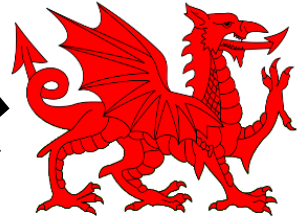


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Rhif/No.1 Lockdown Special - Cloi Lawr Arbennig Summer/Haf 202

As we haven't been able to get together since 1st March, and with no meetings to report on -here is a Special Newsletter to Keep in Touch. What have we been doing in Lockdown to keep active mentally and physically? A few members have contributed some of their activities. Hopefully more members will share their activities for next month's newsletter.

Lynne and John Lewis had extra trauma during lockdown as they were in the middle of a house sale! Lockdown delayed the move but in June it finally took place. They are now very happily settled in a lovely apartment in Basingstoke. They have been busy exploring their new surroundings and finding lots of interesting places in the locality.

Wishing you lots of happiness in your new home Lynne & John.

Mattie and John Rees write that life has been so exciting that they have nothing of interest to report!!! It's been a round of gardening, tidying up and sorting out. The highlight being a visit to the dump: by appointment!

How do you fill the days when you are in lockdown? My friend has worked this cushion cover for my daughter. So kind of her, I believe she sits in the evening and embroiders it whilst watching television



As for myself well I paint or attempt to paint! Many years ago Keith and I were on holiday in Scotland with Gwen and Sam Blundy. Sam was going to paint the view behind our little cottage and said to me why didn't I try? Well I hadn't got a clue but, being a good teacher, he showed me how to start and provided me with paints brushes and paper. I have no idea what happened to my first attempt but it probably went straight in the bin!

From that shaky start I went to U3A and had some lessons. Then I was bold enough to join Petersfield Arts & Craft Society which has some amazing talents, producing wonderful collages, ceramics, woodwork, paintings, embroidery, etc. Over the years I had the temerity to enter their yearly Art Exhibition which is held at the Festival Hall and been successful in selling some paintings too. Here is one of my most recent attempts:



Hazel Williams

This is Wilson. He is now working from home 😊



A little contribution.

In the last few weeks Peter has been able to meet with a number of the members of his Men's Shed. Their shed is on the edge of a recreation ground in Cowplain and so they can sit in a circle on the grass, suitably distanced of course! As a number of them have difficulty with hearing I imagine there is a fair amount of loud speaking going on and probably quite a lot of mishearing as well. They have also managed a socially distanced BBQ, taking it in turns to go in to get the food. Peter also joins with the choir members once a week on line and has regular Zoom meetings with his family history group. Like many families we have become quite used to Zoom meetings and ours are usually quite chaotic. Everyone talks at the same time but at least you can see that your family are all well and coping with the " new normal".

When we are able to meet together again I can give you an update to my DNA story. Major developments!

Anne & Peter Weller

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Ludmilla Boswell who is a talented artist has been busy painting pictures for her family. This is a painting of Ludmilla's home valley in Austria.



This is Ludmilla's Great – Grandson named Alex. Due to the Social distancing rules she was unable to give him any hugs. Ludmilla is very proud of Alex's Welsh connections.

Finally

It is with great sadness that I have to mention the loss of a few local businesses as a result of COVID-19.

A local bra manufacturer has gone bust, a submarine company has gone under, a manufacturer of food blenders has gone into liquidation, a dog kennel has had to call in the retrievers and a company supplying paper for origami enthusiasts has folded. Interflora is pruning its business and Dyno Rod has gone down the drain.

The saddest one though is the ice-cream van man found dead covered in nuts and raspberry sauce. He couldn't take it any more and topped himself.