

Keeping in Touch..... Number 61

Welcome to this week's KIT. Thank you so much if you sent something in this week. Please keep the articles coming. The deadline for next week's KIT is noon on Wednesday. Please send anything to c.a.curtis@ntlworld.com. Or ring Alan or Chris on 01480 350787 . If you get away for a few days please send a "virtual postcard" of a few photos.

Irene calling.....

GIGGLE AT A GAGGLE

The Sunlight it shone through our window
A beautiful day bid us wake,
We rose in anticipation
Of our walk, which path should we take?

We chose our route, Wilhorn Meadow,
We scrambled, got ready to go,
'Twas such a glorious morning
Awaited, but we didn't know.

The sunshine was hot, but kindly
The town was so quiet, serene,
The Dolphin we crossed to the meadow
Wild flowers surrounded the scene.

On to the underpass, rattling,
As cars rushed by overhead,
Unknowing of our existence
Or the paths that we would tread.

A wooden bridge lead to the river
Where lily pads glinted in sun,
And tree roots knotted and aged
Lead us in and out - dance of fun.

In a quiet moment of pausing
And taking in the nature we saw,
From seemingly nowhere came into view
One goose and then one more.

One by one, straight and true
Head to tail in a line they swam,
Mothers leading their goslings
Helping youngsters in a jam!

Twenty two we counted
As we stood stock still in awe,
To view this special moment
We will cherish what we saw.

We watched them find a place to land
And one by one they'd jump,
Some with ease and some with help
A nudge, a push, a thump!

We quietly left them, crept away
To live their lives wild and free
A moment in time to keep in mind,
It's how it's meant to be.

cc. IRENE CARTER



Alfresco Elders!



Elders enjoyed the opportunity to meet in person for the first time for over a year. Coffee and excellent cakes were supplied by Catherine in the Manse Garden.. The purpose of the meeting was to begin to discuss how the church might develop post-pandemic.

A very local quiz from Char..... Answers on the last page.



- 1..How many entrances are there to the Cambridge Botanic Gardens?
- 2..In which village is Cambridge University's radio telescope ?
- 3..This village owes its name to the fact that the 6 mile races from Newmarket used to turn about here.
- 4..Oliver Cromwell was born here, and he and Samuel Pepys both went to the old grammar school, also my father John Homes Harrison.
5. Who were the 4 Cambridge men who spied for the Soviet Union?
- 6...What reward was given by Cardinal Wolsey to those who came to see the burning of Martin Luther's books outside Great Saint Mary's church in 1521?
- 7..Which Cambridge college was founded by Emily Davies ?
- 8..This building has a unique number of misericords?
- 9..Where is the best example of Gothic tower folly in Cambridgeshire ?
10. Where is the only Second World War American Military Cemetery in Britain?

Big Bee Challenge from Sally Runham

Following on from No May, and Clogged-Mower June, some of us now have Scythe-July.



However, I will wait until flowers fade, even sow-thistles, nettles, and grasses; then have a bit of a purge to keep the neighbours happy.

I tried to photograph insects on a warm and sunny day to show the benefits of flowers for these important pollinators, and thought of the patient professional wildlife photographers on *Springwatch* with their expensive kit and tripods.

From Radio 2 website:

“Radio 2 is buzzing with excitement as Zoe Ball today announced Radio 2’s Big Bee Challenge - a brand new initiative to shine a light on the plight of our bee population.” “Knowing just how important the plight of bees is, I feel so passionate about this campaign - it’s already got me thinking about what I can do for them in my garden!” - Zoe Ball

It launches... with a competition for children to design a garden that will attract bees and other pollinating insects, with the winning design being built at an NHS Trust site which is used by children and young people with mental health needs. Additionally, Big Bee Challenge Weekend is on Saturday 31 July and Sunday 1 August when we are encouraging everyone to do one thing, large or small, to help the bees - with lots of tips available on-air and the website.”



Alex Cassidy at Christian Aid is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Thank you event for East Anglia

Time: Jun 22, 2021 07:00 PM Greenwich Mean Time

At 7.40pm we will have a five minute break before watching a ½ hour session specially recorded for you with Malcolm Guite, the Christian poet who is a long term supporter of Christian Aid. He wanted to offer this session in recognition of the work that you do to make a difference. Malcolm’s poetry books are critically acclaimed and are always in the bestselling lists. He travels around the world performing his poetry at festivals and other venues. Malcolm’s benefit performance for Christian Aid was packed out at Norwich Cathedral three years ago and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening. He has the perfect voice for poetry.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://christian-aid-org.zoom.us/j/86830308088?pwd=VnFtdHhvVE5GZFVQVmtva1BMdldOdz09>

Meeting ID: 868 3030 8088

Passcode: 275217

Alex Cassidy

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The Magic Bank Account - forwarded from Philip—author unknown

Imagine that you had won the following *PRIZE* in a contest:
Each morning your bank would deposit £86,400 into your private account for your use.

However, this prize has Rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you,
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account,
3. You may only spend it,
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another £86,400 for that Day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account, and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME PRIZE is REAL !!

Shocked ??? YES!

Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE*. Many just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is ***TIME***

1. Each morning we awaken to receive **86,400 seconds** as a gift of Life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. 'Yesterday' is gone forever.
5. Each morning your account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time **WITHOUT WARNING**.

SO, what will YOU do with your daily 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in pounds or any currency.

Think about it, and remember to:-

Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

* Take care of yourself, be Happy, Love deeply and Enjoy life!

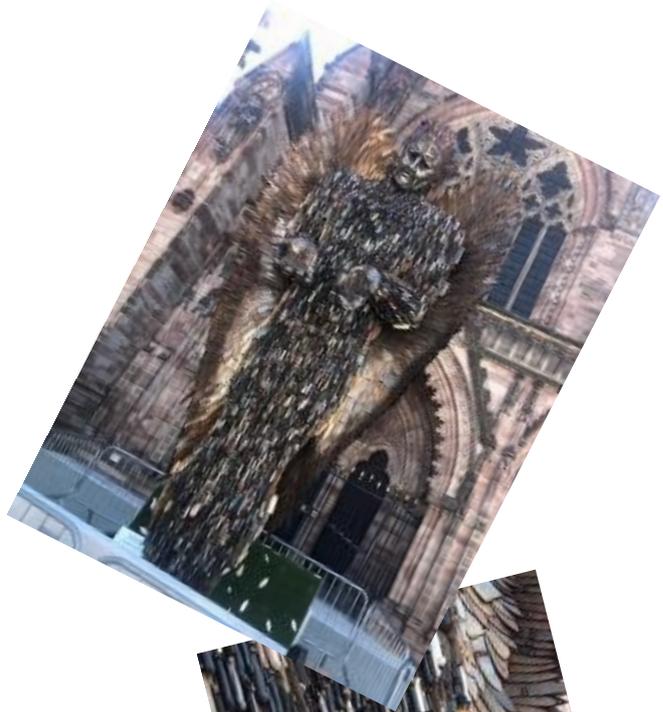
Char's No Mow May Photos



.....and a wall!

Hot off the Press! This morning's visit to Hereford Cathedral.....

**This amazing sculpture moved me to tears.
Its called The Knife Angel and is in Hereford
from 14th June—12th July.**



The Knife Angel is a stunning 27ft tall, 3.5ton sculpture of an angel made out of 100,000 confiscated knives received from 43 Police Forces across the UK. Currently on tour as a national monument against violence and aggression in all its forms

A Postcard from the past!

On a trip to Hereford this week we visited my childhood home (age 1 to 6) in a small village just south of Gloucester.

Far right—our home still named “Tarras” after a river in our Scottish hometown. You can glimpse the Cotswolds behind.

Near right—Hardwicke Parish Church, opposite my school, where I first went to Sunday School.

Below—my first school, a two class-room affair, now sadly derelict



And the canal where my dad furiously cycled along the towpaths with me in a very precarious 1951 child's bike seat!

I failed to find the duck pond he once tripped near sending me flying over his head into the water!



Answers to Char's quiz

1. 3 ,Bateman Street, Trumpington Street and Hills Road
2. .Barton..
3. Six Mile Bottom
4. Huntingdon
5. Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean, Anthony Blunt and Kim Philby
- 6.Free ale
- 7.Girton,the first woman's college in Cambridge
8. Ely Cathedral
9. the grounds of Wimpole Hall
- 10.Coton , 3,811 American war dead buried here

Gerry Mears

Gerry's funeral was held on the 9th June at Cambridge crematorium. Seven people from the Free Church were able to attend the Service and pay their final respects to him. It soon became apparent that Gerry was very well thought of in Willingham as there was a good turnout from the village and his brother and both his sisters were there.

As there were not any donations made on the day, I thought it maybe a way to say thank you for all the years of service he gave to the Free Church, by having our own collection to go to Cancer research, in his honour.

In due course there will be a memorial service, to be held at Willingham church, to which there is an open invitation. It would seem fitting to hand over our donations on that day.

A donation box will be in Tookeys and the hall on Mondays.

Donations can be made in the office and left with Gail.

Cheques should be made payable to- Cancer Research UK

Pat Clarke