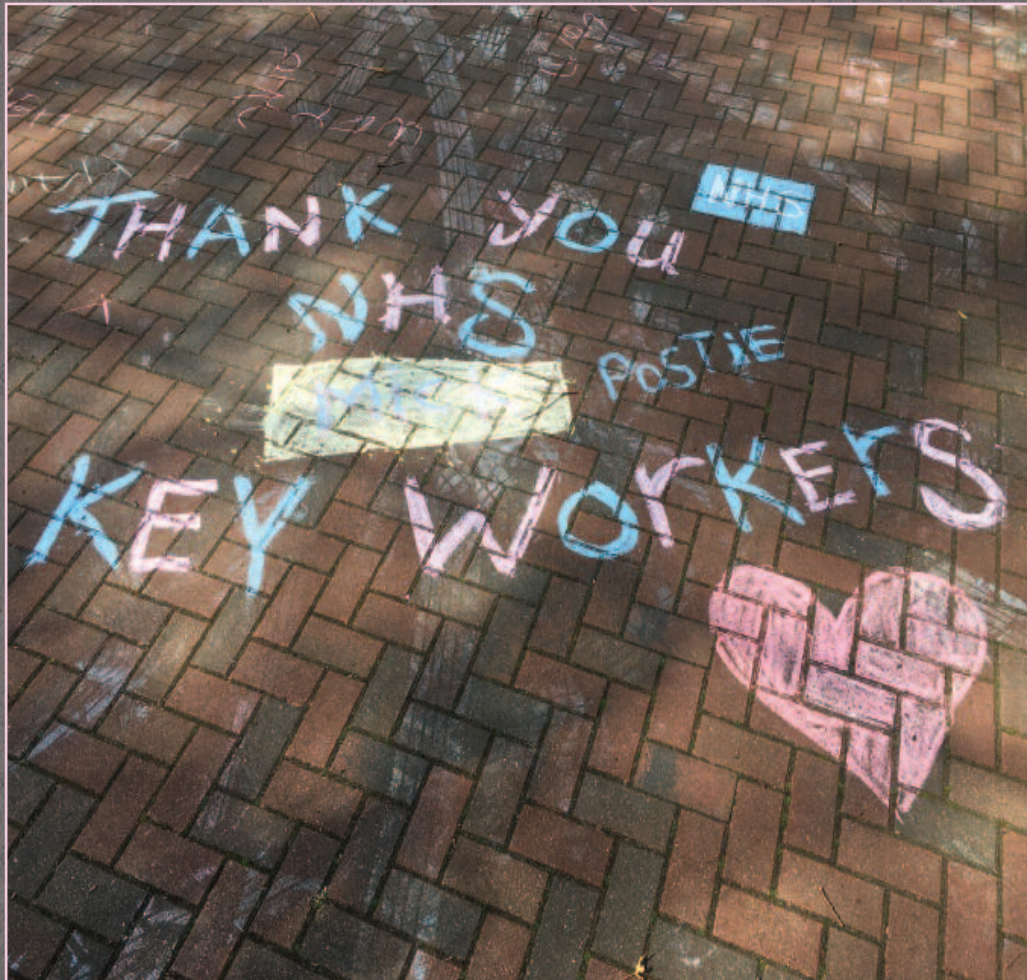


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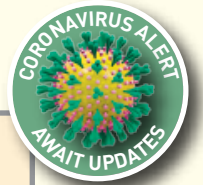


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## FROM THE EDITOR...



I am writing this just before Easter, and for those of us who are regular churchgoers, it's going to be a very strange Easter! At least we have Stephen's super virtual services to keep us going. And even if you are not a regular churchgoer, it's still going to be a strange Easter, with no traffic queues on the way to the seaside or country park, what shall we have to complain about? At least air pollution has been reduced temporarily, and the question hangs in the unpolluted air, what will life be like after we get back to normal? Now that we've all learnt to socialise by electronic means, work from home, relax in our gardens (if we have access to one), even attend church on our sofas, will we do less dashing about on our polluting wheels? I suspect not, but it is good to be forced into thinking of better ways of doing the things we all like to do. We were recently blessed with a new grandson who is barely 3 months old, and although we can still see him and talk to him through Zoom and Facebook, etc, it's not quite the same as a comforting cuddle! Hence we grow to appreciate the small things in life even more!

We have had to find different ways of distributing this magazine, and we really appreciate the kind co-operation of various strategic shops and businesses in the parish who are making supplies available for you lovely people to collect. I have had some feedback that you are getting hold of copies and appreciate what we are trying to do. I must record my thanks here to the magazine team, Roger, Karen and Amy for their unflinching support and for Stephen and the PCC for racking their brains and finding ways to get the magazine out to you. And to our 100 or so volunteers who normally deliver direct to your door, and currently have to find other ways to exercise! Thank you, and please don't go away, because we'll be back soon. This is a double edition to cover May and June, so we're hoping that things will have restored enough to issue a July edition and then a separate August magazine so that you will still get 10 copies for the year as normal.

Anyway, by the time you read this, it will be May and we hope and pray that things will have eased off a bit by then. We certainly hope and pray that you and your loved ones will keep safe and well especially those of you who are having to work through in difficult circumstances. We take our hats off to you and trust that next time we see you it will be in happier days. I can take comfort in the words of St Paul in *Romans Chapter 8 verses 35 to 39*, so dust off that old Bible in the cupboard and join me in rejoicing, whatever you're facing right now.



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## THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

### NOT KNOWING WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

We are living through the greatest time of uncertainty that many of us can remember. If we're honest, none of us are really sure of what the next week, month or even year will bring. Writing an article in mid-April for a May/June edition of this magazine therefore feels a bit perilous. What will have happened in the meantime? Will we still be in lockdown? Maybe schools will be back, or not? What about the people who may have died?

Like you, I can't see the future and whilst I may have thoughts about what could happen, I'll most likely be a little off the mark. However, there are three things about the future of which I am certain and which sustain me and I hope will help you too.

First, God will be with us. The future Archbishop of York has written that "whilst our church buildings are shut, God goes door to door". That is absolutely true. Whether we are at home alone, on our exercise, struggling round the shops or fretting with our family – God is with us. To talk to in prayer; to hear from through the Bible, words of others and nudges of his Spirit; and to encourage and sustain us with his presence, peace and strength.

Secondly, this will all end. I don't believe things will go back 'to normal', and in many ways I hope they don't. There's a lot that is better and more healthy about our common life now than there was before this outbreak. I speak more to my Mum for example, I spend more quality time with my children, I'm more conscious of nature and I've been reminded how little I need to be content. But this will all end and change will come once more. Let's just keep hold of the good changes

And finally, this life isn't all there is. In fact, it's barely an opening chapter in the great book of life to come. It's right that we protect, save and cherish the life we have (whatever it's quality), but it's helpful and healthy to remember that our life with him continues after death. The resurrection of Jesus, that we celebrated on Easter day, is the proof that all his promises come true. Eternal life with him, and those who have gone before us, in a new heaven and earth gives some context to our present suffering. St Paul shares this thought with the 1st Century Church in Rome:

*'I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.'* (Romans 8:18)

And so I can live with hope, and grieve with hope and help others with hope for today and tomorrow.

- GOD IS WITH US
- THIS WILL ALL END
- THIS LIFE ISN'T ALL THERE IS

These are just some things that I am sure of and can hold onto whilst everything else is changing. I pray that you, too would know the comfort of God's presence and the assurance of a future with him.

With love and prayer,

See pages 36-37: Together with local charities and the Parish Council, we're working hard to make sure that help can be accessed by any needing it. Please don't hesitate to call or email should you need help in any way. The number for the local support hub is **07341 133591** or email **enquiries@s-a-pc.com**. After hours, do call us on **07717 477390** or email, **help@ssaparish.org**

## CHURCH LIFE IN LOCKDOWN

• Even though our church buildings are locked and we aren't able to physically worship together week by week, our church is still active, worshipping, meeting and caring for each other. Here are just a few things you can get involved with.



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• **TRADITIONAL SERVICE** – 10:30am – Each week there is either a live service or a pre-recorded reflection available on our Facebook pages (@ssaparish / @allsoulsascot) and website ([www.ssaparish.org](http://www.ssaparish.org) / [www.allsoulsascot.org](http://www.allsoulsascot.org)). These services contain our favourite hymns and music, Bible readings, prayers and liturgy and reflections to help sustain us spiritually week by week. You can also catch up on any week's service on our website at a time of your choosing.

• **SUNDAY SCHOOL** – 10:30am – meets on Zoom. Nicola Shaw leads Sunday school activities, songs and bible stories over zoom. Contact [nicola@allsoulsascot.org](mailto:nicola@allsoulsascot.org) / [admin@ssaparish.org](mailto:admin@ssaparish.org) for the meeting ID, password, and downloadable activities.

### DAILY PRAYERS

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Thanks again and stay safe.

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As I write this in early April the world has changed quite a bit and by the time you read this it may have changed further. Adapting to this change, Trading Standards have been tasked with enforcing the new Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020. These Regulations give Local Authorities (within RBWM it is Trading Standards) and the Police, the power to require the closure of specified businesses (car showrooms/casinos/spas etc). It also requires other shops to close to the public but with an option to trade remotely (telephone orders/online) for delivery to consumers.

We have had a small number of complaints relating to premises which are still open although mostly due to misunderstanding of the guidance as they are premises which are permitted to continue to trade (homeware/hardware stores/ off-licenses). There have also been complaints about general office work continuing. Government is encouraging people to work from home but the legislation does not then cause all non-retail business to grind to a halt. Guidelines have been written to ensure that this is carried out safely. Some businesses are of a hybrid type and have been considered on a case-by-case basis such as garden centres with food or pet shops within them.

We have seen many complaints about pricing. In the main these have been regarding small, independent retailers selling those articles in high demand and low supply for vastly inflated prices. At the time of writing, the Government has not yet implemented pricing legislation which would ban this type of profiteering. The raising of prices is currently not an offence as long as the consumer is made aware of the price before purchase (label/shelf edge). Some traders are justifying these price increases claiming that they are due to increases in wholesale prices with additional delivery charges, logistical costs and removal of

discounts.

Of more concern are the reports of products, such as hand sanitisers and face masks, that are incorrectly labelled, have prohibited substances in them and are not compliant with legislation. Such products may not offer any protection and are making false claims pertaining to Covid-19.

While there have been a lot of altruistic and genuine acts of kindness there have also been a vast array of scams pertaining to Covid-19; from individuals targeting elderly or vulnerable consumers for services such as jet washing and "disinfecting" driveways; to scam texts purporting to impose fines for leaving your home; as well as scam charities suggesting they can help those most in need.

Our advice remains consistent - Stop and take a moment to think before giving anybody your personal details, banking information or cash. Do not allow yourself to be rushed into anything. Challenge - do not assume everybody is genuine but instead ask to see a form of ID and then ensure you check this information. Protect - speak to others, family, friends about the matter and if you believe you may have fallen for a scam report it (to Action Fraud, Trading Standards, your bank).

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## OUT OF THE ASHES...

Right now, close to a third of the world's population is experiencing some form of lockdown. It's on everyone's lips, omnipresent on social media platforms and newspapers, in art, poetry, and songs. "COVID-19" are the four inescapable syllables of 2020.

Undoubtedly, we will have seen the awful news about the rising death toll, the loss of jobs, the lack of normal social interaction. We should take time to grieve loved ones and grieve a normalcy we no longer have. But COVID-19 has also given us a very significant opportunity: a pause button. A time to reassess how content we truly are. A time for the earth to breathe. A time for it to recover.

According to the *Financial Times*, less coal burning in China in February alone has already avoided the equivalent of the annual emissions of a small European country. The world's largest producer of CO<sub>2</sub> experienced an 18% drop in emissions between February

## HANNAH'S BLOG



HANNAH SCOTT IS A GRADUATE OF ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD, AND CURRENTLY WORKS AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTANT WITH Bioregional

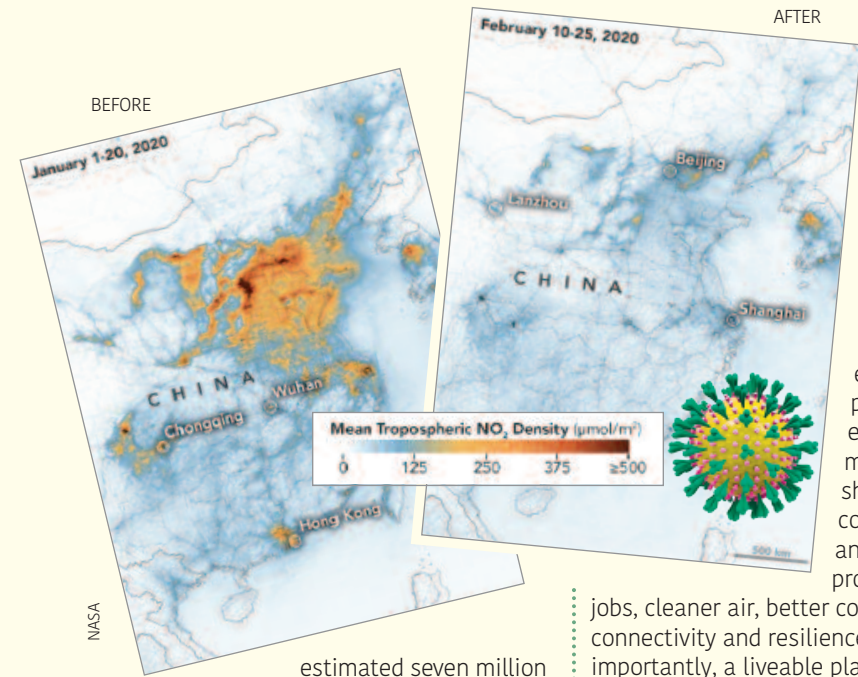
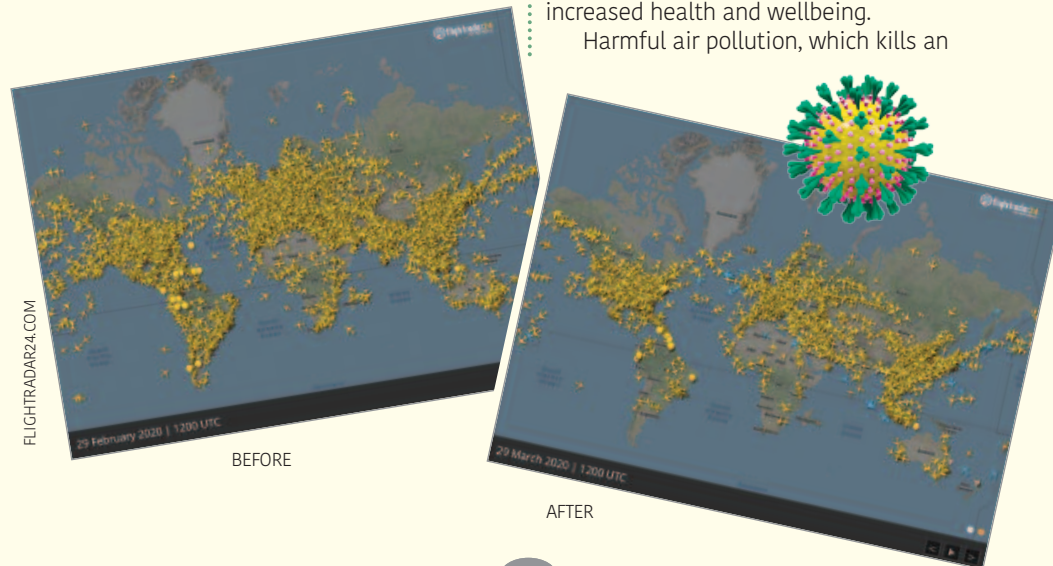
and March.

Europe has experienced an even greater emissions decline – an estimated 40-60% over recent weeks. Globally, airline CO<sub>2</sub>

emissions plummeted 31% in March – the equivalent of taking at least 6 million cars off the road for a year (data from Flightradar24). Even the highly controversial third runway planned for Heathrow has been put on hold, potentially pushed back beyond 2030, as the West London airport reported a 52% slump in passenger numbers in March. This will be their worst month since the 1980s. To top it all off, road traffic in the UK has fallen by 70%, with historically congested roads clear and quiet.

Beyond this potentially being the largest fall in emissions on record – a crucial step in fighting climate breakdown – the reduced traffic and human activity has led to increased health and wellbeing.

Harmful air pollution, which kills an



estimated seven million people worldwide every year (WHO data), has been slashed by people not having to commute to work via private car. It has even been estimated that the amount of **lives saved** through reduced air pollution will be **greater** than those lost to coronavirus (Forbes), though, of course, any loss of life is to be mourned. In some cities in the UK, harmful nitrogen dioxide levels have fallen by up to 60% compared to the same period last year (BBC), and people in northern India are experiencing the wonder of being able to see the Himalayas again 200km away for the first time in 30 years, thanks to the clearer air.

Across the UK, the sweet sound of birdsong soars the skies all day long, no longer obfuscated by the rush of traffic. Nature appears to be healing herself.

But lockdown and economic recession are not the answer to the climate crisis. It is a far larger problem than coronavirus. The mortality rate of coronavirus is 3.4% (WHO). The mortality rate for those aboard an unliveable planet is self-explanatory.

For the first time in our lives, we have a

chance to hit the reset button. As governments consider future stimulus packages, we need to ensure that sustainability is at the heart of a new green economy, prioritising clean energy, circularity of materials, and shared and reduced consumption. Such an economy could provide millions of

jobs, cleaner air, better community connectivity and resilience, and most importantly, a liveable planet for us.

What had previously seemed impossible to stop – the embedded mechanisms of runaway capitalism causing ever increasing inequality and planetary degradation – is now offering itself to us like a “bright red alarm signal” (French philosopher Bruno Latour). The extreme impacts of climate breakdown have already hit those the Global South, and they are imminent for us in the Global North.

We are in a “moment of change”, where people are more receptive than ever to changing previous behaviours and opening themselves up to new ideas. We've seen how the government can respond to scientific advice with strict and considered measures for the safety of the population, and we've seen how communities have grown closer together to help each other.

As we start repairing the damage post-pandemic, let us bring all these life-saving lessons with us for our greatest battle. Let's not return to normal. Let's return to better.

Hannah Scott



## THE PEOPLE'S WAR

*The Nation should have partied on May 8, just like 75 years ago when it celebrated Victory in Europe, known as VE-Day. Sadly, all commemorations are cancelled.*

The news of Germany's final and unconditional surrender had reached Britain a day earlier, picked up from an announcement on German radio transmitted from the post office next to the central police station in the northern city of Flensburg. Flags were already being hung across the streets all over Britain and in our Commonwealth allies who had contributed so much. Houses were adorned with Union Jacks and some with the Hammer and Sickle of Russia, the Allied nation that had suffered the most. Across London, shops were shuttered in readiness for the national holiday the next day when the formal announcement would be made.

On the front lawns in Ascot, large 'V's had been cut and floral displays put in, those displays lovingly tendered in the months to come. In the Caroline Duckett family, Ascot's wartime diarist, the entry recorded that grapefruit was now available in the greengrocer. The Bertram Mills circus had announced it was to return to Ascot, wanting its traditional location returned, upon the news that the 500 PoWs in the detainment camp onsite were to be dispersed elsewhere. The Duckett family had befriended three German PoWs and they had repainted the house in the absence of Caroline's organist husband, Ted, who for three years had been in Baghdad in the war against the Turks. The camp was cleared and the three were sorry to leave Ascot. Before they left, each had signed the autograph book of one of the daughters and written a verse: one would keep in touch with the Duckett family for years. Amongst the many evacuees in the town, some refused to return to London and continued to live with the families who had taken them in. Hazel and her daughter Leslie, the two evacuees in the Duckett home, did return and on their departure, Hazel gave each of the Duckett's four children a prayer book.

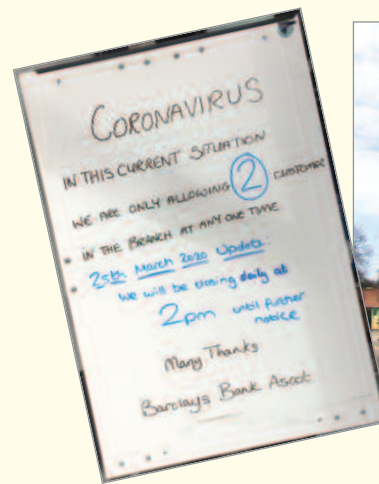
At midnight, warships and merchant marine vessels had led the national salute in a cacophony of prolonged deep blasts. In London and in other cities, which had also borne the brunt of the bombing, searchlights flashed out 'V' signs across the sky. The victory celebration had begun.

The new day had started with a fine drizzle but the weather knew better than to spoil this party. It cleared and the sun came out. St Paul's Cathedral in London was packed the entire day. Policemen's helmets were adorned with home-made red, white, and blue rosettes. Lampposts were precariously climbed and the people sang... like they had never sung before, none more so than in London's East End, the area that had experienced so much death and destruction. Tears were shed for the lost.

Soldiers, too, had joined in the throngs trying to forget that demob would soon follow with many facing unemployment and hardship. The ending of war didn't imply an end to rationing, those cards would be used well into the 1950s, as many of us will remember. The scars of a six-year war in Europe would not be quickly healed. At 3pm, the nation did hear Winston Churchill, his speech relayed by loudspeakers outside Parliament and echoing in the packed streets. From several balconies during the day, Churchill's bodyguard would later record that his revered charge had waved 'like a schoolboy on an outing', to the thousands cheering below.

At night, the national party intensified even though the festivities were tempered by the harsh realisation that another war – against Japan – still needed to be won. Public buildings were lit up and as one national newspaper put it, the searchlights 'danced a ballet in the sky'.

In Churchill's stirring broadcast, quite rightly he had paid tribute to the fighting services of the nation and the Commonwealth, but he didn't hold back on thanking the entire British nation. 'This is your victory', he said 'in all our long history we have never seen a greater day than this.' It had been a 'People's War'.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES: OUTSIDE BARCLAYS BANK, ASCOT; FEGO'S, ASCOT, NOW A TAKEAWAY, STILL OFFERING GREAT COFFEE; A SIGN ON THE DOOR OF THE LADIES' HAIRDRESSER IN CHEAPSIDE.

NIGEL BANCE

The women of Britain hadn't needed any incentive to work on the farms, to drive the tractors, pitch the hay, and pick the fruit and vegetables. Nor did 16-year-old girls await the call-up to man the hundreds of artillery field units on the East Anglian coast. London's ambulance centre, based in the GLC building on the south side of Westminster Bridge, had no shortage of women volunteers during the London Blitz that had lasted uninterrupted for 100 nights.

Now, just as then, we have become a nation of volunteers but this time to grapple with an unseen enemy. The response to the call for retired doctors and nurses to assist the frontline has been overwhelming. Ambulance crews and paramedics calmly go about their work despite the great risk to themselves, and the lowly-paid care workers continue to look after our elderly despite the spread in contagion. Pharmacy workers know they provide an essential service, as do the utility workers that keep our essential services – which we take for granted – in running order.

Posties do their rounds and supermarket and food store staffs maintain the shelves, thanks to the delivery drivers. In the fields, the farmers are ensuring a ready supply. Social workers, prison officers, bus, train and Underground drivers, teachers, police, fire-fighters, refuse collectors, cooks, factory workers, those who bring us the news, and so many others are out there looking after

the nation whilst the rest of us try and come to terms with the oddities and growing banalities of self-isolation, social distancing, and lock-down, three terms now shaping how we live. In the communities, the charities and volunteers staff food-banks, look after the elderly and home-bound, as well as providing a sympathetic ear to the anxious and confused. A lady in South Ascot, with many helpers, is sewing 2,000 'scrubs' for the local hospitals despite the shortage of fabric, polyester lining and funding.

The nation will party again, sometime, and only when it is safe to publically do so. When it does, it will be against a backdrop of a thumping contraction in the economy with drastic reductions in incomes and mass unemployment. Many shops won't reopen, their owners bankrupt. Our methods of communication will most certainly have altered, forever. Business travel will have slimmed, probably making redundant the plan for a third Heathrow runway. Does HS2 really have a future? Above all, we will no longer tolerate the blandishments of politicians whose promises and manifestos have long bordered on fantasy.

We are in a new 'People's War'. Hopefully, there will be a way out just as there was in May 1945. There will come a time when we can formerly thank those who were on the frontline, and the tears will again flow for the lost.

*Nigel Bance*



**SOUTH ASCOT GIRLGUIDING**

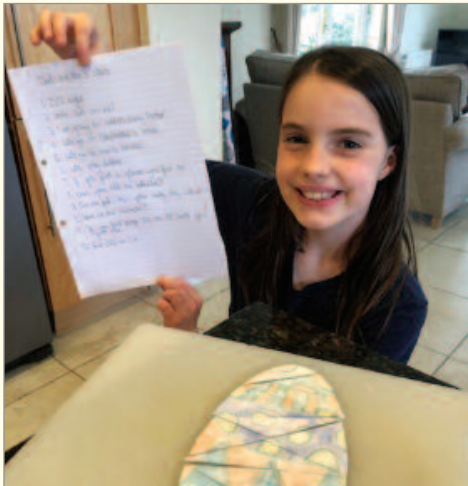


Sunninghill Brownies haven't let a coronavirus lockdown stop us from enjoying some Easter activities!

We have made and decorated Easter baskets. Some were filled with eggs that we have blown out and decorated and some have made a good resting place for our own rabbits. We have made Easter cards and sent them to elderly people who will be on their own in isolation over the Easter break.

We've had a fun Easter-themed scavenger hunt – can you see the food for the easter bunny and the nesting material for birds?

We've done a DIY Easter egg hunt by drawing and decorating a large cardboard egg, cutting it into pieces and hiding the pieces with



cryptic clues to their hiding places. Then we challenged family members to solve the clues, find the pieces and put together the jigsaw egg to gain a chocolate reward.

So we're keeping busy, but missing seeing each other at our weekly meetings and hoping that we'll be back together before too long.

Stay safe everyone.

*Brown Owl Janet*



**1st SOUTH ASCOT RANGER SCOUTS**



On Friday 13th March, 1st South Ascot Rangers hosted a quiz night at All Souls Church. At this quiz the Ranger's unit raised approximately £250.

This supports them in buying camping equipment for their upcoming international camp, Wings. This camp has been postponed to July 2021 however all the funds raised will still support this event.

We would like to thank all of those who came to support us by attending our quiz and those who donated wonderful raffle prizes. Particularly Inspirations, who donated beautiful soaps and baths bombs, The Little Flower Pot, who donated an amazing bouquet and Venture Photography Eton Studio, who generously gifted a photoshoot voucher.

All of this could not have taken place without the tremendous support from their leaders, and Penny Knight who at the last minute stood in as quiz master, Alison



Drummings who wrote the wonderful quiz questions and answers and the Church who allowed us to use their facilities.

*Alanna and Romilly*



# HISTORIC Sunninghill AND DISTRICT

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO NEIL PARKER AND THE MEMBERS OF THE 'HISTORICAL SUNNINGHILL, SUNNINGDALE, ASCOT AND SURROUNDING AREAS' BLOG FOR PERMISSION TO REPRODUCE MATERIAL FROM THEIR FACEBOOK PAGES.



HAD A LOOK AND I'M SURE IT IS BROOMHALL NOW.

PIP BENSLEY



PIP BENSLEY



LOOKING AT POSTCARDS IN HUNGERFORD AND FOUND THIS.

LOUISE PIPPY ALLISON

MAYBE BROOMHALL FARM? MR SANDRY I THINK WAS THE FARMER'S NAME. LOOKS LIKE THE MIDDLE TO LATE 50s.

JEFF BEAUMONT

YES, THAT IS BROOMHALL FARM. THE BUILDING ON THE LEFT WAS THE MILKING SHED, THE BUILDING DOWN THE BOTTOM THE FARMHOUSE AND TO THE RIGHT WAS THE BEAUTIFUL MASSIVE BARN. I WORKED THERE FOR MANY YEARS AND THE FARMER, MR SANDRY WAS A LOVELY PERSON. I SPENT SOME OF MY HAPPIEST DAYS WORKING ON THAT FARM.

NIC COFF



NEIL PARKER



AN INTERESTING POSTCARD FROM 1908

NEIL PARKER

MY DEAR 'OL MUM USED TO WORK FOR A LADY DOROTHY WHEN SHE WAS IN HER EARLY 20s. I WONDER...

CAROLYN PONSFORD



PETER FRANKLIN



ADULT'S RATION FOR ONE WEEK, 1950

PETER FRANKLIN

BREAD AT LEAST WAS OFF RATION UNTIL AFTER THE WAR. IN THIS AREA THERE WAS A GOOD TRADE IN RABBITS ETC. I REMEMBER MY CHIEF INTEREST WAS THE SIZE OF THE SWEET RATION!

CHRISTINE WEIGHTMAN



IN THOSE DAYS THEY CARRIED A GAS MASK TO THE SHOPS. MAYBE PEOPLE WILL START GROWING THEIR OWN VEGETABLES AGAIN AND PLANT FRUIT TREES IN THEIR GARDENS. DIG FOR VICTORY!

LINDA LYE

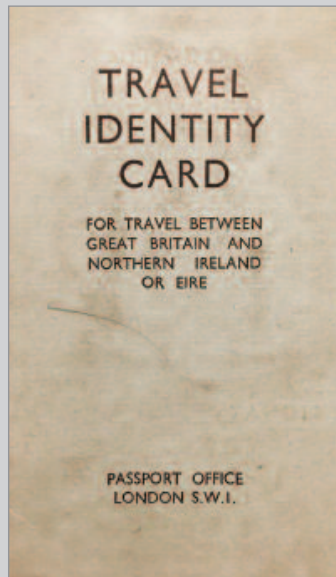


AGAIN, THANK YOU TO MY COUSIN CHRYS STEVENSON FOR THIS; IT'S HIS DAD SYDNEY STEVENSON'S TRAVEL ID CARD. HE WAS THE SIGNALMAN AT SUNNINGDALE FOR MANY YEARS - MY OLD MATE - AND I STILL MISS MY UNCLE.

NEIL PARKER



GRAHAM CLARK



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NEWS FROM THE BEAT

## Coronavirus (Covid-19)

We're asking you please to only call 999 if it is an emergency and 101 if it is urgent. If you can, use our online services. Please only contact us about breaches of the 'stay at home' measures if you feel there is a significant issue or serious breach of the restrictions.

### ADVICE, INFORMATION AND THE MEASURES WE'RE TAKING TO KEEP THE PUBLIC SAFE:

We understand people may be worried and seeking advice and information. We'd like to assure you that we are working to keep you safe, we are still responding to emergency and high priority calls. We'd urge you, if it's not an emergency or urgent, to use our online services instead of calling 101 [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

To help us keep our resources focused where they are most needed, we're asking everyone to please follow the 'stay at home' measures set out by the government [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) and use our online services where possible.

### YOU SHOULD ONLY LEAVE THE HOUSE FOR ONE OF FOUR REASONS:

- Shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible
- Going out for one form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with members of your household - once a day
- Any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
- Travelling only where essential - which includes to and from work, if you're unable to work from home

These four reasons are exceptions - even when doing these things, you should be minimising time spent outside of the home and ensuring you are two metres apart from anyone outside of your household and washing your hands when you return home.

We understand it can be difficult to know what to do, or not do; this situation does need all of us to take a moment and think about what we're doing and to assess the potential risk. This is a virus that spreads by human physical contact. It's sensible to do everything you can to minimise the amount of physical contact that you have with other people.

We appreciate that the vast majority of people are following the stay at home measures and we're very grateful to them for doing so.

We'd encourage you to continue to follow the measures; we are patrolling and advising people if we see them doing things which are contrary to the government advice.

Enforcement is a last resort for us and we'd prefer to work with the public to resolve situations through clear communication and explaining why they might want to behave differently first.



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**SOUTH ASCOT VILLAGE SCHOOL**

South Ascot Village School is a Community Primary School... 'community' being the most important word in these difficult and challenging times. Most importantly, parents have risen to the challenge of keeping themselves and their children at home to protect one another and the wider population.

School teachers, teaching assistants and wider staff members have selflessly continued to work to enable the school to open and support critical workers' children. In school the feeling has been upbeat; a creative



collection of activities has educated and entertained our remaining pupils: Morning PE with Joe Wicks... Set learning from our amazing teachers... Art, craft and games... Forest School... and Rainbow magic...

We believe that although we are apart physically, the school and its motto stands as strong as ever, which now resonates throughout the whole country:

"Together we have strength"

STAY IN AND STAY SAFE.

*Kate Rimell  
Headteacher  
and all at SAVS*



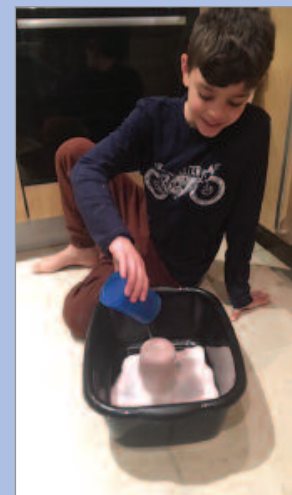
**CHEAPSIDE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Since the schools closed on Friday 20th March, learning across the country has looked a little bit different. Home learning is now the daily experience of most children and here at Cheapside School, [www.cheapsideschool.org.uk](http://www.cheapsideschool.org.uk), it is no different. We have been delighted with the positive engagement our families have shown to the home learning tasks and our website is now awash with pictures of children's artwork, craft and scientific experiments alongside Maths and English. Equally, the staff are sharing videos and ideas on the website in order to

make the children's learning as diverse and engaging as possible.

At school, we still have a few children joining us each day as we support the key workers in our community. As well as completing the home learning tasks, we have been using the Forest School, making the most of all the space available in our playground whilst honing our basketball and tennis skills and even doing a bit of baking.

*Kate Searle, Headteacher*



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## THIS IS OUR HOME NOW

This series of articles is about our neighbours who have moved to this country. Today it is Meher's story. Meher was born in Pakistan, grew up in Saudi Arabia and moved to England in 2005.



My family hail from the foothills of the Himalayas but I was born in Karachi overlooking the Arabian Sea and grew up in Saudi Arabia. My parent's generation all come from big families, with ten or twelve children, which was normal as many children die. My husband is an only child, and I am one of three. Growing up in Saudi, we were very dependent on my father to go anywhere. Women couldn't drive or go out on their own- but we didn't want to, it was too hot! We didn't feel isolated or restricted, it was just normal. My father sent us to a British school in Saudi. It was really expensive but he worked his fingers to the bone to do it. I loved it there: it felt homely, with small classes. We learned woodwork, cooking and sewing. My father always taught me that if you believe in something, you go for it.

Our marriage was arranged between our families. When they suggested I meet him, I said 'Why would I want to speak to him? Just deal with it!' It took me 3-4 months to decide he was the right person for me- an 'orchestrated' falling in love!

I had no language problems and had been exposed to English culture at school. Saudi would never have been my 'forever' home. The immigration process was very simple. But then I had to do a 'Life in the UK' test for citizenship, and had to swot up! Very stressful! I had to memorize the National Anthem and pledge allegiance to the crown! The Mayor came to give us our certificate, all dressed up for the ceremony! The British heritage resonates with my soul, it's very honouring. Harry and Meghan's wedding made me realize how much I love the UK.

We Moslem women wear the *abaya*, which is the overdress. In Saudi this had to be black, but now other colours or patterns are allowed as long as they aren't too bright. Underneath we wear ordinary clothes. (Meher shows me her red polka dot dress underneath). In front of men who are not blood relatives we wear the headscarf or hijab. Our hair is considered a woman's most beautiful asset, and we dress up, but only for our husbands. We wear makeup, but don't pluck our eyebrows- unless we have a monobrow! Some headscarves are worn over caps, some are in one

piece, and some are quite loose. If I am working in the kitchen at school I just wear a bandanna and chef's whites- no *abaya*. My daughter doesn't cover her hair, and if eventually she does, it has to be her heart that decides.

All the Old and New Testaments are there in the Quran. We believe in all of it. It is the same religion. You need to

respect everyone: Atheists, Hindus, Christians, Jews and Buddhists. We teach the children the little stories of Adam and Ibrahim, and the practice of being kind to the poor and all living things. Because you don't hear a tree or an ant talking, it doesn't mean they are not alive. Be respectful. Try not to hurt anyone. People portray Islam as a religion of fighting but the fundamentalists don't really understand the religion. You cannot paint everyone with the same brush. They are misguided and led astray. No religion tells you to kill anything. No religion teaches hate. I stay present in my children's Islamic tutorials, so that I know if they are taught something wrong. As Moslems we can be faced with racism or hatred. We have more stacked against us. I have been racially attacked a few times. Once a woman walked right up to me and said 'You're a brutal murderer.' She just started accusing me. We were so shocked.

While I miss my family in Saudi, this is my home and where I belong. The children love going to Saudi for little holidays, because the grandparents spoil them a bit, and it's hot and they get ice creams!

We believe that the Quran is the word of Allah and that The Angel Gabriel brought a few sentences at a time to Mohammed, which he memorized and passed on to his followers. After my GCSEs I tried to memorize the Quran myself, in Arabic, but didn't complete it, although many people do. It's harder for a woman to do this, as she has more responsibilities with the home and children than a man. Some people recite one of the thirty parts of the Quran every day for thirty days. I can write my names in Arabic; 'Meher' means the gift that a man gives his wife at *Nikkah*, at the marriage contract, and 'kind and generous' in Urdu. My middle name means 'nightingale's voice'. We try to live up to our names- although I can't sing! I try to bring kindness and thoughtfulness to everything that I do.

Meher was in conversation with Trisha Longworth [trisha.longworth@gmail.com](mailto:trisha.longworth@gmail.com)



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# FUN & FLOWERS

by Hilary Mear

IN AID OF  
 THE NEW THAMES VALLEY HOSPICE

Humour is often in the Ear of the Listener as Beauty is often in the Eye of the Beholder. In an attempt to lift spirits in this exceptional time of gloom and isolation, I have compiled a book called 'Fun & Flowers' which is 60 pages of jokes, amusing quips and unusual facts sent to me by friends, with photos of flowers from our garden. There are also two photos of the marvellous arrangements of knitted red poppies from last year's Remembrance Sunday at St Michael & All Angels Church, Sunninghill.

I am selling the book at £10 plus £1.50 postage and packing and hope you will be interested in buying a copy. If so, please email me the details below and I will send you the bank details or our address for cheque payment, if necessary.

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## Ascot People Community Facebook Group

Ascot People **Facebook** group is well established with 11.5k members. Ascot People are supporting the **ASCOT COVID HUB** who can provide help with shopping and befriending services. The contact details are **enquiries@s-a-pc.com** or **07341 133591**. For volunteers who would like to offer assistance, please register with the RBWM Support Hub which is run jointly with WAM – Get Involved: tel **0203 514 8117** email **Info@wamgetinvolved.org.uk**

### ASCOT PEOPLE DIRECTORY OF RESOURCES

<http://ascotcovidresources.org>

One of our lovely members, Paola Kathuria, has designed this brilliant directory as a one-stop shop for everything available at this time. All of the information is divided into useful sections;

- **Food & Meals** – where takeaway and deliveries are available
- **I need help** – where to go for assistance with food deliveries
- **Help for NHS staff** – this has lots of free and discounted services being offered for the wonderful NHS
- **How can I help** – places that need volunteers or assistance
- **Health & Wellbeing** – online classes and courses such as yoga and fitness



### ASCOT PEOPLE FOOD AND EQUIPMENT COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

This is another great initiative by a member of the group, the amazing Georgie Tindall, pictured.

### ASCOT AND SURROUNDING AREA'S COVID 19 FOOD COLLECTION FOR NHS

This lovely young lady is spending her days driving around the area collecting food donations,



## Ascot People



material, equipment and delivering to local hospitals and care homes. She sourced some PPE and has made great use of it. I spoke to BEN care home in Sunninghill yesterday and they said she was like an 'angel' who arrived just when they needed things.

### OTHER HELP AND SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

There are several befriending services that connect with people in their homes and offer a friendly chat with a regular telephone call.

- Age Concern Slough and Berkshire East have set up 'Hear for you', a call service for the elderly which offers emotional support and practical help if needed **01753 497888**.
- People 2 Places Time to Talk **01628 587921**
- Age UK Call in Time **0800 678 1602**
- The Silver Line **0800 470 8090**

For those unable to leave their homes shopping can be also be ordered over the telephone and delivered by People 2 Places on **01628 587921**.

### £500 COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDED TO ASCOT PEOPLE

Finally, Ascot People have been awarded a grant by RBWM to put to good use in the community during this time. We are very pleased to announce that we put it towards all of the work Georgie Tindall is doing on a daily basis.

Keep safe and stay well.

*Honor Abell*  
**Ascot People**



## COVID-19 CRISIS SUPPORT INFORMATION

**Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Council** is working with local charities and churches to offer support to our community as we all face the global COVID-19 pandemic together.

We know that this is a very difficult and stressful time, so if you or anyone you know is in need of support, we are here to help you though the ongoing lock down and self isolation period.

### We are here for you!

Visit our website, email or call our support hub for more information on how you can get the help you need.

### SUPPORT HUB

[www.sunninghillandascotparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.sunninghillandascotparishcouncil.co.uk)

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## Do you want to help ?

Our local community is stronger if we all work together. If you feel you are in a position to be able to safely help others, you can contact Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Council on 07341 133591

Get Involved  
**WAM**

**RBWM Good Neighbour Scheme**  
If you would like to get involved by helping in the wider community. Windsor and Maidenhead Community Database (WAM) has a volunteering portal. For more information visit:

[www.wamgetsrecycling.co.uk/covid-19-volunteering](http://www.wamgetsrecycling.co.uk/covid-19-volunteering)

### Useful links ....

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**The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Borough Council** will be regularly updating its website with any news.

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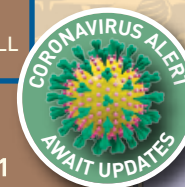
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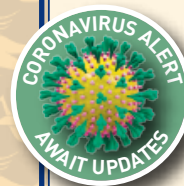
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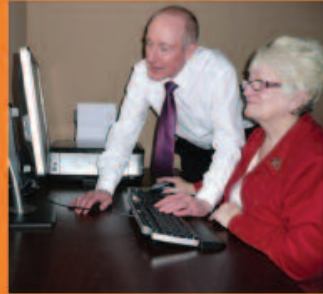
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Fiona Jones

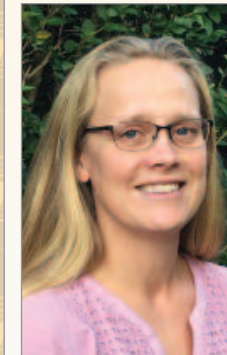


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2	6					3	9	
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4			9		5			
	5	9		8				
6				4			1	
	3		5			2	8	
	2	6					9	4
			6	9		8		
		1			4		2	

## sudoku <sup>135</sup>

The solution to Sudoku 134:

8	3	6	2	5	7	9	4	1
2	5	4	6	9	1	3	7	8
7	9	1	4	3	8	5	2	6
1	7	5	3	6	9	2	8	4
4	8	3	5	7	2	6	1	9
6	2	9	8	1	4	7	5	3
9	6	2	1	8	5	4	3	7
3	4	8	7	2	6	1	9	5
5	1	7	9	4	3	8	6	2

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◀ Can anyone suggest what this masked person might have been saying?



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◀ Last month's winner was Miles Holroyd. Commendations go to Dilwyn Jones, Martin Dixon and Brian Livingstone.

Entries to the Deputy Editor: Karen Kohn, Shrubshill Cottage, London Road, Sunningdale, Berkshire SL5 0JZ or email: [kkohn@mcnairpartnership.com](mailto:kkohn@mcnairpartnership.com)  
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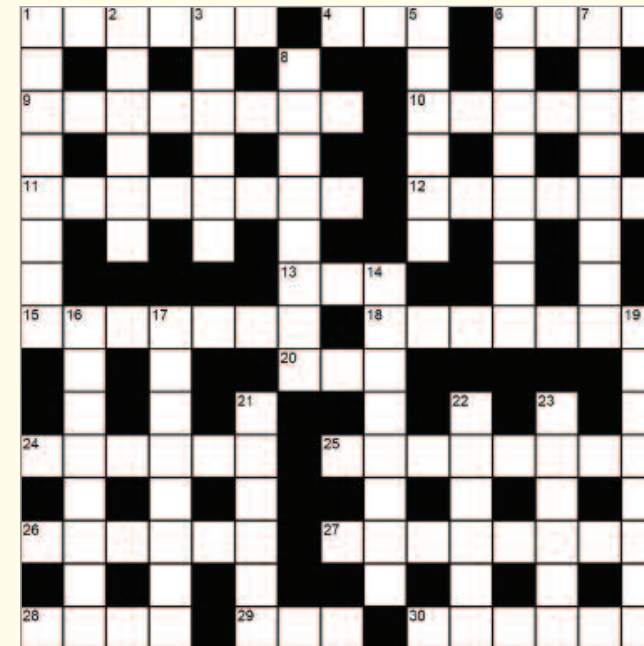
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The answers to Crossword no.194 will be published in the next issue.

The answers to Crossword no.193 were:



The first 3 clues  
Are all about  
Staying in,  
not going out!

#### ACROSS

1. Houses, reportedly for fictional detective (6)
4. Little sheep confused (3)
6. Moet drunk in large volume (4)
9. Wear this into a car? Paradoxically it's for a wet walk (8)
10. Finish off in cooking range – it's on the plan (6)
11. Put glaze on containers in cool places in kitchens (3,5)
12. Should be slim to sit outside in this? (4-2)
13. Writer making a strong smell. No saint! (3)
15. Must aid building arena (7)
18. Are these unnecessary for 14? No, but decrease one stitch at end (7)
20. Emilia is only half into these record producers (3)
24. Skater drunk and can barely run! (6)
25. Begin but don't finish fights over the film (4,4)
26. When danger averted take Maud here? (6)
27. Reportedly must have this in breadmaking process (8)
28. Move daily with a motivation to move? (4)
29. River flowing back is ever green (3)
30. Sontag wrote dances for two (6)

#### DOWN

1. Bedtime drink for one-time owner of The Royal Berkshire Hotel? (8)
2. Hang about! Toilet training not tricky at first but initially risky! (6)
3. Crows fly east – it's a legal bond (6)
5. A smile breaks out when receiving these letters (6)
6. Milliband followed supporter on horse – describing a youngster (8)
7. Tea, initially included in making peace – it's a good way to relax (8)
8. Look at American magazine to look at friends and family from a distance (4,4)
14. Past time on Jersey perhaps, dependent on 18 (8)
16. Wag followed the cricket match – watch it still on TV (4,4)
17. Acting 28, there's no getting up for this! (5,3)
19. During assault wise men produced bangers (8)
21. Dip not suitable for the overweight? (6)
22. Fleet first man went back with artist (6)
23. Graduate and monarch making cakes (6)



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