

Keeping in Touch..... Number 67

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.

This contribution from Char was designed for last week's KIT but the pigeon flying from Oakington landed just too late.....

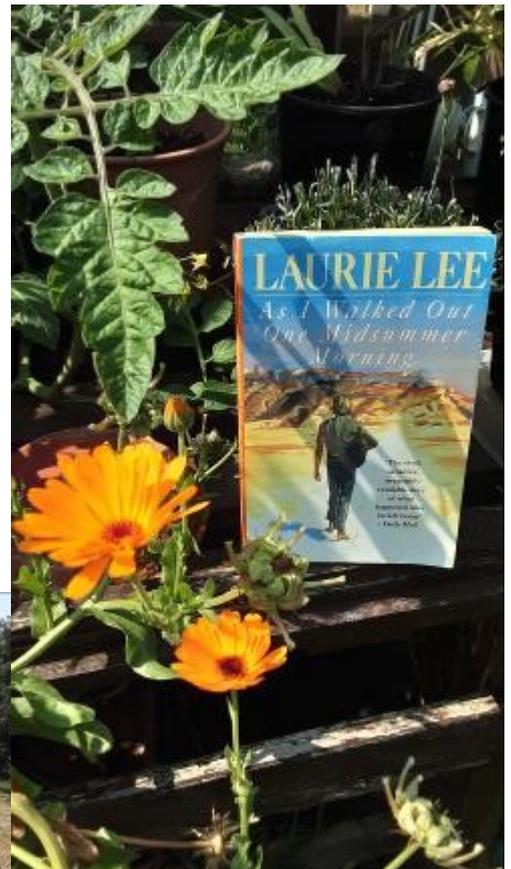
As few of us will be going abroad for a holiday which travel book has given you the most pleasure?. My choice is.....

Laurie Lee's "As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning"

Set in 1934, the young man walks through a land where the signs of civil war are visible.

I have read this beautiful book countless times, it takes you into the heart of Spain fulfilling your dreams of travelling .

Good news, the hay was cut, turned, lined up and baled during last week's hot weather, yesterday's rain will set the field to rights again. A very good crop this year.



A last word from Kintyre from Babs.....

Davaar Island Paintings

I cannot resist a causeway so having left John discovering the delighted of Cambeltown, I went exploring on my bike to see if I could get to a causeway I had seen from the car. I could and the



tide was right, so I attempted to cycle across but too much like hard work in the shingle so locked bike to itself and continued on foot. Quite a

walk and then found when I got to the island that there were some cave paintings. As I had only a 2 hour window before meeting back with John, I hastened around the island and then did the last tough section, may be 20 mins over boulders and big stones to an incredibly inaccessible place. I was expecting something quite different but was amazed to find an image of Christ. In 1887 ARCHIBALD MACKINNON, A local Campbeltown art teacher, had a vision in which he was instructed to paint a depiction of the crucifixion in a cave on Davaar Island. Fisherman thought the artwork was a miracle from God and initially when the artist came to light, he was driven out of town but was eventually allowed back. He twice restored his original work and it is now a local artist looking after it. A challenging place to get to, and if you look up on a map you will see Cambeltown is about as inaccessible as it gets on the UK mainland before the challenges of a causeway but well worth a visit if you are feeling fit! I was not sorry to find John coming to meet me on the causeway with car handy to reload bike onto!



Irene calling.....

HOME

Home is where the heart is
Peace reigns on close of door,
When life outside gets crazy
I love home more and more.

The News is full of worry
Though sometimes there's a spark,
A glimmer in the headlines
A light within the dark.

At home I can be mindful
Relax and kick off shoes,
Forget about the virus,
The troubles and the blues.

My garden too is heaven
It's small but I don't care,
It's brimming with bright flowers
There's beauty everywhere.

I listen to the News Round,
I take in what is said,
But what's the use of worrying,
I say a prayer instead.

The world is in a turmoil
But one day with God's grace
We'll gather back our freedom
'Till then home's my safe place!

cc. IRENE CARTER

Huntingdon's First Eco Fair on 17th July 2021 by Sally Runham

This event was held in Market Square with the main market along the high street, allowing shoppers to flow from one to the other. Stallholders demonstrated key messages: minimise waste, recycle more efficiently and use less single-use plastics: all aiming to be more sustainable. Hard soap can replace bottled liquid soaps, shower gels and shampoos. Vegan meals and recipes were promoted as tasty alternatives to meat. HDC demonstrated management of waste. Huntingdon Rotary demonstrated their Young Environmentalist awards. Some stalls had upcycled crafts on display, such as pen and plant pots. Cards made from recycled materials included thin metal motifs for specific events. One stall had a quiz to let visitors estimate how long it would take various items to decompose. Sucka Straws plastic free straws can be washed and recycled: shown right! Let's hope such events get bigger with lots of sustainable ideas.



Earliest holiday memories...from Chris.

My earliest memory of a holiday is from 1952 when I was 3. We travelled by train from our home near Gloucester to visit relations in Teignmouth in Devon. I remember so clearly standing by the door of the carriage where, by standing on tiptoe, I could just see over. Oh, the magic as the train took that wonderful journey down the Exe estuary with the sun shining and sailing boats on the sparkling water. The first time I saw the sea!

The relations—she was Aunty Doris, but I have forgotten the names of the uncle and their son—lived in a house clinging to the

banks of the River

Teign just under the shadow of the bridge to Shaldon—I thought it was magical. I re-

member too the

“Bucking Broncos” in a small play area near the beach. Much later when I was studying at Exeter I made that journey many times, always loving how the railway line clung to the coast.

Alan also recalls having a holiday there about the same year.

Maybe we met on the beach!!



Our second.... And our third visits to Iona.....from Chris and Alan.

Our second visit happened in the summer of 1993. It was a strange experience. Iona was as beautiful as ever but there was a strange, disquietening feeling amongst staff and community at the Abbey. It was compounded by the fact that most of us had gone for a retreat on a particular theme but the leader hadn't been able to come and they'd found someone else who led us on a very different topic. They were terrible as a leader and greatly upset some of our group. There was no pastoral support forthcoming from staff so Alan and I had to step into the breach. Also they failed to run the promised children's activities—so guess who did that! In the end the leader left before the end and the group bonded together in adversity! The result was that, despite everything, we returned fortified and renewed.



Our third visit in 2009 was totally different. We were on a birdwatching cruise and we landed by Zodiac from our ship. We walked to the “Bay at the back of the ocean” seeing corncrakes on the way. We then went to the Abbey, visiting Kate’s seat before returning to our ship to go on to Staffa and Lunga. It was a stunningly beautiful..



Last Sunday..... What a joy-filled service we had! Sid Bridges, his wife Debs (Faith's daughter) and six of their children led us in a happy, thought-provoking and interactive service. And we could sing!!!! And Brian could enjoy accompanying us again!



Char's contribution for this week.....

When I wrote to you about "As I Walked Out One Morning" I forgot to say that I think for many just about the best British holiday can be spent in, on, beside our very own dear old river.

We are so lucky

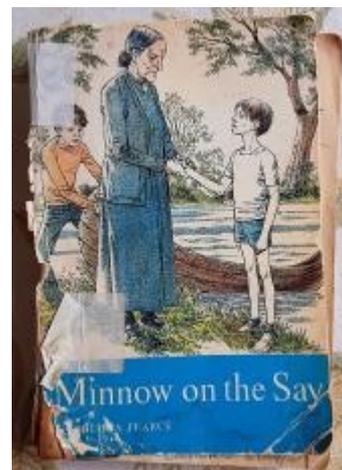
This is my battered copy of "Minnow on the Say".

One of my top three book

house.
'The river!' cried David, his whole face lighted with joy.
'The River Say at the bottom of his garden!'
'And remember those wet stockings that he came back with, and had to change.'
'And, of course, they'd have a boat.'
'He went out in the boat, secretly, with the treasure——'
'And hid it "over the water"—somewhere on the far bank of the river!'
The boys gazed at each other, beaming mutual congratulations. David was stirred by so deep an excitement that he stood as in a trance of feeling: he felt the warmth of the sun on his neck; he heard the soft humming of the bees; he smelt the leaves of the apple-mint that had strayed over the neglected path and been trodden and crushed under foot. Adam stretched out his hand and took his, and began leading him, almost ceremoniously, towards the river. 'This,' he said, 'is the beginning of our treasure-seeking.'

The author Philippa Pearce lived near Cambridge and we recognise the setting of her beautiful story.

My fathers and Grandfather's cousins used to regularly come to St Ives for their summer holidays . One year some of them built a sailing boat— the Knut Shell, IT eventually sank at The Waits and I suppose it is still there.



Pat Clarke asks..... "Can everyone please search their cupboards for any unwanted "take-away" boxes and donate them to Tookey's".

Thank you!

Keeping in Touch...into the future! From Pete Davies

Thank you to everybody who responded to our request for feedback on how we should keep in touch in future. Having listened to what was said we have come up with a plan which we would like to share with you.

Many of you have said how much you have enjoyed Keeping In Touch and that you would like it to continue. You've also said that you would like Inspire to restart and for that to provide information about the services and events taking place in church.

What's our plan for Keeping In Touch?

KIT will continue and will switch to fortnightly instead of weekly. It will continue to focus on helping our church family keep in touch (the clue is in the title!) and to share news and views that are of interest to us. Chris Curtis who has done such a fantastic job over the past 16 months will continue to take the lead on producing KIT assisted by Mary Anthony. We hope that you will all continue to contribute to this in all the ways you have.

We will continue to email and post KIT out to those who would like to receive it but it will not be available to pick up in church by visitors.



Greetings

It is an extraordinary time for everyone, with all our Easter services cancelled - so finally Thursday evening service, on Good Friday with a hymn and new Easter Sunday morning Holy Communion service. The most important time of the year in the Christian calendar - yes, I think it should be even more important! East Christian - and we cannot gather to worship you and sing together. However, it has been good that we could keep in touch via email and mail. Hope that you are following our Weekly News Bulletin and Weekly Enquiries.

We are still a Christian community, a Christian fellowship, and will as church, even though we are finding it hard, in a different way, for the Church to be the body of believers, not just building, not just Sunday services. So, in these difficult times we are still to be praying and caring for one another. We may not be able to gather together in person, but we can continue to support and care for each other.

BOOKS are being by Catherine calls, so that we can consider alternative ways you can be still church during this time period. One of the blessings of our high-tech world, with the world wide web, internet and social media, is that there are many ways in which we can meet. If you are or email we will continue to send out a Weekly News Bulletin where we can update you on the latest UPC guidelines, plans or messages and provide more news with each other.

I will endeavour to write or share a Bible Reading, Reflection and Prayer each week. We will send these by email to those who are so desired - if not we will post them.

Free Church Worship

Parish Chapel Prayers 9.30am Monday to Saturday

Sun 1st	11:00	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
Sun 8th	11:00	Media & Comm. Team
Sun 15th	11:00	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball
Sun 22nd	11:00	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball
Sun 29th	11:00	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball
Sun 5th	11:00	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion

COSI Summer Concert

Come along to the Free Church at 8.30pm on Sunday 18th July to hear the Chamber Orchestra of St. Ives (COSI) perform a delightful selection of music from around Europe for a summer evening and to mark the 10th anniversary of COSI (Festival and Events in St Ives).

The evening features music by Poulenc (Sextet), Mendelssohn (Fair Melodious evening), Sibelius (Rhapsody for bassoon and orchestra) and Sibelius (Karelia). Tickets are £5 in advance or £10 on the door. Children under 18 go free. Available from Just Sharing in the Free Church or online: www.ickelbouse.co.uk/eveninglive

Deadline for Aug Sunday 14th July Publication date 21st July

A date for your diary:

Sunday 11th August

Tea in Tookay's followed by a lovely relaxing boat trip along the river then return to church for a short service.

More details to follow soon

What's our plan for Inspire?

We don't have the volunteers and resources to keep Inspire going in the size and format that it was in previous years. In future it will be smaller, but it will return to being monthly. It will include a message, usually from Catherine, and contact details. It will include details of services along with details of any events which may be of interest to church members and to visitors.

We plan for Sarah Bateman to take on the job of producing this each month with support from others including Val Bush.. We will print out copies of this and make those available in church in the way we have in the past. We will

also email copies to those who would like to receive it that way.

We're not sure exactly when these changes will take place, but hopefully sometime soon - probably from the start of September and will be for a trial period of six months initially.