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## UNLOCKING TO THE NEW NORMAL

by Phil Chatfield

AS WE moved out of 'lockdown' in early July, we were beginning to experience our new world. We can finally visit the hairdressers, but it is a different experience. Staff in facemasks or visors and no magazines to read. Clients have been asked to wash their hair before their appointment, wear a face mask and wait outside.

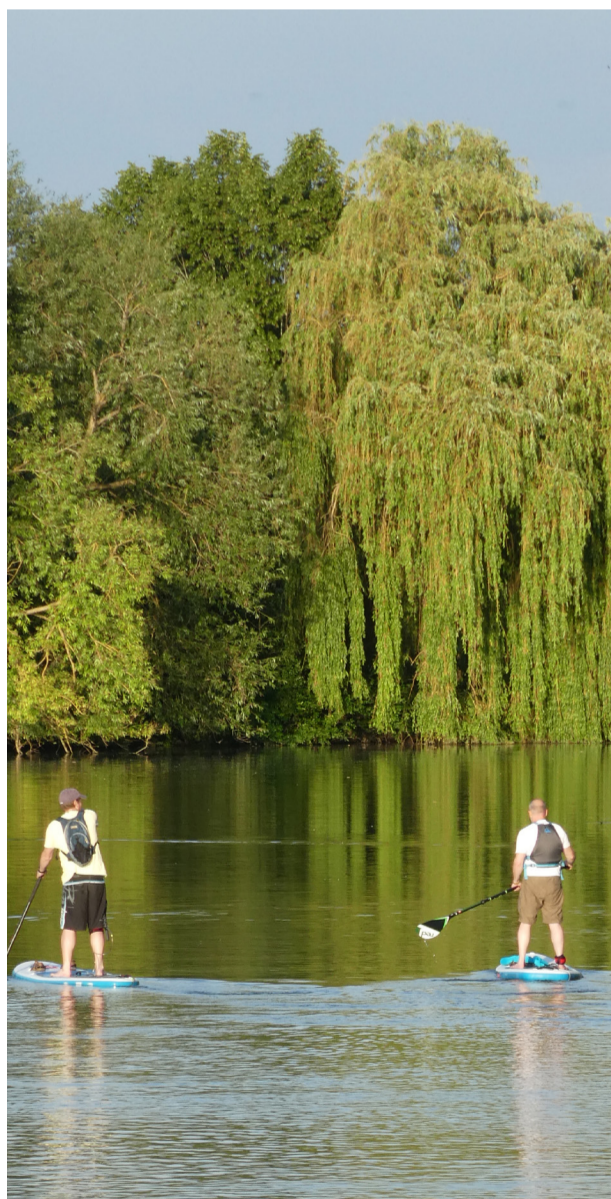
There is more traffic on the roads now and the centre of Caversham is busy as a result of roadworks on Reading Bridge. At times on the quieter roads some cars have been travelling much faster than normal – something which has been noted across the country. There also seems to be many more people running or jogging in the streets and parks. We now have to wear facemasks on public transport and they are being worn more widely. This can make it difficult to identify people or hold a conversation. In the last few months we have adjusted our lives in so many ways. This month, one of our regular readers, Viv Emerson, reflects on this and the future – see page 6.

Schools and pre-school groups have partially re-

opened with new precautions changing the way classes are organised. Some pubs have re-opened with restrictions on customer numbers and suitable social distancing. Non-essential shops have been allowed to trade again. *The Caversham Bridge* is again available from the Caversham Emporium, and we take this opportunity to thank Neil Asbury for stocking the paper in the Homecrafts shop during the lockdown. This month we feature the World Shop, which sells fairly traded goods in Reading and re-opens in August – see page 11. One lesson from the lockdown period is the value of supporting local businesses. To encourage more local shopping, we plan to include a four page supplement featuring local businesses and craftspeople in our October edition. If you would like to be featured and to advertise in this, please contact [editors@cavershambridge.org](mailto:editors@cavershambridge.org) before the end of August.

Our churches are now able to open with restrictions. Our Lady and St Anne has opened for private prayer at set times and with limits on the number of people

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Paddleboarding on the Thames photo P Chatfield



Rachel and Sam

photo Rachel Williams

## MATCH POSTPONED

by Rachel Williams

FOR SAM and me, Saturday 2 May 2020 was to be our day, the day we said "I Do" at St Peter's Church, Caversham. Instead, it was a day we celebrated, not our wedding day, but our commitment to each other. Back in October 2018, when Sam proposed I said yes. Ever since we have been busy planning and preparing for the day. As time crept closer and more news was coming in about Covid-19, no-one said we would have to postpone, so we kept going. In mid-March (one week before lockdown), I collected my wedding dress and couldn't contain my excitement as I tried it on. However, the next day everything changed. I was given the option either to proceed with our wedding, albeit with very few guests, or to postpone. We decided postponing was best for us, as we wanted our family and friends to be part of the celebration. Now, instead of counting down the last few weeks, we had added on a whole year. The thought of our wedding day was now more of disappointment than excitement.

We formed a new plan to try to celebrate the date in some form that was allowed in the lockdown. The day dawned and we walked down to our local church, coincidentally also called St Peter's. We received some odd looks along the way, since we had both dressed smarter than usual. There, in front of the church, we exchanged our vows. The rest of the day was spent enjoying an amazing afternoon tea package delivered from a local café and drinking a bottle of bubbly. The support we received from our family and friends was incredible and helped a huge amount. Fingers crossed that next year all I have to worry about is whether or not it's going to rain and not the effects of a global pandemic!

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# A changed and needy world

## Talking Point by Judith Ryder

WHEN I was training, we had a tutor who would say: 'I don't listen to what people say, I look at what they do'. He also considered the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46) to be Jesus' most important parable. There the criteria for being rewarded at the Last Judgement are all about what you do for other people: whether you feed, clothe, and welcome them, whether you visit them when they are sick or in prison. It's about practical generosity, welcome, and care for those in difficulties.

I write this at the end of June, to be published in August. So much has happened in the last few months, I can have no idea what exactly will be happening by August. Perhaps the pandemic will have receded in this country, if we are lucky. The signs are already that it will be raging in others. Perhaps relaxation of restrictions will have already started to trigger a new wave here.

Whatever the situation, the effects of the pandemic will only just be beginning to work their way through: loss on all levels, whether directly because of the illness, or indirectly, with the economic impact, the job losses, the uncertainties and fears for the present and the future, the mental strain. This pandemic has shaken the foundations of our society, and to stabilise and rebuild is going to take a long, long time.



### How should Christians respond?

Christians, along with everyone else, have suffered loss, both personally, but also as Christian communities. In different ways, we have responded, reconstituting our worshipping communities: first virtually, then – slowly, carefully – returning to our churches, but in new and different ways. Many Christian communities have surprised themselves by just how quickly they can change and respond. Often with a heavy toll of exhaustion, but also inspired and sustained in ways we couldn't have imagined: the Spirit is at work.

But we need to pray now for more strength, and stamina, and imagination, and determination, because how we worship, how we talk about God, even how we pray – that is only one part of our faith. It is the part that feeds us so that we have the strength for that other part: the part that is about what we do, how we respond clear-sightedly to the world around, knowing and loving it for what it is: God's precious and beloved creation.

And what I can be certain of, now, writing in June, is that, over time, there will be increased need in the world around us. The high cost to our country and the wider world is already clear, although we can't yet grasp its extent. So the question is: in the months and years to come, how can we, as Christians in Caversham, respond? How can we work together to feed, and clothe, and welcome those in whatever kind of need, to visit the sick and reach out to those imprisoned in whatever way?

We may feel we have no strength left for that. But I suspect that it is by embracing the challenge that we will discover new strength. God's grace has a strange way of refreshing us when we move away from our inward-focused anxieties, and open our eyes and hearts to embrace Jesus' mission in the world. Let's drink deep of the worship and the prayer we have worked so hard to sustain, and put the energy and nourishment we gain from that to its proper, full use: serving our community, our country, and our world, working for God's kingdom.

*Judith Ryder is a Curate at St Peter's Church, Caversham*

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10:15 – Zoom service – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84366839832?pwd=M2xJSUtFbGkycG1DbEFxQ1JGYWRsQT09>  
11:15 – Zoom service - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82793512985>  
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#### Office

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#### Current service during lockdown

See their web site for Father Patrick's weekly homilies and details of opening for private prayer at: [www.ourladyandstanne.org.uk](http://www.ourladyandstanne.org.uk)

#### St Michael Sonning Common

Fr Michael Sharkey, St Michaels, Sonning Common  
Tel: 972 3418

At the time of writing, church services are affected by the pandemic restrictions, disrupting normal worship. However, church communities have adapted to the circumstances and are alive and active in new ways.

Most churches have a range of on-line services, house groups and social meetings, using web based systems like YouTube and Zoom. For current information, see the web sites for each of the churches, available on this page or on the Churches Together in Caversham web site at: [www.cavershamchurch.org](http://www.cavershamchurch.org).

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allowed in the church at any one time. Other churches are considering how to respond to the changes in Government guidance. For up to date information check their websites – see page 2 for details.

Many people continue to brighten up their streets with posters, bunting, rainbow decorations and soft toys in windows. Although the weather has been mixed, we have had some sunny days and many people have made the most of our green spaces and the river. Families have had picnics in parks and some people have even taken to the river to ensure social distancing. Restrictions have been eased for people who are shielding, but many are still concerned about the risks from the virus. So while the fit and able can make the most of the relaxation of restrictions, there are those who still feel very uncomfortable about going out and meeting others, and will do for some time.

For some of us, the last few months have provided an opportunity to do something different or new. Would you like to share what you have done for an article in our September edition? Have you started keeping a journal, taken up painting before, written a story...? E-mail your story to us at [editors@cavershambridge.org](mailto:editors@cavershambridge.org) and include any relevant photos, paintings or drawings.



## Tell us what you think

by the Editors

WE ARE considering improvements to the Caversham Bridge newspaper and our on-line services for you. So we would like to understand our readers better and find out what you like about your local community paper, along with any new features or ideas you would like us to look into for future editions. We had planned to launch the reader survey in May, but this had to be postponed in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. We now propose to include the survey in our September edition. It will also be available on our web site at [www.cavershambridge.org:5154/Readers-survey-2020](http://www.cavershambridge.org:5154/Readers-survey-2020)

Whichever way you choose to reply, we want to hear your views. So please spare us a few minutes of your time to complete the survey to help us ensure the paper serves the needs and expectations of the people of Caversham, Emmer Green and the surrounding area into the future.

The September edition will include further information as well as the questionnaire.



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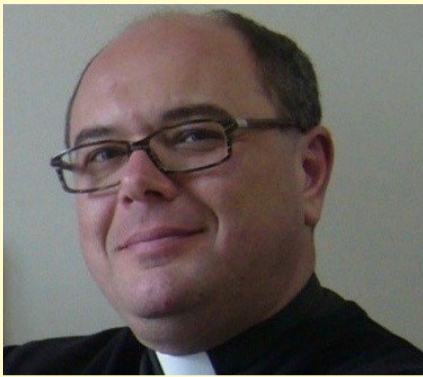
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## Caversham Priest to lead Seminary

by the Parish of  
Our Lady and St Anne



Father Giles Goward  
Photo Courtesy of Archdiocese of Birmingham

A FORMER parish priest of Our Lady and St Anne church has been appointed as the new Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott, near Sutton Coldfield. The college, founded in 1794, is one of three which trains priests and deacons for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Father Giles Goward, who served in Caversham from 2005 to 2013, has held the roles of Pastoral Director, Formation Tutor and Director for the Permanent Deacon Programme at Oscott.

Father Giles never thought he would be asked to join the historic list of Oscott's Presidents and Rectors. He said, "If I am honest I consider myself very unworthy to do so and I am humbled to join a line of succession which includes the names of men marked by holiness, vision and apostolic zeal." Like other higher education institutions in the UK, the decision was taken to close the College for the duration of the current Covid-19 pandemic, so one of the first tasks facing the new Rector will be to navigate the seminary back to the new 'normal'.

His former parishioners, with many others in Caversham churches and the community, will keep Father Giles in their thoughts and prayers, knowing that 'one of ours' is embarking on the great endeavour of priestly formation and building the strength of the Church.

# Online birthday celebration

by Anna Clarke

ST JOHN'S DAY - never heard of it? Well, St John's Day marks what is considered the birthday of St John the Baptist. Usually a saint's feast day is celebrated on the day the saint died but St John's is one of the few whose birthdays are celebrated instead!

Every year around St John's Day (24 June) St John's Church, situated on the corner of St John's Road/Gosbrook Road, holds a community celebration. Of course, this year things had to look a little different and so we took the celebration online!

Around 40 members of the St John's family, ranging in age from 5 months to 90 years, joined together on Zoom to celebrate with a quiz, music and various games and activities, including the ever-popular 'strawberry lace race'!



Patchwork church – Toni Smith

"We had to create St John's Church as a fun challenge," explains Samuel (aged 10). "We could use anything we liked – I used Lego and my sister used various craft materials in a shoe box. I showed people eating biscuits after church to show the community gathering and my sister made colourful people from pipe cleaners to show happy people praising God with the roof off and the doors open so that it showed all people are welcome".

Here are some of our creations!

If you live locally to St John's Church and would be interested in hearing more about events and activities we run then feel free to contact Rev'd Penny Cuthbert at [penny@ctmparish.org.uk](mailto:penny@ctmparish.org.uk)



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## In memory - Dr Peter Tun

WE RECEIVED the following letter in early May from Caversham resident and stroke survivor, Mr C J Goodall. There will be many Caversham residents who were treated and cared for by Dr Tun, who was an associate specialist in neurorehabilitation at the Royal Berkshire Hospital for more than 21 years.

'The sad death of Dr Peter Tun at the Royal Berkshire Hospital will be mourned by hundreds of stroke patients over the last 21 years. He became a living testament of the NHS in caring for those whose lives are shattered when strokes strike. Dr Tun was 62 years old. He had a wife and two sons.

I spent 6 months in the former Battle Hospital and the Royal Berkshire Hospital recovering from a stroke and a heart attack with pulmonary embolism. I can truly say Dr Tun rescued me from a close-to-death experience. He was much respected and loved by all. I still remember his happy smile.

I suspect that when the Reading Stroke Survivors meet again, tributes will be paid to a lovely man.

He died at the hospital as a result of the virus on 14 April 2020. He had warned the hospital authorities before this date of the dangers of working without PPE equipment.'

## A Valentine Date

WHAT A surprise to find a picture of Valentine Crescent's VE day party and later the Fancy dress party. It brought back happy memories for me and probably for other people who lived in 'Our Road' in 1945. I remember the street party - I would have been just 6 years old. I also remember the Dads lighting fireworks in dustbins, they must have had a good time. The tables were just outside our house at no. 23. Looking at the picture, it can't have been a very warm day, everyone in their coats.



The other picture was at St John's Hall and was for all the families in Valentine Crescent, and took place in the Autumn of 1945. I can see many of my friends and neighbours. Trevor (who sent in the photographs) was right, Mr Billingham is in the middle and he was my Dad. Next to him is the local doctor Dr. S. Dahne. I can see Julia Hackman (née Curling) on the right in the front in a fairy costume. Julia was my life-long friend and we miss her; she would have loved this photograph. Next to Julia is Francis Honey in his page boy outfit and the soldier is Rex Hinton. Just along a bit is Beatrice Norman in a pretty sailor costume, and I'm just behind her as the Bride. Trevor mentioned it was before he was born, but I see his sister Sandra being held by her Dad on the far right of the picture.

There are many more that I could name, and I would say that the Crescent was a very close community, where all us 'kids' had a happy time together, without much traffic to interfere with our ball games etc.

Many thanks to Sandra and Trevor for sending in such a surprise picture.  
Eunice Cooper

## St Peter's Day Celebration - via Zoom!

By Nigel Smith

ON SUNDAY 28 June, 83 people celebrated St Peter's 'Patronal Festival' via Zoom, joining in a spiritual Holy Communion with Rector Mike Smith. The choir sang 'together' for the first time since lockdown, a celebratory piece in which each member had practised their part at home and then sent it off to be blended. Quite a triumph. Afterwards most stayed on to share coffeetime catching up with friends and some joined a quiz. There was an online collection for Age UK. Many wore green

colouring (St Peter's church colour) and also a variety of hats - the churchwarden even sported a green beard! Tambourines were shaken, whistles were blown and bells were rung to celebrate the Peace. Quite a morning!

Each year, St Peter's church remembers the martyrdom of their patron saint in Rome, by Emperor Nero, sometime between AD 64 and 68. St Peter's day is 29 June and a festival is usually held on the Sunday closest to the date.

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# From here to Modernity



by Viv Emerson

AS WE travel through Covid-19 and beyond, we have to face the fact that our lives will never be the same again. We have just passed through three months of lockdown, which has been the strangest experience of our lives. I am trying not to use the overworked word 'unprecedented', but even

those of us who can remember the last war, when we had blackouts and rationing, have found the recent situation a very new experience.

To start, let's look at the wide spectrum of experiences which people have encountered. The front-line workers who have been working their socks off to try and keep those affected by the virus alive and, where unsuccessful, caring for those bereaved. The key-workers, whose work life has continued much as before, but have been called upon to work harder and under strange circumstances to keep us fed, watered and serviced. Those who have been fortunate enough to be able to work at home, even if some have had to juggle keeping on top of work with child minding and teaching as well. And then those who have been furloughed and have been busy at home, gardening, decorating, or sorting their homes into tidy enclaves of pseudo normality, but with an uncertain future. Finally, those who have been, and are continuing to struggle to survive without income. Even, in some cases, with no state support, and are only managing with the help of charities and food banks. It is a diverse spectrum.

## Learning and using 'New Technology'

What has changed from where we were? Well, we have changed the way we have been doing things. We have adapted to different conditions, learning and using 'New Technology' often unheard of hitherto. Will we return to our old ways? I doubt it. There are so many examples, but it's worth mentioning a few.

Although many have shopped online for ages, the numbers now



DPD Delivery

photo P Chatfield

seem to be at the very least twice what they were before. This is not only convenient, but also often saves money, as we are less likely to make random purchases from a special display. We social distance whenever we meet or have visitors to our gardens. As a result, I am sure we all long for a hug and hope that that custom will return as soon as possible.

Our churches and places of worship have been closed, but thankfully Zoom appeared, as if by magic, to provide us with a way of having meetings and, above all, worshipping together. We may have missed seeing familiar faces close to and chatting before or after our services. But I am sure there will be those who have welcomed not having to make a journey and when it is over find they are still in the comfort and warmth of their own homes.

We have found ourselves part of a number of communities such as street 'WhatsApp' groups which, for many, were either unknown or non-existent before. These have served as a lifeline and a happy environment, enabling us to survive the lockdown but also to keep the most vulnerable supplied with essential goods. This

latter has been so successful I can only hope and pray that the knowledge and maintenance of such communities will continue well into the future. They have shown, to those of us unaware of them before, we are 'not alone'.

So where do we go from here? As we very gradually emerge from lockdown, like a butterfly coming out of the chrysalis, it is

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# The Attwells Memorial Fountain

MANY must have wondered about this monument, by the car park at the beginning of the Thames Side Promenade, just off Richfield Avenue. It always looks a little dusty and neglected, a drinking fountain with no water supply, and a memorial to someone long forgotten. It tells you that Frank Attwells died in 1892, during his mayoral year, and that his widow, Sarah, left the money for the building of the monument and died in 1905 - but nothing more.

It was left to her trustees to have the monument designed and constructed. They decided on something that would be useful to man and beast, with metal drinking-cups



Caversham Tram Terminus and Bridge Hotel

chained to it for humans, and basins below for horses and dogs. Mrs. Attwells had wanted it to be on Bath Road, but Reading Corporation decided otherwise. The site chosen was by the Caversham Bridge Hotel, by the tram terminus at Caversham Bridge, and the path leading to the new Thames Side Promenade. In 1908, at the time of the unveiling, the bridge was still the narrow iron bridge from the 1860s, and Richfield Avenue had not been thought of.

## ...‘who deserves to be commemorated?’

The question of who deserves to be commemorated and for how long, has been much in the news recently. Frank Attwells ran a music shop in Friar Street, but then so did the Binfields, the Hickies, and Barnes and Avis. In fact, he had taken over Binfield’s music shop, and his firm was called Attwells, Binfield and Company. Some measure of the esteem in which he was held is reflected by the fact that at the time of his funeral in 1892, between 2 and 4 on a Monday afternoon, all business in the town was to be suspended. He was a man of action. He had been a councillor for some

years, and he was Deputy Captain of the Volunteer Fire Brigade. He was a keen swimmer and had saved several people from drowning. He had organised promenade concerts in the New (1882) Town Hall, he was a conductor and pianist, and for a time he had leased the Theatre Royal.

Under his direction, the theatre was rebuilt and opened as the Royal County Theatre in 1887. Just after his time, in 1894, the theatre was struck by lightning and burned down, and a new Royal County Theatre opened, farther west in Friar Street, the following year.

It was only twenty years or so after the unveiling of the fountain that Reading Corporation announced its intention of removing it, and putting it into storage – probably never to be seen again. Presumably motor traffic was increasing with the opening of the new Caversham Bridge in 1926, and it was felt to be in the way, even though Richfield Avenue was still several decades in the future. But the memories of Frank Attwells must still have been strong. A petition was organised, the councillors changed their minds, and the fountain was moved to its present position – initially with a water supply.

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## From here to Modernity

unlikely, at least in the short term, that the future will be beautiful like a ‘Painted Lady’. However, we are all different. As we face this challenge, some will be petrified by the prospect, while others will be raring to go, with enthusiasm and ideas as to what they can do in the changed environment. Well, I am not able to predict what the future holds because my crystal ball is no better than anyone else’s, but we can all be hopeful, and it might be good to look at those covered in my initial spectrum.

## ...‘key workers who have played a pivotal role’...

The front-line workers will need some respite. I hope they get this and that the current and future governments remunerate them accordingly, remembering the part they played in our survival. The key workers, who have played a pivotal role in keeping us all on an even keel and ensured that we had all we needed to survive. Let us hope that this too is remembered and rewarded appropriately. Those who

have worked at home have experienced advantages in saved commuting time and fares. Although they have experienced some disadvantages, lessons will have been learnt. Those furloughed face an uncertain future as their work, particularly in the hospitality industry, is fragile and may not recover. Let us hope that out of this come entrepreneurs who will see and develop opportunities utilising the experience these people possess. Finally, for those at the bottom of the ladder, who were struggling before the pandemic, let us hope that this, and future, governments will do more to narrow the gap between the haves and have nots and reduce the social divide.

There is a long road ahead for each of us, but particularly for the government and the young, who will be paying for the enormous deficit which this country will have. Let us hope that we all come out of this having learnt something from the experience and that we do not squander the benefits in the vain hope of returning to what we might see as ‘normality’.

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## ENVIRONMENT

# Top Advice

by Tricia Marcouse

FOLLOWING my article on Recycling in Reading published in June, I was asked about the best thing to do with the screw-on caps for glass bottles and paper 'Tetra Pak' type cartons. For glass bottles, the answer is yes please. Do

put the bottle cap back on when you take it to your local bottle bank. It is removed at the glass plant and recycled IF you are in an area like ours that colour segregates the glass.

For paper 'Tetra Pak' type cartons, the carton should be flattened completely and the lid screwed back on, or don't flatten, put the lid on, and pierce with a knife. These are collected in our red bins.

Please rinse both before recycling.

You can find out more about what can go in your recycling bin on the RE3yclopedia <https://re3.fccenvironment.co.uk/recylo/>



Crush your carton! Photo J Offord

# Reading Golf Club



Design for extended clubhouse at Caversham Heath

image Reading Golf Club

by Phil Chatfield

FOLLOWING our article last month based on information from the Keep Emmer Green group, the general manager of the golf club, Gary Stangoe, contacted us. His e-mail is reproduced in part below.

'Good afternoon

One of our members handed me a copy of the latest edition of the Caversham Bridge today.

Whilst fully recognising that when we move to our new home in March 2021 at Caversham Heath the plans for some development on our land in Emmer Green will not be welcomed by everyone, it was disappointing that you have published an article about the club with inaccuracies based on information supplied to you by the action group opposed to us.

..... we recognise in this day and age anything can be published but believe your excellent publication is to keep local residents up to date and informed properly. On this occasion on certain matters this is not the case.

The concerns of local residents are fully understandable and we have no issue with those concerns being highlighted or the opposition to planned development being reported. However when mis-information is spread, as has happened over the last two years, this has fuelled ill-feeling which in turn has led to 'hate mail' being received and condescending material about individuals being posted through local letter boxes.'

Gary offered to meet me to explain his and the club's concerns. We met at the club on the 29 June. Gary explained our article had included information concerning the payment the club had received from Fairfax Properties which was incorrect. Whilst the payment has been made,

the terms with respect to repayment and interest we reported are not correct.

He also pointed out the club had shown 250 homes for development in their public exhibition in February, whilst our article implied the numbers had increased from 130 to 260 since then. Following the exhibition, the proposed development has been subject to an independent review panel which recommended smaller houses for the site, which has led to a decrease in overall floorspace proposed.

With respect to the South Oxfordshire District Council Local Plan, the club had submitted information in 2019 when the Plan was first being considered. Their land is not in the Green Belt or AONB. The Club has not submitted any new plans for their land in South Oxfordshire, but have submitted representations to the Local Plan. The plan is due for examination by the Planning Inspectorate in mid-July 2020.

### '...an active and sustainable legacy'

Gary, himself an Emmer Green resident, was keen to emphasise the desire of the Club to leave an active and sustainable legacy they could be proud of when they move to the Caversham Heath site. As well as the proposed housing, this would include a new Health Centre, new accessible open space and cycle paths, a country park, planting of over 1,000 trees, new allotments and contributions towards existing open and play spaces and to enable provision of a synthetic surface sporting pitch in the area. They have taken out an 80-year lease on their new home at Caversham Heath, and the buildings developed there will include a studio for yoga and pilates, together with fitness facilities. Also a new six hole 'Academy course' is due to be laid out.

by Phil Chatfield

## Choose song-bird safe olive oil

DO YOU use olive oil for cooking and in salad dressings? If so, you may be shocked to know modern harvesting practices are killing migratory birds. Portugal's Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests has found millions of birds are killed each olive harvesting season in the Mediterranean basin.

The songbirds, many of which migrate from northern and central Europe to winter in North Africa, frequently stop to rest in olive trees in southern Spain, France, Portugal and Italy. They are sucked out of the trees at night by super-intensive harvesting machines.

It has been estimated that in Andalusia 2.6

million birds die each year due to this method of harvesting, while in Portugal the number is 96,000. The Government of Andalusia believes many of these birds are sold illegally to the rural hotel industry for consumption.

Night-time harvesting is done because the cool temperatures better preserve the olive flavours. Daytime harvesting prevents this happening – and the technique is reportedly not used in Greece.

Ethical Consumer contacted all the companies they had examined in a recent Olive Oil guide to ask if they could guarantee their

olive oil was not made using this harvesting technique. Of the major supermarkets, Waitrose, Marks & Spencer and Sainsbury all confirmed their olive oil did not involve this technique, as did most companies supplying organic oil and smaller suppliers such as Zaytoun. Full details of their survey can be found on their web site.

Based on information from the Olive Oil Times: [www.oliveoiltimes.com/world/millions-of-birds-killed-by-nighttime-harvesting-in-mediterranean/68111](http://www.oliveoiltimes.com/world/millions-of-birds-killed-by-nighttime-harvesting-in-mediterranean/68111) and the Ethical Consumer - [www.ethicalconsumer.org/food-drink/olive-harvesting-bird-deaths](http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/food-drink/olive-harvesting-bird-deaths)

Web sites accessed 6 June 2020



## Chazey Farm Barn in the frame



Chazey Farm Barn

photo H Lambert

by Helen Lambert, Chair of CADRA

IF YOU have walked down to the end of The Warren, you may have seen activity around Chazey Barn and wondered about the barn and the background to the work going on.

Of Reading's six Grade I listed buildings, the barn is the only non-ecclesiastical structure, and the only one north of the Thames. A study by Oxford Archaeology in 2003 gave more detailed information. They described it as a large, impressively constructed barn which has been little altered since its original construction. It is rare for a building like this to have escaped with so few alterations. There are distinctive up braces to the ridge not seen elsewhere locally and indicating high quality design.

... 'can be dated to 1611'

The red bricks are handmade, laid in English bond and almost certainly manufactured within the Mapledurham Estate. Most of the timber is oak, and using dendrochronology, can be dated to 1611. This puts it earlier than the 1951 formal Grade I listing, which indicates late 17th or early 18th century. The construction is said to be similar to the Tudor building at Mapledurham House.

The Oxford Archaeology timber analysis indicates that Chazey Farmhouse, which is itself Grade II\* listed, also dates from around 1611. This suggests a comprehensive building programme in the early 17th century. In 1582, Sir Michael Blount, owner of the Manor of Mapledurham, bought the smaller Chazey manor from Anthony Brydges, thus increasing the size of his estate. In 1588 he raised a loan of £1,500 to build the present Mapledurham House expressing his status as a high official of Elizabeth I. This was completed by his son

Sir Richard in 1612. It seems that the Blount family saw no use for the medieval manor structures, which were demolished and replaced by a new farm complex.

Excavations during 2008 and 2009 located the remains of these demolished manorial structures and revealed details of the earlier development, probably from the late 12th century, as well as some prehistoric evidence.

As can be seen from the accompanying photographs taken in 2013, the barn is in poor condition. It has been on the English Heritage 'At risk register' since at least 2006, when the condition was recorded as 'very bad'. The owners of the Mapledurham Estate have sought to resolve this by entering into a long lease which passes the responsibility for repair and maintenance of the barn to the lessee. For many years, both local organisations and individuals have been pressing the Council and English Heritage to bring pressure to bear.

Next month I will write about the planning status of the barn and the current repair work designed to stabilise the structure.

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## Sow what? in the garden



by Les Cooper

ISN'T IT a great feeling when you get something right in the garden? Last September I sowed some Viola 'Chantreyland' seed and they have looked really great for weeks. They are a prolific bright orange that brightens every day. I sowed the seed in a 5-inch pot and they germinated well. Later I pricked out three boxes of seedlings. I really enjoy pricking out seedlings - but then we all have our peculiarities. Anyway, I overwintered the plants in my tatty, unheated greenhouse. Then in Spring I planted them out in trays and they have flowered beautifully and continually (due to my wife dead heading them).

This reminds me that at this time of year there are a lot of plants that could be sown now. Here I am thinking mostly of biennials such as Wallflowers, Foxgloves and Forget-Me-Nots. I much prefer growing my own Wallflowers, probably because it is easy. I know that in the



Viola Chantreyland

photo Les Cooper

Spring the Garden Centres will have better plants on sale, but you do have the satisfaction of knowing you did it your way and in the colour you desired.



And what could be easier than growing Foxgloves (Digitalis) where for a couple of pounds you can buy a packet of seed, get lots of seedlings and then beautiful spikes of colour. In some seed catalogues the choice of Foxglove varieties can be large, but watch out because one or two on offer are, in my opinion, a bit weird. However, perhaps I am being a grumpy old man.

I haven't grown any for years but I do fancy growing some Polyanthus. I do like them, but sadly the reason I have been reluctant is because in the past I have had some poor germination. Maybe I should try again.

A plant that seems right out of favour these days is Canterbury Bells. I can't remember when I last saw them in anyone's garden. To be different you could grow some this year, but I don't think I will. Shame on me!

There are others I haven't the space to mention, such as Iceland Poppies and Brompton Stocks and perhaps one day I will tell you of my adventures with them.

Dear Editor

Reading Les Cooper's article about different gardeners on radio and television reminded me of meeting Percy Thrower in his Garden Centre in Shrewsbury. I had bought a container of 3 plants – but when I got them home I found that one of the plants was a very poor specimen. I took it back to the Garden Centre expecting to have the sub-standard plant replaced. The Assistant I spoke to was rather doubtful about replacing it, but then Percy Thrower himself walked past and enquired what the problem was. As soon as it was explained to him, he gave me another container of 3 plants – so I did very well out of that encounter.

He was well known in Shrewsbury as he was responsible for the stunning planting in the public gardens and around the town.

Yours sincerely

Dan Davies

## Send for the Swarm Squad

What to do when too many bees invade your garden

by William Cecil

SOMETHING strange was going on in the garden. As I walked down towards the bottom hedge a menacing noise filled the air, like a Formula 1 racing car revving up, and a dark cloud of flying insects swirled around a young ash tree.

Bees – Swarming – And they had chosen my garden.

I consulted a neighbour who always knows what to do in this kind of emergency.

"You need the Swarm Squad," she said. So I contacted the Reading Beekeepers' Association Swarm Co-ordinator. Within a couple of hours a local beekeeper appeared, with protective clothing and equipment to collect the bees. By this time the swirling cloud had settled into a large cluster on a branch. My walking stick was borrowed to pull the branch down within reach and the swarm was gently encouraged into a large box. "So far this year we have dealt

with nearly 60 swarms," he said. "We have a list of members who have taken a beekeeping course and can give them a good home." He stressed that the Swarm Squad only tackle honey bee swarms - not bumble bees, wasps or hornets. Neither can they remove swarms from cavity walls, chimneys or high trees. To help identify the type of bee, there is a useful guide on the British Beekeepers Association website [www.bbka.org.uk/swarm](http://www.bbka.org.uk/swarm).



The Association's beekeepers are volunteers interested in finding bees a good home. They don't charge for their services but appreciate small donations to the RBKA. Their website is [www.rbka.org.uk](http://www.rbka.org.uk)

## Why does a colony swarm?

A BEE colony consists of three types of bee, the workers, the drones (the males) and a single Queen. The workers collect all the nectar, make the wax for the combs and, finally, make the honey.

The queen will briefly leave the hive to mate with as many drones as she can. This is not good news for the drones who will not survive the experience. Ah, well...

Swarming is a natural part of the honey bee life cycle, normally linked to the birth of new queens. The bees will have been making preparations for weeks before they swarm, raising a number of new queens. The first queen to leave will take most of the bees with her (the 'prime swarm'), and this will be followed by a number of smaller swarms (known as casts). They will usually settle somewhere convenient near the original colony, and stay there for some hours while scout bees search for a new home.

# Fairtrade facemasks and more – the World Shop



by Katherine Meehan

I WAS last at the World Shop in March, the Wednesday before lockdown, and already there was a sense of the disruption that was to follow. RISC had planned to close from that Saturday, hoping to reopen in May. This meant being closed in the remaining weeks until Easter, so we reduced the eggs and chocolates by 50%. I stocked up on Fairtrade coffee and took pictures of the shop to post to social media, not knowing when I would return.

Closure has brought challenges to our shop, but we were able to participate in the furlough scheme. Not so for our many suppliers and producers, whose livelihoods depend upon the sale of goods. Suppliers of food essentials, like Traidcraft, have continued to do good business online, sometimes selling out of products. However, craft suppliers have struggled as demand has fallen for non-essential



World Shop

photo K Meehan

goods—accessories, fashion, homewares. Fortunately, a constellation of factors unique to fair trade meant that many of our suppliers were well-positioned to respond rapidly to the crisis. They used their networks to fundraise for out of work artisans, and to shift production to new product lines, as was the case with Lost in Samsara.

## 'craft suppliers have struggled as demand has fallen'

For several years, Lost in Samsara has supplied us with upcycled bags and wallets, but the current crisis has made it impossible for many of their producers in Cambodia to continue working. They were able swiftly to shift gears and begin production of fair trade face masks, and to create a new line of ethical t-shirts, with proceeds to benefit producers and community groups. This ability to rapidly adapt to changing circumstances speaks to the ingenuity and creativity of the people involved, and the utility of the fair trade partnership between artisan and supplier, with its emphasis on dialogue and respect. This gels with a lesson that many of us have learned during the past months: in times of crisis, human-scale connections can be worth more than the wealth of multinational corporations. By contrast, in April it was reported that many clothing orders had been cancelled or suspended – individuals working in the

garment industry now stood to lose their incomes without a safety net. To be blunt, we need fair trade because many countries do not provide the basic workplace protections



Lost in Samsara bags

photo S Rizzoli

many of us take for granted. Any disruption to functioning political systems, economies, or trade relations inevitably means struggle for the most vulnerable. If we are critical of material consumption, we must also ask what becomes of producers when we are not buying their products.

The World Shop reopens in August with new safety measures in place. Perspex will screen the till. Hand sanitiser will be available. Staff will wear masks and Lost in Samsara's face masks will be available to buy. Fair trade is not the perfect answer to the ills of our planet, but it is pragmatic. In a market-based economy, it creates a space for the production and sale of ethical goods. All of us at the World Shop will be relieved to be able to do business again after these strange months—to see familiar faces, to have a sense of normality return, however altered, and to do right by artisans and producers by doing our part to create a market for their goods.

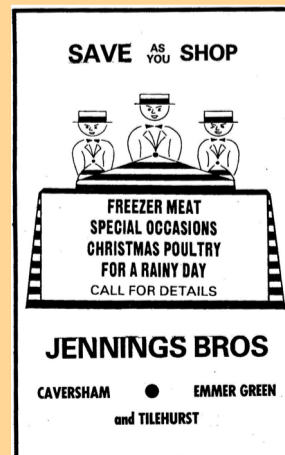
The World Shop is at 35-39 London Street, Reading, and sells fairly traded products from around the world. For more details, see their web site: [www.risc.org.uk/world-shop](http://www.risc.org.uk/world-shop)

## Save as you shop

by Phil Chatfield

LAST month we featured an article about the Caversham Butcher. By chance, in June we received a donation of a collection of back issues of the Caversham Bridge from the 1980s from a former editor.

The Caversham Butcher was previously known as Jennings, who advertised regularly in the paper. This advertisement for Jennings Brothers dates from 1983. The simple design and lack of website and Facebook contact details show how much things have changed since then.



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# Creative Caversham

The Annual Caversham Arts Trail, normally held in May, has been postponed until 26/27 September in response to the pandemic restrictions. For the last ten years, the Trail has given visitors an opportunity to meet the artists in their own homes and studios, to see their techniques demonstrated and to buy work directly from them.

This month meet Janina, a maker of hand made books. For more details of the Arts Trail, see: [www.facebook.com/cavershamartstrail](http://www.facebook.com/cavershamartstrail)

## Brought to book

by Elestr Lee

MANY OF us have coped with lockdown by catching up with some reading. And books – in the form of stationery – have also come in useful to store tidied-up photos and mementos, or for creative outlets such as writing and drawing. In the age of the internet, the old-fashioned concept of the book has very much come into its own.

Local artist Janina Maher, whose work can normally be seen exhibited in Caversham's Arts Trail, is an expert in creating unique handmade stationery. "I am a complete paper addict!" she says, explaining, there are so many ways of making books."

Janina, originally from Bristol, is now settled in Caversham. An accountant for many years, she also loved art and crafts. "Dad was an artist, a graphic designer, who illustrated books, while painting as a hobby," she explains. "He was most disappointed that I became an accountant! However, in the holidays I would go on courses, drawing, painting and textiles, which kept me sane while carrying out the day job."

"Then ten years ago, I did a one-day course on Japanese stab stitch, and I knew that was what I really wanted to do. I continued the 'day job' for another five years, at which point I was doing contract work. I realised I no longer wanted a contract, so I went fulltime into book making."

The craft of making a book by hand goes right back to the earliest years of the Christian era, when writing

switched from being preserved on scrolls to sheets of vellum or papyrus, which needed to be stitched together, then surrounded by protective boards, or covers. The pages – nowadays folded paper – are stitched in a variety of ways, using techniques traced back to the earliest roots of the craft and its origins around the world. Janina often creates books using Coptic binding, a technique dating back right to the second century AD, used by the early Coptic Christians in Egypt when preserving their Gnostic writing, and featuring a distinctive stitching style.

"Another thing about Coptic binding is that the book opens out completely flat," explains Janina. "It contains what we call 'signatures' of folded paper. A piece of paper folded three times - known as 'octavo' - creates eight pages. Six signatures of four pieces of folded paper makes a surprisingly large number of pages, and these are all hand-sewn together."



Janina preparing an online class

Using linen thread for stitching the pages together, Janina uses a variety of different bookbinding techniques, apart from the Coptic style, taking inspiration from ancient oriental bookmaking such as Japanese stab binding. She has found it fascinating to experiment with alternative methods of binding sheets of paper together, such as using metal screws, or even cocktail sticks to 'hinge' pages together.

As well as selling her handmade books at arts trails, Janina normally devotes a lot of her time to teaching crafts, for the Henley Arts and Crafts Guild, Micklems Farm Creative Workshops, and Ardington School. When lockdown happened, everything suddenly stopped. "I really miss face to face contact," Janina says. Workshops have begun to move to online, a whole new experience for Janina and her students.

"I did a mixed-media workshop, rather than bookbinding, and it required a lot of materials. I was doing this in my dining room, with most of the stuff on the floor. I was quite nervous to start, but I have watched the recording, and it seems reasonably coherent. I have a few pointers for my next session – like try not to get your nose in the way of the camera!" Janina says.



Different techniques fascinate Janina, such as wrapped cross binding

As well as mastering different ways to bind paper, which continue to fascinate Janina, she enjoys decorating the 'boards', or covers of her handmade books, and this is where Janina and her students can become really creative. "At the moment I have been using Gelli plate with acrylic paint, but I like to experiment with different materials, using fabric or scrap paper, or even crumpled brown wrapping paper, painted then waxed – marbling, or using materials such as leather," she explains.

And does she ever discover what her unique handmade books are used for? "They can be for writing, for special occasions such as a wedding, new baby mementos, or for drawing in. At one workshop, as I was teaching the students how to create their own books, one lady started to fill hers in during the workshop. And by the time we had finished, her book was already complete!"

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Decorating the boards is part of Janina's craft

All photos J Maher

# What's on the menu at the Weller Centre?



photo Simone Prendiville  
Penny planting the loganberries

by Hazel Bingham

AS WE moved from June into July and the easing of lockdown, we were beginning to return to something that may be normality (not that any of us know what that is anymore!). We've been cooking 5 hot meals a week, and not just at home for our own families, but for those in Caversham brave enough to eat our cooking! (There are quite a few!) On average we cook 30-40 meals a day. These have ranged from nachos to chicken curry to burgers to pasta bakes. Each meal is lovingly prepared by the team at the Centre and usually served with a Weller-made dessert like cakes, biscuits and fruit salads to name just a few.

We would like to thank the people of Caversham who have donated during this time, not only their time, food, clothes and toys, but money towards our defibrillator fund. Our target of £1,500 was reached on 25 June.

We were lucky enough to find some time to be joined by Penny

Cuthbert, the Minister at St John's Church who planted three loganberry plants on 9 June in memory of her husband, Simon, who sadly passed away last year. As a group ARENA (Amersham Road Estate Neighbourhood Association) decided they wanted to do something to remember Simon. The original plan had been to do this during one of the youth sessions; however seasons/timings/lockdown prevented this plan. We look forward to sampling them in a few years when they have fruit.

Penny said, "I was really moved when Hazel told me they wanted to plant something in memory of Simon at the Weller Centre. He was always really supportive of anything that helped build community and helped people find a sense of belonging, so it's really fitting that there's something in his memory at the Weller Centre. He was also really partial to a crumble, so in a few years' time when we're having apple and loganberry crumble we can think of him and smile! Huge thanks to Hazel and Simone for organising this, and to Sandra and Sonia for helping us with the planting."

# Reading's King – Henry I and His Abbey



by Lindsay Mullaney

THE MODERN play 'Henry I of England' was staged at St James' Church in 2016. It was written by Beth Flintoff and produced by 'Reading Between the Lines'. I was one of the historical advisors and became increasingly fascinated by the story of Henry I.

Books about him are either highly academic or over-simplified. I therefore decided to research and write a more accessible book, about both Henry



Henry I,  
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and the great monastery he founded in Reading. In 2021, the town will celebrate the 900th anniversary of this event. Over the last four years I have been working on my own contribution to these celebrations.

I have used original sources: the great medieval chroniclers of the twelfth century, particularly Orderic Vitalis, William of Malmesbury, and Henry of Huntingdon. Far from being dry lists of events and battles, they give fascinating, and often amusing, details of life at the time. I hope that I have made Henry's story informative, readable and entertaining.

**he was 'licentious, avaricious, and cruel'**

Henry was far from saintly: Henry of Huntingdon describes him as licentious, avaricious, and cruel. However, much was forgiven him because his reign was seen as a golden age of peace. Despite his faults he loved the Church, and Malmesbury describes how he founded Reading Abbey between the river Kennet and the Thames ... where he placed monks of the Cluniac order who are to this day a noble pattern of holiness and an example of

unwearing and delightful hospitality.

The book, published by Scallop Shell Press, has 250 pages. It is richly illustrated with about 100 colour illustrations, maps and family trees. I hope these will make it both attractive and easy to read.

Covid-19 means that publication date is uncertain.

The pre-publication price will be about £18.00 (£25.00 rrp). For more information please contact [ALMullaney@aol.com](mailto:ALMullaney@aol.com)

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# Healthcare weathers

Healthcare has been at the centre of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. This month we look at how it has affected two local providers.

## Gardiner's Homecare



by John-Joe Cottam

GARDINER'S Homecare is a local, family run, business which was set up in 1968 by my grandmother, Dorothy Gardiner. Originally it supplied nurses and care workers to local hospitals and other institutions. Nowadays we are a 'domiciliary care' agency, providing care workers who go into people's

homes, enabling them to remain in their own property for as long as possible. We operate across the Reading area, and also in South Oxfordshire including Henley. Our office, on the corner of Church Road and Priory Avenue, is a prominent local feature.

In January this year we were providing care for around 140 clients with a team of 100 carers. As we moved into February and March, both clients and staff became increasingly concerned about the new corona virus. The Government was slow to provide guidance for our sector. Initially the advice was that our care workers should not wear face masks as it was important that these were kept for hospital staff. Almost overnight, Care Workers were required by Public Health England to wear face masks when providing care for those of our clients who were shielding. We were sent a very small initial supply of face masks.

Whilst the rest of the country was being told to stay at home and maintain 2 metres distance from others at all time, this was not possible for our team. Many of them wanted to wear face masks to every duty but sourcing further masks proved to be extremely difficult. Several local dental practices which had closed to the public donated masks to us. Other kind locals took to their sewing machines to make cloth face masks, whilst local schools produced face shields. These proved vital in helping us to maintain our service.

### ... 'we managed to source enough masks for everyone'

Gradually the supply of surgical masks improved and with this the government issued new guidelines about the use of personal protective equipment including face masks. Surgical face masks were now to be worn for every care duty where Care Workers came within 2 metres of clients. This dramatically increased the number of masks that we required and we were no longer allowed to use handmade masks. Somehow we managed to source enough masks for everyone. It was reassuring for all that our team

were wearing masks. But it hasn't been a pleasant experience for our Care Workers to be wearing PPE so much and makes communication with clients much harder.

During March, around 20% of our clients chose to cancel their care in order to reduce their risk of exposure. Some of our care workers who felt at increased risk chose not to work in order to protect themselves or loved ones, especially with unclear guidance and shortages of PPE. During May and June most clients and care workers have returned.

Our office staff have changed the way they work, with many working from home. We do need to have some people in the office to accept deliveries and supply PPE to our carers. We now have one person per room and have been using Zoom a lot. I think homeworking will continue in some form for our business, it certainly helps us to be more resilient.



100th Birthday in lockdown photo Gardiners

Our clients are privately funded and our minimum visit time is one hour. For each client we try to maintain a small team of regular care workers. This way of working reduced the risks for our clients and staff. As far as we are aware, there hasn't been a case of Corona Virus amongst any of our staff or clients. We feel blessed that this is the case, but it also reflects how seriously our team took their infection control responsibilities. They have been diligent with measures such as hand washing to protect themselves and our clients, for some of whom Corona Virus could be life threatening.



Painting of Sally in mask. photo Gardiners



Clapping for carers photo Gardiners

Our clients and their families have been very appreciative of the continued support from our team. Time and again, our care workers have gone the extra mile, my favourite example being the efforts many made for VE Day celebrations as well as setting up face time calls for families who couldn't visit their elderly relatives. A local artist painted a fabulous picture of our care worker, Sally, wearing her face mask which I love. I know many of our team were moved by the Thursday evening 'Clap for carers'; thank you to all who took part in this.

One thing which has had to change is our regular care reviews, which normally involve a home visit. Unless safety critical, we are now carrying these out over the phone. We also haven't been able to meet up with our team. This lack of face to face contact is a real shame.

If Coronavirus had happened even just 5 years ago, we would have found it more difficult to cope. Our Care Workers use their mobile phones for reading care plans and record keeping now. Our office team were easily able to work remotely and we are using Zoom for team updates and training.

I believe we play an important part in giving people the option of remaining in their own homes for as long as they can, and I am proud of the quality of our carers and the care they provide.

## St Luke's Care Home, Emmer Green

Kim Franks

ST LUKE'S is a purpose-built residential home which opened in 1990, with February seeing the first resident moving in. The current manager of the home, Kim Franks, started work as a Care Assistant in June 1990, and the home was officially opened in December; so the home is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year.

Initially it accommodated 48 residents but, over the years, the need for more specialist provision for residents with dementia has grown. So a purpose built dementia unit, The Oaks, with an additional 31 beds, was built. In the early 2000s there was little

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understanding of the different levels of dementia and the appropriate type and level of care. In recognition of these differences, St Luke's has established separate provision – The Lilac Unit – for residents with a diagnosis of dementia who need less support.

The home employs around 75 staff, most of whom live locally. Having started as an assistant, Kim progressed to Senior Carer, then Team Leader and became Manager in 2000. The team have worked hard for their residents and last year were awarded an 'Outstanding' grade in their Care Quality Commission inspection.

Early in 2020 they started to hear about Covid-19. The home is owned by B&M Care Homes, and by late February the company recognised the risks and their homes were 'locked down' on 11 March, well ahead of the wider lockdown measures. The doors were closed to all but staff and healthcare professionals. The company was well prepared in terms of personal protective equipment, and the home has had all of the facemasks, aprons, gloves etc which it has needed. They were also given a supply of visors produced by local schools.

## ... 'testing was not readily available'

As lockdown began, risk assessments were done and procedures put in place to protect residents and staff. However, it became apparent that the virus was present in the home, although testing was not readily available.



Emmer Green, St Lukes

photo B & M

Things worsened, with around 25 residents and 20 staff unwell. The remaining staff worked long hours to cover those who were off. The local NHS 'RRATS' (Rapid Response and Treatment Service) from Wokingham were great, doing blood tests, providing treatment and prescribing as required. This team, based in Wokingham, supported care homes across Reading. Kim is proud of her staff and the way they responded. She provided constant updates for the relatives of residents, who were really supportive, sending in messages and treats for the staff.

This whole experience has been new for everyone. Although the advice was to regard a cough and temperature as symptoms, it became apparent residents were exhibiting others, such as chest infections, skin conditions and just generally being unwell. But testing was not available. When it was, each care home was allowed just two tests. If either was positive, it was assumed everyone was positive. Later, Reading Borough Council set up a testing station at Whiteknights to test staff who were unwell. Now with whole home testing, a number of people without any symptoms have tested positive.



Inside St Lukes

photo B & M

The need for staff to wear facemasks was difficult for residents at first – they said they could not tell if staff were happy or sad. Facial expressions are so important in our communications. Towards the end of June, as conditions have improved, it was possible to allow relatives to visit, although only for a pre-booked period of 30 minutes in the garden with suitable precautions such as facemasks and handwashing.

Kim said "This was an experience we would not like to go through again, but our staff have been brilliant and relatives have been understanding and supportive."

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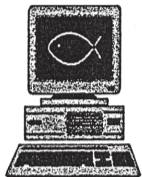
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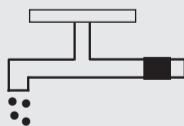
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