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Dear Friends

I hope all is well with you, your family and friends.

During the last few months of the Coronavirus epidemic, when we have all been urged to stay at home, save lives, and protect the NHS, there have been restrictions on our movements and lives that none of us have ever experienced before. The lockdown is now slowly, step by step, starting to ease.

At the time of writing we still have to keep the Church building closed, but we look forward to the moment, perhaps in July, when we are given permission to hold some form of public worship and prayer again in St Peter's Church.

At times like these we need encouragement for the future.

In the Bible John's Gospel Chapter 14 verse 15 -21 records a conversation that Jesus had with Peter and the other disciples on the evening before he died. The disciples were concerned about the future, about how they would cope and survive if Jesus was not close by to lead and guide them, and Jesus gave them a promise, "I will not leave you abandoned."

One of the worst feelings in the world is that you've been abandoned. That you face problems and issues that you know you

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can't solve yourself, and yet there is no one to turn to, no source of help and assistance. That's when feelings of loneliness, and helplessness increase, and morale plummets.

Jesus promised his disciples that they would not be abandoned. Peter certainly came to know the strength of that promise. He was at the heart of the events as the early church was established, then became powerful, vibrant and expanded in mission, witness and pastoral care throughout the whole Mediterranean world. Peter was not abandoned. He saw many signs of hope.

Friday 8th May was the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, and I saw many signs of hope that day. I took my daily allowed walk round Newdigate village in the afternoon, just as many folks were having their parties and picnics, with appropriate social distancing. People talked about the wonderful community spirit, and that they did not feel abandoned, or alone, despite the lockdown.

There was a good atmosphere, and we put some photos up on the Church website to give a flavour of the different activities round the village that day. VE Day 1945 was a moment of poignancy, relief, and elation. The war in Europe had ended, and the nation came together in joy tinged by sadness at sacrifices made. There were still difficult days ahead. VJ Day would not come until 15th August. Nuclear weapons would be used in warfare for the first time. Rationing of food would last in the UK for another 9 years. There were many deprivations and tough times to get through. But VE Day marked a new start and a moment of hope for the future. The coronavirus epidemic has been terrible, but we will move beyond it, and life will change again for the better.

I hope that you've not felt abandoned in the last few weeks of lockdown and restrictions of movement. Help is available if you need it. Here in Newdigate there are volunteers who can help get food and medicine if you are unable to leave your house. If everything is getting too much and you're feeling the need to talk or pray in confidence with someone on the Telephone, then St Peter's Clergy and Pastoral Assistants are at hand. Contact details can be found on St Peters Newdigate website.

Remember again that promise that Jesus gave to his disciples: "I will not leave you abandoned."

Try repeating it to yourself a few times slowly each day, as an encouragement

Please remember to check our Church Face Book page where we have been posting a new message each Sunday

https://en-gb.facebook.com/St-Peters-Church-Newdigate-299399600427941/

With my best wishes

Andrew Coe

FROM THE REGISTERS



The Funeral Service for *Liz Luke* took place in St Peter's Churchyard At the graveside on Thursday 21st May 2020.

The funeral Service for *Michael Hartree* took place at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Tuesday 26th May 2020.

Heather Mackay

We were very sorry to hear the sad news of the death of Heather Mackay on Wednesday 13th May in St Catherine's Hospice. Heather had not been well for some months and faced her final illness with much courage and fortitude.

She was very well known in Newdigate village and was a lady of deep Christian faith and prayerfulness, and a long-time member of St Peter's Church, being actively involved in so many areas of church life, most notably as a PCC member and, for many years, as a Churchwarden.

Heather married Bill at St Peters 60 years ago and moved to Newdigate in 1968. She was asked by the then Rector's wife, Sylvia Cunningham, to start a playgroup. It originally met in the attic of the Rectory, with Heather and Nina Warman running it, before moving to the Village Hall.

She and Bill were involved in many aspects of village life. For years Heather served as a very able and well-liked District Nurse. She was involved in Newdigate PTA and was a school governor, she sang with BGN and the church choir, she raised money for St Catherine's hospice for 50 years, she introduced cream teas at the church on Bank Holidays to raise money for the new church roof for 10 years, and she started Luncheon Club with Anne Sawtell in 1997 and helped run it for 20 years. Her gifts of hospitality, practicality and welcome were seen in all she did.

Heather had a wonderful sense of humour. In 2017 a local Care Home organised an outing for residents to visit Newdigate Church. Heather, even though she was older than many of the residents, helped bake cakes and serve afternoon tea. She told me with a laugh that her daughter, on hearing of the upcoming outing, said, "Whatever you do

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Mum, don't overdo it, get tired and fall asleep in Church, or you might wake up and find they've taken you back to the Care Home!'

In 2006, recognition was given to Heather's Church, community, and charitable service, when she was one of the folks from Guildford Diocese chosen to receive the Royal Maundy money from her Majesty the Queen at Guildford Cathedral on Maundy Thursday 13th April.

In 2018, she was further honoured, when she received an invitation to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

There will be a private family Funeral Service for Heather, and at a later point in time, when the current lockdown restrictions have been lifted, there will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Heather's life in Newdigate Church.

We have valued Heather's friendship, fellowship, care and dedication, and she will be very sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Dorking Foodbank during the lockdown. Your generosity has helped some of the most vulnerable in Dorking and the villages, who - often already struggling - have been hardest hit by the coronavirus crisis. Please do continue to donate. Whilst the church building is closed, you will find the Foodbank box - plus a list of suggested contributions - in the porch. FRIENDS OF ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

Lockdown Exhibition



While we are all in Lockdown, get out your paints or pencils, dust off your camera, find your knitting needles,

your chisel, your glue and get creative.

As part of our fund-raising activities this year, we are planning an exhibition in Newdigate Village Hall of work created during lockdown. Any age, any medium, any ability – have a go.





The only criteria : The work is created by you during Lockdown

We hope that we can display all the work created in the Village Hall on Saturday 31st October, [date to be confirmed]. If you're interested, let me have your

email address. lesley.mears@btinternet.com and I will keep you posted.

Have a go at woodwork, tapestry, origami, photography anything creative.

If you would like to sell your work please make sure it is clearly marked and we would appreciate a donation to the Hospice of around 20%.



Why not give it a go?

The Newdigate Contact Volunteer Group We are here to help

If there is something you need or something you need done, just give one of the volunteers below a call.

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We are dropping off 3 times a week - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Food parcels can be regular on all 3 days, or you can ask for just some of the days to or indeed just a one off.

Firms Delivering to Newdigate & Other Resources

A list can be found at <u>www.bit.ly/NCVGinfo</u>. If you have a local business that delivers to Newdigate or know of any useful resources to be added or updated on the list, email <u>NewdigateCVG@gmail.com</u>

> We're all in it together – Newdigate Church – Newdigate Parish Council – Your Neighbours and Friends

To all our Friends at Luncheon Club

Sadly there will be no more Lunches while this crisis continues. We miss seeing you all and we miss our wonderful team of helpers. Do keep in touch with



each other and if you need any help please give one of us a call and we will do our best to sort it out.



"Till we meet again ..." keep safe, keep healthy and keep smiling, exercise as much as you are able, and keep in touch.

As soon as things improve, we will be back!

With love to you all

Ashley - 711875. Carol - 631556 and

Lesley - 631544

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VILLAGE DIARY



A few dates for later months – in the hope that things will be getting back to normal. Of course, there is no guarantee that they will take place!

July

1	Coffee Under the Bells 10-12 Noon. With Hearing Champions Mums Meets Vestry 2pm
2	Yoga Class Village Hall 19.30-20.45
7	Tuesday Matters Summer Lunch. Paul Weakley – A
	trip down Memory Lane. Village Hall 12.30pm
8	Coffee Under the Bells 10-12 Noon
	MU meeting. 2pm
	Good Companions Tea . 2.30pm
9	St Peter's Luncheon Club. Village Hall 12.30pm
	Yoga Class Village Hall 19.30-20.45
13	Newdigate Parish Council Meeting Village Hall
	8pm
15	Coffee Under the Bells 10-12 Noon
	Good Companions. Trip to Roundstone &
	Wortihing .
16	'Crafty Coffee' Village Hall 10-12 Noon
	Yoga class Village Hall 19.30-20.45
22	Coffee Under the Bells 10-12 Noon
	Good Companions Lunch at Sarah Wates
23	Yoga class Village Hall 19.30-20.45
29	Coffee Under the Bells 10-12 Noon
30	Yoga class Village Hall 19.30-20.45
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August

Tue	4	Tuesday Matters It's Skittles. informal meeting
Wed	5	Coffee Under the Bells 10-12 Noon with Hearing
		Champions
Thu	6	Yoga class 19.30-20.45
Wed	12	Coffee Under the Bells 10-12 Noon
		MU meeting Village Hall 2pm
Thu	13	St Peter's Luncheon Club. Village Hall 12.30pm
		Yoga class Village Hall 19.30-20.45
Wed	19	Coffee Under the Bells 10-12 Noon
		Good Companions. Hidden Gems of Kent with
		Peter Batty. Village Hall 2.30pm
Thu	20	'Crafty Coffee' Village Hall 10-12 Noon
		Yoga class Village Hall 19.30-20.45
Wed	26	Coffee Under the Bells 10-12 Noon
Mon	31	MU Bank Holiday Cream Teas. St Peter's Church 3-
		5pm



DORKING MUSEUM IN JUNE



With the summer solstice on June 21st, it seems strange to be welcoming in the season without the usual array of activities. At the time of writing, the Museum remains closed, our planned summer E M Forster exhibition has been deferred until next year and our external activities remain on hold until current restrictions have been relaxed, so please check our website for updates.

Even though the doors are closed, activity is still going on within the limitations imposed by the coronavirus shutdown. Just as at home, it has provided a good opportunity for our volunteers to take on new projects, find new ways of doing things and get down to those jobs that may have been put on one side while the Museum was open. Maintenance work is being carried out, collections catalogued and archives digitised – and in various gardens you may see children's dressing up costumes from WW2 or the Mayflower hanging on the washing line after repair and cleaning.

Volunteer Peter Brown, who is working on a new Dorking themed children's action book, received a heart-warming email from a mother whose son, Charlie, is fascinated by fossils and had been taking part in a group videocall with his friends discussing his astounding collection. Charlie was not going to let a global pandemic or his confinement get in the way of his hobbies. For the children's book, it would be particularly interesting to follow these events through young eyes. Photos of activities or children's diaries and artworks can be used for future projects and kept safe for future historians.

The Museum Archives team is looking to establish an "In the Time of the Coronavirus" collection to provide a record of these unusual times and is asking people to save any relevant ephemera. Maybe photos of empty shelves, queues or empty streets or a diary of the times in digital or hardcopy. The team would love to collect these after it is all over. Volunteer Peter Sturge and Sally Hulbert are researching the story of Dorking's chalk-pits, focusing on the lime works, the people who worked there and the houses on the ridge. If you have information or photographs that might assist this project, they would be delighted to hear from you.

June 1st to 7th is officially designated Volunteers' Week, which celebrates the work of volunteers and raises awareness about the benefits of becoming a volunteer and the diverse volunteering roles available. The Museum offers a variety of opportunities, but here are two recent appeals:

Facilities Working Party: We are looking to put together a team of volunteers with DIY or professional skills who would be willing to join a friendly team of like-minded volunteers to oversee maintenance, decoration and improvement of the interior and exterior of the Museum building. We are looking for expressions of interest from those able to offer a few hours from time to time and skilled in painting, plumbing, cleaning and other minor maintenance work.

Costumes and artefacts: We are seeking an individual who would enjoy coming into the Museum on a regular basis to both check and maintain our hands-on costumes and artefacts. Included would be looking after the real and replica dressing up clothing in the World War Two area; the Evacuee Suitcase; replica 1620s dressing up clothing in the William Mullins area; and the ever-popular hats from a range of eras. Possible repairs and occasional cleaning are also a part of this role.

If you can contribute to any of the collections of material or are interested in a volunteer position, please e-mail admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk or write to the Museum at 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS. For an update on resumption of activities, to read our regularly updated blog, to join or to donate, visit the website www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk.

Newdigate Local History Society



With most of our members in lock down we have looked at a few projects that in the past we just haven't had time to complete.

Monumental Inscriptions

For several years Jane Lilley, Maggie Ashdown and myself have been transcribing the inscriptions on the gravestones in St. Peter's churchyard. It was first done in 1883 and again in 1978/9 when every gravestone was given a reference number. I set all the information, current and past, on a spreadsheet in three columns - one for each survey. It then became possible to see how time and weather had changed and in some cases obliterated the inscription. We also recorded all the names in the church, on seats, gates etc. We then created an index and Geoff Cox and Jane Lilley proof read my typing.

Scott Williams then redrew the map of the churchyard showing the grave references.

For genealogists and family historians it is now possible to look a name up in the index which bears a number. You can then see the inscription and locate the grave on the map. A hard copy is kept in the vestry but it is possible to see the document by going to our website at http://www.nlhs.org.uk and go to Archives / Monumental Inscriptions.

1990 Photographic Survey

Another project that we have been working on has been the 1990 photographic survey. In 1990 nearly all the buildings in Newdigate were photographed and the pictures stored in seven albums. We thought that it would be nice if these could be seen on our website. Keith Jones, Christiana Powell, John Chaplin and Martin Gilpin kindly all agreed to scan the pictures. They then sent me the results of their work. I am now downloading them on to the website and captioning all the pictures. This is a real snapshot in time and hopefully, by the time the parish magazine is published, the survey can be seen on our website under Photos / Photographic survey 1990.

Do you feel the need to go for a walk? - how about one with a historical background? At the bottom of the home page on our website we have four walks. Over the past few weeks we have checked that they are still accurate and that all the footpaths are still open. They vary in length and difficulty, so why not give them a try?

Best wishes and stay safe.

John Callcut

A Moment to Reflect



'A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves.'

Frederick William Faber

'Without inspiration the best powers of the mind remain dormant. There is a fuel in us which needs to be ignited with sparks.' Johann Gottfried Von Herder

'Be true to your work, your word and your friend.' Henry David Thoreau

> 'Forgiveness is the final form of love.' Reinhold Niebuhr

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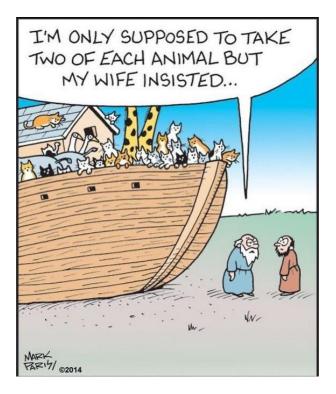
Residents will see that the defibrillator which was previously in a cabinet near the post box on the side wall at Bob's Shop has been moved. It has now been installed in a secure cabinet a little further along that wall. The reason for this is that to ensure reliable operation in all weathers defibrillators do need to be housed in secure heated cabinets. There is another defibrillator in a secure cabinet in the telephone kiosk opposite the Surrey Oaks.

There has been a lot of comment and concern about the excessive speed of vehicles travelling through the village since the lockdown. The police have been made aware of the problem. As soon as normal meetings are allowed again the Parish Council will be meeting with Surrey Highways to progress the suggestions made following the survey sent to residents about traffic calming.

In normal years, the period for public inspection of Parish Council accounting documents takes place during June/July. However, this year legislation has been passed to allow public inspection to take place during September/October. A notice will be placed on the noticeboards and the website setting out the dates.

If the lockdown is still in operation by early July, the Parish Council will hold an online Zoom meeting. The end of year audit took place remotely recently and the auditor's report will need to be signed off at that meeting so that the annual return documents can be forwarded to the external auditors.

An agenda for the 6th July meeting will be placed on noticeboards and on the website. If the meeting is to take place online, details of how residents can 'join the meeting' will be published with the agenda.



Brockham Choral Society are holding a

YOUNG COMPOSERS COMPETITION £1,000 PRIZE FOR BEST ENTRY Further prize of £500 for best under 18 if not overall winner. CLOSING DATE 27th NOVEMBER 2020 BROCKHAM CHORAL, a mixed voice choir based in Dorking, is offering prizes for a work to be sung in its concert in November 2021. Open to young composers aged 11 to 25 who live or study in Surrey. The work should be between 3 and 6 minutes long. For further information visit www.brockhamchoral.org/compositioncompetition



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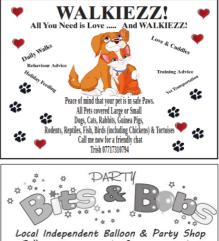
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