

# REMENHAM NEWSLETTER



*Leander*

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# THE CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS

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2nd Sunday

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Sarah West

3rd Sunday

Charlotte Every

4th Sunday

John Laing

Sue Laing

5th Sunday

Glen Palethorpe

Ruth Palethorpe

## NORMAL SERVICES

11.15am

Matins (BCP)

First Sunday

11.15am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Second Sunday

11.15am

Matins (BCP)

Third Sunday

11.15am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Fourth Sunday

11.15am

Matins (BCP)

Fifth Sunday

Parish Office: Monday & Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am-4.30pm  
Tel: 01491 577340, email: [office.hwr@lineone.net](mailto:office.hwr@lineone.net)

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Charlotte Every

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## CHURCH CLEANING

May

Rosemary Duckett

Sally Anne Plunket

Jenny Morrow

June

Mike Dowsett

## ALTAR FLOWERS

May

Mandy Cook

June

Marilyn Dudley

Judy Bate

## PARISH REGISTER

**Funeral**

1 April

Cynthia Bennett

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**In normal times the Parish Council meetings are held on the second Monday in the month at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall, except on the evening of the Annual Parish Meeting (usually in May) when it is beforehand. There is normally no meeting in August. During the Covid-19 lockdown virtual meetings will be held, usually at 5.30pm on the second Monday in the month. For an invitation to join the virtual meeting please contact the Chairman or the Parish Clerk.**

**Please see website for details of future meetings as Covid restrictions are lifted.**

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**PARISH DIARY** *(At last there are dates for the diary! See articles for more information)*

**May**

- 8th Upper Churchyard Clean up - 10.00am-12.30pm (see page 8)
- 10th W.I. meeting (see page 12 for finding out details)
- 10th 5.30pm Parish Council meeting, virtual, via Zoom I
- 22-23rd Jurassic Coast Challenge - fundraising for Remenham Church and Parish Hall (page 9)

**June**

- 14th W.I. meeting (see page 12 for finding out details)
- 14th Parish Council meeting - see website for details

**Further ahead**

- 2-4 July Henley Women's Regatta
- 8-10 July Henley Festival 'Summer Fling', Butler's Field
- 11-15 Aug Henley Royal Regatta
- 15-19 Sept Henley Festival
- March 2022 Rumours of a possible Remenham Thespians production

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**

<b>Months</b>	<b>Deadlines for Contributors</b>	<b>Approx. Dates for Distributors</b>
Jan-Feb 2021	Friday 1 January 2021	Friday 8 January 2021
Mar-Apr 2021	Friday 26 February 2021	Friday 5 March 2021
May-June 2021	Friday 23 April 2021	Friday 30 April 2021
<b>July-Aug 2021</b>	<b>Friday 25 June 2021</b>	<b>Friday 1 July 2021</b>
Sept-Oct 2021	Friday 20 August 2021	Friday 27 August 2021
Nov-Dec 2021	Friday 29 October 2021	Friday 5 November 2021

**OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH NEEDS A LITTLE HELP**



Please could anyone, only once a year, volunteer to help with the church cleaning - perhaps with a friend, and especially if you could bring down the average age of those currently on the rota? It would be very much appreciated.



Help is needed principally in February, July and October.

Any offers please contact Rosemary Duckett - [rkduckett@gmail.com](mailto:rkduckett@gmail.com) or 07793 048397.

## FROM THE EDITOR

*I have very much enjoyed the need to re-instate the 'Dates for the Diary' section in this issue, as the lockdown restrictions are lifted and we start being able to meet each other at last.*

*Activities to note in particular are the Upper Churchyard Clean up on 8 May and the Jurassic Coast Challenge (see pages 8 and 9 respectively). Previous Clean ups have been hugely enjoyable as well as productive and satisfying, so let's hope there are lots of volunteers, and the Churchwardens and Sue Laing's participation in the challenge, to raise funds for the Church and Parish Hall, is immensely impressive.*

*Please also note the request for volunteers to help clean the church (see page 4 - note, only once a year each - and also the WI advertisement for more members on page 13 - I am always impressed by the WI reports as they have such cheerful fun, even in lockdown!*

*You will notice a change in the layout of the advertisements (see below) - feedback please.*

*There's just room to draw your attention to the Henley Society letter on pages 14-15 - this is relevant to us too! (Membership now an impressive 500 after recruitment drive - sub only £5!)*

*I have been sent much less lockdown humour this time - maybe the need for this is receding - but some humour does seem to be appreciated so please keep sending me cartoons and jokes of the non-lockdown sort - and PLEASE send your photos and pictures, especially those suitable to specific times of the year, as my stocks are low!*

Felicity - [newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk)

### ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER AND EDITORIAL POLICY

During the lockdown the newsletter will be produced digitally, circulated by email and on the website. Do please keep sending any interesting/topical items for possible inclusion to the Editor.

Please also send photos or pictures of anything to do with the parish or which might be suitable for the front covers - **the stock of such things is currently very low!** The editorial team reserves the right to edit, amend, précis or reject articles. The opinions expressed are those of the authors of the articles and not necessarily those of the editorial team.

### ADVERTISING IN THE REMENHAM NEWSLETTER

Whilst the newsletter is being circulated digitally during the lockdown, our previous advertising rates are not appropriate. We have not finally decided whether the newsletter will revert to being printed in future, so advertising rates are still under review.

In the meantime we have simply included all the advertisements that have been booked previously, free of charge. In this issue we are experimenting with spreading the advertisements throughout the newsletter - they might then have more impact than when they are put together in 4 pages at the end. **Please let me know what you think.**

More advertisers would be very welcome.

[Editor](#)

## NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS



Despite the current long lockdown we have, unlike most churches, continued to hold a service every Sunday and the church has been open for private prayer every day. Over the last few weeks as the situation has eased, we have been so pleased to welcome back some of our regular congregants and are very pleased to have added some regular new faces to our congregation. We became a corporate member of the Prayer Book Society in January and this too has led a few new faces through our doors.

Our usual services were held over Easter: matins on Good Friday and a service of Holy Communion on Easter Day. The flowers in church were magnificent – many thanks to all the flowers arrangers and to Sally-Anne Plunket for her organisation of the flower rota and her hard work watering and maintaining the arrangements.

The lower churchyard now looks immaculate. Sadly, the same thing cannot be said of the upper churchyard and we will be holding a socially distanced working party from 10.00am to noon on Saturday 8 May. Do come along and give us a hand if you can. Bring your own tools – we are particularly in need of some chain saw action!

We are still short of funds and on Sunday 22 May the churchwardens together with Sue Laing will be taking part in the Jurassic Coast Challenge and walking 50km in aid of the church and parish hall. See elsewhere in the Newsletter for details of how to sponsor us!

Charlotte Every

John Laing

Churchwardens, St Nicholas Remenham

# FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Remenham friends,

Many years ago I remember a mother getting onto a bus at Paddington Station. She had several children, and when the bus drove away from the stop, she realised that her youngest was not on the bus. I managed to get the driver to stop and allow us to disembark, and ran ahead of her – she being rather weighed down with children – back to the station to alert station staff and the police to the fact of a missing little boy, who was perhaps three years old. Happily, the boy had already been picked up by the police. They said that he had been very good, and hadn't cried at all. But when his mother appeared, he burst into floods of tears.

I think it is a common thing that when dealing with a crisis, whether in personal life or in the life of an organisation or the life of a nation, it is often when the immediate demands of the crisis are past that the impact is felt. When one is in the midst of a crisis, the only thing to do is to deal with it, usually by just keeping on keeping on, putting one foot in front of another. Sometimes of course it happens that someone breaks down under pressure – we all have our limits, and there is no shame in that – but on the whole the breakdown tends to be the exception. But once the pressure is off, when we have the space and time to think about what we have just been through, we might feel utterly exhausted, or angry and upset, or some combination of these things. Like that lost little boy reunited with his mother, it is when we begin to feel safe again that we are able to acknowledge how bad we have felt.

The fact that the Covid-19 pandemic has gone on as long as it has should not blind us to the fact that this has been a crisis, and a long and hard one at that. There are those who have really struggled at times, and many others who have been managing only by putting one foot in front of another. But I think we should be prepared for the possibility that now, as the worst danger appears to have past, and as we grow increasingly excited at the prospect of social life returning, it may be that the tiredness and the emotion starts to set in, at least once the initial euphoria of a return to normality has past. And I do think that we will need to learn to be patient and gentle with ourselves and each other in the days and weeks and months ahead.

As St Paul writes in his Epistle to the Ephesians, “Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.”

With my prayers,

*Fr Jeremy*

## WHATSAPP SUPPORT GROUPS

To add your names to the Remenham group contact Janette Brown on 07768 166764 or [janette1brown@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janette1brown@yahoo.co.uk) and for the Aston one contact Charlotte Every on [churchwarden@remenhamparish.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@remenhamparish.org.uk).





**REMENHAM UPPER CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP WORKING PARTY**  
**SATURDAY 8 MAY 10.00am – 12.30pm**

Are you free to join a socially distancing working party to clear up and tidy the upper churchyard? We are planning to clear some fallen and dead trees, trim round the graves and generally tidy up and would really appreciate your help.

If you would like to help, please come along to the upper graveyard (junction of Remenham Lane and Remenham Church Lane) from 10.00am bringing suitable tools – chain saws(ers) most welcome!!

If you are able to take part, please let Charlotte Every know on [churchwarden@remenhamparish.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@remenhamparish.org.uk).

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# CHURCH WARDENS FUNDRAISING FOR REMENHAM CHURCH AND PARISH HALL!



Charlotte Every and John (and Sue) Laing, Church Wardens of St Nicholas Remenham will be taking part in the Jurassic Coast Challenge (<https://ultrachallenge.com/jurassic-coast-challenge>) during the weekend of 22nd and 23rd May.



John will be walking 100km in total; 50 km from Corfe Castle to Weymouth on Saturday 22nd May and Charlotte and Sue will be join him on Sunday 23rd May to walk the second 50 km from Weymouth to Bridport.

We are raising money for St Nicholas Church and Remenham Parish Hall, as both are in urgent need of funds as we haven't been able to hold any community events or earn income from the hall during the Covid lockdowns of 2020 and 2021.

We would be so grateful if you could support us in our efforts; unlike our local Thames Path, we know that there will be lots of ups and downs!

The link to the Just Giving Page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/Remenhamchurchwardens>

All funds will be going to Remenham PCC; along with the Gift Aid.

Many thanks

*Charlotte, John and Sue*



*Not in the attire they will wear for the challenge!*



## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL AND WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Step 2 of Central Government's four-step plan to release England from lockdown went ahead on Monday 12th April. Fortunately, there were just 8 new Covid-19 cases and thankfully zero covid-related deaths for the period 10-16th April were reported for Wokingham area yesterday (26th April). As the weather warms and the chains of lockdown are gradually eased, we should never forget those who have suffered directly or indirectly from this virus locally, nationally and internationally.

Most summer events are planning to go ahead albeit in a different form and at a different date. The full details will emerge as we come nearer to the time. The Festival is having a new one off event when HRR usually is held. All these events will be subject to whatever Covid rules exist at the time and will be reviewed to ensure that they are cancellable at short notice. However, all looks good at the time of writing with the UK's superb vaccination programme locking in a low Covid incidence throughout the country and in particular here.

It is inevitable that visitors to Remenham will increase as summer holidays abroad still look uncertain. I ask everyone to help in ensuring that the village is kept clean. I will be looking to the Borough Council to be dynamically reactive to any pressures and I would ask you to ring me up whenever you have any issues.

You should all have two new recycling bags, food waste bags and blue bags. We are not intending to be officious about the use of the new recycling bags. Please continue to use black boxes if it is convenient or use them to house the recycling bags, but please always put paper in the recycling bags and cardboard if you can. The dustmen will pick up large cardboard but please put this out in the early morning of a pickup when dry. I have a stock of blue bags, recycling bags, food waste bags and adopt a street bags for your use.

Matters discussed at the Parish Council in March (8th) and April (12th) included:

**Eight planning matters and applications, where professional advice of Pegasus was sought.**

**CIL expenditure on the following 4 projects:**

- Tegular paving outside the Parish Hall entrance and lane drainage
- Westcotec speed indication signs on White Hill (A4130)
- Parish ecological-biodiversity survey and wild trail work in the Wargrave Road
- Parking controls, slipway repair and large litter bin(s) in Ferry Lane, Aston

In the 4th project (*previous page*) Aston residents through Bill Ronald said they wished to see 2.5m logs placed on verges up to 100m from the slipway, 2 large litter bins placed near the slipway, repairs to the slipway and suitable signs. Agreement was reached in principle with Culden Faw, a contractor and a litter bin provider, but it appears WBC Highways would prefer to see 2h parking restrictions introduced. Simon Price (WBC) spoke on the matters at April's meeting and is organising a virtual meeting with Cllrs, residents and WBC Highways/Planning/Property (which was to have been today (27th) – but is now delayed until next week). This meeting will also consider signage at Culham Lane and near The Flower Pot. Please indicate if you would like an invitation to this forthcoming meeting.

**Three licence applications:** Henley Rowing Club, UTRC and Henley Festival (two events in July and Aug with in one case 8000 attendees). In the UTRC application for a pop-up café downstream of their boathouse, RPC suggested 4 conditions that UTRC is happy to meet. In all responses, RPC has requested that decision makers ensure residents and attendees remain covid-safe. Please indicate to The Clerk if you would like to see any RPC responses. RPC will object to any towpath/footpath closures/diversions during these events. RPC have agreed to seek legal advice on licences from Sarah Glover.

**Highways:** On 2h parking bays in Remenham Lane the Parish Council will in Sept 2021 consider whether the second bay should be re-introduced (and where).

**Footpaths:** It is suggested that the Parish Council should take the initiative to remove rubbish from footpaths. The towpath signs will be suitably treated at the time new bins are installed in Ferry Lane, Aston. Green paint has been received from the supplier to repaint the larger dog-waste bin near the Parish Hall in a more rural colour.

**Financial matters:** The Parish Council reserves are higher than expected because CIL expenditure has been delayed by WBC approvals. SSE is in the process of raising the price of electricity for three streetlights from £220/year to £1200/year. There is likely to be discussion in the near future about whether this is value for money and what are the safety implications of any decisions.

At the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on 12th April (7:00pm) notes from the most recent APM (2019) were circulated and RPC's current financial position was summarised (namely that the current account balance (about £73,000 in March 2020) had risen because of hindrance of CIL expenditure (to almost £110,000 in March 2021)).

If you have been left out in any way and/or need help, please contact me or Paul Sermon (the Parish Clerk) or any other Parish councillor - we shall be able to help.

Please be in touch if we can be of help on any other matter.

*John Halsall*

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**Chairman Remenham Parish Council**

**Councillor Wokingham Borough Council**

**Leader of the Council**

## REMENHAM W.I.

In March, Remenham WI welcomed Jennifer Cowling to their zoom meeting. Jennifer has been involved with the theatre for many years and her presentation highlighted the costs involved in putting on a production from "The Book to the Stage". Jennifer showed a collection of photographic memorabilia, including programmes from fifteen plays and eighty-nine musicals. She concluded the afternoon with a short "Music from the Shows" quiz. Although most of the tunes were recognized, it was much more difficult to fit them to the correct shows! Jennifer's talk made everyone realise how much those trips to the theatre have been missed.



Members have also enjoyed a cocktail hour. There were no agendas or minutes in sight, just the sound of glasses and ice clinking together with much happy chatter.

Committee members met just before Easter to fill small Easter bags for delivery to all members of the group; an Easter Egg, an Easter recipe, spring poems, the March edition of the Remenham Rag and an Easter card were among the gifts enclosed.

In their April meeting, members were given all the details about the Elizabeth Bell Competition, where a scrap book will be made covering the current year with all the inherent Covid problems. It is hoped that all members will be contributing to this. As we hopefully approach the end of the lockdown tunnel, members gave their thoughts as to what the last months have meant to them; learning about zoom and how it has helped with family communications (definitely to be continued) ..... participating in various lectures and online programmes ..... getting used to Click and Collect ..... the speed of passing days and of course the importance of keeping in touch.

The meeting of naturally ended with tea and cake and a Spring Quiz

This month has also seen the first meeting of the online book club, where the first read, The House by the Loch by Kirsty Wark was discussed. Overall, it was rated an interesting read with good descriptions of places and people. The next book on the list is The Enchanted April by Elizabeth Von Arnim.

If you are interested in joining Remenham WI, please contact Daphne Austen on 07919 358979

*Daphne Austen*  
*President*



**Lockdown Over!**  
Why Not Join  
**REMENHAM WI**



- **Make New Friends**
- **Interesting Talks**
- **Outings**
- **Arts and Crafts**
- **Fetes and Fairs**
- **National Campaigns**
- **Lunches and Picnics**
- **New Opportunities**

Do come and join us, everyone welcome. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Monday each month at the Remenham Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m.

If you are interested in finding out more, please telephone Daphne Austen on 07919 358979 or Irene Parker on 07899 035939

## REMENHAM PARISH HALL



Normal hire charge: £20.00 per hour (minimum two hour booking).  
Commercial hiring charges by negotiation

The charges include the use of tables and all kitchen equipment except the crockery and cutlery which attract an additional fee depending on requirements. Local residents may hire the tables, chairs, etc for use at their own homes.

For further information and bookings please contact  
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# The Henley Society

*Protecting our heritage and environment in Henley-on-Thames*

Dear Fellow Resident,

I write as Chairman of The Henley Society, founded almost 60 years ago, to draw your attention to our work on behalf of those, like yourself, who live in, or near, our vibrant and beautiful town and enjoy the many amenities it provides. I very much hope to be able to engage your interest in our Society by outlining its aims, organisation and activities, and to explain why we are seeking to recruit more Members.

**Our Aims:** The Society is a registered Charity with a lengthy and impressive constitution, but its aims for Henley can be simply summed up. They are to promote high standards of planning and architecture, to protect, improve or develop, as appropriate, features of historic or public interest and to do the same for environmental issues.

**Our Organisation:** We have an Executive Committee which meets monthly and deals with general matters. The Executive Committee has nine members plus a representative from Henley Town Council and is supported by our President, HRH The Duke of Kent, and three Vice Presidents, The Lord Camoys, The Baroness Buscombe of Goring and Sir Martyn Arbib. Our Planning Sub Committee which vets and comments on around 300 planning Applications each year, before they go to Henley Town Council, and the planning authority South Oxfordshire District Council, prior to determination. The Planning Committee has five members. Our arrangement with the Planning Committees of Henley Town Council and SODC has been in place for our entire history. We also have a small Committee considering special activities for 2022 when we celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Outside of Covid restrictions we also organize talks, lectures and outings to places of interest to Members, and we keep Membership informed of all activities through our Executive Committee Briefing, usually monthly by email.

**Our activities:** It was a campaign by Henley residents which originally brought the Society into being. In 1961 a developer sought to demolish the Catherine Wheel Hotel and to build a row of shops in its place. The then Henley Borough Council did not object but Oxfordshire County Council opposed the application and local residents thought that they were entitled to a say too. Leaflets were designed, printed and distributed, and a public meeting was called at which there was unanimous opposition to the planned development and support for the County Council's stand. The developer appealed and there was a Public Inquiry at which the Inspector upheld the decision. The Catherine Wheel was saved and the Henley Society was formed shortly afterwards.

Since that heady success our activities have been widespread. There have been many achievements and, inevitably, occasions when our views have not prevailed. We have objected to brash shop fronts, plastic canopies, hanging signs, posters and A-Boards, and have regularly lobbied both the Town, District and County Councils on such matters as street cleaning, the condition of lavatories in our main car parks, street lighting, and parking and traffic issues. We were involved some years ago in ensuring the Town Hall roof was appropriately restored and in the saving of the Kenton Theatre.

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We are tree conscious and have been responsible for plantings in the two main car parks, Gravel, Hill, Greys Road and along the Fair Mile among other sites. We took a major part in the campaign for a riverside walk. It took 21 years and a lot of money in Solicitors fees, but it is there now for all to enjoy. Our 2019 campaign to restore 19 Victorian terrace house signs was also successful.

**Our Current Campaigns:** We are currently backing the local campaign to discourage HGVs from using Henley as a rat-run, pushing for the re-instatement of the Friday Street public slipway and have recently lobbied to have garden areas reinstated at Gravel Hill and Reading Road. We are in discussion with Henley Town Council regarding the installation of solar-powered compactor waste bins and a trial of two of them is expected to begin in April 2021 with one sited outside Starbucks and the other at Singers Park. We are also talking to the Town Council on a collaborative restoration of the Phillimore Fountain, and pushing to have the hand-rail adjacent to the steep steps from the church path to the Red Lion forecourt repaired.

**Our Membership:** We have around 270 members. This is a respectable number but must be a small proportion of the number of people who care about Henley and about decisions which affect the quality of the town as a place to live, work and play, now and in the future

**Our subscriptions, unchanged since 1993, are £5 per annum, or £8 for a couple living at the same address, and £50 for Life membership (£80 for a couple living at the same address.)**

We welcome your views on issues that are important to you, and your support, if you approve, on our stand on any given matter. We cannot hope to please all members all of the time but there is generally a consensus of views among members who make their views known to us.

If you would like to join us – and our voice is only as strong as the number of our Members- then please complete the attached form and return it to me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Geoff Luckett  
Chairman  
March 2021

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## ABSOLUTE RUBBISH

The problem of rubbish is often mentioned in this newsletter, and it has been a particularly bad problem as restrictions have been eased and people are meeting for what the Prime Minister described as the permitted 'coffee on a bench'! If only it had been only that. Bagfuls of rubbish and bottles, including vodka, have been collected by a number of people in and around our beautiful village.



After one evening 'party' a week or so ago three bags of rubbish were left just outside the Little Angle - bottles, cans, Domino pizza boxes. These pizzas usually have the name of whoever ordered them - one was addressed to 'William'. It is almost incomprehensible that whoever the culprits were had gone to the trouble (and expense) of taking with them some reasonable quality drawstring rubbish bags (one of which wasn't properly done up and the rubbish spilled out as the photo shows). In exasperation I put it all into my own bags and put them outside my house for collection - using up some precious room in the new recycling bags.

Who do these people think are the 'they' who are going to clear up and pay for their mess?

*Felicity Rutland*

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## LOCKDOWN FOOD FOR THOUGHT

As well as cartoons and videos, I've received a number of thought-provoking messages or sayings. These are ones which struck a cord with me. [Editor](#)

One of these lions has security, free shelter, free food, and free medical care. The other lion has no assurances. Everything about his quality of life is his own responsibility.



**BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR**

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## WHAT A CONTRAST



*A touch of Spring - 22 March*

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## LOCKDOWN HUMOUR



**Thank you to Sue Laing for the following:**

Recently I adopted a dog from a blacksmith. As soon as we got home he made a bolt for the back door.

A bloke just knocked on my door, I opened it and he was about three foot three inches tall. I said: "Who are you?" He replied "I'm the meter man."

I thought I saw a German sausage fly past the window. but it turned out to be a seabird. My vision really has taken a tern for the wurst.

I bought a vintage Rolls Royce, but my budget didn't cover a driver. I feel stupid now, having spent all that money and nothing to chauffeur it.

My mate bought a signed photo of Ronnie Barker and I bought one of Ronnie Corbett, both for 50p. So it was a good buy for me and a good buy for him.



**What a great poem by the late Spike Milligan about smiling**

Smiling is infectious  
You catch it like the flu  
When someone smiled at me today  
I started smiling too  
I walked around the corner  
And someone saw me grin  
When he smiled I realised  
I had passed it on to him  
I thought about the smile  
And then realised its worth  
A single smile like mine  
Could travel round the earth  
So if you feel a smile begin  
Don't leave it undetected  
Start an epidemic  
And get the world infected.

My girlfriend dumped me when she found out I only had nine toes. She was lack toes intolerant.



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