

Haldon Views

Bi-Monthly FREE NEWSLETTER for the Parish of Kenn

June-July 2020



A double rainbow over St Andrew's. Photo by Paul Whittaker

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“What’s On”, or rather, “what should be on but might not be”!

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June

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Later in the Year – Church Village Fete now cancelled at least until 2021.

***** Still on at time of printing *****

The Great Village Quiz - Friday 2 October 2020

Put this date in your diary. This year there will a round entitled “The Oldest”

So as you are sat at home “self isolating” yourself, take the opportunity to do some quiz studying!!



This was to be a notice saying that Bruce at Rollestone Farm was opening a friendly recreational gym, originally on 1 May, but for the moment, with the pesky virus about, it is obviously on hold.

Sometime in the future we may be able to get about again and that might be the time to move our bodies again with some gentle exercise in Bruce's Gym.

With the bikes, rowing machines, light weights and other gadgets it should do us a power of good. You could even go for a nice uphill walk to the field behind the pond to take a different view of the village when you get to the top.

The recreational gym will be for all ages and abilities - just a bit of gentle exercise and enjoyment.

It will also be very inexpensive with the first month on a 'look, see and use' basis being absolutely free, whenever that may be. Who knows?

For enquiries contact Bruce on 832150 or 07802856246 when the time is right.



Daily lockdown exercise in the Ryecroft household involves family pets and, as grandchildren must be socially distant , their buggy is ideal for a poorly pooch.
(also something for Paul to lean on)!

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- 16 pudding dishes
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Churchwarden's Jottings



Who could have predicted the situation we find ourselves in. There was so much to look forward to at the beginning of year. Plans were underway to ensuring keeping St Andrew's parish church financially sound. Well that's gone out of the window. As I write this at the beginning of May the church is now locked and all social events cancelled or postponed to the autumn and next year. To say that I am seriously worried about this state of affairs is an understatement.

Here's a thought for you. Have you thought of leaving a legacy to your church? It is a completely painless way to give, as the money does not leave your account until after you have passed away!

Church of England parishes received legacies from over 5,000 thoughtful people in 2018-19, amounting to around 15 million. Does this sound like very generous giving to you? Well compare it to the RSPCA and the RSPB which between them benefit from bequests totalling £107 million. Considering that the Church of England legacies were shared between 12,500 parishes it does not sound quite so generous does it?

If you would like to leave a bequest in your will to St Andrew's it could not be simpler. Simply tell the solicitor or the person writing your will that you would like to include a legacy to the Parochial Church Council [PCC]. Note that it is best to state this as a percentage of your estate rather than a certain amount in pounds sterling, because inflation can quickly erode the value of the money and what may seem a generous bequest when a will is written can become much less in real terms over the years. Why not try it?

You will be reading this at the beginning of June. Who knows what we will be able to do or not to do now. But lastly I must mention how wonderful it has been to take part in Zoom each morning, with up to 28 of the St Andrew's Church congregation, led by Rev Mark Bate and hosted on zoom by Sarah Hales. Thank you Mark and Sarah. It's just brilliant keeping in touch.

I do hope when I sit down and write the next piece for Haldon Views, life will be getting a little easier and personally, I can get back to playing golf with my dear friends.

Keep safe. **Simon Preece Churchwarden**

If you found yourself shipwrecked, alone, on Lundy Island, which 8 discs would you want to have with you?



These are the choices of Cissie Amos



- 1 My first two choices are very special to me as they are recordings made by my sons.
Brahms "Intermezzo in A Major" recorded by Richard Amos and
- 2 "Aeroplane Calypso" recorded by Steve Amos
- 3 I just love "Annie's Song" by John Denver and my favourite...
- 4 "The Music of the Night", sung by Michael Crawford.
- 5 "Memory" sung by Elaine Paige
- 6 The classic "Nessum Dorma" by Luciano Pavarotti
- 7 My last two choices are so appropriate for the world today, "Bridge over Troubled Water", another classic by Simon & Garfunkel and....
- 8 "We'll Meet Again" by Vera Lynn - a song of great hope and confidence in the future.

If I could only take one disc, it would have to be Michael Crawford's, "Music of the Night"

My one luxury item would be a small caravan, as long as it contained a large can of insect repellent!

Cissie Amos

(If I could sneak two more discs in, they would be, Psalm 23, "The Lord's my Shepherd" and Whitney Houston's "I will always Love You").

Bill Lands Happy Birthday



90 yrs
June 1st
1930 - 2020



**From all your Family & Friends
Across the World and in
Kenn & Kennford**

VE Day Memories

"It's on the Wireless! The war's over!" Aunt Sybil in her dressing gown, at 7 am in the morning. She was my father's sister who made the home for us all after my mother's death. I was only 4 on VE day and I was used to doing as I was told by my older sister and brother. We all went charging round the house in our pyjamas screaming, "The war's over! We can have apples and oranges and sweets every day!!"

In fact sweet rationing only ended in time (diplomatically) for the Coronation eight years later. Was this the start of a certain scepticism about governments?

The other vivid picture in my memory was of bursting into my father's room to wake him up. He did not look very pleased, about being woken up early, or about the war being over, come to that. Now here is a mystery. What was dad doing in bed at that time? Why was he not on his way to start his day at RAF station Chivenor, north of Barnstaple, where he was chaplain. 7am was late for Dad to be in bed at the best of times.

Answer, these were not the best of times. He must have been still convalescing from his spell in hospital with double pneumonia. An earlier memory, still vivid, was of him being stretchered down stairs and into an ambulance. It was a dark afternoon in February and there was snow on the ground.

In fact, 1945 had been a very bad winter all over Europe. The runway at Chivenor had been covered with three feet of snow, which meant that no operations were possible. No Wellingtons could fly out over the Western approaches and the Bay of Biscay to hunt down U boats. So the order came to stop all work, get a shovel and start clearing the runway. The Chaplain, despite his nominal rank of Squadron Leader, and despite a heavy cold, was out shovelling alongside the other ranks.

Then the Station WO1 intervened. In RAF parlance he was the equivalent of a sergeant major. He considered it unseemly for the chaplain to be labouring just like any other Erk (semi technical RAF term for private). Dad's shovel was confiscated, but he did not go inside. Where the men were was where the Chaplain was supposed to be. He stood in the freezing wind and talked and joked and encouraged, going up and down the line of shovellers. That went on well into the night. Next day came the double pneumonia.

I add this story as a little insight into life during the war and into the life of one who is still not forgotten in Kenn and Kennford. **Mark Bate**





Kenn Parish Council

**When restrictions allow, meetings on one Tuesday a month
in the Kenn Centre at 7pm**

Do come. It is your council and your parish, and your money that runs it all.

Get in touch – Penny Clapham on clerk@kennparishcouncil.co.uk

Kenn and Kenton Federation schools

Key Workers and vulnerable children from the Kenn and Kenton Federation schools are attending a combined childcare facility at Kenton Primary School. Our Breakfast and After School Clubs are also open for key workers' children.

From both schools we have had the potential of 48 children linked to Key Workers families or who fall into the vulnerable category, but of these, just under half are being cared for at home and are not attending. Each week we have approximately 28 children attending, with the vast majority attending on a part-time basis, depending on their parents' shift patterns. So we have an average of about 15 children each day, aged from 3 to 11 years (Kenton Primary has an extended age range for 3 - 11 years, since the closure of Kenton Pre-School).

Both in childcare and at home, children are being provided with learning tailored to their age range and abilities. Each week their class teachers meet with groups of children via Zoom to look at what they have been learning at home and to support them with this. Some examples of our learning can be seen on our website - <http://www.kenn-primary.devon.sch.uk/> .

Our priority is for all children to be safe, healthy and happy, both during this time and when learning the country comes out of lockdown and that is our priority in all of our decision-making

Linda Baker Hita, for ICT Kenton Primary School

Dave Curtis, Plastering Services

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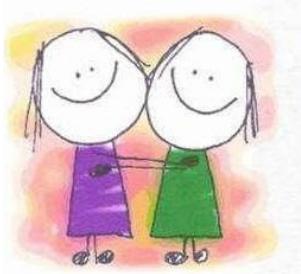
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yourself, take the opportunity to do
some quiz studying!!



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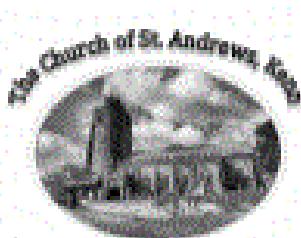
Facebook: Kenn & Kennford Events Page

In Print: local businesses and noticeboards

If you are a local business / charity with an event coming up ... email full details to calendar@kennparishcouncil.co.uk



Local Pub, Local Beer, Good Chase



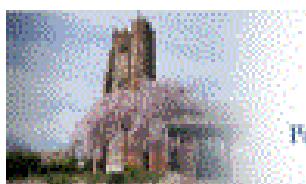
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THE VEG PATCH



Mother's UNION

Forestry England



Welcome to
Kenn
Parish Council



In Flower at Last.



At last our rhododendron flowered. We purchased Joyce at the Royal Cornwall Show two years ago when the show stands were being dismantled. The shrub came from a nursery in Bodmin. It has taken a lot of special tonic and care. We'd almost given up on having blooms!.

So much joy to Joyce, our 92 year old friend and colleague. We are regularly communicating via e-mail with its progress. Her reflections are below from self -isolating in Cornwall.

"As a behaviourist, I am observing how people are reacting to this whole way of life imposed upon us and will have far reaching consequences on their/our behaviour, their mental and emotional comfort and indeed, in so many cases, a whole change in life style and jobs.

In my lifetime there have been many crises, including General Strikes, The Spanish flu, the war, the collapse of the stock exchange, the introduction of the computer age and each time, lives have altered".

Communicating

For good or evil!! It is not how it is today with the exhortation to stay indoors that we can manage, it is what, where, and how, in 5 years time. I hear the phrase, we have to find a new 'norm'. That is too simple. We are going to have to adapt 'big time' to massive changes.

On a lighter note, I will miss going to Plymouth to dance on the Hoe to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of V E Day. My mother was married in July 1939 and father went to sea in August . Lots of photos were taken with a brownie box camera to send him. We were evacuated to our second cousins in Chudleigh when Plymouth was bombed. My mother lost most of her wedding presents and the sailors came from HMS Phoebe to help rescue belongings. Our cat Peter was found .He always knew when Dad was coming home on leave as he would jump on his shoulder from a wall. How he knew we never fathomed. Telegrams were feared and as I became older my job was to answer the door to the telegraph boy. Fortunately good news "coming home".

I will be sad at not being able to follow in my mother's footsteps and dance on Plymouth Hoe to celebrate.

Ann Cripps

Sara Cartwright Art

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The Church Floodlights

One way to bring ‘light’ into the parish is to ask for St Andrew’s Church to be illuminated. For just a £10 donation the magnificent church will be lit for you, from dusk to the early hours of the morning. You may want to ‘celebrate’ or ‘remember’. Either reason will cheer up the whole parish.

Just contact Simon on 832462

KENN AND KENNFORD



WI MATTERS

Kenn and Kennford WI



Read on to hear about the
WI NHS bandanas, the
Flower WhatsApp and the
High Tech WI Zoomers!



WI Continued

Hi everyone.

In these strange and worrying times we have all had to adapt and WI are no exception. I feel very proud to be a member of a still vibrant and active WI. We have diversified our socks off!

To start with, because our meetings are cancelled, Pat started up a 'Flower Girls' WhatsApp. On this we send pictures of our gardens, recipes, funny incidents and advice to each other. It has been lovely. It's not mandatory to contribute but most of us do. We don't have a competition for the 'flower of the month', but it's lovely seeing each other's gardens and flowers. We also keep in touch with each other.

I find it amazing that we are all managing so well. Most of us are using some sort of techie stuff and we are philosophical, i.e. if it goes pear shaped we try again tomorrow!!

We also had huge success making National Health Service bandanas for the nursing and care staff, (see photos on previous page). These were made in a very short time. They were to reduce the ear soreness medical, nursing and care staff were experiencing, with the constant wearing of masks. We made two batches and sent over 200 from our group. Only problem was, we ran out of large buttons for the masks to attach to. That is now sorted, in fact I have had so many donations of buttons I'm ready for next production!

On one evening, early in May, we had a virtual Zoom meeting instead of our usual meeting. We toasted VE Day early and then each of us told an anecdote or read a poem or saying or just said how we are coping with lockdown. To see all our friends is very special. We are did it again on 19 May. Watch this space for what happened then.

Till then keep safe and healthy and please anyone in need just contact us.

XxSue Bretherton

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BAG IT AND BIN IT!

At the time of writing this we all have the opportunity of taking daily exercise. This means a large number of people walking around the village and taking advantage of the local public footpaths whilst ensuring they are social distancing. Many of those walkers are accompanied by their canine companions, who we all know need daily exercise, just like us. So just a plea to all dog owners to behave responsibly please and ensure that any dog mess is bagged and taken home to be deposited in one of the dog mess bins around our villages. Not picking up after your dog is both antisocial and endangers other dogs. A dash to the vets because our 4 legged friend has picked up a virus of some sort is the last thing any of us wants at this time.

So don't forget - you need to scoop that poop!



AIR QUALITY CALL

The sun is shining, there's a nice breeze and you hang out the washing and open the windows. And go and enjoy your garden. So far, so good.

Then someone decides this is a great time to light a bonfire. It Is NOT!

For many that bonfire means closing the windows to stop homes filling up with smoke and the inevitable acrid burning smell that always accompanies a bonfire and bringing in the washing hopefully quickly enough before you have to rewash those items to remove the smell of smoke.

However for others in our community, those who are asthma sufferers or have other respiratory problems and who are already intensely concerned that their respiratory issues make them more vulnerable to Covid 19, find themselves incarcerated indoors and coughing and choking.

So please, however attractive it seems to burn that rubbish, don't. Think of the rest of the community please.

A named member of the community



ART CLASS RETURN?

Due to the world wide pandemic, the Shillingford Art Class is currently in lockdown, like everything else! However, at the time of writing the rattle of jailer's keys can be dimly heard. Perhaps freedom is coming? With this in mind, I'm hoping to reopen classes at 9.45am on 2 October 2020. Meanwhile, may I wish all Haldon Views readers a very happy and healthy summer. **Mike McDonald**



Parish Rainfall Statistics April 2020 48mm or 1.5ins

(April 2019 was 64mm or 2.56ins)

March 2020 33mm or 1.32ins

(March 2019 was 93mm or 3.72ins)

Between 15 March to 5 April no rain recorded for 3 weeks!



SEE IT HATE IT REPORT IT

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A quote from my ancient copy of GOOD HOUSEKEEPING RECIPES :-

"Can she bake an apple pie?" asks the old song, and the ability to produce a perfect pie is as much an asset to today's bride as ever it was.' I think the wonderful invention of JUS-ROL pastry would not have impressed the author of that quote!

Bacon and Egg Pie (Ingredients for 4 servings)

1lb of short crust pastry

12 ozs streaky bacon

4 eggs

3 spring onions

3 tbs chopped parsley

Black Pepper



Method Use half the pastry to line the base and sides of a 7 inch flan case. Meanwhile, chop the bacon and spring onions and add the parsley. Mix together and put in the pastry base in the shape of a cross (+).

Break an egg into each of the four spaces and sprinkle with black pepper. No need for salt as the bacon will be salty enough. Make a lid with the rest of the pastry and put a small slit in the middle and over the bacon parts - avoiding the eggs!

Bake in the centre of the oven for 10 mins at 220C Electric, Gas 7, and then turn the heat down to 180C, Gas 4 for 30 mins or until the pastry is a golden colour.

Serve with salad and if you like garlic, this excellent recipe for French dressing.

Madam Packenham's French Dressing (Ingredients)

100ml Sunflower oil

10ml wine or cider vinegar

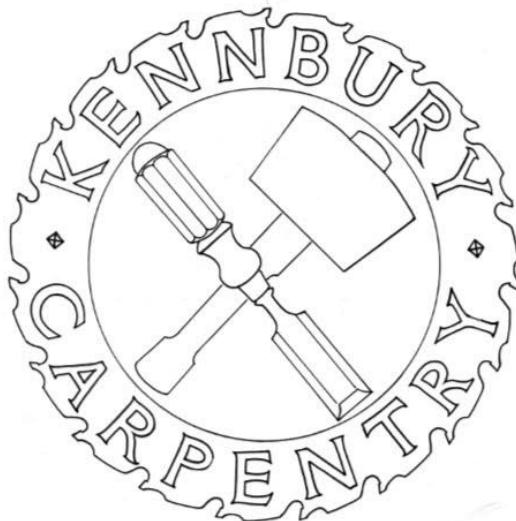
3 heaped teaspoons of smooth Dijon mustard

2-3 crushed cloves of garlic

Salt and pepper

Put all the ingredients in a screw top jar and shake it thoroughly before use.

Maureen Bate



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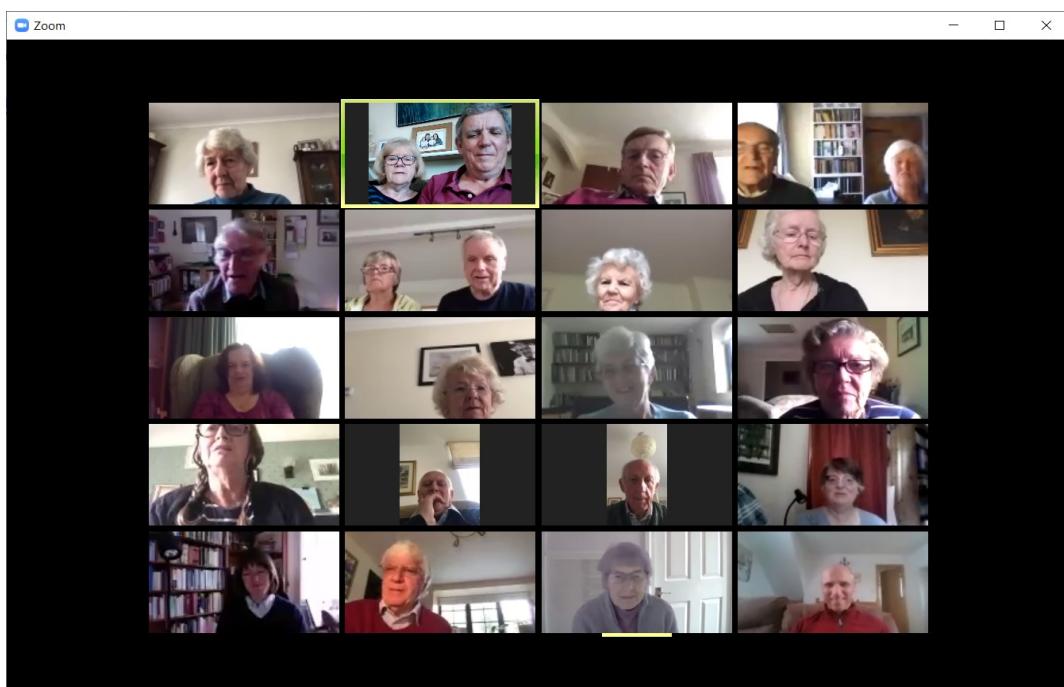
St Andrew's Church Zoom Prayer Community

It was Sarah Hales who started it all – she of “Words for Voices” fame. She has been using Zoom in her professional life for some time and she suggested that we had a go at meeting online. Very bravely she tried to teach me how to host a Zoom group. After hours of frustration and bad language it seemed wiser to leave it to Sarah to do all the technical stuff. She is also very good at calming us all down and making us be serious at the right time. 37 people have taken part at least once. 28 is the most we have had at any one session and the average seems to be about 24. It is of course open to anyone. You would all be welcome to join us. We are mostly in the retired age group. We meet at 9.30am every weekday and that makes it hard for those who work or have children who need to be kept amused or home schooled.

Sarah leads us in a Quietening Down exercise . Then we have a Bible reading. We began by reading the account of Jesus’ crucifixion in the weeks before Easter. Then the stories of his resurrection in each of the 4 Gospels. Now we are working our way through the Acts of the Apostles. This is the story of how the Christian Church grew and spread. The two key figures in this are Peter and Paul. People take turns to read the day’s passage. Next comes a silence for reflection then I say a bit about the message of the day’s passage. More silence, then someone leads us in a time of prayer (we take turns at this). Then people mention special needs for prayer, or thanksgiving, people they are worried about and so on. We end with the Lord’s Prayer.

A very valuable part is the period when everyone is coming on line and joining the group. This is a time of chit chat greeting and swapping news. It is usually about 9.40 before we get serious and we finish the formal business at 10. People join on the days when they can or when they want to.

Anyone who would like to join would be very welcome. All you need is a computer with a camera, or an i-phone. (I do not understand them, but they work fine.) Just give me a ring on 833485 and we can get you on. Don’t be shy. I am a bit concerned that the time is not convenient for everyone. If anyone would like to have a go at starting another group at a different time and if they think I could help, then please get in touch. Just don’t rely on me for any of the technical stuff! All blessings! Stay well! **Mark Bate**



Parents Home Schooling in Kenn and Kennford.

How are you getting on with Home Schooling? Would you like some hands-on practical activities to do with your children?

I have artefacts from seven countries in my garage, just waiting for some children to look at them. There are artefacts and everyday objects from:

- Mali in West Africa, on the edge of the Sahel and Sahara, where the colonial language is French.
- Rural Uganda, including school uniforms and cooking equipment.
- Trinidad and Tobago, home of the steel pan. A small 'pan' is included plus the story of origins of the steel pan.
- Also: Ghana, the Gambia, India and South Korea.

Plus a set of Oware boards with instructions for 2 players. So you can learn to play the game and then challenge friends on zoom!

I have a few African traditional wooden musical instruments, which can be played (with care!) - 2 drums, a thumb harp, a beaded gourd shaker and a wooden xylophone.

These artefact boxes are owned by Devon Development Education (charity 1102233), created for schools to use in class, for a small fee. But now they are all in my garage at 4 Acacia Mews, Kennford EX6 7TZ.

So, we can loan them out to you for a week at a time, asking for a donation of £5 for the week. We can agree how best to deliver and collect them.

Our colleague, Lorraine Cummings, used them with her children, which was great fun! She says:

Last week my children explored Uganda and China from their own home and were able to ask and answer their own questions by touching, feeling, smelling and wearing the artefacts. Here are some of their comments:

'The children in Uganda are so creative'

'What do people cook on the stove?'

'What's the bird on the flag?'

'If there is Chinese writing, are there also Chinese numbers?'

'I can tell Granny and Grandad which Chinese animal is their zodiac sign'

For more information or to book a box, please email me sueerrington@gmail.com or phone 01392 833974.

If you are interested in Fairtrade, the power-point presentations, quizzes and children's activities from all the Fairtrade visitors to Devon over the past 10 years, are available as free downloads, from our website: www.globalcentredevon.org.uk, then 'Fairtrade Devon' and 'resources'. Have fun!





News from the MOTHERS' UNION Branch at St. Andrew's, Kenn (with Exminster)



It has been as harsh as it has been sudden. Within the United Kingdom and around the world the economic fallout of COVID-19 is being felt by millions of ordinary people, with many thousands more continuing to risk their lives to protect others.

[Donate to our Urgent Appeal Now](#)

With schools, churches and many businesses closed, the beginning of a new decade has not gone as any of us had envisioned and certainly not as Mothers' Union had planned. The impact of the coronavirus outbreak is truly being felt by all corners of the world, especially by those who are most vulnerable in society or living in poverty and isolation.

While the measures being taken by many governments to protect us (such as quarantine and self-isolation) are proving to be effective in halting the spread of the virus, they come at a cost. The cost is of loneliness for some, financial hardship for families and increased pressures on relationships for others. This further increases the risk of domestic abuse and prolonged hunger and isolation for many.

The Need for Mothers' Union

The above are areas where, inspired by faith, Mothers' Union members have always been active, leading the way in supporting those in need. However, we are not immune to the impact of the virus. In common with many charities, we are facing a significant shortfall in income, currently forecast to be **well in excess of £1 million this year alone**.

This is because the UK's necessary actions to stop the spread of the virus have **abruptly swept away the income we would normally receive from conference room hire at our headquarters, Mary Sumner House, as well as summer fundraising events**. Even with all our safety nets in place, this tidal wave of losses is hitting our charity all at once in a way no one could have foreseen.

Without these funds, we simply cannot meet the costs of staffing, safeguarding, development work, and governance. Ultimately, that means the heart of Mothers' Union being torn out by the ravages of COVID-19, so we are asking for help.

If you are able, and please, only if you are able – can you donate to our urgent appeal so that we can still be here after the crisis has passed? I'm sure you feel, as we do, that we must ensure Mothers' Union can continue to serve God and show God's love, just as we have done for almost 150 years.

To donate see www.mothersunion.org

A Lonely Clod

I wandered lonely as a cloud
 Two metres from the maddening crowd
 To enter Morrisons' hallowed hall.
 This was the pensioners' special hour.
 My wife said: "Buy a bag of flour".
 But I forgot, when through the door,
 What I had gone to Morrisons' for.
 The Morrisons' staff are very kind.
 I told them it had slipped my mind.
 They asked what else I had forgot
 They clearly thought I'd lost the plot.
 I phoned my wife again to ask.
 She reminded me of this special task
 "I need some flour to bake a loaf
 To feed you up – you stupid oaf"
 "Ah yes, of course" I had to lie.
 I dared not ask what flower to buy.
 But then I saw them next the tills-
 A bunch of golden daffodils!



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If it's not of any interest to you, do you know anyone else who you think would like a bit of company? If so phone either Shirley (833293) or Brenda (832896)

All coffee mornings cancelled until October 2020



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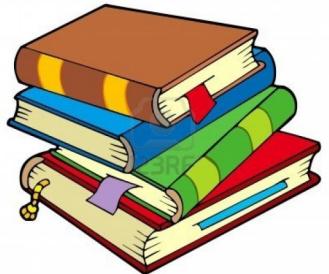
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The Life of all those Born in 1900

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Yes, 50 million.

When you're 29, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25%, global GDP drops 27%. That runs until you are 33. The country nearly collapses along with the world economy. When you turn 39, World War II starts.

You aren't even over the hill yet.

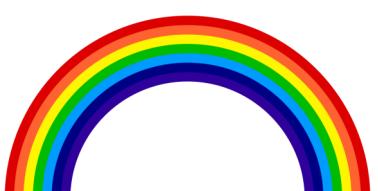
When you're 41, the United States is fully pulled into WWII.

Between your 39th and 45th birthday, 75 million people perish in the war and the Holocaust kills six million. At 52, the Korean War starts and five million perish.

At 64 the Vietnam War begins, and it doesn't end for many years. Four million people die in that conflict. Approaching your 62nd birthday you have the Cuban Missile Crisis, a tipping point in the Cold War. Life on our planet, as we know it, could well have ended. Great leaders prevented that from happening. As you turn 75, the Vietnam War finally ends.

Think of everyone on the planet born in 1900. How do you survive all of that? A kid in 1985 didn't think their 85 year old grandparent understood how hard school was. Yet those grandparents (and now great grandparents) survived through everything listed above. Perspective is an amazing art. Let's try and keep things in perspective. Let's be smart, help each other out, and we will get through all of this. In the history of the world, there has never been a storm that lasted.

This too, shall pass.





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