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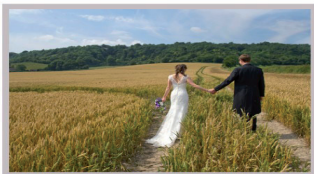
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## From the Editor

Hi everyone,

We are finally back in print. To those of you who have not been able to download your magazine each month, I am so sorry that we have been unable to reach you. I hope that you have managed to keep a positive mental attitude throughout the pandemic and that you are in good health. Our condolences go to everyone who has lost someone dear to this dreadful disease and our thanks go to everyone who has worked on the front line. My personal thanks go to everyone who has helped me to keep Network going online, including Peter Brown, Denise Williams, Amanda Ward, Glenda Dean, Tom and Janetta Sams and everyone who has so generously contributed copy and photographs.

We hope to remain in print, however, should we be unable to do so because of the virus you will find Network on the Harrietsham Fish Scheme website

***[www.harrietshamfishscheme.org](http://www.harrietshamfishscheme.org)***

Follow the link on the front page. We upload in time for the first day of the month. The issues we couldn't print during the pandemic can be found in the magazine archive. I have included a few items from these, which I think will be of interest to you, in this month's issue.

Stay safe everyone.

***Jan - Network Editor***

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## Ann Marie Brown

On Tuesday 3rd March members of the Fish Scheme attended Ann Brown's funeral at Vinters Park Crematorium joining with her family and many of her friends in celebrating her life. Ann joined the Fish Scheme as Editor of the village magazine in 2015 and despite working full time after a brief amount of training edited her first copy of the Network in September. Somehow from then on Ann managed to edit the magazine each month in her spare time whilst coping with her job and looking after her home and family. Sadly, Ann collapsed at home in July 2018 resulting in her being in Kings College hospital for several months before being able to return home. Ann's final copy of the Network was the July 2018 edition which she had edited the previous month.

**Peter Brown** - Harrietsham Fish Scheme Chairman

## A note of thanks

The close family of former Network editor Ann Brown, would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has supported them over the last few weeks. Especially all of those who came to the funeral and wake at the beginning of March, you all helped to make a difficult day just that little bit better.

Ann loved being a part of this village, especially making friends through local groups and societies, such as: Harrietsham CoEPS PTFA and governor, helping at youth clubs, and of course working on the editorial team for Network Magazine.

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## Collecting Your Medication from the Surgery

The government paused the coronavirus shielding programme on 31 July 2020. This means, for those of you who have been having your medication delivered by the Covid-19 Support Group volunteers, that this service will cease (unless you have been told otherwise) and you will have to collect your own medication or arrange for someone else to collect it for you. The Glebe surgery in Harrietsham remains closed, although you can still post your repeats through the door as these are collected daily. The closure was due for review at the end of August, unfortunately too late for this issue of Network. At the time of writing Harrietsham residents need to travel to Lenham surgery to collect their medication and due to social distancing and patient and staff safety you will need to queue outside, regardless of weather conditions, when collecting it.

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## Harrietsham Fish Scheme

**IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK** – A huge thank you to our editor Jan for her excellent work in producing the on-line Network magazine during lock down whilst we have been unable to have it printed and delivered and to everyone who has contributed interesting articles during this time.

Although things are still very uncertain we are hopeful we will now be able to resume delivering hard copies of the magazine to everyone each month and extend our sincere thanks to the 44 volunteer deliverers for agreeing to carry on doing this for us.

Our thanks also go to Kath our advertising manager for getting the majority of our advertisers back and to Brian for setting up the advert pages again. It is great to see that most of our previous advertisers have managed to survive although not being able to carry on with their business during lock-down and we hope you will support them as much as possible now that things have begun to ease.

## Helping Hands

Regrettably we are still unable to resume with our Lift Organisation as most of our small number of volunteer drivers are still needing to comply with the restrictions on meeting other people outside of their own family. We will continue to monitor the situation and hope that we will be able to re-start this service at some time in the future.

**Peter Brown** - Chairman

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## Len Valley Practice and Saxon Warrior protocols from August 1st will change.

LVP have been told that they need to move as close as possible to a new normal. The pandemic had meant that for practical purposes there needed to be a relaxation of some protocols, but LVP have been informed that these now needed to be reconsolidated.

- Following a meeting with Elaine Moles Practice Manager LVP and Cllr John Britt Lenham Parish Council emergency planning rep, LVP have confirmed that they will be contacting the many people the volunteering scheme covers and outlining the new position, notifying all such patients in the next 24 / 48 hours that the current arrangement will be ending and the advising details of new arrangements in the next few days. There may be some cross-over but this will be avoided as much as possible.

- LVP will ensure that working with the volunteering service a “note” which through the volunteering service, will be passed onto the most vulnerable that cannot be contacted from the patient list currently receiving their meds from LVP pharmacy to get them onto LVP’s regular delivery schedule, should they qualify. Those who do not qualify for delivery from LVP pharmacy can continue to nominate a volunteer to collect medication on their behalf.
- We have been informed that Harrietsham surgery will be considered for opening at the earliest opportunity, however there are practical and obvious issues that need to be overcome, which LVP are working on. Paper prescriptions will continue to be collected daily from the surgery, if posted into that box. Those unable to access either the Harrietsham or Lenham surgeries to hand in their repeat prescriptions can continue to hand these to volunteers who will ensure that they are delivered to LVP for processing and authorisation.
- In the meantime, Saxon Warrior Pharmacy has agreed to retain the volunteering service, and SWP will continue the process of collecting authorised scripts from LVP and via our volunteering service continue the current process of medication delivery where needed. All of the protocols, some of which now will be amended from the collection from LVP will be under the direction of Bipin Patel SWP manager, working with our volunteering service. The volunteering service will, in co-operation with Martin Sherwood our community warden, continue to collect paper scripts when needed via contacting our volunteering service. This will be done usually each morning before 11am.
- Finally, there was a recognition that there might be a need to be a change to the new arrangement, should the pandemic spike as all expected that it would. This will be closely monitored, and there will be practical flexibility if needed.

The volunteering service has evolved and changed throughout and it will surely with collaboration continue to meet whatever is needed from it given the volunteers abilities and availability.

We would like to thank both LVP and SW teams for their assistance during the crisis. We have appreciated their assistance in delivering much needed supplies through a difficult and dark period. We hope, having established professional, positive and friendly relationships, that this will continue through whatever comes our way.

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**Peter Brown**



## Harrietsham in Bloom

The summer bedding has done very well again this year with regular watering during May & June. We have now placed our geranium order for 2021 with our suppliers Bruge Nursery.

At the end of this month we will be starting our bulb planting. This year we have been promised 10,000 daffodil bulbs by KCC Highways to replace those lost when the A20 road improvement work was carried out – any volunteers to help with the planting would be much appreciated!

Thank you for your continued support - any enquiries please contact the Chairman on 859352.

**Andrew Rogers**



## Harrietsham Lawn Tennis Club

The Tennis courts have been well used this year as tennis was one of the first sports permitted when lockdown was lifted. We are very grateful to the Cricket Club for rolling the courts and a special thanks to Mowtastic for their assistance with repairing our mowers.

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*Isaiah 52: 7a*

## **Sunday 6 September**

- 9.30 am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 11.00 am** Lenham: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am** Ulcombe: Morning Worship

## **Sunday 13 September**

- 9.30 am** Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 9.30 am** Lenham: Breakfast Service
- 11.00 am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion
- 6.30 pm** Boughton Malherbe: Spoken Evensong

## **Sunday 20 September**

- 9.30 am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am** Harrietsham: Morning Worship
- 11.00 am** Lenham: Holy Communion

## **Sunday 27 September**

- 9.30 am** Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 9.30 am** Lenham: Breakfast Service
- 11.00 am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion

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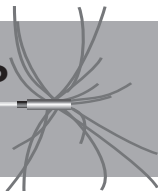
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## Harrietsham CofE Primary School

Well this has been a ‘funny old year’ and no more so than for the Year 6 pupils at the primary school. Normally they would have different social activities, a leavers disco, a leavers service in St John’s Church and other celebrations within the class and with the whole school. However, none of this was possible this year.

I was fortunate to be invited to share with their very individual service held in the school hall and with many of the teachers and learning support staff who have been with them during their time at the school and all of the adults made sure that this was a special occasion for all of the pupils to remember!

Mr Saye has been the year teacher for both Years 5 & 6 and had many memories of his time with the class – all 33 of them (it was a very big year group)! He was also able to present the children with various certificates both for work that they had achieved and personal development goals that they had reached. Then it was time for the individual children to talk about their memories, some recent and some going back some years. Mr Hyder was on hand to film each child so that parents, watching via the wonders of Zoom, could see and hear what was happening. Then it was the turn of the teachers to add their memories including a story by Dr Seuss, a poem written by one of the LSA’s and some lovely piano playing from Mrs Holland.

The Rev John Huggins delivered a brief homily which encouraged them to go onto their various new schools with courage and embracing the many experiences which they will have. Finally Mrs Davies wished them well on behalf of the whole school and said that she hoped that there would be the opportunity to hold a celebration in the new academic year when hopefully life will have returned to some sort of normal.

*Katherin Daking*

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### Cricket Club

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### Health Walks

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### Helpers

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### Karate Club

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## Lenham and Harrietsham Youth Hub

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## Scouts

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**Tai Chi Class** Angela Akast 07754454030/akast.a@btopenworld.com

## Tennis Club

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Secretary Mrs K Daking 850652

## The Lenham School

Head of School Mr Chris Foreman 858267

## The Poppy Appeal

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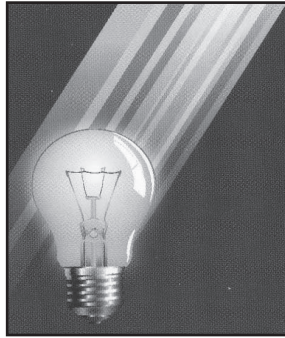
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## September Diary

**Tues 1 September 12 noon** advertising deadline for October Network

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Sorry folks, nothing yet, but....

### Watch this space!!!

*While you're waiting why not cook up a storm with Peter's*

## Chicken with Chorizo and Peppers.

*This is one of my favourite recipes based on one published in the Daily Telegraph about 10 years ago but adjusted several times to suit my taste. The initial preparation only takes about 20 mins and then the oven does the rest enabling me to get on with other things.*

4 – Chicken Thigh fillets  
2 Tablespoons Olive oil  
1 Red Pepper & 1 Yellow Pepper, de-seeded and cut into 1" squares  
1 Onion finely diced  
2 cloves garlic finely chopped  
1 sprig fresh Rosemary  
8 pieces Chorizo Sausage about 1/8" thick  
2 Glasses Dry White wine  
Salt & Black pepper to taste

Trim any excess fat off the chicken fillets, heat the oil in a large pan and seal the fillets on both sides, remove to a plate. Lightly sauté the peppers, onion, garlic and Rosemary for about 5 minutes, put the chicken back in the pan and add the white wine, add the chorizo and mix well. At this stage I put the ingredients in my slow cooker and cook it on the high setting for 2 hours until the chicken is well done and the peppers are soft, but I have also cooked it in an oven proof casserole in the oven for about 1½ hours at 150° Check occasionally during cooking to make sure it hasn't dried out and add a drop of water if necessary, serve with new potatoes. I really like the flavour the Rosemary and Chorizo give this dish but if you don't want loose bits of Rosemary place it inside a piece of muslin and remove it just before serving.

**Peter Brown**



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## Christian Message

### “Be perfect”

In the Bible in Matthew 5:48 Jesus tells us to “Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect”. There may be a few self-unaware people who think this describes them, but for most of us, we read these words and inwardly cringe. I’ve been struck recently by words of the repentant slave-trader John Newton: “I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I wish to be. I am not what I will one day be. But by the grace of God, I am not what I once was.” I have never traded slaves, but I do feel these words apply to me. We are all broken and imperfect in some way.

So what did Jesus mean? We aim for perfection, certainly, but also, let’s be moulded by our mistakes so that the mistakes or ‘cracks’ in our own lives become the means by which God’s love shines through. An obvious example is that when a relationship falls apart, we can learn to care more for those whose relationships are struggling. Then our cracks become not imperfections but signs of God at work.

How are we doing in our pandemic times? As I write, there are people in the shops wearing masks and our churches are starting to reopen. I think that in our churches and communities we have realised how much we have missed each other, and how much God’s love needs to shine in and through our lives. Just this morning I was speaking by ‘phone to my Mum in her nursing home where she hasn’t been able to have any visitors for 5 months! As workplaces reopen and the traffic noise goes up again, let’s all learn the simplest of lessons from the pandemic: we need one another. I urge us all to commit to playing our part in making our communities vibrant and supportive places to live

We also have one new relationship: Charlotte Coles has started as a curate (apprentice vicar) in our churches, and she will introduce herself in one of these messages soon. She is a smiley lass – so please welcome her in! In fact, let’s make ‘welcome to everybody’ the hallmark of who we are.

**John P Huggins** 01622 850280



## Countryways Quilters and Stitchers

All our lives have changed drastically this year, some more than others. We've all missed friends and family members during the strict lockdown. So as our freedoms have slowly returned bit by bit our minds and hearts have settled down. We all need human contact even if it has to be socially distanced so it was with joy that I was able to set up a couple of garden gatherings during August so that we could share with friends, the stitch work we had been doing to keep our sanity during lockdown.

As meetings are now permitted inside, we are starting in September to meet at the community centre again. I know, it makes me a little nervous too but to keep everyone safe this new freedom comes with many rules!!!

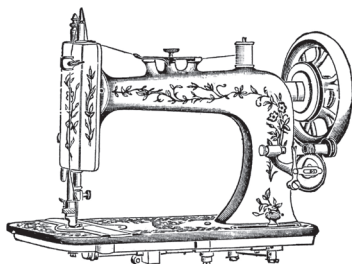
The Lenham Community Centre thoroughly cleans down the room before and after our use, including the tables. We will all be spaced 2 metres apart and we will not have use of tea making facilities. So, we each need to bring our own refreshments, mugs and all. We cannot share equipment so if you are planning to use a sewing machine you will need to bring your own. No borrowing someone else's scissors! As well as sewing supplies you will also need to bring hand sanitizer, mask and gloves to navigate the door openings and a possibly busy lobby. If you want to copy some embroidery designs then please bring a pencil to the first meeting. As we go to print the meeting dates are not yet confirmed so I will be sending those out to you all later.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we will not be taking in any new members this year. Hopefully things will be different next year.

We meet in the Osbourne room in Lenham Community Centre.

If you would like more information on our group or would like a copy of our 2021 Program when it comes out, please contact me on 01233 877453 or e-mail [moonbeamspinner@gmail.com](mailto:moonbeamspinner@gmail.com).

***Pamela Gillard***





## Coral Marion Packham

**24/09/1929 - 02/02/2020**

Coral moved to Harrietsham with her husband Ken and two Poodles in 1996. She became an enthusiastic member of The Wives Group and The Short Mat Bowls Club.

All her friends and neighbours in the village were very supportive when Ken suddenly passed away in 1998.

Over the coming years she became involved in many village activities and was an avid writer of quizzes and baker of cheese scones. She was still playing bowls, walking her dachshund Daisy and visiting the village shops into her 90th year. She will be missed but remembered with fondness by all who knew her.

Here is one of Coral's quizzes for you to enjoy.

### General Knowledge

1. Which is the world's largest venomous snake?  
(a) Anaconda (b) Black Mamba (c) King Cobra
2. In which English county was the Battle of Bosworth Field fought?  
(a) Berkshire (b) Leicestershire (c) Warwickshire
3. Which musical instrument is used as a trade mark by Guinness?  
(a) Cornet (b) Harp (c) Bodrum
4. Which famous building in the USA was designed by Irishman James Hoban?  
(a) The Empire State Building (b) The White House (c) The Pentagon
5. In slang how much money is a Pony?  
(a) Twenty Pounds (b) Twenty Five Pounds (c) Fifty Pounds (*Answers on page 31*)

Coral's daughter, Judith, thanks everyone who donated to Alzheimer's Research in her mum's memory. Over £350 was raised.



# Friends of St. John the Baptist's Church

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## Help Needed

The Friends of our local church, St John the Baptist, which is a registered charity formed to help maintain the fabric of our lovely Grade 1 Listed church, is a secular organisation working closely with the PCC and Vicar for the good of the building itself.

The Friends are seeking a suitable person to become our Secretary. The vacancy, which is a voluntary role, has arisen due to the resignation of the current incumbent, Val Brown. Whilst the Committee would like to thank Val for her service and the work she has done in the position and wish her all the very best for the future, it is essential that we find a replacement.

In addition, the Committee are also seeking volunteers to join us on the Committee as our numbers are becoming very low. If anyone can volunteer and support us to help raise funds for the upkeep of our local church, then please do get in touch.

Further details can be obtained from Audrey Joy (Chairperson) 07754 039 798 or Denise Williams 01622 859410.

## 100 Club Lottery Draw

Unfortunately, the early deadline for this first post-lockdown printed issue of Network means that we are unable to include the result of the forty-fifth 100 Club draw on Saturday 8 August. It is a BIG ONE with a first prize of £62.50 and two other prizes of £37.50 and £25.

For further information and details of the 100 Club and how it raises much needed money for the upkeep of our local church - contact the Administrator, Chris Roots on 01622 851885 or [100club@friendsofstjohn.org](mailto:100club@friendsofstjohn.org)

## Top Tips by Harrietsham Gardening Society

September is a very rewarding month in the garden when all the hard work of spring and summer pays off. In the vegetable garden, maincrop potatoes can be lifted once the tops have died off, onions and shallots can be lifted for storing right round to next spring, sweetcorn cobs picked, marrows and squash for storing up until year end and an eye kept open for caterpillars on winter greens such as sprouts, cabbages and cauliflower to overwinter. It's hard work but drawing soil up around leek plants helps enormously in ensuring long blanched white stems. Keep cleared ground as weed free as possible too as that will help when you start digging in November – not before or the weeds will grow back again. Hopefully, you have winter carrots in the ground which can stay there until the end of next month before any frosts are likely. They are very attractive to slugs and snails so keep an eye out for those as they can be very busy in a warm damp September. Well, most of them, not all – the lazy snails who lose their shells become very sluggish! To get the best of the balance of your tomato crop most of the leaves can be removed now but don't pick any green tomatoes until well into October.

In the flower garden September is the time to divide herbaceous perennials to enhance your display next year. Dead heading of roses, dahlias and almost any flowering plant will keep them going too. Later this month plant daffodils, narcissi, crocuses, hyacinths and other spring flowering bulbs to ensure a good display next spring. Hopefully, you will have trimmed your beech, hornbeam and yew hedges.

September is traditionally the time to sow a new lawn as the ground is still warm and some rain can be expected. The same thing applies to turf. Laying turf now and keeping it well watered will help it root and become useable much more quickly.

Mentioning lawns reminds me of the story regarding an alien who returned to Harrietsham after a previous visit some 100 years ago following pressure from his grandson who had visited recently. He was very interested in gardens and nature and upon arrival was very worried at the change in gardening habits. He said to his grandson 'What in the world is going on down here? What happened to the dandelions, daises, buttercups and stuff I saw last time? Those plants are very low maintenance, they grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honeybees and flocks of songbirds. All I see now are these green rectangles.'

His grandson replied, 'Fashions have changed, people started calling the wildflowers weeds and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.'

'Grass? But it's so boring - it's not colourful, it doesn't attract butterflies, birds or bees, only ants and daddy long-legs and it's temperamental with temperature. Do these people really want all that grass growing there?'

'Apparently so,' his grandson replied, 'they go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by adding fertiliser and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn, then wait until the warm sun and rain make it grow really fast.'

'That must make them happy' the alien replied. 'I'm not sure,' said his grandson, 'as soon as it grows a little they spend more money on water and spend ages watering it, then they start to cut it down, sometimes twice a week.'

'Cut it down!' said the alien, 'Whatever for, after all that work to get it to grow? Do they bale it, like hay?'

'Not exactly,' was the reply, 'most of them catch it in a box fitted to a machine they spend lots of money on and put it in bags or a bin.'

'Oh, I see,' said the alien, it must be a cash crop. Do they sell it?'

His grandson sighed, 'Oh no, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.'

'Now let me get this straight. They fertilize the grass so it will grow. They kill any flowers growing in it. They spend hours watering it and when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?' His grandson replied, 'Yes, they pay Maidstone Borough Council £40 for a green bin to take it away and complain vociferously if the bin gets missed.'

'Unbelievable' said the alien 'what nonsense! At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of luck. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and other plants. Plus, as they rot, the leaves form compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural circle of life.'

'Oh dear, you'd better sit down,' said his grandson, 'as soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into piles and pay to have them taken away as well.'

'Oh no. What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter and to keep the soil moist and in good heart?'

'Ah,' was the reply, 'after throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something they call compost or mulch. They carry it home or pay for delivery and spread it around in place of the leaves.'

'And where does this mulch or compost come from?' asked the alien. 'They make it from grass that's been collected, leaves from trees and shrubs and other flowers called weeds that people pay to have taken away.....'

Happy gardening.

*Oh, dear! Guilty! That cost one composter!*

*Ed.*

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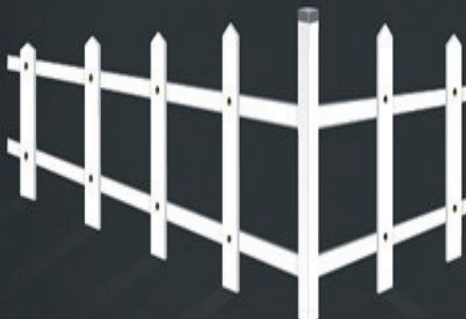
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## Memories of Coronavirus

### For posterity... part five (up to 6 August 2020)

*The information here has been collated from news bulletins. I apologise if it contains any errors. It is intended as a record of what happened to us during the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak for those who are interested. There may well be points that I have missed. There isn't room to include it all. There is nothing like history being written as it happens. Editor.*

22 July. Visitors allowed to return to care homes, one person only and always the same person.

24 July. Face masks/coverings are now compulsory in shops and supermarkets. There is a £100 fine for non-compliance.

3 August. Virus tests which will give a result in 90 minutes will be available from next week.

6 August. Quarantine to be extended to include arrivals from Belgium, Andorra and the Bahamas.

New cases are increasing again albeit more slowly than earlier in the year.

Keep on social distancing, wear your face masks and wash your hands.

Stay safe and keep others safe too.

**Jan** - Editor



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