

Keeping in Touch..... Number 64

Welcome to this week's KIT. Thank you so much if you sent something in this week. Please keep the articles coming if you want KIT to continue. 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. And what about your favourite school assembly or Sunday School hymns/songs you'd like to share?

Liz Denham writes...

I thought we might start a series of Iona articles? So we are sending you pics of our stay on Iona in 1989 A long time ago but such a wonderful experience that it still seems like yesterday! We are sure other folks will have pics of this stay, which we would love to see! Does anyone recognise who was cleaning the toilet with me? And who was on the Pilgrimage with me? Here's hoping ! Liz



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Stitches for Survival – An Update by Sally Runham



Stitches for Survival is a peaceful campaign that uses crafted panels of fabric artwork to raise awareness of climate change running up to the COP26 talks in Glasgow in November. I have started knitting a panel by casting on the 60cm width which will be joined to other panels. I have now done 10cm of the maximum 100cm length and realise this could take some time as well as quite a bit of wool. To make joining this project accessible to as many people as possible, in discussion with others in the Eco-Faith group, Mary Cox and I thought:

Squares of 30cm by 50cm could be sewn together to make up a panel.

Sections of 60cm by any length could be assembled to make a panel.

So, it would be great if anyone would like to donate some knitted, crocheted or sewn work in any of these sizes and bring it to the local collection point in Just Sharing by 17th September.

If you cannot sew or knit, or lack time, but would like to support this campaign, please leave spare blue or green wool, blue/ green themed fabric or thread for others to use with the staff at Just Sharing. If anyone would like to help sew the work together, that is another welcome contribution.

“Stitches For Survival is a group of **knitters, crocheters, stitchers and crafters** from across the UK and beyond with a heart-felt message to the COP26 climate talks to be held in Glasgow 1–12 November 2021. It is time to put the Earth — the basis for our very survival — and not money, centre stage in political decisions.”

The target of 1.5 miles of craftwork will encircle the COP26 conference centre to symbolize the 1.5 degrees maximum target for global warming up to 2030. After the conference, the scarf will go on tour to raise awareness of the planet’s plight, then rearranged to produce blankets for refugee camps. For more information, please visit:

www.stitchesforsurvival.org.uk <https://www.facebook.com/>

Or email: sallyrunham@aol.com



From Stitches for Survival website gallery.

Irene calling.....

UPS AND DOWNS

The sunshine's back and all around
Our spirits lift and hope is found,
This strange new world of opening up
Half full, half empty, challenge cup.

Defy the amber, red and green?
And do your thing and flout the scene?
Or like so many keep rules, and try,
To help our nation, but wonder why?

It feels unfair our lives have changed
While others adjusted, rearranged
The rules to suit their wants and need,
So they can do as they like - I plead!

Work together one goal in mind,
For the future of mankind,
Bite the bullet, no nonsense,
Think out rules with common sense.

Politics put to the side,
This thing's much bigger than your pride!
Economy - in trauma shock,
Health comes first before unlock.

We have to learn to live, survive
With Covid, so a plan contrive,
Where safety and work goes hand in hand,
Strict rules and adherence must be planned!

cc. IRENE CARTER

***A postcard from the west coast
of Scotland....***



Babs getting to know the neighbours
on Arran!

And Babs and John enjoying a sunny
day on the beautiful island of Gigha
with Islay and Jura in the background.



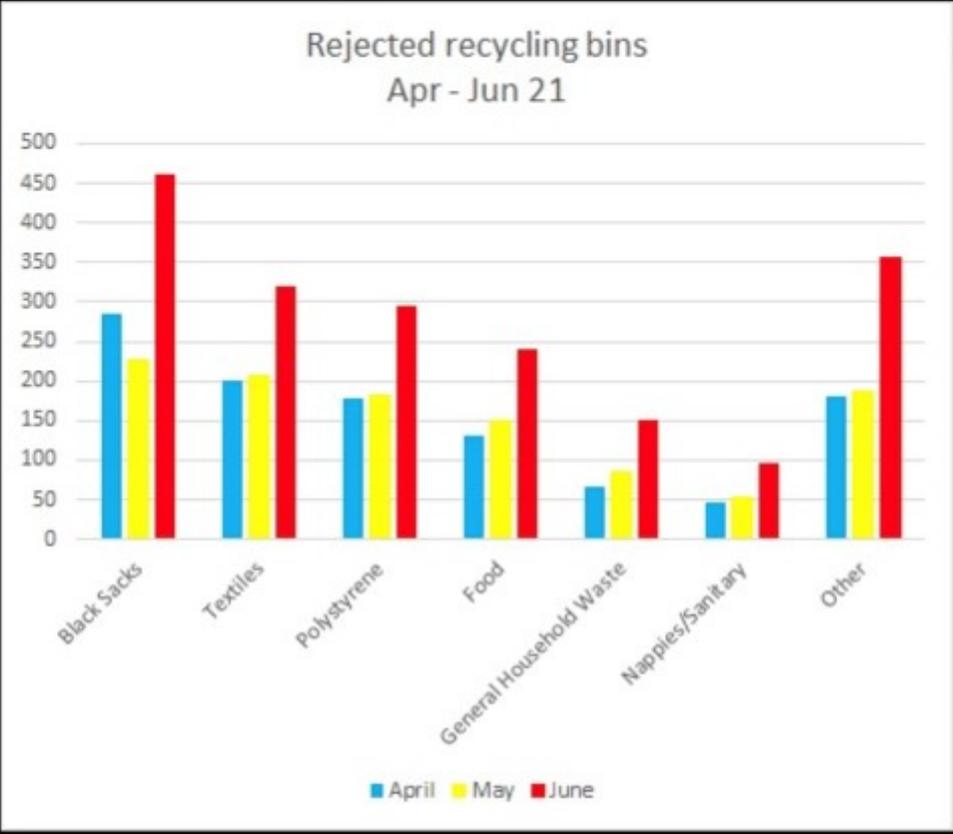
***Don't forget!!
If you want to attend worship on a
Sunday, you need to let the church
office know in advance so we can
keep within our safe limits!***

01480 468535

I was horrified to see this yesterday from our local council.....

10:50 Wed 7 Jul

36%



Huntingdonshire Recycles
July 1 at 5:30 PM · 🌐

We have rejected a staggering 1,558 bins in June due to contaminating items.

These items would not only cost us money by being rejected at the Materials Recovery Facility, but also cause other good recyclable materials to become contaminated and lead to more waste being sent to landfill.

Please do not add these items to your recycling bins.

#WasteMinimisation #huntingdonshirerecycles 🌱♻️🌈

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Do watch what you put in your blue bins!!!

Now that midsummer is behind us..... Char asks.....

What gift from mother nature has given you the most joy this year?

I think mine must be the two pairs of goldfinches that are currently to be seen in the garden.

Their lovely tinkling song reminds me of warm Greek holidays.

They are not shy birds and sometimes allow quite a close approach, there must be a strong bond between them as I haven't seen one on it's own, always Mister and Misses fluttering about, Mister loves to display his golden wing.

Could the goldfinch be replacing our bullfinches? I haven't seen one round here for a few years now .

Ed. I fear you are right Char - bullfinches are a rare sight these days whilst goldfinch numbers are increasing.



**The Redcap by John Clare
—in praise of the goldfinch**

*The redcap is a painted bird
And beautiful its feathers are;
In early spring its voice is heard
While searching thistles
brown and bare:
It makes a nest of mosses grey
And lines it round with thistle-down;
Five small pale eggs they lay
In places never far from town.*

From Chris...

The other day we heard a commotion on a neighbour's roof and looked up to see eleven magpies!

*One for sorrow
Two for joy
Three for a girl
Four for a boy
Five for silver
Six for gold
Seven for a secret
Never to be told,
Eight for a wish,
Nine for a kiss,
Ten for a bird
You must not miss*

What could eleven be for?

A message from Barbara.....

Coffee Mornings

We started the zoom coffee mornings at the end of August 2020! Since then we have become zoom experts, managed chat rooms, enjoyed a vast range of conversations and shared tears and laughter.

Best of all around 20 people have kept in touch with each other at some point over the last nine months.

Now that most of us are able to go out and about more, numbers have dropped considerably and we have decided to stop the coffee mornings. If the situation changes (no!!) we can always start up again.

It has been a pleasure to talk to you all and I do hope you will all stay in touch with each other in person or by email or phone. Hopefully we will shortly all be back together to share in fellowship once more.

With best wishes,

Barbara

A huge thank you to Barbara and Lin for starting and sustaining this initiative!

From Char's sister Louie in Spain.....

Good morning Mr Buffo.....



There are two of them. I had suspected they lived under the back steps. I would be very happy to learn it was them that ate the lemon peel from my fallen lemons!

From the past.....

Who remembers this one?

I know Brian does as he sometimes plays it during the offertory!

Hear the pennies dropping

Listen as they fall

Every one for Jesus

He saw have them.

Dropping, dropping,

Dropping, dropping

Hear the pennies fall

Every one for Jesus

He shall have them all

