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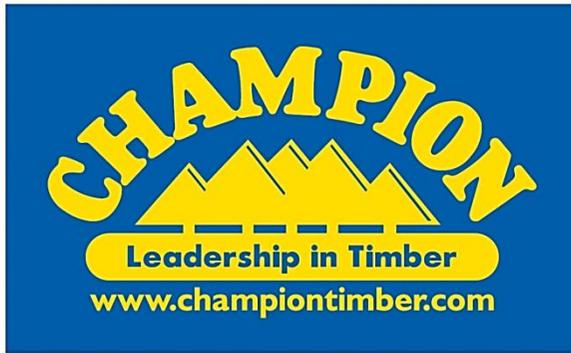
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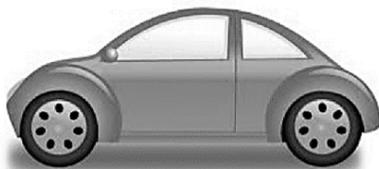
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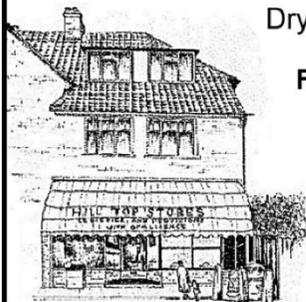
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# Letter from the Editor

In late June 2012, I became embroiled in rather acrimonious discussions with a lady who had been designated replacement Editor on the retirement of June Austin just prior to the 2012 London Olympic Games. As a result, the magazine was left without an Editor. To keep “the show on the road”, I offered to produce the July-August 2012 issue which, at that time, was already due to be printed. With a lot of help from regular contributors, and a few others, the issue was produced from scratch in just over seven days and went for printing on 5th July. My apology for late publication was signed off “Stand-In Editor”.

**Eight years later, I am still in-post – but only just, as this will be my last issue.**

This will be the 77th issue that I have produced, and I would hate to guess how many hours sitting at my computer that has entailed. There have been many enjoyable moments but also quite a few difficult ones; and the pressure to meet a deadline does not get any easier however much one tries to plan one’s time. The move from ten to six issues a year relieved some of the pressure but not enough – the effort needed to produce another issue and find material that one hoped would be of interest to our readers was always just around the corner.

At this point in time, there is no replacement Editor, so the current assumption must be that there will not be an October-November 2020 issue. I am personally disappointed that, after 35 years, the **Box Hill News** may be no more. I have thought long and hard about my decision to step-down, and the timing of that decision, but have now reached the point where the decision must be made.

Many thanks to all those regular and occasional contributors who have helped make my time a little easier. And a big thank you to all subscribers and readers who have made it possible to keep the magazine going for thirty-five years. I would also like to thank my wife Jacqui for providing the cover artwork for the last 17 years, and for supporting me when I was incommunicado working on the magazine. “Thanks” also go to Bill and Sue Clark and the whole **Box Hill News** team for giving their time and energy to get the magazine distributed

**Subscriptions for 2020-21 will not be collected at the present time.** Our chairman, Bill Clark, will be making efforts to find a new Editor as soon as possible. If you are interested, please contact Bill on 01737 842793.

Finally, I hope you enjoy this issue, albeit somewhat lightweight due to the coronavirus lockdown restrictions on events and venues that would normally be reviewed. Stay safe and keep well.

## **EVENTS/MEETINGS FOR 2020**

As you know the AGM in June had to be cancelled. The next scheduled public meeting is 5th October 2020 which will be kept under review.

If there are any matters residents wish to raise in the interim, these can be raised with:

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Malcolm Ladell: malcolmladell@btinternet.com Landline: 01737 843644

## **COVID-19**

We hope everyone has remained safe during the pandemic. We have received some lovely stories of how residents have been pulling together to look after their neighbours, particular those have been asked 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.

For the latest government information - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

## **BUS 21**

BHNC has been communicating with SCC Cllr Hazel Watson regarding the urgent need to resolve the current difficulties in retaining the essential Bus 21 service which depends on being able to turnaround at the NT Car Park nearest to Boxhill Road.

## **ACTION FRAUD UPDATES**

Criminals are exploiting the COVID-19 pandemic to try and get their hands on your money and personal information. To date, Action Fraud has received reports from 2,378 victims of Coronavirus-related scams, with the total losses reaching over £7 million.

### **Protect yourself from Coronavirus-related scams:**

There are some simple steps you can take that will protect you from the most common Coronavirus-related scams. Here's what need to do:

#### 1) Watch out for scam messages

Your bank, or other official organisations, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you receive an email you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

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**ACTION FRAUD / Protecting yourself from Coronavirus-related scams:**

2) Shopping online

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3) Unsolicited calls and browser pop-ups offering tech support

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**NHS Test and Trace scams:**

The NHS Test and Trace service plays an important role in the fight against coronavirus and it's vital the public have confidence and trust in the service. However, we understand the concerns people have about the opportunity for criminals to commit scams.

What you need to know: Contact tracers will only call you from the number 0300 013 5000. Anyone who does not wish to talk over the phone can request the NHS Test and Trace service to send an email or text instead, inviting them to log into the web-based service.

All text or emails sent by NHS Test and Trace will ask people to sign into the contact tracing website and will provide you with a unique reference number. We would advise people to type the web address <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk> directly into their browser, followed by the unique reference number given to you, rather than clicking on any link provided in the message.

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### **ACTION FRAUD** (Continuation)

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, please report it to Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or by calling 0300 123 2040.

### **HIGHWAYS**

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

### **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.

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## **News from the Village Clubs**

### **Villagers Group**

Box Hill Villagers are reopening on Thursday 17th September at 2.15 p.m. in Box Hill Village Hall. For further information please call Val or Colin on 01737 843165

### **Box Hill Good Neighbours**

The transport scheme is still operating for medical appointments only.

Tea parties will not be starting until later in 2020 when safe to hold them.

### **Box Hill Social Club**

Restart plans requested but not received in time to include in this issue.



I would like to say a big “Thank You” to a Mike and Annalisa Balch who, during the lockdown, have frequently brought me meals, cakes, bread and even flowers to cheer me up during the long isolation. I know a number of other people who have received their goodies would also want to pass

on their gratitude too. Thanks to you both.

**Mavis Richardson** (17th June 2020)

# Letter from our Chairman

28 July 2020

I have just received a call from the Editor to say he is to stand down as Editor.

I would just like to thank Chris and Jacqui for their hard work over the time he has been Editor.

I will do my best to find another person to Edit the magazine but if not, this will be our last issue.

Thank you all for your support over the years.

Please contact **Bill Clark** (Chairman, *Box Hill News*) on 01737 842793

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## “TIME FOR TIFFIN”

Not an expression used very often these days and probably unknown to many, but those of a certain age will surely remember this being used by their parents. So, what does it mean and how did it come about?

When the British established themselves in India in the late 18th century, it soon became clear that adaptation was needed. For a start, the rituals of eating were going to have to change to accommodate the hot, languid days and nights. In the heat of the day, lunch became a much lighter meal – but what to call it? Somehow, the word that seemed to stick was "tiffin", taken from the slang words "tiff", a tot of diluted liquor, and "tiffing", to take a sip of this liquor (perhaps a hint that a sahib's lunch might quite often be of the liquid variety!). Tiffin took off and "a spot of tiffin" soon became a peg on which almost any culinary indulgence between breakfast and dinner could be hung.

From these origins in British India, tiffin has evolved to create a fascinating world of its own, a world that involves a whole range of dishes and equipment and above all of suppliers, from the tiffin wallahs of Bombay to the sellers of spiced tea and savoury snacks who cater for busy punters on the run. Today tiffin might mean a packed lunchbox or afternoon tea, a savoury snack, or a sweet treat. As long as it is munched between breakfast and dinner, it is simply tiffin.

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# Spirella in Letchworth Garden City



The Spirella Corset Company Inc was formed in 1904 in Meadville, Pennsylvania, USA. It was founded on a patent of dress bone for bustles. The company manufactured made to measure corsets. Employee benefits included travel, education, and healthcare.

Work began on the Spirella factory in Letchworth Garden City in 1912 and with various extensions over the next few years, was finished in 1920. Its founder was a man called William Wallace Kincaid (1868 - 1964) He commissioned architect Cecil Hignett, to design a state of the ark factory and when finished, it was the perfect environment for its workers to be happy, contented and highly productive. It was built to look like a large country town house complete with towers and a ballroom. It was called the 'Factory of Beauty'. This factory provided baths, showers, gymnastic classes, library, free eye tests and bicycle repairs for its employees.

During World War Two, Irvin Air chute Company expanded its production of parachutes into the Spirella building and women working for British Tabulating Machine Company, secretly produced components for decoding machines. Spirella Corsets were not sold in the shops, but female staff were sent to customers' homes for a private and personal service.



In 1979 it became a Grade 11 listed building. Sadly, with the manufacturing of corsets in the decline, it closed its doors in July 1989. In 1995 the Letchworth Garden City Foundation, bought the neglected building, restored the interior, and reopened it for leased office accommodation. It currently houses over twenty businesses and still remains an impressive building, surrounded by well-kept grounds.

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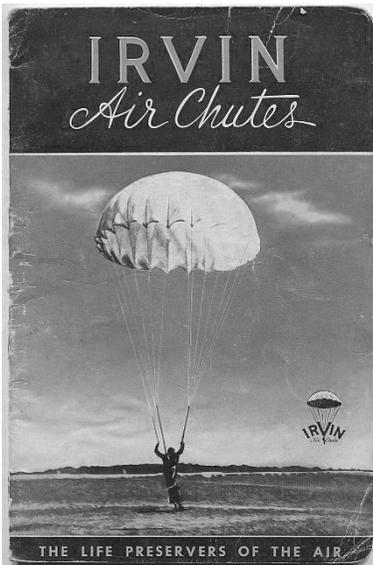
# ... and the Irvin Air Chute Company

This is another company that first established itself in America, in Buffalo, New York in 1919, by parachutist Leslie Irvin (right) who had performed the world's first free-fall parachute jump in the same year.

During 1928, the RAF, placed an order with the company to supply parachutes for its aircrew. To do this and for the future of European orders, the firm established a factory in the industrial area of Letchworth Garden City.

In 1932, James Gregory and Raymond Quilter founded another pioneering parachute manufacturer, GQ Parachutes and by the end of the 1930s, both companies were major suppliers of emergency escape parachutes to many air forces around the world.

During 1940, GQ and Irvin collaborated on the X-type parachute assembly which provided a safe and reliable static line for paratroopers. This model was mass produced throughout the rest of the Second World War and so needing extra space, they expanded into the Spirella Corset Factory.



Both companies continued after the war, their products adapted to suit high speed military aircraft during the 1950s and 1960s. Their parachutes were adopted by British aviation firm Martin-Baker for their range of ejector seats, including the very first use of such a seat.

Irvin Air Chute Company was acquired by its long-term collaborator GQ Parachutes and although a couple of name changes since then, in 2018, they re-adopted their previous name of Irvin-GQ.

Today the company's core products include naval decoy systems, parachutes, Aerial delivery and survival equipment, plus associated services. The company is now based in Wales.

# TRAVEL BLOG: Lake Como, Italy



If you were to hear the words Lake Como Italy, what images would spring to mind? A beautiful lake, romance, good food, lively Italians, or perhaps George Clooney, after all he does have a villa there!

Well these certainly apply to Lake Como and many more but no words can truly do it justice. Lake Como is a place that has to be seen, felt, experienced, and enjoyed in every way.

And one of the best places in which to do this would be at The Grand Hotel Tremezzo. Perfectly located on the shores of Lake Como directly facing the charming town of Bellagio, where the two branches of the lake meet against the rose-tinted backdrop of the Grigne mountains.

The Grand Hotel Tremezzo is an iconic art nouveau masterpiece with sumptuous accommodation, and three pools including Water-on-the-Water an irresistible pool floating on the lake. Not to mention the private lakeside beach and lavish private park all enthused with the warmest hospitality all'Italliana.

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# COVID-19 LOCKDOWN JOURNAL by Maureen Sears

I hope you enjoyed my 'Ramblings of a 71-year old' in the last issue of BHN; if so, here are a few more.

## Week 8: 11 - 17 May 2020

To say we are all confused regarding the new rules for lockdown would be putting it mildly. From what I understand, we can now drive as far as we like as long as we exercise at the end and also get home before nightfall; and by the way, there are no public toilets open, so advised to take a bucket!. You can now get someone in to decorate your house, as long as it's not a family member; you can now have a child minder or nanny, but again as long as it's not a family member; you can go to a park and sit 2 metres away from a family - yes you've guessed it as long as it's not your



*Boris Johnson promoting the wearing of face masks*

family. We're also told to wear a face mask when travelling on public transport or shopping, but we are also told that they don't do anything, in fact because you will touch your face more when wearing one, it could do more harm than good. Is it any wonder we are all confused - or is it just me?!

The housing market has now reopened so people can now come to view your property. Someone has said they are going to put their house on the market and get their parents to come and view it! The Government has said they hope to open the schools on 1st June, but most teachers are against this as schools are not equipped for social distancing, and if my grandson's anything to go by nor are children!

This weekend's weather is meant to be good; just hope it doesn't bring out the crowds as now the police have no power to enforce the two-metre social distancing rule. Everyone is very worried that these new measures have come into force far too early, as the death toll is almost 35,000 and still between 400 and 600 people are dying every day.

Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland have decided to do their own thing and are still in lockdown. Who can blame them! I just hope that we're not back there in a few weeks. On a lighter note, I've taken full advantage of the new rules! My friend and I drove down to Mickleham (in separate cars) and had a picnic. There was no one around so we had a lovely afternoon. I went to the shop yesterday. All very organised I must say. I bought lots of essentials plus a big bar of chocolate and ate the lot last night. I was very sorry afterwards, felt really ill, and won't do that again.

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# COVID-19 LOCKDOWN JOURNAL

## Week 8: 11 – 17 May 2020 (Continuation)

Today is going to be nice (sun will come out soon, I hope), so I plan to do some gardening, maybe cut the grass - it doesn't need doing yet but I'll give it a trim whilst I'm in the gardening mood. Talking of trim, my hair is badly in need of one - top and sides are OK as I can get to them but it's a good job I can't see the back. I think hairdressers will return to work on 1st of July if everything goes to plan.

As the weather is going to be nice for next few days, I intend to go out a bit more as getting a bit of "cabin fever"; can't go too far, as I haven't got a bucket. My friends and I have arranged another Zoom meeting next week, hope we're better than the last shambles. I doubt it somehow.

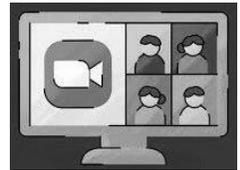
## Week 9: 18 - 24 May

It's a beautiful Monday morning, I can hear busy lawn mowers everywhere, wish they would stop, they are making me feel guilty. I have good news and bad news. The good news is most people were sensible at the weekend, no crowds at the beach, or at beauty spots. The bad news is Asda has sold out of buckets! (no more bucket jokes I promise). Big outing this morning, I'm off to buy a stamp!!!!

 Quite a busy week planned. Tomorrow I have to make a cake for a friend; also have a few Amazon deliveries arriving and of course we have the Zoom event!!! And on Wednesday I'm off for a picnic.

In Italy, they are taking a "calculated risk" today by opening up restaurants, bars and hairdressers. They have one of the highest death tolls in Europe at around 32,000. I'm sure our Government will be watching closely to see how it goes. Good luck Italy, we're all rooting for you, and hopefully that will be us, one Monday morning in the near future.

I had my car repaired this week. In February, when we had really heavy rain, I drove through "the puddle" on Boxhill Road. I almost didn't make it out of the water, sheer willpower and a lot of shouting got me out. It was obvious straight away that I'd done some damage and since then the engine has sounded like a tractor! Then we went into lockdown, so I didn't use it for six weeks. I almost forgot about the noisy engine until I decided to go out one day! You may have heard me? People were stopping to see where the tractor was!!! Glad to say all repaired now, thanks to the boys at Walton-on-the-Hill garage. I ventured up to the viewpoint yesterday. I was pleasantly surprised, no big crowds and everyone keeping their distance. I'm off out soon for a picnic, I'm meeting my daughter and grandchildren, not sure if it's allowed as they are family!!!! I'm sure I've broken several rules up till now. I'll put it down to confusion if anyone asks.



Zoom Video Calls

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# COVID-19 LOCKDOWN JOURNAL

## Week 9: 18 - 24 May 2020 (Continuation)

Heard some good news at last yesterday - not one person died in a London hospital from the virus on Wednesday. I think we are all feeling slightly optimistic at last. We have another Bank holiday this weekend, let's hope people are sensible! The death toll now stands at 37,000.

The Government seem to be going through a lot of bad press at the moment, with members flouting the lockdown rules. People are not happy about this situation. The Government are meeting tomorrow to discuss the next phase of easing the lockdown. I do hope it's a bit clearer than the last lot!!!

It's been announced that Primary schools will be returning to school on 1st June. Not all of the school will return, just reception, year one and year six. I personally think it's too soon. I'm not sure if we're ready yet! Why can't they forget the 6 weeks summer holiday and maybe return in August as I believe is the case in Scotland. It's also been announced that from 8th June we are introducing a new rule regarding people entering UK. Anyone coming into UK from anywhere other than Ireland will have to self-isolate for 14 days. Most countries are doing the same, so am I correct in thinking that if you went abroad for 2 weeks, you would need to book 6 weeks off work!! I can't see this being a problem just yet, as I'm sure like me, nobody has any wish to be travelling abroad anytime soon.

## Week 10: 25 - 31 May

It's another Bank holiday, (how many more)!!! As the weather is so good, it's a big worry that people will flout the lockdown rules. I've heard they are closing parts of Brighton beach! Not sure if that's a good thing; surely people will just crowd onto the beach that is open. I'm going for a stroll in the park with my friend, hopefully not too many people.

Boris [Johnson] has announced today that outdoor markets and car showrooms are to reopen on 1st June; also all retail shops will be allowed to reopen on 15th June; Years 10 and 12 are to return to school also on 15th June, this is because they have exams coming up next year. My granddaughter is in year 10, so this will include her. I'm sure she will be quite pleased to get back, even if only to see her friends! That's if we're not all back in lockdown again after the beaches were crowded again this weekend as was feared. Boris's advice was "keep washing your hands". It was also announced that as from Monday 1st June, we are allowed to meet up with five other people as long as it's outside. This can be anyone, doesn't have to be family. We can go to each other's gardens, even use their toilet as long as, yes you've guessed it "we keep washing our hands".



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## Week 10: 25-31 May 2020 (Continuation)

Needless to say, nobody waited until 1st June. I don't think he'd finished speaking before I was in my car and gone!!!! Most people are a bit nervous about all this, it seems a lot in a short space of time, particularly as the death toll is still rising. It's now at 38,000.

As I mentioned before, in the real world, I attend a gym where I do a fitness dance class. I recently spoke to my dance teacher who lives here on Box Hill in a park home and she told me she has been doing a fitness class (free of charge) every morning for 30 minutes on a big field on her site. So as the rules have changed, I was able to go along. I can't tell you how excited I was, it opened up a whole new world for me, meeting people, exercising and a reason to get up in the morning. I went along, and as expected it was great. Unfortunately, later that day I got a text from her informing me that due to one or two people complaining, it has now closed down. Apparently, they objected to the music. This seems so unfair, as it surely was so good for people both mentally and physically, even if you didn't join in. Just to hear music for 30 minutes each day would be nice, wouldn't it?

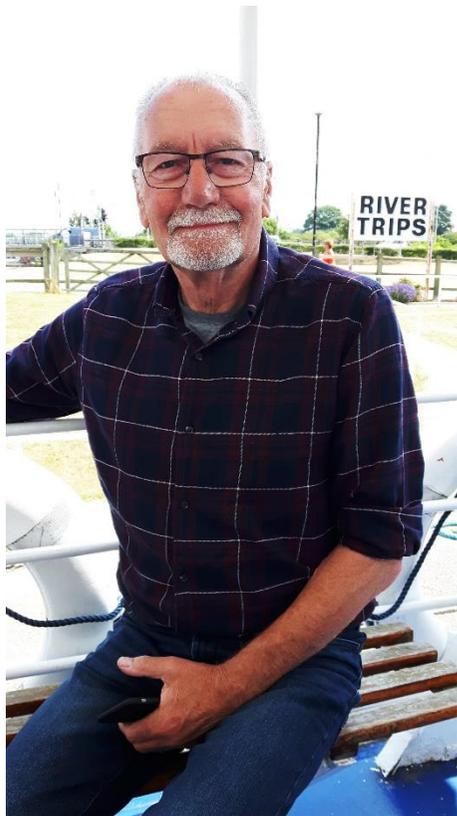


*Bournemouth Beach, Bank Holiday Monday 25 May 2020*

We have been so lucky with the weather this month. I believe it has been the hottest May on record. Unfortunately, with our new freedom and the hot weather, people are heading to the beaches in their droves, leaving rubbish etc. behind. From what I could see on the News there wasn't much social distancing going on. I just hope we don't all end up back in lockdown because it's all happened too quickly.

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# The sad passing of Terry (Bumble) Hearn



I would like to say “Thank you” to all friends on Merrywood Park and in the village for the wonderful support and kindness to Terry through his illness, and since his passing on 14th May to myself.

Terry battled so hard to beat the horrible disease of bladder cancer. He was treated at the Royal Marsden hospital in Sutton and his last days were spent in the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher.

Because of the Covid-19 virus, Terry could not have a proper funeral, so we are having a celebration of his life in Haughley, Suffolk, where he was born and lived for many years.

Terry was a Suffolk lad who moved to Box Hill 11yrs ago. He loved Box Hill and made many friends, but Suffolk was always his true home.

Terry was my soul mate and will be missed by all family and friends.

***Brenda Hearn***



## A lovely lady

Today [30 May], I saw a resident of Box Hill bagging up the rubbish and overspill from the waste bin [near the bus shelter] that had not been emptied by the council.

I asked her if she would have her photo taken and give me her name and agree to let me post it on here. This is to thank her for undertaking this not very pleasant task.

Well done to Ann Marshall for bagging up five black sacks of rubbish and leaving the bin empty.

Posted on [www.nextdoor.co.uk](http://www.nextdoor.co.uk) by Chris Harris

# Rewilding the world? By Alan Aylward

In 2015 The Woodland Trust started planting trees at what was then Langley Wood Farm by the side of Epsom racecourse. At the time of writing they have planted 150,000 native species of tree and bush. Many of them are still barely visible above the polytubes that protect them from deer but there are areas where the new growth already has some effect, and this and other work like wild-flower sowing in some fields has had a dramatic effect. Last year the number of butterflies in June and July in some of the open walks was an amazing site. The Woodland Trust is one of a number of organisations trying to reverse the decline in our “natural” countryside. It, and organisations like the National Trust and Natural England have found themselves in recent years bolstered on a tide of increasing interest in what they do, not least because the government has realised that one way of tackling climate change is by planting more trees.



*The Woodland Trust and other organisations work to increase the amount of native woodland in the UK. The government target to meet climate change goals is 1.5 million hectares by 2050*

The government’s 25 year environment plan in 2018 brought environmental concerns to the centre of government planning, and that has been given numerical teeth by this government endorsing the Committee on Climate Change recommendation that we should aim to have 19% tree cover in the UK by 2050.

## Rewilding the world? (Continuation)

Currently the figure is 13%, and that means creating 1.5 million “new” hectares (nearly 4 million acres, i.e. 5800 square miles) in the next 30 years. It is at a rate that the government has never managed so far – by a wide margin – but there is growing impetus to create the infrastructure to do it, with schemes like the northern forest planned to make it possible to get from one coast to the other along the M62 corridor from Liverpool to Hull entirely under tree cover. For the sceptics who believe things only ever get worse one should point out that our current 13% tree cover – while poor when compared to the 35% average on the continent - is at least better than the 5% recorded in the census of 1905. The fact that only 2% of the UK now comprises ancient woodland (that is woods that can be traced back to 1600) is partly due to the way woods were decimated around the turn of the 19th/20th centuries.

But beyond these immediate interests in developing woodland – and other natural environments like peat bogs and wetlands – there is a more strident movement afoot asking for even more radical action. There are calls for more active “rewilding” – that is taking nature back to where it was hundreds or thousands of years ago when our countryside was in a natural balance. The first tentative steps to this have seen work to reintroduce species that were lost to the British Isles or became very rare because of human intervention. The Woodland Trust has seen Ospreys breeding again in Scotland for example, and a number of groups are trying to re-introduce pine



*The pine marten has been successfully introduced into some English forests: could this also help the red squirrel's survival?*

martens to areas of England from where they have been lost. This has had an interesting side effect in that red squirrels have been seen to reappear in these areas and the numbers of the non-native greys shrink. This is believed to be because the greys are slower and less mobile and are preyed on (or move to stay out of the way of) the pine martens.

Other reintroductions include beavers to some rivers where they form useful settlements which act to slow and store water – natural flood defence creators. Until recent years the beavers had been extinct since the 16th century. Wild boars are also prevalent in some parts of the country now (though not “officially” reintroduced) and bison will be introduced to Blean Woods near Canterbury.

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## Rewilding the world? (Continuation)

This latter re-introduction may seem somewhat more bizarre since these isles have not seen bison for 6000 years! The idea is that these large animals create space and the environment that allow other species of flora and fauna to flourish. They are termed “ecosystem engineers”. Wild horses do a similar but lesser job in other places in the country. An area you can visit to see this “rewilding” in action is Knepp estate in West Sussex which has been left to return to the state that a (fairly) unmanaged area would revert to. Large grazing species like old species of cattle and horses



*Several species of our deer like this muntjac are introduced, non-native species*

control the environment, changing the landscape and water courses – the result is a blossoming of plants and wildlife. To quote their website “Extremely rare species like turtle doves, nightingales, peregrine falcons and purple emperor butterflies are now breeding here”.

One problem all these rewilding projects have is that one important ingredient is missing – there are no major predators keeping the numbers of species like deer down. In the natural system wild cats and wolves would keep herbivore numbers down. We are in fact overrun with

deer in the UK – several of the species like muntjac are not even native to these isles. We end up having to cull these ourselves. There are plans to reintroduce lynx to some areas, but as one would expect there is a lot of concern especially amongst farmers about this (though they have been reintroduced in Norway with minimal effect on sheep there). One can imagine the response if a proposal was made to reintroduce the wolf widely in the UK. (Whisper it, but there have been proposals for very restricted reintroduction in Scotland – and wolves are now becoming more common again in Scandinavia after restrictions were eased.)

It will be interesting to see where all this leads. Can we return large swathes of the planet to “nature”? You might think the increase of the human population and its spread into more and more land makes this unlikely. Most of the population increase though is tending to happen in cities – though this needs more agricultural land to feed.

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## Rewilding the world? (Continuation)

Analysis of global trends suggest this is a short-term problem – if you consider 2050 short term. The human population is believed to be going to reach a maximum around 2050-2060 and then will start to shrink. Maybe that is the respite the natural world needs for its recovery. Even before that though, the concentration into cities may be a reason why nature can be “recovered”. There have been plans even as far back as Victorian times to “green” cities and try to make them more self-sufficient. It may seem bizarre to think of the city as self-contained for food supply, but there are a number of schemes to incorporate crop growth into the city landscape.

You may have heard of the schemes like “Square Mile farms” which produce internal gardens (mainly herbs) for offices and small restaurants, and there are underground farms in central London growing produce hydroponically for local consumption. But, upping the scale, the idea of the “Garden City” as we saw before and after WWII (as in Welwyn) has been developed further with schemes where garden areas are incorporated into new developments, not only meaning produce becomes largely local, but also improving the environment for the locals. There are even plans for whole skyscraper cities to be “clothed” in plant production.



*“Forest City”: a design for an eco-city which is self-sufficient in energy and food*

There is a theoretical and philosophical push behind this of course. The self-sufficient city is maybe possible with a plant-based diet but where do animals fit in? The move to vegetarian and vegan living has a strong environmental push behind it.

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# Rewilding the world? (Continuation)

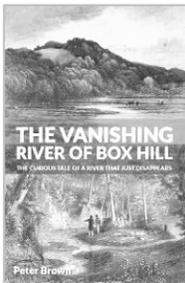
George Monbiot is a leading environmental journalist who enjoys pointing out uncomfortable facts about the way we currently live. For example, 50% of UK land is used for grazing livestock and growing grass for them to eat. A proportion of the 19% of arable land is also used to make animal feed. Vast swathes of Scottish hills and the Lake District were deforested to create sheep-farming. (Langdale in the Lake District, for example, now mostly grassland would have been largely forested before it was cleared.) There are 23 million sheep in the UK, but they provide only 1% of our calorie intake. Worldwide whole swathes of forest are being cut down to create grazing – this is a major problem in the Amazon for example. But this is having a devastating climate effect as much as anything else. The carbon cost of making just 4kg of beef is the equivalent of flying from London to New York and back again. Meat is a very inefficient source of nourishment.

The problem here is that meat is seen as the food of the aspirational in poorer countries; as people get richer, they want more of it despite what it is doing to the planet. So, we have two countervailing developments – the crash and burn of the move to more meat production and the attempts to get back to a more sustainable natural world. It's a race we shall see create conflict more and more as we head towards the middle of the century.

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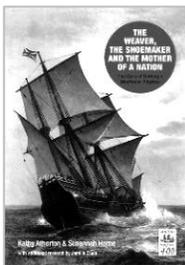
## BOOK REVIEW – DORKING MUSEUM SHOP

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### **The Vanishing River of Box Hill by Peter Brown**

According to local folklore the River Mole occasionally vanishes. Is that really true? Has anyone ever seen it disappear? And if it goes, where does it go – and why? Former BBC film maker Peter Brown explores the facts behind the folklore and tells the tale of the dedicated scientist who cracked the mysteries of the Mole. Priced at £6.00



### **The Weaver, the Shoemaker and the Mother of a Nation.**

#### **The Story of Dorking's Mayflower Pilgrims**

by **Kathy Atherton and Susannah Horne**

The book tells the story of the Dorking Mayflower Pilgrims of 1620 who risked everything to start a new life in the New World. It also gives an insight into day to day life in the town they left behind. Priced at £8.00



## DOG GROOMING DAYS - Harvest Mite

At times, we see dogs coming into the parlour with the owner saying their pet has been scratching and/or chewing and licking various areas and they can't see anything wrong.

From late August into October, Harvest Mite can cause skin problems in dogs and severe itching. Many dogs may not be aware they have Harvest Mite, where others are much more sensitive and may scratch or nibble at the offending area.

The first active stage of the Harvest Mite's life cycle is the six-legged larvae and they feed by thrusting their small hooked fangs into the skin surface. Once attached they inject powerful digestive enzymes, which break down the skin cells. Once the cells disintegrate, it becomes liquid for the Mite to suck up. The larvae can remain at the same site for 2 - 3 days and when full, will have grown 3 - 4 times in size.

The itchiness and nibbling from your dog may occur 3 - 6 hours after exposure to these mites and can continue for several weeks. It can also cause scurf and hair loss. Scratching and nibbling can cause a break in the skin which can then cause infection.

The Harvest Mite larvae congregate in large groups on small clods of earth, long grass, vegetation, low bushes, and plants. They can be found in gardens, countryside, and parks. They can be localised. For example, there could be a heavy infestation in one garden but absent from others. They attach themselves to any warm bloodied animal and can be found on the front legs, genital area, between the toes, in the pads, neck and armpits of your dog.

So, what to look out for. The human eye cannot see what these mites look like because they are only 0.2mm long. To us, they will come across as reddish/ orange dust or spots of dust attached to the hair or skin.

They are only active during the day, so if your pet is prone to suffering with these mites, then it is best to walk your dog early morning or after dusk and if possible, avoid long grasses and vegetation. Worse infestation generally comes if pets are sitting or lying down, if their owners find a nice sunny spot to rest in.

There is no licensed treatment in the UK for Harvest Mite, but some flea treatments are said to be effective. Best to get advice from your vet, as these mites can make your pet very uncomfortable.

Although not confirmed, there is a possibility that Harvest Mite is connected to Seasonal Canine Illness (SCI). The Animal Health Trust is investigating a possible link, as many of the dogs that have come down with SCI, also had Harvest Mite.

Until next time, **Maureen**

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Although the Government is slowly relaxing social-distancing and other health and safety guidelines, Dorking Museum currently remains closed and external activities are on hold whilst plans are put in place to allow us to re-open and resume activities safely whilst continuing to offer an appropriate visitor experience. This is under regular review, so please check our website for updates. We look forward to welcoming all our visitors back as soon as possible.

What strange few months we have been through – for a while, the streets of Dorking or the slopes of Box Hill have not looked so empty within living memory. How different it all was 100 years ago when the hills around Dorking were attracting day-trippers in their thousands on a fine summer day. On a fine bank holiday in the 1890s up to 5,000 day-trippers would arrive by rail and 2,000 more by carriage, horse-bus or cycle. By the early 20th century, cars, motorcycles, motor coaches and buses added to the numbers. Lieut.-Col. Nathaniel Newnham-Davis, in “The Gourmet’s Guide to London” (1914), noted that “the road to Dorking at certain times of day, especially on Sundays, is alive with motor cars and motor cycles, and the cars at lunch-time and at tea-time cluster in front of the [Burford Bridge] hotel like swarming bees.”



*Buses at Burford Bridge, Box Hill 1934 (Image: London Transport Museum)*

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# DORKING MUSEUM (Continuation)



Mayflower Planter outside Museum, made by Dorking Men's Shed [Image: Lois Leyland]



Mayflower model for children to make [Image: Robin Cooper]

The Museum's autumn exhibition, 'Mayflower 400', commemorating the 400th anniversary of the sailing of *The Mayflower*, will now be held over until next year. A lot of work has been going into this major event in Dorking's calendar, so it will be well worth the wait. Museum volunteers have been creating replica seventeenth century costumes and local saddle maker Julia Forsyth a display of 17th century shoemaking and tools.

The handiwork of the **Dorking Men's Shed** can already be seen bringing colour to the town with their magnificent Mayflower planters, one of which is sited in the walkway to the Museum. They have also been constructing a cross section model of the *Mayflower* and its contents to go on display at the Museum's exhibition.

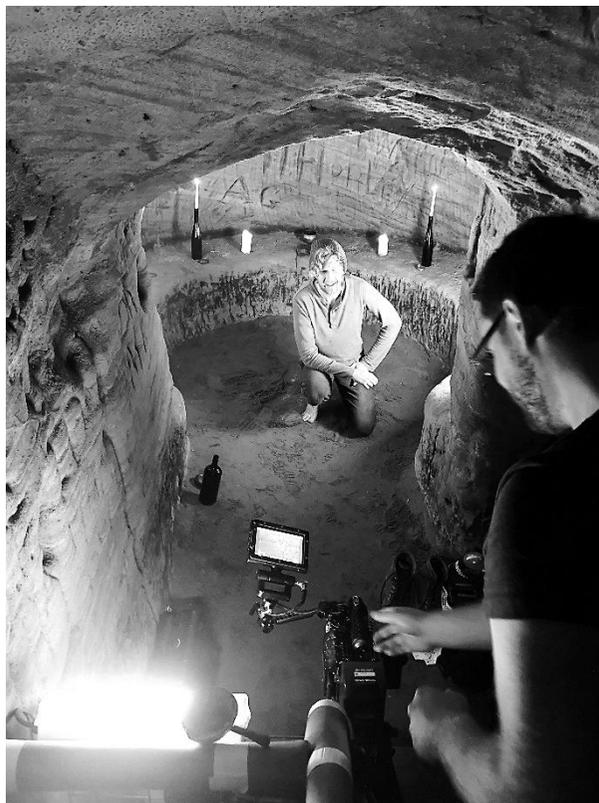
The team has also devised a template for an original *Mayflower* model for children to make. This will be available at the exhibition and in a new children's

activity book to be published by The Cockerel Press. But you can download this from [www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk/mayflowermodel](http://www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk/mayflowermodel) now for something to do in the holidays. When you have completed it, why not send a digital photo of your finished model to [admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk](mailto:admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk) and we will display some of these on our website.

**Walking in Dorking:** At the time of writing, the Museum's programme of guided walks in and around Dorking is still on hold and we do not know when it might be possible to resume within social-distancing guidelines. Some walks have been provisionally scheduled from the beginning of September, but please check the website for updates.

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# DORKING MUSEUM (Continuation)



*Maxi Curnow's filming in Dorking Caves [Image: Jean Ward]*

**South Street Caves:** In July, the caves again proved to be an attractive location for atmospheric film shots. We welcomed Shere-based independent film-maker Maxi Curnow of Horizon Mastering to shoot a short scene in the Mystery Chamber for an educational film about recovery from mental health issues. With a crew of only two, social-distancing, suitable PPE and sanitiser, the shoot was a great success. Sadly, however, the narrow confines of the caves mean that they will be unable to open for public tours this year, a sad loss of one of Dorking's most popular attractions.

**Museum bookshop:** While the shop in the Museum is closed, the online shop is available via the website and offers a wide range of Cockerel Press and other books of local interest, covering subjects as diverse as underground Dorking, a 'lost' 18th century country villa, Dorking pubs, suffragettes, motor racing, wartime Dorking, the Dorking Cockerel, village histories and the Mayflower. These may be ordered through the website, along with a selection of vintage and second-hand books and postcards.

If you can contribute to our collections of lockdown material or are interested in a volunteer position, please e-mail [admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk](mailto: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 become a member or to donate, please visit the website [www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk)

# COVID-19 LOCKDOWN JOURNAL by Maureen Sears

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## Week 11: 1-7 June

It's beginning to look a bit like the world we used to inhabit, there's more people and traffic around. It's compulsory from 15th June to wear a face covering on any public transport, there's talk that we could be asked to wear a face covering when we go into a shop or just out and about, but at the moment it's only speculation. I've certainly made the most of the new lockdown rules. This week I've visited two lots of friends, on different days and I've kept to all the rules (I think). It's great to see friends after all these weeks and the fact we can now use their toilet means you can stay longer. Looking back over my Journal, on week 3 I wrote that 5,000 had died from the virus - 8 weeks later and it's over 40,000 people. The Government keep reassuring us that the numbers are going down but how can that be the case?

A black man, George Floyd, was murdered by police in broad daylight in the USA. A policeman knelt on his throat for over eight minutes until he died. There is outrage all over the world at this atrocity, sparking widespread demonstrations. In the USA, their wonderful president sent in the Army! We have had demonstrations here too. In London, hundreds of people have taken to the streets. I fully condone these protests, but it's very dangerous at this time. There are more planned for this weekend, which the Government have asked people not to attend because of the danger they are all putting themselves and others in.



The weather has changed yet again, sending us all back inside. Seems a bit cruel since we've just been given all this freedom. As I said, the shops will be opening on 15th June but we can't try on any clothes! This will be a real problem as most of us have probably gone up at least a dress size! The queues for the customer service will be out the door.

As feared, there was widespread demonstrations all over England this weekend. Thousands took to the streets. On the whole it was peaceful but there were some out for trouble as there always is in this sort of situation. In Bristol, a statue of someone called Edward Colston was pulled down (above) and thrown into the river. He was a slave trader. I personally don't know what it was doing up there in the first place. His statue was later retrieved and put in a museum. In London, Winston Churchill's memorial was desecrated - not sure what he'd done to upset them!

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# COVID-19 LOCKDOWN JOURNAL (Continuation)

## Week 12: 8-14 June

We had some good news yesterday, we've been told "due to declining deaths and less infections, the virus is in retreat". The death toll for yesterday was 55 - this is the lowest since we've been in lockdown.

The demonstrations are still going on in London and there have been clashes with police for a few nights. Most of the demonstrators are wearing face masks but I'm sure a lot of them are wearing them so they won't be identified rather than any health reasons. Hopefully it doesn't send the infection rate back up, just when it looks like there's light at the end of the tunnel.

Today, Boris announced that as from 13th June all people who live alone (which is me) and single parents will be allowed to choose one family (known as a support bubble). This means I can now go into my daughter's house, without social distancing, we can hug each other, and I can stay over-night, and they can do the same at my house. I can't tell you how happy I am. It's been tough on my own for the last 12 weeks. The downside is having to choose. I now have another emotion to deal with "guilt".

The weather hasn't been good this week, lots of rain and wind, so we're all stuck inside again. I had a trip to Asda earlier in the week and didn't even have to queue! Felt more organised this time, with one-way system, but I don't like wearing a mask, it's so claustrophobic.

This afternoon I'm off to see my "bubble family". I know I'm a day early, but sorry Boris, can't wait another day for a hug!

The death toll is now over 41,000. The daily figures are going down but still 151 people died yesterday. After weeks of being told by teachers that it won't work, the Government have now announced that primary schools won't be going back until September. People are calling for the 2-metre rule to be changed to 1 metre. This is the only way some restaurants and pubs will ever be able to open. Still no word when my hairdresser will start back, so I was thinking I could ask my daughter to trim a bit off the back now we don't have to distance. I might regret this.

I heard there are demonstrations planned on Epsom Downs this weekend. I do believe there's a statue of Lester Piggott (left) up there. Let's hope he has no ties with the slave traders.



# COVID-19 LOCKDOWN JOURNAL (Continuation)

## Week 13: 15-21 June

I've decided to make this my last journal as it feels like we are heading out of lockdown now. There are more cars on the roads, shops are opening up again and soon pubs and restaurants will be back in business. I get the feeling that Boris has been bulldozed into these decisions as the economy is in a dire situation. Of course, I could be wrong - I usually am!

There's definitely a feeling of normality around now, and strangely, I'm not sure I like it. I know thousands of people have died and continue to do so, which is tragic for families all over the country, my heart goes out to each and every one of them. But bizarrely once I got used to it, I quite liked the simplicity of the lockdown. In many ways it took me back to my childhood; no traffic, planes or noise, nobody in a hurry to get anywhere and of course queueing for food!!

There is talk that we could all be back in lockdown by October, I do hope this is not the case, it would be hard doing it all again in the winter months.

I'd like to wish everyone all the best, stay safe and remember! In the words of Boris "KEEP WASHING YOUR HANDS".

Thank you for taking the time to read my ramblings.

## PRIZE WORD GAME

Thanks to all those who submitted answers for Word Game 91. There were **21** entries of which just **ONE** had all correct answers. ANOTHER VERY TOUGH GAME!! Three clue lines caused the most problems with Indian-Summer-Bowls, Pilot-Light-Desk, and Remote-Control-Capital being the most popular wrong answers. And yes, the clue should have been MONOCLE not Monical. Well done Celia!!

**Game 91 answers:** BEAUTY (**CONTEST**) WINNER, EUROVISION (**SONG**) CONTEST, HARRIS (**TWEED**) JACKET, INCOME (**TAX**) RETURN, INDIAN (**CARPET**) BOWLS, GLASS (**EYE**) MONICAL, PILOT (**STUDY**) DESK, REMOTE (**WORKING**) CAPITAL, ROYAL (**MAIL**) ORDER, SURGICAL (**SPIRIT**) LEVEL

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In view of the comments made in the **Letter from the Editor** on page 9, and the uncertainty about when and if there will be another issue of **Box Hill News**, no Word Game will be set in this issue.

We know many people have enjoyed entering the Word Game over the last eight years and we thank you for your participation.



## Update: David Preedy

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Well it's been a very unusual few months and I'd like to start by saying a heart-felt thanks to everybody who has offered to help local residents who have been shielding or adversely affected by lockdown. We still need to remain vigilant as the virus remains a real threat around the country as a whole, but as far as I can tell our community seems to have got off lightly. I have heard of a couple of local residents who were infected, and I hope they are on the road to full recovery.

Most importantly I'd like to thank local volunteers and shops who have helped us all to appreciate the importance of working as a community and helping one another. I hope that many local residents will continue to support the shop and other local businesses once the Coronavirus outbreak has really gone away.

### **Mole Valley District Council Services**

The Covid19 outbreak has dominated the work of the District Council and Officers have had to work out how to work effectively from home while facing a whole host of unexpected challenges. On the whole I think the Council has performed creditably – they have managed to maintain waste collections for householders and have managed to channel much-needed financial support from the Government to local businesses.

Joint Waste Solutions (JWS), who collect the bins on behalf of the Council, have changed some collection days and are collecting food waste separately from the black or green wheelie bins. I am aware of some poor communications regarding these changes and I have asked JWS to re-communicate to those affected. If you are an Internet user, you can always check your bin collection days by going to the My Mole Valley section of <https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/> and entering your postcode. For non-Internet users you can ring Mole Valley on 01306 885001.

### **Visitors to National Trust Area during Lockdown**

For several weeks since the lockdown measures have been eased, I, like many residents, have been concerned about the large number of visitors coming to the National Trust at the Viewpoint. With many families having given up on an overseas holiday this year, I expect this to continue on fine days throughout the Summer. I have been in regular discussions with Council Officers, the police and the National Trust who are all working out how to discourage people from coming and how to police the people who do come.

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## **Update: David Preedy** (Continuation)

When the National Trust area was closed there were major problems with parking along Boxhill Road near Upper Farm and the Smith & Western. Since the National Trust re-opened, there has been overspill parking along Boxhill Road and the Zig-Zag Road. With much reduced income and many staff furloughed, the National Trust has struggled to control this at beauty spots across Surrey.

### **No 21 Bus Services**

Recently, as I write this, irresponsible parking has sometimes been preventing the bus from turning safely; when this happens, Metrobus have decided they cannot run along Boxhill Road, meaning that the nearest bus-stop is at the Triangle by the junction with Headley Common Road. Everybody agrees that this is not acceptable and urgent discussions are taking place between the bus company, the National Trust and Surrey County Council to find a practical solution. I am waiting to hear whether Mole Valley's Community Transport team can provide any assistance.

If you need to check the current bus operations, you can go to <https://www.metrobus.co.uk/> where there is a section on current service disruption, and you can find real-time information to see if the bus is running on time. If you use a smart-phone you can download the Metrobus App to access the real-time information.

### **Vehicle Noise and Related Issues**

Another concern has been the upsurge in noisy motorcycles and high-performance vehicles using Boxhill Road. Again, this is a more widespread problem affecting other roads in the area. I suspect the local issue was made worse by the prolonged closure of Ryka's café, near the Burford Bridge Hotel. Many of the bikers who normally meet at Ryka's started to meet up at the Viewpoint. Hopefully now that Ryka's has re-opened, use of Boxhill Road will decrease. Residents who are concerned about excessive exhaust noise, speed and danger from such vehicles may wish to sign the petition organised by Mickleham Parish Council on the Surrey County Council website.

### **In Conclusion**

I wish all residents a safe and enjoyable Summer. Whilst well-known beauty spots like the Viewpoint may well be more crowded than usual, we can use our local knowledge to enjoy some of the lesser-known but still very beautiful areas around our village.

Please feel free to get in touch with any matters affecting our communities. You can email me at [cllr.preedy@talktalk.net](mailto:cllr.preedy@talktalk.net) or ring me on 07904 127091.

**David Preedy** (Mole Valley District Councillor for Box Hill and Headley)



# Be wary of fake Amazon Prime calls

Force Report: 13:53 17/07/2020

**Surrey Police is issuing a warning about scam callers purporting to be from Amazon Prime, after a recent, sudden spike in reports.**

During July, the force received 20 reports of this type of fraud. Thankfully, no money has been lost but victims have been left shaken and worried.

This crime typically involves a phone call from someone claiming to be from Amazon Prime and stating that an amount (usually for £79.99) will be taken from their account to renew a subscription. Many victims are advised to press a number on their phone as an option to not pay for the subscription. The scammer will then talk them through installing an app on their phone or tablet and confirming their personal and banking details in order to stop the payment. Of course, this is all an attempt to get the victim to transfer money to the caller's bank account.

PC Bernadette Lawrie BEM, the Financial Abuse Safeguarding Officer for Surrey Police said: "The evil perpetrators of this time of crime prey on the most vulnerable in our communities and often target a generation who aren't as familiar with technology.

"We know people in other parts of the country have lost devastating sums of money to calls like these so urge residents to be wary of any calls about subscription payments.

"Remember – don't give or confirm your personal or banking details with an unexpected caller. If you're unsure if the call is legitimate, hang up and verify the number with a trusted source, such as the company's official website, or call a good friend or family member for advice."

Surrey Police's top tips to help stop this type of fraud are:

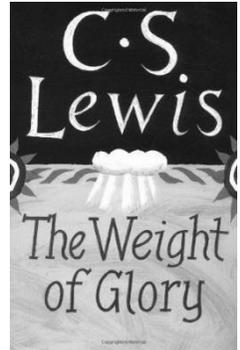
- Act with care if you get an unsolicited phone call
- Never transfer funds into another account on the instruction of an unexpected caller – even if they tell you the account is in your name
- Always check your phone line has properly disconnected before making another call – try calling a good friend first, wait five minutes or use a different landline or mobile
- Never share your PIN number or enter your PIN into a telephone

For further advice and information on preventing this type of fraud, see the Surrey Police website <https://www.surrey.police.uk/advice/>



# Letter from the Rector

In his sermon on the weight of glory from 1942 CS Lewis talked about “the unblushing promises... and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels.” He suggested that people in his day were like “an ignorant child



who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea.”

Well in Matthew chapter 10 we hear something about rewards. The context is Jesus sending out the 12 apostles (or those who are sent). Recently I have been thinking both about the message of amazing grace (as experienced by the prodigal son) and our role in passing that message on – we know that we have freely received and therefore we freely give.

So, Jesus tells the Apostles that they are his representatives (we might borrow from St Paul and say they represent rather in the way that an ambassador represents the Queen.) So, 40 ‘Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, [but there is more because he also says] and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me (the Father).’

They were (and we are) representing Jesus and his Father... or to change it slightly in Bill Johnson’s words we are “re-presenting” Jesus. Quite a challenge!

That is, we are to be showing him again, giving people a fresh chance to hear and receive him... helping them perhaps to understand their preconceptions and dismantle their misconceptions. And if they welcome us with our message, with our re-presentation, then there is indeed a reward for them.

The prophet’s reward is that reward of knowing God has spoken to you through someone else – an inestimable reward. The righteous person’s reward is that reward of being made right with God because of the message freely given – it is priceless.



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In fact, Jesus says: <sup>42</sup> if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.’

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# Letter from the Rector (Continuation)

There is sometimes a range of opinion about who Jesus means by the phrase “these little ones” but here he clarifies that he means his disciples. So, either the Apostles (who might well need a drink of water) or the ones who become disciples because of their message. But the message is clear that even the giver of a cup of water will be blessed. So why? Well maybe because the God of grace enjoys it when human beings show grace. But also, because God is especially interested in those who have become his children by adoption and grace. If someone is kind to one of my children, it touches me. If someone is kind to one of God’s children, it touches him.

So, let us receive grace and pass grace on. Let us delight to find grace in unexpected places and offer grace to everyone we meet as we have opportunity.

It has been hard for so many in lockdown, but as we re-open in August (at least for a while) let me encourage you to visit on a Sunday and be in touch if you would like a visit.

Very best wishes and blessings,

**Revd Harry Latham**

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**To add a Prayer to the Wall**  
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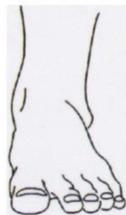
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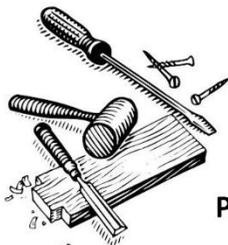
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