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CENTRE REPORT

In case you were wondering what we are up to here at the COMMUNITY CENTRE….

The operations staff at the Community Centre, Alana and Robbie, are currently furloughed but keeping busy volunteering for the Lyndhurst & Emery Down Community Isolation Support Group (Lyndhurst Community Hub) and the Lyndhurst Welfare Charity. Jackie has had a period of furlough but is now busy producing the What’s On and keeping up with emails and admin. Nicky is keeping the lines of communication open with the Centre office phone having been transferred to her mobile, also keeping up with admin and attending to queries from Community Centre clients and members.

Postponement of the AGM.
It is now clear that this cannot be rescheduled for June as hoped. Due to the Government's restriction on non-essential travel and the ban on gatherings, it is also impossible to predict when the AGM could be held safely in the usual format this year. We would still like our members to have an opportunity to raise any comments, concerns or questions they may have otherwise put forward at the AGM. Therefore, if you have anything you would like brought to the attention of the Trustees, please do so by email to admin@lyndhurstcomm.org. In addition, if you would like a copy of the Chairman’s Report, Honorary Treasurer’s Report, Annual Accounts for 2019, or Centre Operations Review, please request by email. The election of Officers and Trustees, and election of the accounts' examiner will take place at a confirmatory meeting later in the year when it is safe to do so. Community Centre members will be notified of the date. Matters arising from the 2019 AGM will also be dealt with at this meeting. Many thanks for your continued support.

VE Day Celebrations
In spite of the lockdown many people managed to celebrate in their own way. For example, residents of the Queens Road area had a pleasant day with a coffee get together for the 11 am two minutes’ silence and then raised a glass of something more potent at 3 pm and took a look at neighbours’ displays of their families War Time memories (all at 2 metres’ distance of course). A short report and pictures can be found on pages 44 and 45.
Cream Teas
On Friday 8th May, 60 members of the Community Club received a hand-delivered cream tea, a posy of flowers, a small flag, and a quiz to help them join in with the VE Day 75th Anniversary celebrations. This was put together by an amazing team of volunteers representing Lyndhurst Community Centre and supported by the Lyndhurst Welfare Charity. The tea was safely produced and delivered to members’ doorsteps. It was all beautifully created and was a really thoughtful contribution to the day. Thank you so very much to Lisa Kaljura, Joanne Rolle, Fiona Green, Lynn McKenzie (flowers), Rachel Emm, Maggie Rose, Cameron Dawson Rose and Nikki Bridges. Alana Bubb and Robbie Baynton kindly volunteered their time to the Lyndhurst Welfare Charity and helped out with this also. It was so appreciated by all, you are truly wonderful.

Lyndhurst in Lockdown
We would like to put together a display on the noticeboard outside the Centre so it would be great if you could let us have your thoughts and photos. Please see page 23 for further information.

The Staff and Trustees of the Community Centre would like to thank all of our volunteers for their loyalty and help in the past - What’s On distributors, Reception help, Catering assistants, Book buddies, the DIY team, Community Club helpers, ad hoc helpers – all of whom we really miss seeing and look forward to the day we can welcome you back to the Centre.

We sincerely hope that you are all well and taking care. Please remember that we are a phone call or email away if you need anything. If we can’t provide help, we’ll probably know someone who can.

We wish you all well and look forward to seeing you again soon.

The Trustees and Staff at the Community Centre would like to wish Jack Langston a very happy belated 91st birthday for May. In the past, Jack was a Trustee of the Community Centre and we’d all like to pass on our best wishes to him and let him know we think about him frequently and fondly. Judging by the lovely comments on a recent post on the Lyndhurst & Emery Down Community Hub Facebook page, Jack is still well remembered in the village and thought of affectionately.

Cover photo: Tiger the Tortoise symbolising “Slowing the rate of Covid-19!”
Thanks to Ian Burnham for his patience in obtaining the photographs on the back cover.
Back again for the June Clerk’s Corner and as I write we are still in lockdown although everything seems to be easing now and hopefully we can all look forward to gradually coming out of the present situation in the coming months. The main thing is that we all keep safe and well. I, together with our Finance Officer Carole Gibbs, continue to work from home and have adapted our working day well.

There have been a lot of reports about the New Forest filling up with visitors over the last few weeks and unfortunately this will happen when we live in such a beautiful area. I don’t think most of us object to sharing with visitors and tourism does bring a lot of welcome business into the area but I have heard so many reports of parking on verges, patting and feeding livestock and indiscriminate barbecues and this is a worrying time for our residents. I personally feel the open forest is taking the brunt of this activity because tourist attractions in the area such as Paultons Park, Beaulieu, etc are not open again yet.

Our Recreation Ground is now open in part with the grass areas available, together with the MUGA and skateboard ramp. However, at the time of writing Government restrictions, quite rightly, do not allow the children’s play equipment and adult fitness equipment to open. Providing the situation continues to improve these should open again in the not too distant future.

When using the Recreation Ground we would ask that people respect the main pitch used by the Junior Football Club. This is not being mown until at least the end of June because of the condition it was left in following the wet weather last winter.

Despite receiving chilling questions at the onset of the pandemic about how many burials could we hold in a day, the Cemetery at Bolton’s Bench has been quiet with only the normal amount of usage. It is a truly beautiful place, especially in the Spring months and during the last couple of weeks I have received several emails congratulating the Parish Council on the maintenance programme we have in place. Government guidelines concerning graveside funerals are being observed at all times.

The Allotment Gardens have sprung back to life since lockdown began with “growing your own” really coming to the fore. Existing allotment holders seem to have worked really hard and have been joined by a new band of enthusiastic green fingered residents, all of whom have turned overgrown plots into really tidy havens. We have 107 plots up at Pikes Hill and it had been a real oasis for everyone who has been able to escape up there for the last few months as the Government has allowed allotments to stay open throughout. Working an allotment is amazingly healthy and gratifying, especially when the end product is some wonderful fruit and vegetables.
However, there has been a downside in that we have experienced burglaries from sheds, something that hasn’t really happened before with a wide range of gardening machinery and other equipment being stolen. It seems to have been a well planned operation and we are now considering what measures we can put in place to assist our tenants to keep their property safe. We have reported the matter to the Police and I have asked all allotment tenants who had items stolen to make separate reports to the Police as well. I do have to say though that the system of reporting through 101 was impossible by telephone and I ended up having to fill in a report on line. This would have been fairly simple in other circumstances but I was acting as a third party with some of the questions being irrelevant.

We are still unable to hold full Parish Council meetings so no decisions can be taken on matters that we would like to take forward but we are working in the background so that all new ideas can be brought forward at the first available opportunity. We can still operate our Planning Committee by means of email communication to the Planning Committee Chairman who collates the responses into a recommendation which I then send to the relevant Planning Officers at the New Forest National Park Authority who are the planning authority in this area. The Parish Council act as the local connection to give their recommendations on applications but does not make the final decision.

I am still waiting for more news from our solicitor regarding the lease of the football field in Wellands Road, which includes two other small strips of land in the same area. I do know that this project is moving forward but the present situation with COVID 19 has slowed the process somewhat and the matter is out of our hands.

Our Cemetery Portfolio Holder Adrian Wiltshire has an ambition to provide a toilet up at the Cemetery. This is likely to cost in the region of £8,000 and there is a possibility that a tasteful building could be provided to the left of the main porch which would blend in well with the existing building. Adrian has already received some offers of monetary support but if you would like to get involved in this project by making a donation or have ideas of how money could be raised please get in touch with me and I will forward your ideas on to the Parish Council. We did intend to have another “Open Day” up at the Cemetery this Spring but due to the current situation this has not been possible.

I am pleased to be able to report that the Hampshire County Council Lengthsman Scheme is to continue for a further year. HCC give each Parish and Town Council participating in the scheme £1,000 each year to carry out small tasks around the parish such as clearing public rights of way, cleaning signage and small works on highway land. The Parish Council match fund this amount and it is really surprising how much work we can cover with the money. We are also able to act quickly when the need arises. Please note though that we cannot cut hedges or trees on private property that overhang the pavements. It is an offence to obstruct a road or pavement in this way so if you do know of anywhere this is happening please let me know and I will notify HCC who are authorised to take action. If the property owner does not comply HCC are empowered to do the work and make a charge on the owner concerned as appropriate.

Margaret Weston, Clerk to Lyndhurst Parish Council, (telephone: 023 8081 3218/email:clerk@lyndhurst-pc.gov.uk). Please note that this is my home telephone number and may sometimes be in use by other members of the family.
As the clinic remains closed, we have been working hard to provide help and information to all our patients. One way is through our new Telehealth appointment service where Matthew can offer video or telephone appointments to discuss your ongoing condition, new complaints, offer exercise plans, assess your home office set up and generally help you to maintain the best musculoskeletal health possible.

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The new Blog also has many entries which you might find of interest covering working from home, spine hygiene, your morning routine, breathing, abdominal brace, exercise and how all of these things can help to keep your spine healthy during lockdown.

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One of the things I miss most of all during the current crisis is the lack of interaction with other people. Many of you will undoubtedly know that I like nothing better than a good old catch up. But not in a gossipy way. I go in more for the Andrew Marr/Laura Kuenssberg style of talking to someone where after about ten minutes I have established a full name, address, date of birth, National Insurance and bank PIN numbers. If I were a complete scoundrel then I could use this information to steal an identity and process the monetary proceeds in places such as the McDonalds Drive Thru at Totton or Millbrook. When I am out and about in the village with Mrs P we often chat to people we meet in the street and invariably, when the conversation has concluded and we are barely out of earshot of the other people, my wife will say something along the line of “see you, you could talk the hind legs off a donkey”.

Now I don’t want to be too pedantic about things but has anyone else noticed that the donkeys which normally congregate around Bolton’s Bench have suddenly disappeared thus taking their hind legs with them. Perhaps they are social distancing or self-isolating elsewhere in the forest.

In more liberated times (i.e. before the lock down) I would regularly take myself up into the village centre and position myself on one of the benches outside the Fox & Hounds. From there I would lie in wait for some unsuspecting soul to talk to – in the winter months this will usually be a passenger off one of the tour coaches (from the likes of Bolton or Blackburn) which bring short break holiday makers to Bournemouth for a day out in the glorious New Forest. A friend calls them the “tea and pee brigade”. A bit unkind perhaps!! Anyway, it is normally an elderly gentleman, much like yours truly, who has sat himself down whilst his other half succumbs to the delights of the range of individual shops on the High Street. Once we get talking I like to break the ice by telling him about my heart attack and the number of stents I have but, as often as not, he will trump my hand by saying that he is just getting over a triple bypass operation. If, however, the person is less than talkative then I might just mutter something about it being cold and grim up North and stomp off.

Another ploy I often adopt is to take the number 6 bus into either Southampton or Lymington. I have been on that bus so often that some people assume that I work for the bus company and Hampshire County Council are thinking of withdrawing my bus pass because it is knocking a huge dent in its finances. Southampton is an excellent hunting ground for speaking to people because once I am ensconced in West Quay Shopping Mall (on a sofa outside M&S on the ground floor) and hopefully, if there is a cruise ship in port for the day, I might get the opportunity to speak to some of the passengers. With any luck, and having lived in France for over 4 years, I might even get the opportunity to brush up on my “la plume de ma tante” French on someone.
Lymington is a slightly different kettle of fish in that I am more likely to use phrases such as “does that mizzen mast look straight to you” or “has anyone seen Sir Ben Ainslie around recently” and hope like hell that the person I am trying to speak to knows even less than me about all matters nautical.

One other ploy that I might adopt is going for a cycle run – as long as the sun is shining. I generally do a circuit starting in Lyndhurst and then travel via Ashurst, Woodlands, Bartley, Minstead, Emery Down and back home. Half way round I tend to stop in the centre of Minstead to pay homage to Sir Arthur in the local church yard and then, suitably refreshed with a pint from the Trusty Servant, I will sit on the summer seat in the middle of the village green and hope that a fellow cyclist will happen along. Most cyclists greet one another by asking how far they have travelled. Depending on the answer I get, I then have to decide whether to say that I am on a long distance trek which started 3 weeks ago in Glasgow and my aim is to reach the Pyrenees some time within the next 10 day or, alternatively, confess that I live locally. Given my portly appearance and obvious lack of proper cycle clothing and equipment the former claim is usually met with a raised eyebrow and ill-concealed look of incredibility. Anyway, so what if they have cycled 60 miles as opposed to my 12!

I know that at this time it is extremely difficult for people to manage to speak to others, especially if, like me, you enjoy a bit of a natter, but we all know that the restrictions will not last forever and we can then get back to some semblance of normality. I for one miss my voluntary work at the Community Centre – a good day out on a Friday – and my outings with Speed Watch, standing beside the A35 getting all sorts of abuse and rude signs hurled at us by speeding motorists.

Anyway, please keep safe and if you see what you think is an elderly tramp sitting on one of the benches outside the Hounds then it will probably be me! Please feel free to stop and chew the fat.

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Day 4235 into lockdown.

Day 4235 into lockdown.  Okay, perhaps that is a little exaggerated. However, if you are like me, it is starting to feel like it!

I hope everyone is staying safe in these unprecedented times, and hopefully we can soon get back to normal.

For me, one saving grace throughout this period has been the weather, and to be lucky enough to live in the New Forest. My hour of exercise a day has been spent mostly on my bicycle, running, or having a kickabout with my younger brother. Being able to do all these things, if only for an hour a day, has made me realize not to take where we live for granted.

Last week we were given the opportunity by the government to enjoy unlimited exercise as long as you are still practicing social distancing. This was music to my ears! Monster bike ride!

I was very much looking forward to testing my fitness and looking to explore some routes I’d never had a chance to do, so I embarked on a 67-mile bike ride through Hampshire and a little of Dorset.

I first headed across the Forest towards Ringwood but I had to quickly stop to purchase some hay fever tablets as my eyes were on fire! (Luckily there was not too long a queue at the Chemist!) Once I was dosed up and my eyes had recovered a bit, I started to make my way to Christchurch. Before that though I passed Bournemouth Airport and saw the sad site of 30 British Airways planes that are stationed there immobile, let’s hope we can jump on one to somewhere exotic soon!

I found a cycle path which took me to the sea front at Highcliffe. It was a lovely day so I had a stunning view across to the Isle of Wight. From there I was able to follow the sea front to Milford on Sea and then through to Keyhaven, eventually joining the zig zag route of the Salt Marshes into Lymington.
I must admit I was starting to feel the legs by this point as I was 50 miles in! The last 17 miles were rather slow, however the sun was shining which made the final stretch back to Lyndhurst and home a lot easier than it might have been in the pouring rain! The whole ride was around 6 hours’ long but very enjoyable. However, I am not ashamed to admit that the first thing I did once I got home was crack open a cold beer!

Like I said in my opening paragraph, I hope everyone remains safe during this period, I hope to see you at the Community Centre soon or even maybe in the pub for a beer!

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Roses have a classic, timeless beauty and complement virtually any style of garden design. They come in a myriad of colours, ranging from deep, velvety crimsons to rich pinks, apricots and yellows, through to pure white and all the soft pastel shades in between. Many varieties are known for their intoxicating fragrance. The ever popular pink rose Gertrude Jekyll, named after the famous garden designer, has the quintessential ‘Old Rose’ fragrance. A less well known but still a favourite old rose, Zephirine Drouhin, has exotic hints of ‘Turkish Delight’ and the added bonus of being thornless.

Roses come in a variety of forms, from shrub through to climbing and rambling. They range in height from just around a foot (30cm) to 60 foot (18mtr) so there is a rose to suit almost any garden and aspect. Roses flower more profusely than almost any other garden plant. The best performing varieties repeat flower from late spring until early winter. We particularly love Olivia Rose, Darcey Bussell and The Generous Gardener for their prolific blooming season.

It’s a common misconception that roses are for experts but I would say it is quite hard to kill off a rose completely! Regular maintenance helps prolong flowering; dead heading, watering around the base only and regular feeding are all recommended. Use a powder/granulated rose fertiliser in early spring and again in mid-summer, along with additional liquid feeds such as tomato fertiliser in the growing season. Pests can be a problem. I prefer the natural approach to protect our precious bees and insects rather than chemical sprays; hand picking off any aphids or leaving them to feed the wildlife won’t kill a rose. Likewise, black spot and mildew can be treated with natural homemade remedies.
‘Companion’ planting can also help combat potential problems, with Ornamental Alliums, Scented Geraniums, Salvias, Lavender and Marigolds all helping to keep the bugs away!

Roses can look a bit leggy and bare at the bottom so certain plants look good when planted nearby. Salvia Caradonna, Geraniums, Astrantias, Nepeta, Alchemilla Mollis, Larkspur and Campanula Bell Flowers are some of our favourites. Foliage plants and perennials such as Berberis, Sambucus Nigra, Cotinus and Physocarpus are fabulous shrubs that really complement roses in a border. Unlike many other garden plants, roses are very tolerant, growing in most soil types. Although happiest in a sunny spot, many roses cope well in shade.

Over the years, roses will cover up unsightly fences, ramble through trees, climb up an obelisk or trail over pergolas. They will encourage wildlife into the garden, make fabulous cut flowers and when dried will make eco friendly confetti for when all those weddings re-start! Wishing you all a sweet scented June.

Julie

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We thought that many of you might have been a bit disappointed that your annual sojourn to Bonnie Scotland has had to be postponed because of the ongoing unpleasantness. So here are a few questions to test your knowledge of God’s own country:-

1. What is the name of the lofty structure which overlooks Edinburgh’s Princes Street Gardens and is dedicated to a famous novelist?
2. What town is proclaimed as the Gateway to the Western Isles?
3. Name the prickly football club based in Glasgow?
4. What is Prince Charles and Camilla’s Scottish residence called?
5. Where has a knot been tied thousands of times?
6. Home of Trident?
7. An expensive place to play a round?
8. Where you would visit to source a curling stone?
9. Where did Andy Murray grow up?
10. What is most northerly point in mainland UK?
11. Who has been designated as the worst poet in British history?
12. What has the nickname Auld Reekie?
13. Where is Up Helly Aa celebrated each winter?
14. Town just outside Glasgow famous for its colourful prints/prints?
15. Isle of Staffa is famous for what?
16. What national drink is reputed to be made from girders?
17. Scene of the infamous highland massacre in 1692?
18. This castle was the property of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother from 1952 until 1996.
19. Where is the Granite City?
20. Referred in England as the Coronation Stone, what is it called north of the border?

And remember, no Googling for the answers!!!!

Dave Paterson

(Answers can be found on Page 46)
Lyndhurst in Lockdown

As we all meander our way through this period of lockdown, we think ahead to a time when we can welcome you all back to the community centre with a smile. With that in mind, we’d like to create a "Lyndhurst in Lockdown" picture display in one of our outside notice boards, and we are asking for your help.

We’d be grateful if you could email us pictures you’ve taken of anything that has raised your spirits, made you smile, or just put that sense of community spirit to the forefront of your mind during lockdown. It can be anything: your house decorated for the VE Day anniversary celebrations or with NHS rainbows; your family’s attempt at face painting, sewing or baking; your household clapping and banging their saucepans on a Clap for our Carers Thursday evening. We’re interested in anything that made you feel happy, positive or hopeful.

Please send your pictures with the subject “Lyndhurst in Lockdown” to admin@lyndhurstcomm.org. If you’d like the name of your road, a family member, or short description of the picture included, please give us those details too. There’s no end date to this at the moment, so please keep them coming in throughout the following weeks. Please make sure you have the permission of anyone in the picture, or the property owner, for the image to be used in this way. We may also use some of the pictures in future editions of What’s On which is being published online.

Thank you in advance for giving this some thought and we look forward to seeing your pictures. Most of all, we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

The HIGH STREET on a lockdown Sunday

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To All Members

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Locked down (or is it up?) in our homes! We might moan, but for many (tragically, not all) home is the most important place in life. Our womb this side of birth. Our security in and our shelter from Life. Our whole world during ‘these strange times’. 

Yet how many in the last one hundred years round the globe have been driven from their homes, sometimes given as little as ten minutes to get out? “The world thinks that they (of the black flag) took everything from us – our houses, our churches . . . but we took everything from them. No one can touch our joy. We don’t belong to the land; we belong to Jesus. Wherever we have Jesus, we have the Promised Land. We’re not just Christians for the good days, but also for the bad days. So we cannot give up.” The Middle Eastern voice of persecution is inspiring, challenging and deeply humbling. What if we were in their shoes, losing everything . . .?

The book of Job should be firmly wedged in very near the beginning of Genesis if we want to be chronological. This godly, influential man of supreme integrity and breathtaking wealth lived to serve his community 4,000 years ago, to fight the cause of the oppressed and gather the homeless under his roof. He was special. How significant that we should be presented with his tragedy so early in Time. Tragedy: as natural to man as blight to the garden. The question that haunts us from innocent childhood days - when first confronted with injustice - begins here:

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Here is a man in turmoil. He has lost everything in the blink of an eye – his wealth, his precious family, his health. His name means ‘persecuted one’ in Hebrew. Yet, goaded by his wife, he refuses to blame God: “The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.” God: for the good times and the bad. Job’s instinct is to trust. A remarkable story, you might think. And then comes the struggle to understand, threatening to unravel everything . . .
The questions eat at him. He knows God is good - loving and all powerful. So, WHY?
The more Job dwells on his misery the more bitter and angry he becomes. Self pity eats away at his soul as it does with some of us. “All was well with me, but he has shattered me; he seized me by the neck and crushed me. He has made me his target.” (16v12) Self righteousness seeps in: “I didn’t deserve this! God is not listening to me.”

Some who experience devastating loss get stuck here, always wrestling, never finding peace. It is understandable: the accusing finger at God, the endless grieving to make sense of tragedy – but it is not the best way.

So the Book of Job is refreshingly honest and relevant in its portrayal of Job’s suffering. We can relate well to his confusion, his pain, his questions. We know from bitter experience that invariably there are no answers.

Job, the book, is not about suffering though. It is about how we choose to respond to it. Peace comes to Job when he reaches the end of his own resources. All his props gone. He learns to rest from wrestling; to accept God is God and he is not; to acknowledge that he will never understand God’s Ways; to choose to hold on to what he knew beforehand; to trust in God’s goodness, regardless of the present; to believe that God is sovereign and that there will come a day when He will judge justly and put all things right once and for all . . .

At last, when emotions are spent Job finally listens to God. Hardship changes his priorities. He is sorry for his fury. He resists the temptation to push God away and he finds instead a new intimacy, a depth of fellowship with God that he had never known in prosperity. “My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.” (ch 42).

And the Book of Job presents us with a choice: do we push God away in the time of crisis or do we make Him our ‘home’? New blessings await those who yield to His embrace.
HOPE amid the pandemic

Greetings from Hong Kong,

I hope everyone is doing well and keeping safe during this time.

I believe everyone should have heard about our beautiful cosmopolitan city – Hong Kong. Although it is jam-packed with people across the globe, it is famous for being a financial hub, which attracts a lot of international businesses flooding to this tiny city. We have lots of global franchises here. Most shops that you find in London can be found easily in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is definitely a crowded city. With the pandemic hitting us, it is not easy for us at all. It is hard to keep social distance in such a tiny city. It is hard not to go to work with all the businesses going on. It is hard to avoid taking public transport. Yet, we combat this virus in quite a victorious way.

With our experience facing the epidemic - Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in 2003. People in different sectors have taken precautionary measures swiftly once COVID 19 reached us. We immediately wear masks and wash hands frequently, which are quite effective in many ways.

Despite the criticism we received for wearing masks (as some authorities judge its usefulness), most of us insist to wear one due to our experience facing SARS and its asymptomatic nature. In addition, it is impossible for us to avoid touching others’ droplets (which is said to be the way the virus is transmitted) when working, hanging out, taking public transports and walking in streets etc. Therefore, if you go out in Hong Kong, you can see 90% of us wearing a mask, whether it is a surgical one or a fabric one.
As not everyone can afford to buy surgical masks due to their rising prices and stock clearance by those who can afford to buy them, people started to invent different ways to make their own to save costs and unnecessary competitions. One of the well-known fabric masks ‘Hong Kong Mask’ even uploaded templates in different languages for people across the globe to download, print and sew your own (see link below).

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They even uploaded a YouTube video teaching people how to use their templates to sew their own masks (see link below).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZusqX4Cfa3w

That being said, there are selfish people around us who think if we are all wearing masks, they don’t need to wear one. There are also people who would buy more than they need, not just masks, but grocery. I believe we have all gone through that. Yet, if the majority of us take precautionary measures TOGETHER, show love and care to one another, we can combat this virus! So don’t give up!
We have been combating the virus since late January and finally, we have heard of some good news which is we have a five-day streak of no cases. Hopefully, this can give encouragement to countries that are affected by the epidemic severely.

Here are some tips to combat the virus:

1) **Wear a mask all the time.**  
   *(You can make a fabric one and add kitchen paper as a filter in it to block droplets)*

2) **Wash your masks with soap and change your filters daily (if you are using a fabric one).**

3) **Wash your hands with soap frequently.**  
   *(Especially when you have touched things in public).*

4) **Leave your shoes outside/by the door all the time.**  
   *(Germs stay at the bottom of your shoes. If possible, spray the bottom of your shoes once used).*

5) **Shower/bath once you are home.**

6) **Clean your phone if you have used it in public.**  
   *(Germs stay on metal for hours. If possible, wipe it with an alcohol pad).*

7. **Clean your grocery shopping if possible.**

Be Positive, help and support one another when needed and show love and care in the community. This is how we are going to fight the virus, do it TOGETHER! Together, everything is possible!

**Natasha Claypole**

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NATURE IN JUNE

There is an old English saying which proclaims that one swallow doesn’t make a summer. Well by now, there should be plenty of swallows flying around the UK, having arrived back from their lengthy migration from north Africa and parts of southern Europe. These bright colourful birds, along with house martins, swifts and sand martins, plus a few other summer visitors, like the cuckoo, should have now all returned to our shores from their far-flung and warmer winter quarters. These birds will stay for the summer, fuel-up, find a mate and raise their young before journeying back south before autumn and winter begin to arrive.

Traditionally, June is one of our brightest and warmest months of summer with the longest number of daylight hours and sunshine. If the weather remains fine and dry, generally our wildlife benefits hugely and one group that benefits the most are the reptiles. They will be basking in the sunshine to warm-up their cold-blooded bodies and they will be searching for a mate, or laying eggs or giving birth to live-bearing young, with vigour. The UK has six species of reptile and all of these can be found in different areas of Hampshire and the New Forest. The New Forest is a haven for these wonderful creatures, which include the common lizard, sand lizard, slow worm, grass snake, adder and smooth snake.

Common lizard taking in the warmth of a garden wall
Interestingly, of these, the slow worm is not a snake, although it does look like one. In fact, it is a legless lizard and if picked-up by its tail, just like a lizard, it will discard the tip of its tail to escape capture. The most common reptile seen is the lizard and of the two types, the common lizard is generally seen, mostly basking on walls and rocks in the garden or on any undisturbed common land. The adder is our only venomous snake but these are not a great danger and are really quite shy, slithering away in the undergrowth as you approach them and you won’t even know that they were there! All of our native snakes are good swimmers and will easily swim around ponds or lakes to hunt and even cross small rivers, although they will usually avoid stronger currents. Many reptiles are predated upon by mammals and birds, which is why they tend to produce larger numbers of offspring, in order for a few of these to survive the harsh realities of life, to then become the new generation.

In the finer weather, our insects do well and they do exactly what they are designed to do and this is the time to see just how beautiful our butterflies and moths are, as they gently flutter from one place to another. The group of winged insects that are damsel-flies and dragonflies are breathtaking to watch, especially over water, where their reflections and flight patterns just add to the experience, and this can occur even over a small garden pond. Many insect species also have exceptional intelligence and this includes spiders and ground-dwellers like ants. We have three types of ant, the wood ant, common black garden ant and the red ant. Of course, insects are preyed upon by many animals and birds, and woodpeckers do regard them a major source of food. You will often see the green woodpecker on lawns feeding by probing its long beak into the grass searching for ants’ nests, where their elongated sticky tongues then scoop up as many ants and/or beetle larvae as possible with each probe made. Interestingly, when not in use, their long tongue is rolled-up inside a special cavity, which is located behind the base of the bird’s beak towards the skull.
The UK has three species of woodpecker and all are present in and around Hampshire, to include, in addition to the green woodpecker in the photo, the greater-spotted and the now much less common, lesser-spotted woodpecker. This unique group of birds have evolved with an amazing anatomy, as they all have strengthened skull cases designed to provide a shock-absorber effect to their constant hammering of trees and pecking. Their skull design is so unique, that it is not found in any other group or species of bird. Absolutely astonishing!

Whilst many of us may still be shielding and staying at home to defeat the further spread of the coronavirus, others will now be able to get out and about in the countryside. So, if you are able to get out, do look out for some of the creatures featured in this article. Should you get to see your first lizard or snake, you will be amazed and thrilled by both their beauty and detail. And of course, the woodpeckers are truly magnificent birds to watch at any time.

For others less fortunate who still remain at home, take the opportunity to have a good look around your garden, plus any other green and open spaces nearby, with a fresh pair of eyes and observe the wonderful realm of nature that is provided for you right on your doorstep as nature has an incredible effect of enriching our lives and improving our general state of well-being. If you do have a book on British Wildlife or if you can get hold of one going forward, you should find a wealth of information at your fingertips that will further help you to enhance your experiences further.

Understandably, like many other organisations, the RSPB has suspended all of its meetings in line with the latest Government advice. But regular updates can be viewed on the Group’s website www.rspb.org.uk/groups/newforest For any further information on anything nature-related within the New Forest, or for any information about joining the local RSPB Members Group, please email:- NewForestGroup@rspb.org.uk

Keith Partridge, RSPB New Forest Group Leader

(Photos courtesy of the writer)
CORONAVIRUS ADVICE

FOLLOWING ADVICE FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, U3A MONTHLY MEETINGS WHICH WE NORMALLY HOLD ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH…….

HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR DETAILS OF WHEN IT IS CONSIDERED SAFE TO RESUME OUR U3A MEETINGS

SO, UNTIL WE DO MEET UP AGAIN……
STAY SAFE…..AND KEEP WASHING THOSE HANDS!

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WORD SEARCH—THE PUB CRAWL

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“We’ll meet again….”

World War II started on 3 September 1939 and raged for a whole six long years until the Allies accepted Germany’s surrender on 8 May 1945:

“The German High Command will at once issue orders to all German military, naval and air authorities and to all forces under German control to cease active operations at 23.01 hours Central European time on 8 May 1945...”

Upon the defeat of Germany, celebrations erupted throughout the western world, especially in the UK and North America. More than one million people celebrated in the streets throughout the UK to mark the end of the European part of the war. In London, crowds massed in Trafalgar Square and up the Mall to Buckingham Palace, where King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, appeared on the balcony of the palace before the cheering crowds. Princess Elizabeth (the future Queen Elizabeth II) and her sister Princess Margaret were allowed to wander incognito among the crowds and take part in the celebrations.

That was 75 years’ ago – a day that went down in history as VE Day – Victory in Europe. So now, on 8 May 2020, like many other villages around the land, Lyndhurst had planned special events to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. But with times as they are, all mass gatherings of people unfortunately had to be cancelled (‘best laid plans….’ and all that). However, not to let such a historic occasion pass without due recognition, the Village asked that residents do their best to decorate their houses with flags and bunting and anything red, white or blue; and families were encouraged to spend some time outside in their gardens enjoying a traditional British afternoon tea!

Accordingly, houses far and wide, gardens, shops down the High Street, and citizens in general, took up the challenge. Bunting was soon to be seen flying from the most innovative of locations. Not only were Union Flags appearing from top windows and on makeshift flagpoles, but also red, white and blue towels, bedroom sheets and in one case a selection of colourful T-shirts!

Homeowners duly appeared in the sunshine outside, taking tea or some other beverage (observing appropriate social distancing of course!) and enjoying the spring weather. Earlier, at 11.00 at the village War Memorial, a small band of villagers and a couple of well-behaved dogs observed the Two Minute Silence, and remembered all those villagers who had lost their lives during the Second World War and the families they had left behind.

Later in the day, the village became eerily tranquil as most tuned to the TV to listen to King George VI and a replay of Churchill’s famous speech of 75yrs before, telling the nation that the War in Europe was finally over.

And throughout all this, it was quiet, extraordinarily quiet. The roads were clear, and the sun shone brightly. So very peaceful and so very, very hard to imagine what the whole country went through during those six years until that 3pm on Tuesday 8 May, 1945.

“The German War is therefore at an end. We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing”
Winston Churchill
Queens Road Lyndhurst

MAY 8th 2020
Quiz Time Answers

1. Scott Monument dedicated to Sir Walter Scott.
2. Oban in Argyll and Bute.
3. Partick Thistle.
5. Gretna Green.
6. Faslane on Loch Long.
7. St. Andrews.
8. Ailsa Craig in the Firth of Clyde.
10. Dunnet Head.
13. Shetland.
15. Fingal’s Cave.
17. Glen Coe.
18. Castle of Mey.
19. Aberdeen.

Word Search

Missing Pub Names: Elm Tree, Silver Hind, White Buck
Household waste collections
important information

Coronavirus (COVID-19)
We're working hard to deliver essential services to our community. Our priority is to continue collecting household rubbish, but some other collections may reduce or stop in the coming weeks due to staff shortages.

How to store rubbish if you or anyone in your household:

- Has confirmed Coronavirus
- Has symptoms of Coronavirus
- Is self-isolating

Double bag your personal waste such as tissues and cleaning cloths

Do not put the separated waste out for collection for at least three days

This advice is based on guidance from central government, designed to prevent transmission of the virus.

Please help us by

- Putting your sacks at the edge of your own property
- Not stack-piling your sacks with your neighbours
- Not putting out lots of extra rubbish eg. DIY materials
- Not taking recycling, textiles, books etc to recycling banks and bins

You must be able to identify your own sacks of rubbish. If your sacks are not collected, please take them back in.

For updates about council services, check newforest.gov.uk/coronavirus

Please share this information with friends and neighbours who may not have access to online information.
FOOD BANK

The Lyndhurst Welfare Charity wanted to help the residents of Lyndhurst, Emery Down and Bank at this difficult time when there are those who are struggling financially. This may be because they have been furloughed, waiting for benefits to be paid (this can take up to 6 weeks!), sick or just struggling to juggle their money at a time when food costs have massively increased.

The small team of Fiona Green, Lisa Knight and myself prepare the boxes of essential food ready for delivery. The funding for starting up the food bank came from the Charity. This has subsequently been increased by donations from generous locals, the Co-op and the Churches, who have all helped us keep the boxes full.

We really appreciate the donations of food and money and we have received wonderful comments from around 60 families we have helped so far. The Community Centre have also been so helpful making this work and LWC are very grateful; they have made our job to help our residents so much easier.

Please, if you need some help or know someone who is struggling, please contact us on Lyndhurst 02380 284426 and the Community Response Group will pass your request on to LWC.

Stay safe

Jo Rollé
Lyndhurst Welfare Charity
Trustee
FORESTRY ENGLAND CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FOR THE
NEW FOREST

Forestry England has confirmed that in response to the government’s updated policy on Coronavirus it is reopening many of its car parks in the New Forest where the safety conditions of the public and staff can be met. However, in line with ongoing social distancing requirements, all other visitor facilities in the Forest including toilets, BBQ areas, visitor cabins and campsites remain closed.

Car parks will open from Wednesday 13th May and an updated list will be available on the New Forest section of Forestry England’s website. Those open may be subject to change as government guidance is reviewed and updated. Forestry England has also made visitors aware that, at this time of year, a number of car parks are routinely closed to protect sensitive areas for ground nesting birds or where essential forestry work is active, and these will remain so.

As people begin to return to the Forest at this critical time of year for nature, Forestry England is urging them to look after the natural environment that has helped many during these challenging times. Throughout lockdown, nature has been bursting into life with birds nesting and animals giving birth across the Forest. As people begin to return, nature will need help to stay protected and flourish.

It is a vital time of year for ground-nesting birds, looking after their chicks on the heathlands, and the public are urged to stay on the main paths when walking, cycling or horse riding. Dog walkers are asked to keep dogs on the main tracks, and if necessary use a lead to ensure this. People are also advised to keep their distance from the many animals that have been born on the Forest during the lockdown as they will have very protective parents.

With many car parks opening, Forestry England is reminding people not to park on grass verges or block gates. Parking on verges erodes the landscape, destroys rare plants, and significantly reduces the amount of grazing for ponies and livestock. Some areas of the Forest may be busy at times, but parking is not permitted anywhere other than within the official car parks.

During the sustained recent good weather, the Forest has become incredibly dry. Fire risks are very high and unfortunately there have recently been several serious fires. For this reason fires of any kind, including BBQs or disposal of cigarettes, are currently not allowed anywhere on the Forest.

Forestry England thanks the vast majority of the public who over this period have continued to protect this special place. It recognises that many people have missed the Forest and are now keen to return, but they are appealing to the public to follow new government social distancing guidance and to behave responsibly when visiting.

For more information please visit: https://www.forestryengland.uk/new-forest
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