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DEFIBRILLATORS - These are now available at the shop, at the pub, at Larchmere and there is also a mobile unit available for use at village events. Last updated 16th March 2020

LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

"WHERE IS GOD IN THE PANDEMIC?"

You know when you start out in a particular direction, and then you end up going in a totally different one?

Well, that was me! Since submitting my letter for May's magazine, it felt appropriate to run a series of talks addressing the question, "Where is God in the Pandemic?" If you've not had the chance yet to listen in, then I'd love you to take a look at the talks. They are still available on our YouTube channel,* or you can listen to them within the Sunday services via the Audio section of the church website. Not only is it the first time I've produced a sermon via video (lots of firsts at the moment!), but also one of our hens makes her YouTube debut - why not tune in and see if you can spot her!

You are also warmly invited to "Meeting Jesus," the series I'd mentioned last month, exploring Mark's Gospel to see the ways Jesus meets people right where they are. This begins on 14th June, it's for everyone, and you can access this via the website. I'd also like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who is playing a part, on whatever basis, to help our community as we continue in lockdown.

A particular shout out to Rosie and Sean for their tireless contribution to the life of our community - we are so grateful for all you're doing. Please be assured of the support and prayers of all at St Mary's: we continue to pray for the local community in our 10am Sunday services, as well as our regular Zoom prayer hubs during the week. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have a particular prayer request, or you'd like to speak to me about anything at all - I'd love to hear from you."

Every blessing

Pete

* United Benefice of Sissinghurst with Frittenden

ST MARY'S SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

Our normal services are suspended during the lockdown but that doesn't mean we aren't meeting. Each week we are recording a virtual service led by Rev Pete Deaves with contributors from across the two parishes of Sissinghurst and Frittenden taking part, recorded from their own homes. We are also including a variety of music from CDs and the internet as part of these services. Accompanying each service is an order of service so that you can follow along and join in the songs.

You can listen to these services by clicking on the Audio tab on the church website frittendenchurch.org.uk and this will also give you access to the service sheets in pdf form.

Across both parishes we are listening to the Sunday service at 10am so even though we are not able to meet in person we are meeting virtually.

If you don't have access to the internet you can listen to the latest service by dialing a dedicated local phone number 01580 234185.

In addition to the Sunday services, there are two services of night prayer, or Compline, available on Tuesday and Friday evenings. There is no set time for these but you may wish to listen before retiring to bed.

Our bi-monthly service of reflection S.P.A.C.E. will be available as a pdf on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

We are also meeting for virtual prayer meetings, using zoom, praying for our country and our community. If there is anything you would like us to pray for please email Rev Pete Deaves at rector@frittendenchurch.org.uk

FRITTENDEN YELLOW CARDS

Towards the end of March the Parish Council & St Mary's Church arranged for a yellow card to be put through every letterbox in the village providing some phone numbers to call if you need some help, or if you would like to offer help to others in our community. So far over sixty people have offered to help – which is tremendous, thank you all!

The offers range from shopping and picking up prescriptions, to dog-walking, phoning for a chat, cooking meals, taking pets to the vets and lots of other things.

We now have a system in place to quickly match requests for help, with those offering. So if you know of anyone who is in lockdown and not able to get out, or needs something collecting, or is an essential worker who can't get to the shops - do encourage them to use this facility.

Call Howard Lilley on 852225, Rosie Croucher on 852415, Rev Pete on 852275, John Stansfeld on 852185, Joanna Beech on 852312 or any Parish Councillor. You can also click on 'Logging a request for Help' on the church website frittendenchurch.org.uk.

Stay safe and well!

Joanna Beech & John Stansfeld, Churchwardens

We hope all our Messy Church families are staying safe and well in lockdown.

Sadly we won't be able to hold our normal Messy Church this month, but look out on the Church website and Facebook on

Saturday 20th June



For ideas for creative fun for all the family,
devised jointly by St Mary's Frittenden
& Trinity Church Sissinghurst

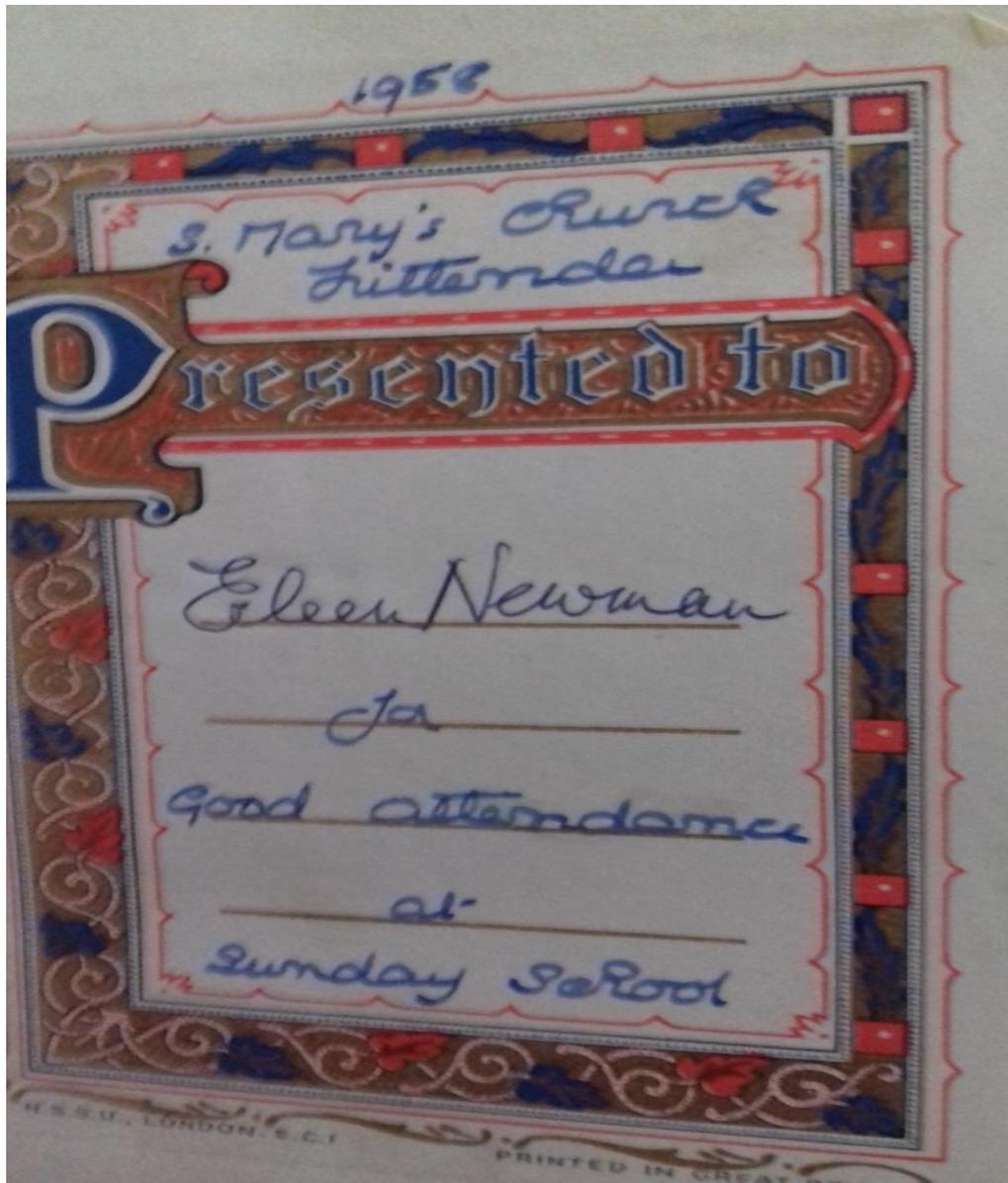
“WHAT KATY DID” IN 1958

Having been identified as highly vulnerable and therefore unable to leave our property for at least 12 weeks, I've read through my (sadly no longer required!) stash of holiday books and am unfortunately unable to access the treasures in the phone box. Turning to some of my childhood books, I decided to reread "What Katy Did" and was pleasantly surprised to find a presentation sticker inside.

My name is in my father's handwriting and the rest in my mother's. Since my father (Henry Newman) was the Sunday School Superintendent at the time, I probably had little choice in attending regularly!

I wonder if anyone else in the village has a Frittenden Sunday School book prize from that era?? I was eight when presented with this book.

Eileen Mounter



ANOTHER SELECTION OF ONLINE RESOURCES FEATURING THE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, ACTIVITIES AND LEARNING.

Following on from last month's listing, there are now far too many additions to provide a comprehensive list! So here is a selection of theatre, dance and the amazing Cirque du Soleil, along with a couple of stimulating and enjoyable educational websites. A good source of information on many more stage shows and musicals being streamed is [here](#).

Although most streamed performances are free, understandably many theatre companies ask you to consider making a donation in these difficult times when theatres are closed.

Resources with special content for children are highlighted in red. *Mike Fitzgerald*

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| BBC Performance Live | Showcasing some of the most exciting artists working in performance today. 13 Episodes. | Free |
| Cirque du Soleil | A new 60 minute special streamed every Friday and then remaining available – 5+ shows so far. | Free |
| R S C | There's plenty of home learning & activities here and much is available to watch via Marquee | Free |
| The Globe | 6 productions rotating, a series of Shakespeare Short Walk films, 34 films of actors discussing plays plus activities . | Free, available 2 weeks |
| English National Ballet | ENB are releasing a different ballet each Wednesday including soon the online premiere Nureyev's production of Romeo and Juliet (1977). | Free |
| Matthew Bourne | For the first time ever four of the radical choreographer's archive productions are available to watch online, including Bourne classics 'Swan Lake' (2019), 'Romeo and Juliet' (2019), 'Cinderella' (2017) and 'The Car Man' (2015). | Free on YouTube |
| A Doll's House | The Lyric Theatre's hit production of Ibsen's classic play. | 20 May from 14.30-midnight. |
| Your Old Vic | Old Vic to stream archived shows for free as part of new digital project commencing with A Monster Calls. | First play commences 5 June for 1 week |
| Chichester Festival Theatre | The theatre began streaming productions with David Walliams' <i>The Midnight Gang</i> available from 30 April. From 21 May, Anna Ledwich's adaptation of <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> . | Each available for 30 days. |
| Oxford University 'Curious Minds' | The Continuing Education Department's contribution during the pandemic is a superb mix of resources under the headings 'Explore', 'Enjoy', 'Have ago' and finally 'Podcasts'. Plenty of material to keep the brain active here! | Free |
| Gresham College | Dozens of lectures on all manner of engaging topics delivered by renowned academics including, for example, a certain Prof Chris Whitty on 'Covid-19'. | Free |

THEMED TRIVIA AND PUZZLE

ICE COOL TRIVIA

Iceberg lettuce is also called “crisphead.”

In some parts of Antarctica, the ice is 3 miles thick.

Icebergs are formed from glaciers on land and drift out to sea.

In the Antarctic there is a 30-30-30 rule; if the temperature is 30 below and the wind 30 MPH, then human skin will freeze in 30 seconds.

Glaciers are mostly made from fresh -not salt- water.

The amount of Slurpee drinks sold every year would fill 12 Olympic-size swimming pools.

A brain freeze has nothing to do with your brain, it occurs when the blood vessels swell in your head.

Water boils at ten degrees above freezing on Mars.

The last Ice Age was 11,500 years ago; 1/3 of the Earth’s surface was covered in ice.

When lightning occurs with a snow storm, it’s called Thundersnow.

The lowest temperature ever recorded on Earth was -128.6 F (-89.2 C) in Antarctica.

A woman in the USA set a world record by stacking 73 frozen waffles in her hands.

An “ICEBERG” is 16 feet or more across, “BERGY BITS” are less than 16 feet and

“GROWLERS” are less than 6.6 feet wide.

Kids get an average of 8 colds per year.

It’s possible to snow ski in Hawaii.

90% of all recovered meteorites come from Antarctica, mostly because they are easy to spot on the ice.

Snow cones sold during the Depression were called “hard times sundaes” because they were cheap.

TEAR YOUR HAIR OUT LOCKDOWN PUZZLE

Finish this mathematical analogy-:

1/5 is to 5 as 5 is to ??????????

HINT-: It’s not 25

Colin Bullock

Answer on Back Page

NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE NOW ONLINE

For those not on Facebook but with access to the internet I would like to announce that we now have a new Parish Council website which can be accessed on www.frittenden.org.uk. The old KCC supplied website was only adequate and sadly lacking in some areas. This new one, we hope, will publish what people need to see but that said I am more than happy to receive comments and suggestions going forward. The site also enables viewers to be informed by email when any changes or additions take place and I encourage everyone to sign up to that if they wish.

James Tuke

E FOR EDITORIAL

I have analysed in depth what I should discuss in this month's editorial, and have come to the conclusion that the right answer is - nothing! My reasoning is as follows:

Everything worth saying about the pandemic has already been said, and a great deal not worth saying too. That leaves what we have all been doing, and more or less the same logic applies, whether it applies to gardening, house spring cleaning, catching up on long overdue jobs, new 'Lockdown Projects', or whatever. The problem is that we are all doing approximately the same things....

But, I am happy to encourage you to read the item below, and support it! A fun idea.
Keep healthy and sane.

Mike Cooper.

PS Do you like oregano? I am about to split and re-pot a very oversize plant and could divide it into a good six to eight parts. If you would like one drop me an email and I will tell you when they are ready.

A FRITTENDEN LOCKDOWN RECIPE BOOK

I am writing this as we end week 9, and I'm not sure about you, but my family are becoming increasingly bored eating the same meals week in week out, and I would love some inspiration.

I thought it might be worth us coming together and putting a recipe book together, titled Frittenden Lockdown Recipes 2020. All residents are **welcome** to contribute.

I'd like to get the recipes into a little booklet once shops open and sell them to raise funds for a Village project/s. In the meantime, I could maybe publish the recipes on the village Facebook page so that people can use them while lockdown continues.

If you'd like to take part, please email your recipe or recipes to lausbell@hotmail.com

At the top of the recipe please add one of the following so we can position it correctly in the book;

Recipe title
Breakfast/Lunch/Tea time/Starter/Main/Puds
Veggie/Meat/Fish/Vegan
Kid friendly or not
How many it feeds

Thanks muchly

Laura Bellinger



BEAVERS CUBS SCOUTS

BEAVERS 6 - 8
CUBS 8 - 10
SCOUTS 10 - 14
EXPLORER YOUNG LEADERS 14 - 18
ADULTS 18 - 99+

JOIN Sissinghurst SCOUT GROUP.
We're running 'THE GREAT INDOORS',
'Programmes at Home', weekly
challenges & virtual get-togethers.
Earn badges and awards.

Email Alex:
SissinghurstGSL@gmail.com or ring
Jan: 01580 714988
to find out more.

Scouts
1st Sissinghurst

TITHE WARS IN THE 1930S

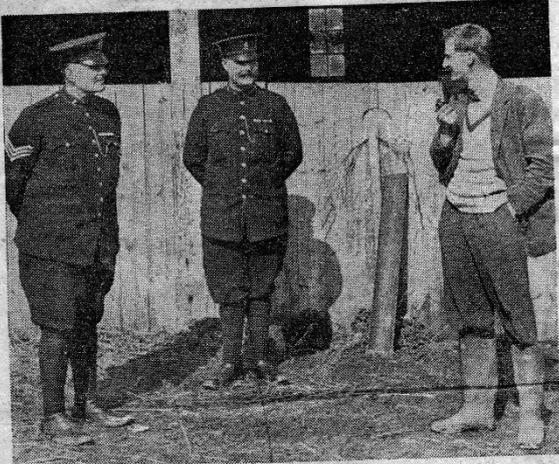
Tithes were traditional payments that entitled the Church to a tenth of people's annual income. Usually the payments were made "in kind" in the form of crops, wool, milk and other produce, to represent a tenth of the yearly production. These payments were demanded whether or not the parishioner attended Church and they were a bone of contention across the country.

The Tithe Commutation Act 1836 ended tithes in kind in England and Wales replacing them with monetary payments called Tithe Rent Charge. However, Tithes remained a contentious issue for the remainder of the nineteenth and into the twentieth century. The agricultural depression of the 1920s and 1930s exacerbated the situation when prices tumbled making tithe payments increasingly onerous. A national Tithe Payers' Association was formed in the mid-1920s to campaign for the abolition of Tithe Rent Charge and there were at least six branches in Kent by the mid-1930s, at Ashford, Elham, Paddock Wood, Sandwich, Stansted and the Weald. Across communities there was a common hatred of what people saw as an out-dated system that mercilessly exploited rural communities.

Perhaps the best known incident in the 'Kentish Tithe War' was 'the battle of the ducks', their 'liberation' and return to their 'rightful' pond at Beechbrook Farm in Westwell. Ironically, they had been seized because the farmer, the Rev. Roderick Kedward, had refused as a matter of principle to pay the tithes demanded of him.

Frittenden did not avoid involvement in this 'war':-

KENT MESSENGER, MARCH 31, 1934.



POLICE ON GUARD AT PARSONAGE FARM talk over the night's events with Mr. R. Beale.

Midnight Swoop On Kent Farm:

FARMERS' SECRET MEETING;
SHADOWY FIGURES WITH SACKS;
PIGS AND BULLOCKS DISAPPEAR!
TITHE BAILIFFS THWARTED

And--Ssh! No One Heard Anything Or Saw Anything!

THE TITHE WAR

FARM RAIDED AT FRITTENDEN

MIDNIGHT ACTIVITIES

An exciting sequel has occurred in the Weald in connection with the tithe war.

Following an order made at the Cranbrook county court on Monday the court bailiff and his officers proceeded to Parsonage Farm, Frittenden, and seized two fat bullocks, 16 porkers and various farm implements belonging to Mr. C. J. Chantler for distraint, for one year's tithe amounting to about £15.

The total value of the stock and implements taken possession of are estimated by the owner as about £150.

ALL QUIET ON THE FRITTENDEN "FRONT"

Tithe Now Paid And Police Guard Withdrawn

All is quiet at Frittenden again.
Mr. C. J. Chantler, of Parson-

Legislation in 1925, 1936 and 1951 reduced payments but it was not until the Finance Act 1977 that tithes were finally abolished.

Under Distraint for Tithe.
By order of the Tenterden and Cranbrook County Court.
PARSONAGE FARM,
FRITTENDEN.
Mr. HARRY JUDGE
WILL SELL BY AUCTION, ON THE
Premises, as above, on TUESDAY
NEXT, AUGUST 13th, 1935, at 4 o'clock
precisely.
3 RED STEERS AND 2 RED HEIFERS.
Auction Offices: Tenterden, Kent.

Phil Betts

GOSBEE'S GOSSIP

As you probably know, I have been walking up and down my drive eight times a day, and will continue to do so for the whole of May to raise money for the NHS. The length of the drive is 63.64 metres/ 208 feet 11 inches and by the end of the month I will have walked 9.2 miles. I would like to thank Micky, Erica Briley's daughter (Irene Lenz's granddaughter) for lending me her light meter thing to measure it. I really didn't expect such a wonderful response. Words fail me. This is a really wonderful village. Words fail me. I feel truly blessed to live in this wonderful village. Some days I get some discomfort in my lower back and my left leg and I wish that I'd kept quiet, but the wonderful sponsorship spur's me on. The very kind, encouraging comments on the Just Giving Page on Facebook have been amazing to read. I wish that I had shares in Deep Heat, and there is the added bonus of the smell keeping flies away. It has been a bonus to exchange a few words with people walking past as I get to the road each time, often on their way to the fantastic new Community Shop at the Bell and Jorrocks. I thought that it was a great shame that our proposed new Community Shop was not up and running before 'Lockdown', but Rosie and Sean are doing an amazing job, and I hope that it will make everyone appreciate the asset that the new shop will be to our village.

As I am classed as medically vulnerable in the current Covid19 epidemic, my wife Hazel (who is a childminder) cannot have the children back even when schools reopen, only when the national death number is way lower than it is currently. I am not happy at stopping Hazel's work, as she has been childminding since 1988. I also really miss seeing the children. On the plus side, Hazel has been spending her time clearing our extremely overgrown front garden. We shall enjoy replanting it with new shrubs. We would like to grow some bamboo in a container. Any tips would be welcome. I have been planting up vegetable plants and flowers, but have never successfully grown carrots. I tried sewing the seeds in a gutter then on to the garden, but had no success at all.

Sadly Frittenden has lost a couple of long standing residents. Jose Latham from Bobbys (the old Police House). Jose had ben unwell, suffering from rheumatoid arthritis for some time. Before they moved to Frittenden, Jose and Roy lived in Staplehurst and used to cycle over to buy goats' milk from me. Goats' milk freezes well and is good for a number of medical conditions. A gentleman used to drive from Hampshire to buy my goats' milk to help with his daughter's eczema and asthma. Jose's funeral is to be held on 18th May. We send our love and condolences to Roy and his family.

Another loss was Kenneth Parker from Maplehurst Mill. I understand that he had been suffering from cancer. He was a gentleman who I didn't know very well. I met him when I took him some sand bags when he had severe flooding around his property in 2012. Our condolences to the Parker family in these very difficult times.

On a happier note, Matthew and Caroline Robinson from Sand Lane tell me that an even was to take place in New Zealand on 16th May: Catherine (Caroline and Matthew's daughter) ,Ben her boyfriend,his brother Andrew,Dominic who works on the family farm and Nellie the Jack Russell are planning to run 37km between Dannvirke and Woodville,raising as much money as possible for RABI.This is not specific to the dairy industry,but to all aspects of farming in these very challenging times.I am sure you will agree ,its a very worthwhile cause.Ben has made a special 'sling' so Nellie can be carried when she gets tired!!Anyone wishing to donate can go to the RABI Website and click on the 'just giving'page where Catherines details can be found .Alternatively get in touch with her via f

Facebook. Donations will be accepted long after the 16th May. Needless to say we are very proud of them all.

If you watch BBC 2's Gardener's World programme on Friday nights, you will be familiar with presenter Monty Don and his gorgeous golden retriever Nigel. It was reported this week that Nigel had suddenly and unexpectedly died at the age of 11. Gardener's World will not be the same.

The VE Day 75th Anniversary celebrations were not quite what was planned, but it was a lovely summer's day. We received some delicious cake and flapjacks, delivered by Callum Croucher. It made Hazel's day as she hadn't eaten cake for several months!. What a lovely place to live. Many thanks to Rosie and Sean and all the volunteers and helpers.

Back in 1979, Dale Croucher (Brenda and Bryan's eldest son), Rick Larkin and myself went to Hastings pier to see the band The Stranglers. Dale was very into punk at the time. The band came from Brighton. Band member Hugh Cornwall was in jail for affray at the time, so I thought that they might not appear. Thankfully he was released. I must say that it was slightly unnerving, with some of the audience sporting Mohican haircuts and nose rings. Some people were chained together, but the music was brilliant. It was fashionable then to spit at the performers. This sounds disgusting now. Good job Covid 19 was not around then. Sadly band member Dave Greenfield has died from Covid19. He wrote the classic song Golden Brown.

We send congratulations and love to my niece Ashley (George's eldest daughter), and her husband, also called George on the birth (today, 15th May) of their first child, a daughter.

Finally a joke: What do you call a cat sucking on a lemon? A sour puss!

Lester J. Gosbee

WEATHER

As space is limited, here is a brief summary of April's weather: April had 4 air frosts and 11 air frosts. In Frittenden, our coldest night minimum temperature was on 1st at -2.2 c/ 28.4 f. The lowest grass minimum temperature was -6.6 c/ 20.12 f. The warmest temperature in April was 23.8 c/ 74.84 f on 12th. In fact, between 8th and 12th April, each day exceeded 22 c/ 71.60 f – July temperatures in April. There was very little rain, only a trace until 17th, then just under 5mm/ 0.20 inch. Our wettest day was on 28th with just over 15mm/ 0.60 inch. The monthly total rainfall was 30.4mm/ 1.20 inches, 80% of the average. As I am sure that you will have probably read in the press, April was the sunniest on record with an average of 224.5 hours of sunshine. It was the 5^h warmest April since records began in 1659.

The first half of May has been colder than the first half of April, but the second half of May will be warmer than the first half of April. The strong easterly wind on 11th May had gusts of over 45mph. It felt bitterly cold in the wind.

I do not write my next six monthly weather forecast until early June, copies should be ready by 12th. If you would like a free copy, please email me on lester.gosbee@btinternet.com. Rainfall so far this May is just 4mm, including 0.8mm on 14th. Farmers and growers are desperate for rain, but it does not look promising for the rest of this month. The bookmakers are giving odds of 6/4 that this Spring will be declared the warmest on record. I think that they are onto a winner because it could be top 5, but will not be the warmest. Also, bookmakers and weather pundits say that 2020 will have our hottest summer, beating 1976 and 2018. You will have to wait to see what I forecast. If they are correct, it will be a disaster for English farmers and growers.

Lester J. Gosbee

I had a happy childhood. My dad would put me inside a tyre and then roll me down a hill. They were goodyears !!

Mike Bedford

HARDSHIP FUND

Everyone needs a helping hand sometimes and the CoVid-19 lockdown is bringing that home to us as a community more than ever.

If that need for a helping hand is financial then the Parish Council could be in a position to help. A sizeable fund has been created with donations from within our community to help if any of you, our friends and neighbours living in the village, who have lost income or are unable to work as a result of the lockdown.

Any approaches are treated in the strictest of confidence and the process is meant to be as quick and painless as possible with no need for extensive forms to be completed.

We have already helped a number of our friends and neighbours with grants totalling £1,000. So if you or any of your friends and neighbours are struggling then let us help.

You can contact any of the committee members below to discuss your position even on a no names basis.

Tony Staples 852 226
Heather Cullingworth 852 340
Rosalind Riley 852 317
Garry Lawrence 852 124

Stay safe everyone!

Lance French

CORONAVIRUS – AN HISTORICAL OPPORTUNITY

With many national crises we are given the opportunity to leave a record of how the community coped. The impact of WWII on Frittenden has recently been illustrated, to a limited extent, by documents published on the Historical Society's website (see http://www.frittendenhistoricalsociety.co.uk/frittenden/file/VE_Day_75.php)

The current coronavirus emergency gives us another such opportunity to show future generations how Frittenden reacted to, for example, the lockdown. If you have kept a diary, if you wish to write of your experience and to leave a record, or have an artefact that relates to the emergency, please either provide a copy to the Historical Society, or enable the Society to take a copy. These will be added to our archive. Should you wish, we can restrict access to those documents.

You can contact the Society via email at frittendehistory@hotmail.co.uk or contact me on 852243.

Phil Betts

Chmn. Frittenden Historical Society

MANY THANKS

to all the members of the members of the Frittenden Community Volunteer Group who have offered so much help and support to us all during this difficult time.

Particular thanks for the lovely box of cakes delivered to me on 8th May.

Enjoying them reminded me of the street party held in Killearn Road, Catford where I lived with my parents having just returned from evacuation in Dorset. I still have a much treasured photo of the occasion.

Bernard Millard

FRITTENDEN MEMORIAL HALL PRIZE DRAW

The winners of the May 2020 draw :

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| 1 st Prize | Christopher Parish | £25.00 |
| 2nd Prize | Brenda Croucher | £15.00 |
| 3 rd Prize | Bernard Millard | £10.00 |

If you would like to participate but have not yet been able to submit a Membership Form and the subscription fee, don't despair, I will need £4.00 for each person to cover the remaining four months (**cheques should be payable to Frittenden Memorial Hall**) and a completed application form. I will send you one by email if you have given me your address.

If you want to contact me my email address is still: shop@acornsstores.co.uk

Currently we have 99 members which means we have £50.00 each month in prize money. and the other £50.00 goes towards the running of the Frittenden Memorial Hall.

Thank you in anticipation and Good Luck!

Eileen Bridges

A COUPLE OF APPROPRIATE ONE-LINERS

I try to avoid looking forward or backward, and try to keep looking upward.

Charlotte Brontë

Take rest; a field that has rested gives a bountiful crop.

Ovid

MUSIC NOTES JUNE 2020

As I write this there are small signs of an easing of the virus lockdown, but no chance of live concerts in our area in June, if only because no musicians have met for rehearsals. However professionals have been finding a way to perform, albeit without audience and as result good music is available to us through the media. If you have access to the internet I would refer you to: <https://www.classicfm.com/music-news/coronavirus/self-isolating-choirs-orchestras-perform-concerts/>.

This site gives you access to a whole range of excellent performances. They are cleverly put together recordings of choir or orchestra members performing individually at home. It looks as if it is a simple “zoom” exercise that so many of us are learning to use with our families, but be assured it is much more sophisticated. Zoom does not work successfully with joint music performance because the timing varies from individual home computer to individual – I know, I have experienced it! Each of these individual performers playing on this site has had to play and record their part to a very precise timing so that they can subsequently be put together – “mixed” – successfully with skilful editing.

Then there is the radio – a provider of recorded music that has come into its own during this emergency. In June BBC3 is planning to reintroduce live concerts. They are bringing together in the Wigmore Hall small numbers of musicians who live in the London Area to perform concerts which will be broadcast live almost every weekday in the month. The forecast programme shows that sometimes the Wigmore Hall concert will fill the 1.00pm lunchtime concert slot, and sometimes the 7.30pm “radio 3 in concert” slot. My pick of the month however is the recorded radio 3 concert on Wednesday 17th at 7.30pm from St. Paul’s Church, Knightsbridge in which the BBC singers perform English madrigals and motets.

And finally TV. The BBC Young Musician finals will be available in full on BBC iPlayer and it is said that highlights will be shown on BBC4, but at a “time to be advised” – so look out for them. Also a three part instalment of the series on Beethoven is promised, but again no timings available as we go to press. In any case, as the virus emergency changes, no advanced programming for either radio or TV can be guaranteed.

The musicians dictionary continues in lockdown: Oboe – An ill wind that nobody blows good.

Brian Hardy

A WOMAN’S POEM

He didn’t like the casserole
And he didn’t like my cake.
He said my biscuits were too hard..
Not like his mother used to make.

I didn’t make the coffee right
He didn’t like the stew,
I didn’t mend his socks
The way his mother used to do.

I pondered for an answer
I was looking for a clue.
Then I turned around and smacked his leg
Like his mother used to do.

Mike Bedford

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REFUSE TRUCK SCHEDULE

Due to the Corona virus outbreak, this service has been suspended until further notice.

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QUIZ ANSWER

125. Here's how, 5 is 25 times 1/5; likewise, 125 is 25 times 5.