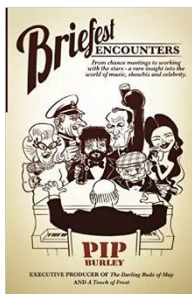
## **Volunteering to Help**

The best way to help, as we mentioned above, is to connect with your nearest neighbours. We are unable to offer a matching scheme to connect the healthy with those in need, but we would be happy to publish a list of names, addresses and phone numbers if you wanted to give us your details.

If you have concerns about particular neighbours, please let us know and we will do our best to see how we can support them.

Hopefully the coming weeks will see us all pull together and weather the storm.

# BOOKWORM compiled by Ann Marshall



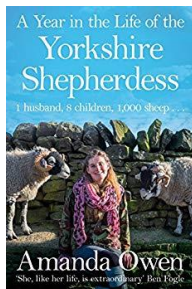
## **Briefest Encounters by Pip Burley**

In Briefest Encounters, pianist, composer, publisher, ad-man, TV producer and businessman, Pip Burley, reflects upon some of the people he has met and worked with during a jack-of-all-trades career - including the stars of *The Darling Buds of May* and *A Touch of Frost*. Mostly he describes these experiences with affection, embracing the inevitable highs and lows as all part of the illusory and sometimes duplicitous world of the media - and only occasionally dwelling on the odd unpleasantness he has met with from time to time. As well as being a chronicle of some of the best-known celebrities of a generation, Briefest Encounters is a fascinating insight into the celebrity mindset and what it is like to be behind the scenes when the magic dust of showbusiness is being conjured up and sprinkled around.



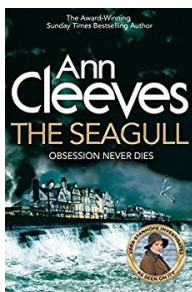
## **Coming Home to Island House by Erica James**

Summer 1939. After touring Europe, Romily Temple returns to Suffolk and her new husband the charismatic Jack Dervereux. But when Jack falls ill, his estranged children are called back and given seven days to bury their resentments and accept their new stepmother. This is an excellent author and I hope she writes a sequel to this book.



## **A Year in the Life of the Yorkshire Shepherdess by Amanda Owen**

If you have seen the television programmes and read her first book, then you will really love this one. Amanda takes us through the year month by month. Through the tribulations and triumphs of farming and family life with now 9 children (only 8 in this book). The book is both sad and hilarious and is a wonderful tale of life in the Yorkshire Dales.



## **The Seagull by Ann Cleeves**

As ever this author is excellent. The detective you will know if you have watched Vera on TV. Set in the North East there is plenty of atmosphere and a very intriguing story line that will really keep you guessing right until the end. This is one detective story not to be missed.

# ActionFraud FRAUD ALERT

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre



## EBAY - Avoiding buying scams



Another form of scam has been seen recently and Action Fraud have issued the following warnings and advice.

1. Remember that eBay Money Back Guarantee only covers eligible transactions that are completed ON eBay.co.uk and paid for with PayPal. Find out more about our eligibility requirements for eBay Money Back Guarantee.
2. Always read the listing carefully and check the seller's Feedback before buying. The more you're spending, the more cautious you should be. Read our information on buying with confidence.
3. Be cautious about sending payments for high-priced items that you'd normally inspect in person - such as vehicles - especially if the seller is asking for a payment method other than PayPal.
4. Look out for these common warning signs:
  - a. Items or vehicles advertised at well below their market value. Remember, if the price sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
  - b. Sellers who refuse to meet in person or refuse to let the buyer physically inspect the item before buying.
  - c. Transactions in which the seller and the item - especially vehicles - are in different locations. Criminals often claim to have that they've had to move for work or due to family circumstances, or that they've left the vehicle with a 'local delivery company'.
  - d. Sellers who claim to have made arrangements with an 'eBay Financial Centre' or eBay's Vehicle Purchase Protection Program. eBay doesn't have a 'Financial Centre', and eBay Motors Vehicle Purchase Protection is only available for vehicles purchased on eBay.com.
  - e. Sellers who request payment via bank transfer to an eBay bank account. eBay does not act as an escrow\*\* service, nor request money from buyers to be paid into our bank account.
  - f. Sellers who request payment by instant cash transfer via Western Union or MoneyGram. These payment methods aren't permitted on eBay.

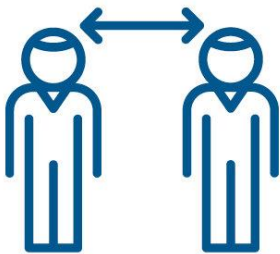
\*\* An escrow is a financial arrangement where a third party holds and regulates payment of the funds required for two parties involved in a given transaction. While the payment is 'In Escrow' the transaction can be safely carried out without risk of losing money or merchandise due to fraud.

# COVID-19

Novel Coronavirus

Help stop the  
spread of COVID-19

## Please Keep Social Distance



- Social distancing means keeping 2 metres apart from others **NB: That's 6½ feet**



# RECOGNISING CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS

Source: <https://www.boots.com/health/covid-19/reognising-coronavirus-symptoms>



# RECOGNISING CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS	CORONAVIRUS Symptoms range from mild to severe	COLD Gradual onset of symptoms	FLU Rapid onset of symptoms	HAYFEVER	ASTHMA
Fever ( $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Common	Rare	Common	No	No
Cough	Common (usually dry & continuous)	Mild	Common (usually dry)	Sometimes (usually dry)	Sometimes (wheeze & cough)
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No	No	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Rare	Common	Sometimes	No
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes	'Itchy' throat	No
Runny / stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common	No
Sneezing	No	Common	No	Common	Rare
Aches & pains	Sometimes	Common	Common	No	No
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes	No
Diarrhoea	Rare	No	Sometimes (for children)	No	No

Adapted from: World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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## **Information from Mole Valley on Bin Collections**



'We're doing everything we can to keep bin collections running as normal during the Coronavirus pandemic. But it's likely that services will be impacted soon because of staff shortages due to parental leave or sickness. To help us prepare, here are some things that you can do to help:

- Due to reduced traffic, your usual collections time may change.

Please put your bins out early and leave them out until they've been emptied.

- Please be considerate when parking your car on a collection day, this will help to ensure the collection vehicles can access your road.
- Put the right items in the right bins. Use the Surrey Recycles search tool to find out what goes where. It can be found on the Surrey Environment Partnership (SEP) website or downloaded as an app - search for 'Surrey Recycles'.
- Reduce your waste as much as possible. Could you use an alternative reusable item, or use something again instead of throwing it away? There are plenty of tips on how to reduce waste on the SEP website.
- Compact your recycling into bins as much as possible to maximise space and only put bins out when they are full.
- Start composting at home. You can buy a compost bin at a reduced rate from the SEP website. For those wanting to compost all their food waste, food waste digesters are also available.
- If you decide to have a clear-out while you're at home, please don't put everything in the bin straight away. Wait until normal service resumes.

# PEGGY'S SURPRISE 90th BIRTHDAY PARTY



Box Hill resident Peggy Ashcroft was treated to an early 90th birthday party by friends and neighbours. Peggy's actual birthday isn't until April, but the party was held at the Box Hill Village Hall on Saturday 14th March. In hindsight, holding the party early was very fortuitous because the COVID-19 pandemic has since closed the village hall and all other meeting places.

Amongst those attending Peggy's party were Karen Nearn, Peter Barrett, Alison Brown, Kathy Thompson, Dani Burns, Pat Prior, Alan George, Pam Wilson, Jan Henderson, Mavis Richardson, Roy & Rachel, Mike Balch, Annalisa Balch and of course, Peggy herself!

The surprise part was arranged by Mike and Annalisa Balch, and Mavis Richardson,

and entertainment was provided by Roy, Rachel and Mike.

One of the partygoers wrote "A wonderful evening, entertainment by Roy and Rachel singing all the favourites from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Neil Diamond, with everyone singing along and dancing!! Food supplied by Annalisa, gourmet hotdogs and not a sausage left!! Beautiful birthday cake supplied by Alison Brown and decorations supplied by Mavis Richardson. There was one funny moment when Annalisa went to load the food into Mick's car, he'd left the back door open, and the helium balloons floated out and up into the air - a manic several minutes jumping up and down trying to retrieve them!!! A big thank you to everyone that made Peggy's surprise party such a joy.



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## DOG GROOMING DAYS

The last two months have been sad with the loss of three of my long termers, pets I have been clipping since puppies and had reached the end of their teenage years. It is so sad to lose any of my customers' pets no matter what the age, but over the years I get to know, not just these lovely dogs, but their owners as well. Many become friends to socialize with and of course, having been a pet owner myself, I fully understand what that loss means and what they are going through. Hopefully we are left with happy memories of the time they were with us, no matter how short. I have loved and lost seventeen dogs in my life and losing them does not get any easier. Grieving over a much-loved pet is natural and it shows how much we loved them.

I want to mention the **Yellow Dog Project** - a registered charity created to bring awareness to dogs needing space for whatever the reason. If you see a dog wearing a yellow lead, harness, bandana, etc., this usually means that the dog needs space, could be undergoing training, just recovered from surgery, nervous or may not be good at socializing with dogs or humans. In other words, whether your dog is on or off lead, you should keep your dog away from this other dog. Nor should you touch someone else's dog without asking permission first. In fact, if you see any dog on a lead, especially in a space where dogs can run off lead, then assume they are on the lead for a reason.

Since January there has been twelve confirmed cases of **Alabama Rot** and as many of you already know, one of those cases concerned a dog from Lower Kingswood. Again, I must emphasize, this is a small number compared to the total dogs in the UK. The tummy bug that was going around I believe from speaking to a vet has practically gone now, but at the time of talking to this vet I was told that they were still seeing a number of dogs with Giardia. **Giardia** is a waterborne parasite that dogs can pick up from puddles contaminated by faeces. This is why dogs should not drink from puddles, or even walk or roll in them as they may try and clean themselves up and ingest. Giardia is not life-threatening but do seek veterinary advice if your pet gets diarrhoea, because if it is ignored it can be life threatening.

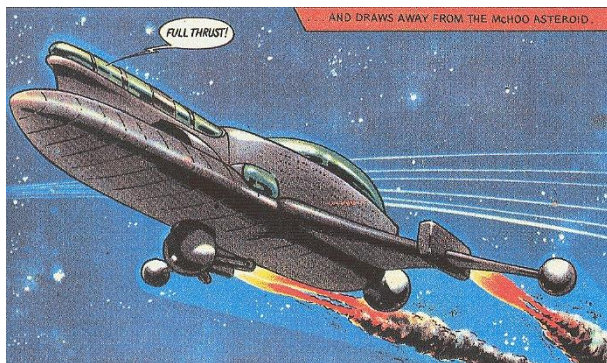
I can only end by saying, please stay healthy in what can be worrying times for many. Until next time, **Maureen**

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# Meeting the Neighbours?

## The Fermi Paradox by Prof. Alan Aylward



*Dan Dare had space travel sussed in the 1950s*

Our modern Science Fiction is filled with stories of travel amongst the stars – reaching out to other civilisations and flitting from star to star. But how realistic is this? Well, the extreme scenarios are almost certainly not realistic: after all even on Earth we don't really have transport that will take us back and forth across the world to

almost anywhere we want to without refuelling, regular maintenance and an unacceptable consumption of resources which is how “Space Opera” seems to operate. How about at least getting to other stars though: is that really feasible? The arguments amongst scientists over this coalesce around something called the Fermi Paradox.



Enrico Fermi (*left*) was a scientist who worked on atomic energy – and helped develop the atom bomb – in the 40s and 50s. In later life he considered the probability that a planetary civilisation might move from one star-system to another and decided that even using conventional technology from his time it was entirely possible, though it might take 1000s of years to achieve. Even if a civilisation took 10,000 years to get from their star system to the next, and that established a civilisation there that took another 10,000 years to step to the next system and so on, within the 13 billion years that the Galaxy had existed such a civilisation could have filled it several times over. If life, and then civilisation, arose on more than one place in the Galaxy, it would take even

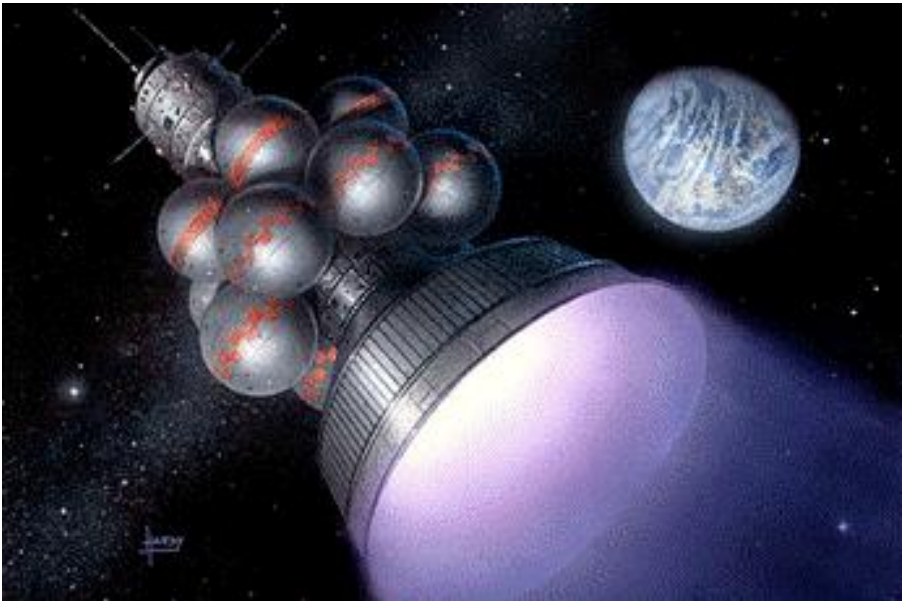
less time for life to have filled it. That being the case, Fermi argued, where is the evidence that other civilisations – or aliens at least – existed. That is, where are they?

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## Meeting the Neighbours? The Fermi Paradox (Continuation)

Now we can argue about the existence of flying saucers and whether aliens live amongst us, but assuming the classical scientific view that we have no current real evidence of extra-terrestrial life, how do we deal with Fermi's paradox? Of course, one way is to say his assumption of interstellar travel being possible can be wrong. What is the technical evidence on that?

To start our look at that we can begin with a noble British institution, the British Interplanetary Society (BIS). Despite what many may think it is from its name, this body founded in the 1930s has always attempted to be a bona fide engineering-based body promoting spaceflight, and in fact gained a significant reputation for designing a Moon mission as early as 1938 (i.e. before the V2 showed the capabilities of rocketry). Although it looks pretty crude by today's standards, they used aeronautical engineers to do the calculations and could argue their design was a plausible one. Their design for a Moon lander (*above*) looks very familiar. Once rocketry after the war really took off, culminating in the Moon landings and a swathe of planetary probes, the BIS looked around for a similar challenge and hit on the idea of seeing if they could design a feasible interplanetary probe.



The design study was called Daedalus (*above*) and was completed in 1978. They used what was then current technology and what they considered they could expect to see within 30 years. The propulsion system was based on exploding small fusion devices behind the spacecraft to drive it forward.

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## Meeting the Neighbours? The Fermi Paradox (Continuation)

This idea was not as crazy as it sounds as the Americans had been working on a similar idea for a nuclear rocket and had even tested the concepts using conventional explosives in project Orion. On Daedalus the explosive charges were ignited using inertial confinement lasers – that is pellets of Deuterium and Helium-3 were heated rapidly with a laser so that they imploded with such energy they fused to form Helium-4 and a proton, releasing immense amounts of energy. At the time of designing Daedalus Lawrence Livermore laboratory in the US was claiming it was within 20-30 years of perfecting the inertial confinement fusion technique. It incidentally today is still working on it and reckons it will have a useful device within ...yes, 20-30 years! Nevertheless, this is and was a feasible technology and would have propelled Daedalus to 12% of the speed of light so that it reached Barnard's star, one of our nearest stellar neighbours in 50 years. (They specifically wanted it to reach its target in a time scale where some of the original engineers who designed it would still be alive.)

Although several aspects of the project were a bit fanciful (it meant mining Helium-3 from Jupiter's atmosphere for example) the amazing thing about it was that even with 1970s technology one could see it was feasible to develop a spacecraft that could reach our nearest neighbour stars. The study has since been repeated by the US Naval Research Laboratory and a number of other research groups since and as technology has advanced the conclusion they reached has been endorsed – that we are probably within a few tens of years of being able to build a probe that could reach stars within a few parsecs of Earth. Of course here we are only talking of probes, unmanned and probably fairly small, crude missions, not the leviathans of Battlearstar Galactica, but if we, at our relatively early stage of technological development, could envisage even this, what might we not be capable of in 100, 500 or 1000 years from now?

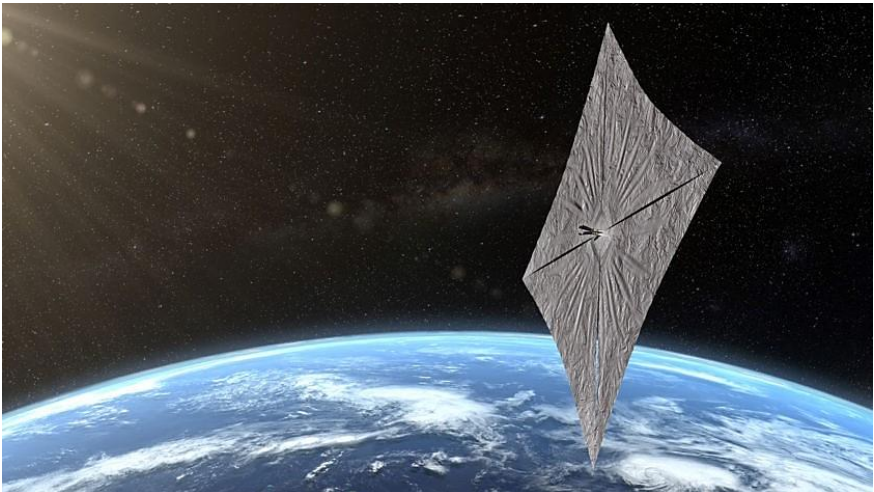
There has been an upsurge in interest in interstellar missions in recent years in line with the discovery of "exoplanets", known planets around other stars. There have been refinements to the engines that would power a Daedalus type craft – for example nuclear electric power, matter-antimatter engines, or "photon rockets" (which convert matter wholly into energy). Some are extreme stretches of current understanding but several of the less powerful techniques like nuclear electric are already being tried out in crude versions. So, if anything the ideas of Daedalus or something similar to it look even more feasible as time goes by.

There are other approaches too beyond rocketry developments. One idea is to use large lasers on the Earth to push, using light pressure, on large "sails" carrying spacecraft.

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## Meeting the Neighbours? The Fermi Paradox (Continuation)

The advantage to this is that the spacecraft does not have to carry its own fuel, and although the acceleration is low it can be carried on for so long that enormous velocities are possible. Craft big enough to carry a crew would need laser powers that far exceed all the power generated on the Earth today, but there are currently ongoing studies proposing things on a more realisable scale. One of these is Project Breakthrough Starshot proposed in early 2016 at the initiative of Russian billionaire Yuri Milner and supported by the physicist Stephen Hawking. This would use more feasible small solar sails and advanced but realisable lasers, to carry chip-sized spacecraft (so-called nano-probes) out to the nearest stars with typical journey times of 20-30 years



*Artist's impression of the Planetary Society's Lightsail-2 as it was deployed in orbit to test out the concept of using light to drive such a spacecraft*

An idea beloved of science fiction writers is the “Space Ark”, where a very large spacecraft, or maybe a hollowed out asteroid equipped with classical propulsion, would make a much slower journey to a nearby star - taking maybe 2-3000 years – with generations living and dying aboard the mission on the way. In science fiction the moral implications of this seem to exercise the minds of the writers more than technological feasibility.

We have not even considered the more fanciful science fictional proposals like using “wormholes in space” or as-yet undiscovered scientific principles, but we can see that there are ideas galore that suggest interstellar travel is definitely feasible in the not-too-distant future using conventional science. So, if the answer is indeed, “yes, such travel is possible”, we come back to Fermi’s paradox. We have to think of other reasons as to why “they” or evidence of “them” have not been seen so far.

# Epsom Coaches: the early years

by Andrew Richmond



*PA9538 Straker-Squire Burtonshaw Coach 1921*

For many years Epsom Coaches were a familiar sight in and around the area. The company was probably best known for operating day trips and holidays in the UK and abroad. Although 2020 would have marked the 100th anniversary of the company the present owners RATP decided to drop the coach business in 2017 and concentrate on running Quality Line, the part of the business that continues to operate from Epsom running around 12 bus routes for Transport for London.

Epsom Coaches was founded by my grandfather Roddy Richmond. Roddy had served a five-year apprenticeship with Argylls, a

manufacturer of steam and petrol driven cars based in Alexandria, Scotland; he continued working there until the business went into liquidation in 1914. Whilst there, one of Roddy's duties was to take Sir Harry Lauder on a test drive of one of the latest Argyll motor cars. Sir Harry was a famous entertainer who wrote and performed songs such as *Roamin' in the Gloamin'* and *Keep Right on to the End of the Road*.

Following the demise of Argylls, Roddy was drafted in to work in aircraft production during the First World War. He was working for Sopwith Aviation in 1920 when the company was wound up due to the lack of orders following cessation of war. It was this event that prompted him to go into partnership with his brother-in-law and begin operating charabancs. They started business from a garage located behind Epsom High Street where you will now find Derby Square. Apart from charabancs they also ran horseboxes for the local trainers and serviced cars, their telephone number was Epsom 555.

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# Epsom Coaches: the early years (Continuation)

Charabancs (from the French meaning 'a bench chariot') were an early form of coach. Roddy's first vehicle was an ex-army Lancia chassis that cost him £200 at the War Department sales in Slough. He had a charabanc body built on the chassis by a local coachbuilder. Charabancs comprised of several rows of wooden seats with a door to each row. They were open to the elements and in the case of bad weather a canvas roof could be pulled forward and passengers were given blankets to keep warm however the driver sat behind an open screen and was exposed to the elements. Some operators used their charabancs as lorries during the week and converted them to carry passengers at the weekend.

Charabancs would not normally go out after dark as the headlights were so poor; the vehicles didn't have batteries and the headlights would go up and down with the speed of the engine. The side and rear lights were lit by oil and would frequently go out altogether. Due to the poor lighting one of Richmond's charabancs went off the road whilst carrying a wedding party to Newmarket. The party, including the bridegroom, had to pull the vehicle back on the road in almost complete darkness. Charabancs struggled to negotiate hills; a passenger recalled seeing the exhaust becoming red-hot as they ascended Reigate Hill, fearing the vehicle would catch light! The early vehicles ran on solid tyres and on cold mornings the drivers would have to put a heater under the engine so that the oil was thin enough to hand-crank start the engine.

Being a horse racing town, the early vehicles were extensively used by locals to go to race meetings. They would go to Sandown, Kempton Park, Hurst Park, Lingfield, Brighton and Ascot. Charabancs were also be used to carry Epsom Brotherhood and Epsom Town Football Club to away matches. There were a large number of injured servicemen convalescing in St. Ebbas and Horton Hospitals and the vehicles would be used to take them to garden parties and London theatres. The company also carried one of its first overnight tours taking a party from Clapham Common to Henley on a three-day tour, hardly long distance!

By the start of the Second World War Richmond's had built up a fleet of six coaches and six horseboxes however the development of the business was curtailed as the Army requisitioned all but one coach which Mr. Richmond drove throughout the war.

*Andrew Richmond was the third generation to run the business and worked for the Company for over 40 years*



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# Computer User's Corner

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## Personalized email and economical upgrades....

Recently, a number of large volume email providers have closed their services, usually due to the cost of providing the service being too great for any rewards which may be returned. These companies include O2, Tesco and Which.

In an article on the BBC's website (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-51571275>) they were referring to the cost and inconvenience of maintaining an existing email address when moving from one broadband provider to another. In this case they were specifically referring to BT and TalkTalk, but this is not unique to these providers.

What benefit do email providers get by providing this service? By taking the service you give them permission to "read" your emails and thereby provide contextual advertising, as well as targeting you with emails in an attempt to upsell their other products. Both of these actions are agreed to in their terms and conditions when you sign up to their service. Services like Outlook, Hotmail, and Yahoo are keen for your email traffic to use for third-party selling. For example, if you are in correspondence with someone about a holiday, you may start to see banner adverts usually in your web browser from holiday firms; the holiday firm would have paid for this advert or "impression". This is evidence of contextual advertising.

Changing your email address and notifying your contacts can be time consuming and a bit of a headache. The perfect solution to this problem is to purchase your own email address, also known as domain name. Once bought this address is yours forever (assuming subscriptions are maintained).

By way of example let's say your name is John Walter, you could purchase (subject to availability) the domain name "walter-family.co.uk", and your email address could be john@walter-family.co.uk. The beauty of this arrangement is that this is yours forever and should the supplying firm decide that email isn't their "thing", you can move it to another provider. You may think this arrangement is expensive and exclusive to companies, but you would be wrong. To purchase the domain name and have it registered to you for 2 years is only £35.00 (+vat) and adding the email service can be as little as £25 per year. For less than the cost of filling your car up with fuel you have an email address and email service for life, additionally you can add further email accounts for mum, dad, the kids, etc.

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# Computer User's Corner

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## **Personalized email and economical upgrades** (Continuation)

We can undertake this work for you, and we would be happy to take you through the options. We could set things up so you have all your emails, diary, contacts, to-do lists hosted on the internet so that all of your devices would be reading from the same source having your emails automatically updated.

## **Low cost computer upgrades**

The thought of moving all your programs and data onto a new machine can cause palpitations to many. A way to avoid this is to upgrade your existing machine. Windows 10 and Mojave are reasonably accepting when it comes to running on old hardware. To remove the frustration of a slow running machine, a great option is to replace your current hard drive with a Solid-State Drive (SSDs). The performance boost is impressive and is said to be up to 20 times quicker which is pretty astonishing. SSD's have fallen greatly in price so the cost of the upgrade and us to copy all your data to the SSD could be much less than buying a new machine. Please call for more information

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## ***Box Hill* News**



**Want something to do during the COVID-19 closedown?**

**Need something to occupy your time and exercise the mind?**

Perhaps you could write something for the next issue of **Box Hill News** – jot a few thoughts down on a piece of paper and pop it in the post box next to my front gate (observing social distancing), or if you've access to the internet send me an email.

It could be anything that might interest our readers. An account of how coronavirus has affected you. Details of something you are interested in. Recollections of Box Hill in years gone by. Places you've been ... places you'd like to visit! Stories, poems, anecdotes, jokes (printable only please) and even yummy recipes (something we can all cook and enjoy).

Copy deadline 15th May but don't let that hold you back – get started **TODAY!!**



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# Computer User's Corner

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## Need a new machine?

### What to look for when buying a Computer

As Windows 7 has now come to the end of the line, you may be looking for a suitable replacement. We provide new and used Windows and Mac based solutions.

When buying a Computer or Laptop there is a whole heap of jargon that people throw at you with an expectation you should know what they are taking about - SSD's, Ram, MHz, Wi-fi, HDMI and so it goes. We have always felt this a very rude way to treat your fellow being, so we can talk jargon with you, but we can also talk in clear English to ensure your needs are best met.

Initially we will discuss with you what your needs are and what you want to do with the computer, and if there are any things you would like to do but are currently unable like photo editing or creating that family video you have been promising

Here are a few pointers that you might appreciate knowing about before you buy your new machine, with the key components being:

- **The Processor or CPU:** This is the engine that powers the PC, so it is advisable to buy the best that you can, as CPU's are costly items and are not efficient to change or upgrade at a later stage. If your needs are for base Word processing and Excel type work, plus some Internet browsing and email handling, a basic Intel, Core i3 CPU, or AMD Ryzen 3 CPU would represent a good choice. If you are looking for something a bit more capable and a good all-round home machine, we would usually advise either an Intel Core i5, i7 or i9 CPU, the latter being the most powerful. A similar numbering scale applies for the Ryzen 5, 7 and 9, with the 7 and 9's often reserved for more intensive power-hungry activities like Virtual reality, Graphics or game play. There are model variations within these CPU's - but let's not get ahead of ourselves just yet.
- **Memory or Ram:** The more the better but this can usually be retro fitted. 4Gb of Ram is considered the bare minimum, going beyond 8Gb is often unnecessary for everyday use. The latest, fastest DDR4 memory is today's standard fit and moves the performance of the machine on significantly when compared to its earlier counterparts, and will offer solid performance for years to come

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# Computer User's Corner

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## Need a new machine? What to look for when buying a Computer

### Key Components ((Continuation))

- **Hard drives:** The conventional mechanical hard drives have been using the same technology for around 20 years, they are very economic, have huge storage capacity, but can be slow. Upgrade to a Solid State Hard Drive (SSD) and the performance is phenomenal, they work at 15-20 times faster than the mechanical drives, they are more reliable (as they have no moving parts), but they cost more and have less storage capacity than the older type hard drives. If you need to store loads of data, a great solution is to have both in a machine, the SSD runs the Operating System and Programs and the mechanical drive stores your data.
- **Graphics cards:** Game players, photo and video editors and graphics users are better served by having a dedicated graphics card installed, in some cases the graphics card can cost as much as the computer. In most cases using the onboard graphics is sufficient, and should you wish to upgrade the graphics this can sometimes be retrospectively added in a PC, but unfortunately rarely on in a laptop.
- **Operating System:** Windows is the dominant system here with Windows 10 being the preferred choice as it works in a very efficient manner and is the industry dominant product. Unlike earlier versions Microsoft have stated that Windows 10 will be the operating system of the future, with the program being revised via updates rather than a distinctly separate new version. To date we are on the 9th major version with a new edition being scheduled for the first half of 2020.... and yes, the updates are free of charge.

Should you be using a version of Office, we would urge you to buy a new version of Office if your current version is earlier than Office 2016, as Office 2013, 2010 and earlier have all come to the end of its mainstream support. Many customers think the only way to purchase the new version is via an annual rental scheme, but this is not the case; we do have the perpetual version for sale and usually this provides a more economical solution.

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# Need to entertain the kids during the coronavirus stay at home? Here's how to get tips direct to your inbox



# LEMON-AID

For when life gives us lemons

**Lemon-Aid is a new email newsletter to help parents get through this period of self-isolation with their children.**

With schools and nurseries shut for the longest summer holidays in history and homeworking the new norm parents and carers are feeling bewildered right now.

So, Lemon-Aid have launched a new daily newsletter with tips for everyone feeling scared, stressed and slightly confused about what the new 'normal' means.

As we all strive to be highly-enthusiastic home-school teachers by day while successfully cramming in a 40-hour working week by night, we hope these daily tips and treats will start your day off the right way - with a smile and a glimmer of hope that you will get through it.

You can sign up for the newsletter at:

**<https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/need-to-entertain-the-kids-during-the-coronavirus-stay-at-home-heres-how-to-get-tips-direct-to-your-inbox/#iya-comments>**

Our plan is to customise the newsletter depending on the age of your children - from toddlers prone to temper tantrums, to teenagers struggling to adapt to the abrupt closure of schools and separation from their friends, we've got it covered. We're with you.

Whether it's creating a time-capsule to record everyday life during the pandemic or building an outdoor den for restless little-ones we'll try to make life just that little bit easier. And we'll be encouraging our subscribers to build a supportive community sharing their own tips, experiences and words of wisdom for coping in these unprecedented and uncertain times.

## Coronavirus: Lemon-Aid Newsletter (Continuation)

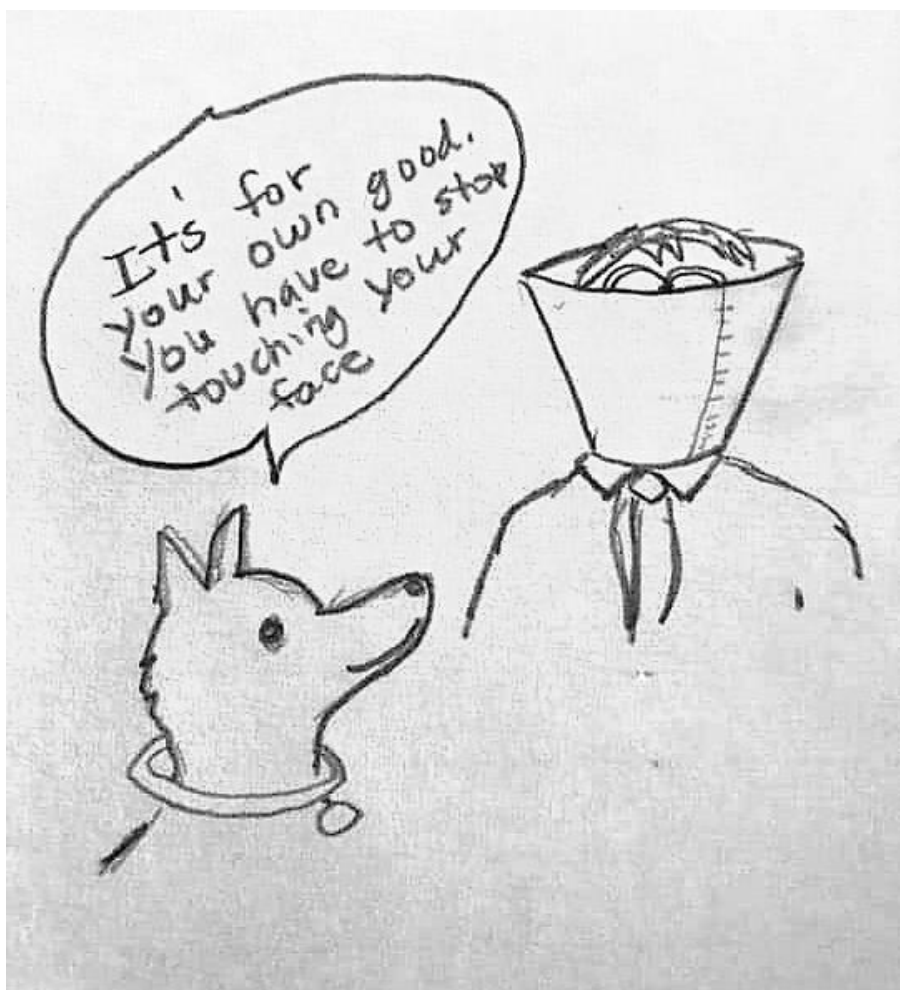
Reach Regionals 'What's On' Editor Lynda Moyo said: "We've built up a very loyal and engaged family community through the likes of Manchester Family, Brummie Mummies and Mirror Mums.

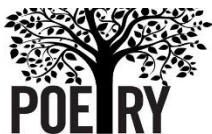
"It's important we now support them as best we can through what will be a very testing few months.

"There's a saying that goes 'it takes a village to raise a child' and through this newsletter I hope we can help uplift and unite our community."

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# Headley Poetry Group

## Love, Lust and Longing

This was the subject for the most recent meeting of Headley Poetry Group. It is not so surprising as one member commented 'There are a lot of poems on this subject.' Many of us have favourite love poems. Some describe poetry as 'about feelings' and these are strong feelings. Commonly felt at some time in our lives. I will not ask you to write in about the times you felt Lust if you don't ask me to tell you about mine!

We had a wide range of poems and here are three titles if you want to look them up: *Sex isn't sin* by D H Lawrence, the book *Song of Songs* from the Bible chapter 7. 10-13, and *Stop all the Clocks* by W H Auden used in the film 'Four Weddings and Funeral'.

I was intrigued by one other poem in particular. If you had asked me to write a love poem (*right*) about a 'licorice leaf,' I may have thought it impossible. But Sir John Betjeman found a way. I hope you enjoy it too.

Like other social groups, our meeting on March 28th was cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We had planned to look at the work of one poet, Charlotte Mew. (1869 – 1928). You may know her heart breaking poem *The Farmers Bride*? Thomas Hardy wrote that Charlotte Mew was "Far and away the best living woman poet - who will be remembered when others are forgotten." Siegfried Sassoon said that she was "the only poet who can give me a lump in my throat". We don't know when we will be able to hold our next meeting but hopefully, we'll be able to hear more about her life and work at a future date.

### The Licorice Fields At Pontefract

In the licorice fields at Pontefract  
My love and I did meet  
And many a burdened licorice bush  
Was blooming round our feet;  
Red hair she had and golden skin,  
Her sulky lips were shaped for sin,  
Her sturdy legs were flannel-slack'd  
The strongest legs in Pontefract.

The light and dangling licorice flowers  
Gave off the sweetest smells;  
From various black Victorian towers  
The Sunday evening bells  
Came pealing over dales and hills  
And tanneries and silent mills.

She cast her blazing eyes on me  
And plucked a licorice leaf;  
I was her captive slave and she  
My red-haired robber chief.  
Oh love! for love I could not speak,  
It left me winded, wilting, weak,  
And held in brown arms strong and bare  
And wound with flaming ropes of hair.

Charles (Email: [charlesholme@aol.com](mailto:charlesholme@aol.com))



## Letter from the Rector

Archbishop William Temple said that “the Church is the only club that exists for the benefit of its non-members” and we urgently need to reach out to people beyond the Church with His message and His love. This is perhaps especially so in uncertain times like in the present epidemic.

So, let me tell you about Jesus’ compassion, care and concern for us as we think of his meeting a woman of Samaria by Jacob’s well in John ch4.

Jesus was exhausted as He sat there in the heat of the midday sun. The disciples had gone to buy sandwiches, but rather than closing His eyes and ignoring this woman Jesus looks out to her and reaches out to her. In doing so the Holy Spirit showed Him her need and her history (she was a social outcast having had five failed marriages and most likely five rejections).

He crossed the barriers of racial problems (Samaritans and Jews did not mix). He crossed the barriers of sexual discrimination (rabbis did not talk to women). He



crossed the barriers of social convention (what would people think) because he wanted her to truly know God, to drink His living water and to worship in Spirit and in truth.

I wonder how you or I would have done if we

were in Jesus’ place? How much would we have shared His concerns? Jesus begins talking to this woman about water because they are by a well and she had come to draw some water. But He quickly speaks to her inner thirst, her spiritual thirst, and speaks of living water and eternal life.

He gently shows her that He knows her life, the things she has done wrong and the wrong things that have been done to her, and he tells her simply that he is the Saviour, the One she was waiting for.

One reality for us as human beings is that we all need to be saved – it’s why Jesus came. It’s why He died on the Cross. He is the Saviour – even though we may find it hard on our pride at first.

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# Letter from the Rector (Continuation)

This woman found it hard at first, but she had a life-changing encounter, she had found the most important person you want to find in life – so she leaves her water pot and goes to tell the other people in her community. She asks them “Could this be the Christ?” And a crowd comes out to see Jesus and listen to Him.

In that town we are told many “believed in” Jesus. That is what it is all about. The testimony of the woman was vital – it started them in the right direction – but then they said, “we have heard for ourselves and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.” For many “the Saviour” had become “their Saviour.”

Jesus is committed to reaching out to us and will overcome many obstacles to do so. He knows our hearts, our lives, the things we have done, and the things done to us. He knows our pain; it does not put him off and he holds out living water.

Self-isolating is by definition lonely. Being at risk is anxiety provoking. Let me encourage you to look to Jesus and to pray, to cast all your cares on him for he cares for you. Let me encourage you to be good neighbours, and to talk on the phone often with each other.

And where we can help, we will.

Very best wishes and blessings, **Revd Harry Latham**

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## PARISH OF HEADLEY WITH BOX HILL

St Mary the Virgin, Headley, and St Andrew's Church, Box Hill

### COVID 19 CORONAVIRUS

In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that, as of 17th March 2020, public worship will be suspended until further notice.

For those with internet access, ‘**Pray As You Go**’ is a daily prayer session, produced every day of the working week and one session for the weekend. It is not a ‘Thought for the Day’, a sermon or a bible-study, but rather a framework for your own prayer.

Lasting between ten and thirteen minutes, it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection. <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>



# PRIZE WORD GAME – 2 x £10 Prizes to be won!!

Thanks to all those who submitted answers for Word Game 89. There were **48** entries of which **37** had all correct answers. WOW! It's great to see so many people submitting entries and getting the correct answers. Thank you!

**Game 89 answers:** CLASSIC (**CAR**) INSURANCE, DARTMOOR (**PRISON**) INMATE, FANCY (**DRESS**) CIRCLE, LATTE (**COFFEE**) BEANS, LIFEGUARD (**STATION**) PORTER, PREMATURE (**BIRTH**) CERTIFICATE, PURBECK (**STONE**) WALL, RICE (**PUDDING**) BASIN, STAGNANT (**WATER**) TREATMENT, TIDAL (**WAVE**) GOODBYE

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## Word Game No. 90 – Good Luck Everyone!

The **TWO** winning entries will be awarded a £10 voucher each, to be redeemed at either the **Hilltop Stores**, **The Tree on Box Hill** or the **Headley Tearooms**

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SKI	(7)	HOME	<i>Compiled by QuizKid (90)</i>

**IMPORTANT:** Please enter full contact details and submit your entries to the Editor at the address shown on page 2. Thank you.

**HOW IT WORKS:** For those who haven't had a go before, it's quite simple; all you have to do is find the word in the middle column that links the word in the left column with the one in the right column. So, if the left column has BRAMLEY and the right column has PIE, the answer I'm looking for is APPLE i.e. Bramley Apple, Apple Pie. We even give you a little clue by telling you the number of letters in the missing word – so (5) for APPLE. All correct entries are folded and put into a "hat". After a good shake to make sure there's no chance of knowing who the entries are from, the winning entry is drawn. The Editor's decision is final.

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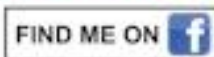
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