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are on page 24**

'Hold On.....Love will See you Through'

As I write, I have just come back from my hour's exercise of the day in which I took a walk that led me up the hill from the valley and through the grounds of Doddington Place. When I reached the top of the hill, I stopped to look around me. It was a beautiful sunny morning, of which we have been blessed with many recently, and it was a pleasure to drink in the fresh air and the soundscape devoid of the noise of human activity but full of the busy, creative, spring bustle, chirps and hum of nature. This morning my gaze was drawn to the trees all coming into full leaf, with the magnificent horse chestnuts proudly bearing their new candles. In the parkland the trees have sufficient space to grow fully to the shape they want to take and as I stood and studied them, I was filled with wonder at their sheer size.

I have always found something immensely comforting about nature that is bigger than me. I think it's a common experience. We are awed by the magnificence of mountains, by the unstoppable power of waterfalls, by the vastness of deserts, by the roar of the ocean. Perhaps it reminds us of our littleness, that there is something bigger and more powerful than we are.

At the present time, we are all too aware of something seemingly bigger and more powerful than we are. We are frightened by the Corona Virus pandemic. We are used to exercising a considerable degree of control over our worlds, but that illusion has been swept away and we are confused and scared because we are threatened by something that we cannot see, or hear, touch, taste or smell. Something we can only know by its devastating effects. Our world has become strange to us and we are confronted by loneliness and isolation, by sickness and death, and none of us is immune.

This is not an easy time for anyone, and I am not denying the reality of the pain and misery, nor the importance of sitting and allowing those feelings full reign. But for me, this is not where the story ends. For me, for Christians, for people of faith all over the world, there is something bigger than the Corona Virus. It is something we cannot see, or hear, touch, taste or smell. And it is something that we can only know by its amazing effects. It is the God who holds each of us individually and the whole of our world. We may not understand his ways, but love, which is his weapon of choice in this and every battle, can be seen everywhere we look. From the beauty of nature's continuing creation, to the kindness of neighbours, to the generosity of community action, to the heroic sacrifice of NHS staff, God's love will always find a way. And ultimately, there is no Corona Virus in the Kingdom of Heaven. In finishing, I would like to share with you my favourite Bible verse. It unfailingly soothes my anxieties and I hope it might do the same for you:

'For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.' Romans 8:38-39

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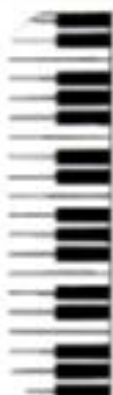

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[This service has been set up to support those that don't have anyone else to help, as demand on the service is high and we need to make sure we prioritise those that are most vulnerable and are in greatest need.](#)

If someone is:

- over 70
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- self-isolating because you have symptoms, or live with someone with symptoms

and has no friends or family nearby who can help with things like food shopping or topping up prepay meters, they can call us on 01795 417525.

The line is open from:

- 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday
- 9am to 4:30pm Friday
- 10am to 2pm Saturday and Sunday, and bank holidays.

Outside these times contact the Kent Together helpline at www.kent.gov.uk/KentTogether or by calling 03000 41 92 92.

For more information, visit www.swale.gov.uk/community-response.

There is more information on help and advice regarding the Coronavirus situation on pages 22 & 23

On a happier note: on pages 19 – 21 there are some pictures for those that like colouring in and a VE 75 word game to keep those brain cells ticking.



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Buddies Parent and Toddler Group: Thursday morning (term-time) 10.00 to 11.30. All children aged 0 - 4 and their carers are most welcome. Contact Rebecca Outred on 07790515273.

Doddington Ukulele Movement: Thursday evenings 8pm. Contact: Bob Allen: 01795 886848, bobbiallen@btinternet.com

Monthly

Doddington Parish Council : 2nd Monday 7.30 pm. Local residents welcome to observe, and there is a section for questions and comments from the public.

Historical Research Group: 4th Monday 7.30pm. Exploring local history and archaeology in the three parishes. Enquiries to Paula 01795 886165 or email: pkjardinerose@hotmail.com

Newnham Village Hall (unless otherwise stated)

Weekly

Youth Club: It would be useful if those parents interested in their teenagers having a youth club could contact the Parish Council (see page 11 for contact details).

U3A Art Group: Every Monday afternoon 1-4pm. Contact: Sue 890627

Newnham Brownies: 5.30pm - 7.00pm every Tuesday (term-time only). Contact: Val - 890240

Tea and Chat: 2pm on **1st and 3rd** Thursdays of each month but during summer months 3rd Thursday only.

Newnham Folk Dance Group: Friday 8.00pm - 10.00pm. 01227 264322

Monthly

Newnham Parish Council Meeting: 2nd Thursday each month at 8pm

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Plus special seated class at Norton Village Hall each Wednesday 11.30am-12.30pm. Contact: Jane 01795 886267

Zumba: Day and evening classes in Teynham, Faversham and Eastling. Contact Leigh Miles 01795 890149, 07873431952, leigh.fitness@btinternet.com, or www.milesdanceandfitness.com

Guitar & Ukulele Group: The Chequers, Wednesday 7.30pm - 9.30pm, all levels welcome.

Useful contacts

Doddington Neighbourhood Watch: To be kept informed of local incidents and general notifications issued by the Kent NHW police, please email: neighbourhoodwatch.doddington@yahoo.com
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Doddington Community Warden: Dave Osborne: 07813 712803

Doddington and Newnham online: www.doddingtonkent.btck.co.uk

www.newnhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk.

Facebook: Doddington Village and Newnham Village each have their own Facebook sites

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Councillors: Graham Cuthbert 886365, Peter Duckworth 886112,
Kevin Fraser 886623, Colin Jones 886857 and Sallie Shaw 886804
Clerk: Wendy Licence 01622 739324

COVID -19

Across the country, people are facing a huge challenge from coronavirus (COVID-19), and its impact on their lives and work following Government regulations for everyone other than key workers etc to stay at home. Councillors reviewed the support available for elderly and vulnerable people in the Parish and noted that all households had been hand delivered a note setting out the help available. Members of the Parish Council have offered to be on call for any of their neighbours in the village who may, over the next few months, need help in obtaining shopping, medical supplies or up to date information regarding the virus.

Kevin 886623 Colin 886857 PLEASE CALL AFTER 9am & BEFORE 6pm

Further help is also available from:-

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PLANNING MATTERS

Ref: 19/504932/FULL Address: Down Court Farm. Down Court Rd, Doddington ME9 0AT

Proposal: Erection of two grain stores and construction of screening bund and associated landscaping

The application has been permitted

Ref: 20/500933/TPOA Address: The Old Vicarage Church Hill Doddington ME9 0BD

TPO application: to carry out works to horse chestnut tree as described in Arboricultural report SA/1657/20.

A decision is yet to be made.

Ref: 20/500104/FULL Address: 8 Northdown Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0BQ

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage, 2no. sheds and 1no log store. Erection of 1no. detached three bedroom dwelling with associated works

A decision is yet to be made.

Date of next Meeting: Monday 11 May 2020 at 7.30pm

This will be a virtual meeting, details of which can be found on the agenda when published.

There is a public time for residents to address the Council.

This is a brief summary of the virtual meeting held on 16 April, the full minutes will be available on the Parish Council website when ratified.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Present: Cllrs C Woods, S Elworthy, J Crampton, S Gunner, P Pawlik, E Turner, S Wickenden

In attendance: Louise Bareham (Clerk), Cllr A Bowles (KCC), Cllr D Simmons (SBC) + 1 member of the public

The meeting opened at 7pm

Minutes

Cllr Simmons congratulated the Council on co-opting 3 new members. The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th March were proposed by Cllr Gunner and seconded by Cllr Crampton and on being put to the meeting it was ***resolved to agree the Minutes.***

Covid-19 Emergency Update

The emergency numbers had not received many calls, although Cllr Turner had collected some prescriptions. It was noted that Doughty's and the garage were still open in Doddington, but The George's shop was temporarily closed.

Finance

It was proposed by Cllr Wickenden, seconded by Cllr Elworthy and on being put to the meeting it was resolved to open an account with NatWest Bank and Cllrs Wickenden, Gunner, Crampton, Elworthy and Gunner to be signatories.

Matters for Report

Cllr Gunner noted road edges along Faversham Road were corroded by lorries in a number of areas.

The newsletter would now only be sent by email, so a request should be put out via Facebook and the website. It was suggested to have something for children to do in the newsletter.

Cllr Simmons hadn't seen the traffic survey so the Clerk will forward.

Date of Next Meeting

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Thursday 14th May, 7pm via Zoom

The meeting closed at 7.38pm

NEWNHAM COUNCILLORS

Colin Woods (Chairman) 890621, Sue Gunner (Vice Chairman) 890627, Sue Elworthy 886821,
Jane Crampton 890491, Pippa Pawlik 07976301443, Emma Turner 07879225544
and Sally Wickenden 890965

Clerk: Louise Bareham 892149 email: louise.bareham@hotmail.co.uk



Coronavirus and Society Events

The situation regarding coronavirus is changing daily. Be assured that the Society Committee is keeping a watching brief on updates to Government guidelines. In the first instance it has been decided to postpone all of our planned events up until September. All efforts will be made to contact members should there be any problems and the Society website will post updates on its home page:

www.lynsted-society.co.uk.

In the meantime stay safe.

May History Notes

The information below has been kindly supplied by the above society

VICTORY IN EUROPE

At 3pm on Tuesday 8 May 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill made a radio announcement that the war in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before.

On the 75th anniversary we remember the men and women of Lynsted, Kingsdown, Norton, Teynham, Newnham, Doddington, Wychling, Oare and Luddenham who lost their lives.

1940				1943 (continued)			
Gordon Richard Hopper	-	Oare	- 5 February	Cuthbert William Prideaux Selby	- Lynsted & Teynham	-	27 August
Sydney Philip Gregory	-	Oare	- 21 July	Edwin Dennis Kite	- Doddington	-	22 September
Lousia Banfield	-	Teynham	- 11 September	Donald Leonard Seagar Smith	- Doddington	-	28 September
Elsie May Castle	-	Teynham	- 11 September	Herbert Bertie Parrish	- Teynham	-	21 October
Charles Henry Apps	-	Newnham	- 16 November				
1941				1944			
Frederick Charles Ruck	-	Lynsted & Teynham	- 26 February	Albert Andrews	- Doddington	-	1 February
Richard Beacon	-	Teynham	- 17 April	James William Allen	- Teynham	-	4 February
William Leach	-	Doddington	- 23 April	Winifred Mary Clarace Gambell	- Lynsted	-	14 March
Robert Henry (Bertram) Mills	-	Lynsted	- 23 May	Edric Albert Hutton	- Lynsted	-	8 June
Arnold Edward Taylor	-	Doddington	- 24 May	Edmund Henry Jeffreys	- Doddington	-	10 June
Peter George Hills	-	Newnham	- 2 November	Robert Richard Hodges	- Norton & Teynham	-	26 June
Ernest Charles Baker	-	Teynham	- 26 November	Bertram Charles Heathfield	- Teynham	-	21 July
Edward George Post	-	Teynham	- 18 December	Jack Victor Horsnail	- Teynham	-	2 September
				Ernest Harry Branch	- Lynsted	-	6 September
1942				Kenneth Whigham Stevens	- Newnham	-	21 September
Leslie Frank Burford	-	Luddenham	- 1 March	George Edward Amos	- Teynham	-	2 October
Charles Henry Gransden	-	Lynsted	- 4 March	Edith Caroline Bailey	- Lynsted	-	24 October
Harry Stephen Amos	-	Lynsted	- 2 June	William Holtum	- Newnham	-	20 November
Frederick Payne	-	Norton	- 6 June	Harold Lewis Willis	- Luddenham	-	23 November
Philip William Phillips	-	Doddington	- 29 June				
Archibald Gilbert	-	Lynsted	- 30 June	Hubert Frank Higgins	- Doddington	-	18-19 January
Alan Douglas Comyn	-	Wychling	- 19 August	Leslie Frank Boorman	- Teynham	-	1-2 February
John Vivian Sharp	-	Lynsted	- 18 November	Alfred Henry Daniel Fisher	- Lynsted	-	1 April
Walter Edgar Watson	-	Teynham	- 30 November	Albert Price	- Teynham	-	5 April
1943				Edwin J Moody	- Wychling	-	11 April
Francis Henry Clapp	-	Lynsted & Norton	- 25 January	Cecil William Powell	- Oare	-	4 August
Robert Charles Elston	-	Teynham	- 28 February	(James) Percy Dale	- Oare	-	11 October
George Ivan Drury	-	Teynham	- 31 March				
Frank Robert Horsnail	-	Teynham	- 9 August	Geoffrey Sydney Button	- Teynham	-	18 January
John Darrell Jeffreys	-	Doddington	- 16 August				

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Nature Notes

More **red kite** sightings over the last few weeks – including over our house at West End in Doddington, and over Down Court Cottages, where seven **buzzards** were also seen together.

We can't get out much at present, but there's lots to look for in the garden. Butterflies that are flying now include **peacock**, **small tortoiseshell**, **comma** and the lovely **orange-tip**. Look out for early season bees and also bee-flies – the brown, furry insects with long proboscises which they use to suck nectar as they hover in front of flowers. There are two species locally: the **large** or **dark-edged bee-fly** has a dark front edge to each wing, while the **dotted bee-fly** has dark spots scattered across each wing – the tricky thing is to catch one with its wings still so you can see the pattern!

There's loads of stuff on the web to help you enjoy and learn about wildlife while we are on lockdown. The Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland has launched its Garden Wildflower Hunt (<https://bsbi.org/garden-wildflower-hunt>). Meanwhile, my own employers, Plantlife, are running their Every Flower Counts survey (<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/everyflowercounts/>) – where you count the number of flowers in a square metre of lawn - from 23 to 31 May: leave your lawn unmown till then, and you can find out how much nectar your lawn is producing, and how many bees this will support.

If you are on Twitter, the Chris Packham has set up the Self-isolating Bird Club (<https://twitter.com/SIBirdClub> or go to Twitter and search for @SIBirdClub). And there's been a lot of love for **dandelions** on Twitter. With the reduction in routine management of parks and verges, dandelions and many other wild flowers have been having a field day, and people have taken the opportunity to watch and photograph the many species of insects that visit dandelion flowers. Something you can do, if you're really keen, is to learn to identify the dandelions in your area. Last month, I wrote about apomictic plants, which reproduce asexually and form large numbers of very similar species – in the case of dandelions, this is more than 200! If you are interested, search #Dandelionfest on Twitter – or just take time to look closely at dandelions and see how much they vary in leaf-shape, flower size, the colour underneath the outer petals, and the shape of 'ruff' under each flower.



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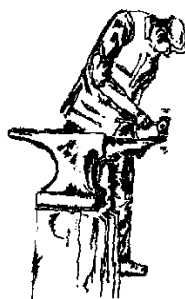
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have been suspended for
the time being but the
website will continue to be
updated with information
on the current situation.**

Newnham Village 100 Club – April Draw results

1st prize No. 45 2nd prize No. 50 3rd prize No. 91

Next draw – 14th May 2020

For details contact either Jeff Kirby 890095 or Steve Dixon 890205

Residents Suggestions

Taking Daily Exercise - Why not Plog?

One benefit of self-isolation is less speeding traffic in our villages. And less traffic means less litter lobbed from car windows into hedgerows and verges. Research by Zero Waste Scotland found that litterers are disinclined to drop litter in clean areas, it follows therefore. that litter attracts litter.

As you're out enjoying your daily exercise why not Plog? Invented in Sweden, Plogging (jogging and picking up litter) is easy to do. Just take a carrier bag and gloves to avoid contamination from Covid19 virus and put your litter into the dustbin before you go inside.

Who knows when this is all over, perhaps motorists will lob less litter if none exists in our area of outstanding natural beauty?

Shopping

There are many items that can be purchased on line, both groceries, clothes and household goods, including electronic devises that enable us to stay in touch with our friends and families.

Most of these companies enable you have deliveries sent to an address other than your own, thereby being able to help those without the online facility to shop "from home".

Locally, Robert of Milk & More delivers milk and groceries to customers in our villages and, of course, Doughty butchers do deliveries also.

Children – online interests

Orchard Toys, Twinkl, Learning Resources all have items of interest to keep children occupied and at English Heritage and National Trust, there are sections with children's' activities and podcasts.

For Life's Journey

A poem by Pam Hawkins will be
In next month's newsletter, in the
meantime, a few words from
Spike Milligan

Slip Ware

There's many a slip
Twix cup and lip,
And the sound it makes
Is drip, drip, drip.

Bad Report - Good Manners

My daddy said, 'My son, my son,
This school report is bad'
I said, 'I did my best I did,
My dad my dad my dad,'
'Explain, my son, my son,' he said,
'Why bottom of the class?'
'I stood aside, my dad my dad,
To let the others pass.'

Pennies from Heaven

I put 10p in my Piggy Bank
To save for a rainy day,
It rained the very next morning!
Three cheers, Hip, Hip, Hooray!

Happy Birthday Dan



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Sadly, the indoor & garden entertainment planned by Claire & Dave at The George, is unable to take place, but a suggestion has been made to display written items and photographs in the car park which can be viewed by others - keeping to the distance rules of course. So, if you have any memories of that day or stories from your relatives, please send them into the email address on the last page, they and any photographs can be printed and laminated ready for display in the carpark on the 8th May. **Latest receipt date will be 10am Thursday 7th May**

A Cream Tea Party Box can be ordered in advance for collection at the Horse Box on 8th May – Price £8.95



Eastling School News

Eastling Primary School like all schools nationally is going through unprecedented times. We are continuing to support all the children by providing home learning and opening the school for the children whose parents are key workers. The safety and wellbeing of the children and staff is our priority. The school was looking forward to being involved with the Eastling Annual Bluebell Walk this year but this of course can happen next year. We do have some school news to share with you from last term.

On Monday 16th March our two infant classes, Acorn and Silver Birch, enjoyed a day of Outdoor Cooking. The school was delighted to work with Wild Classrooms again and the children cooked some delicious Chinese food.

Year 6 were fortunate to still be able to have their residential trip before the country went into lockdown. The week was great fun and the children will all have long lasting memories. The children particularly enjoyed raft building where the majority of the children did end up WET! Mrs Dale remained on dry ground to take photographs and could not contain herself laughing hysterically when Mr Brunger fell completely into the water. On the first

Brownie Activities Diary

We have ceased meetings until we are told by Girlguiding UK to resume.

Currently we have 12 Brownies, which leaves us with six places, so if you would like your daughter to join, please get in touch with Rainbow Owl on 01795 890211 or visit the Girl Guiding website www.girlguiding.org.uk

night there was an extremely limited amount of sleep had by all. Fortunately this did improve after the next full day of activities. The food was great and the children loved every moment.

There are a few spaces available across the school for an immediate start. Any prospective parents are welcome to call the office on 01795 890252 to arrange a visit. For further information please visit our school website where photographs and newsletters are displayed and updated regularly.

Melanie Dale, Head Teacher

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CARRY ON CRAFTING DODDINGTON and DISTRICT VILLAGE SHOW 2020

In these uncertain times we cannot say yet if the 2020 Show set for 5 September 2020 in Doddington Village Hall will take place. In the meanwhile here's a reminder of the Craft classes if you are looking for something to fill your time.

A Christmas Stocking – Any medium

A recycled pillow case

A piece of embroidery or cross stitch picture **framed** – glazed or unglazed

A knitted or crocheted article

A hand crafted card with envelope –Any medium

A decorative wreath – any medium but not plant material

Any other craft item – hard materials

Any other craft item – soft materials

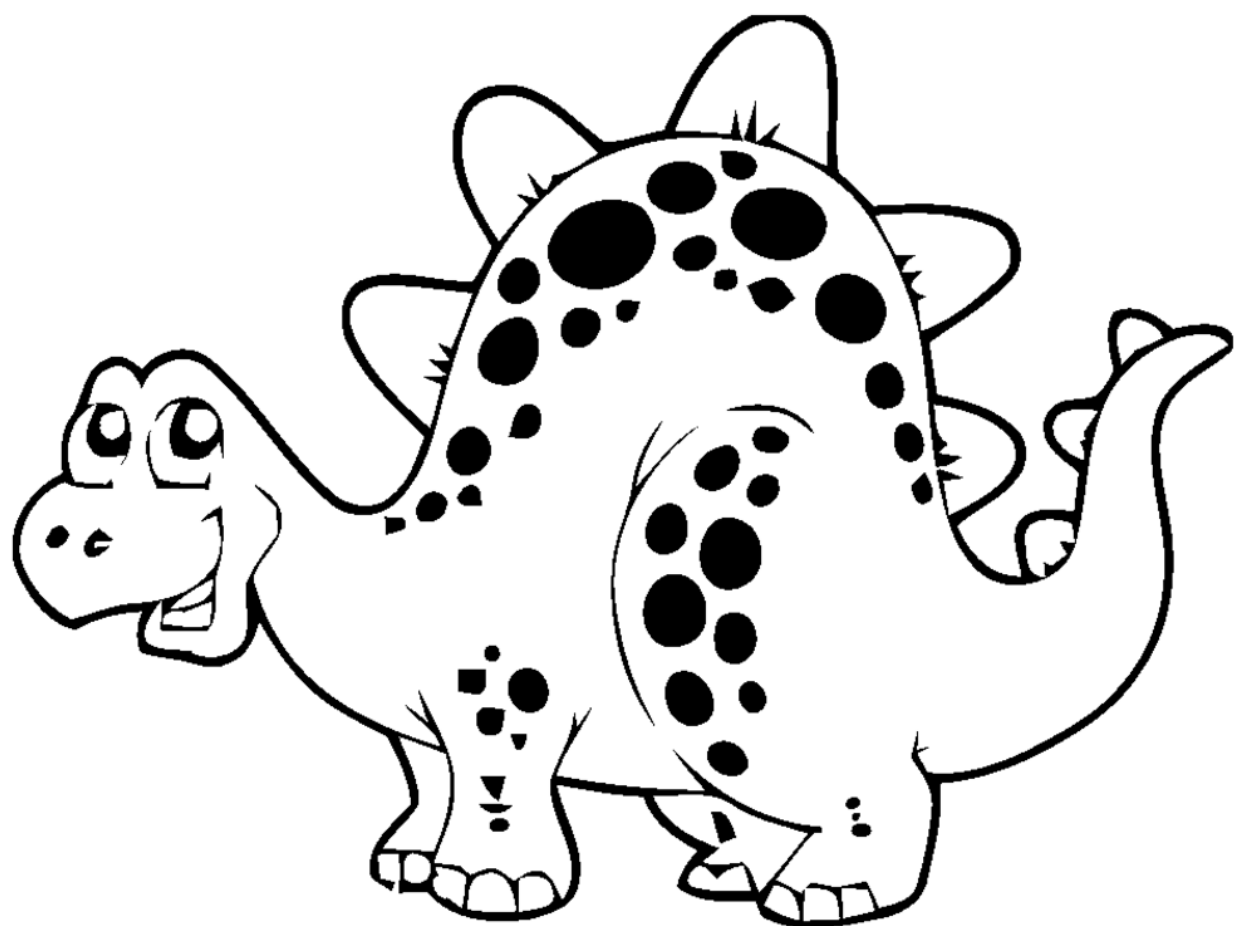
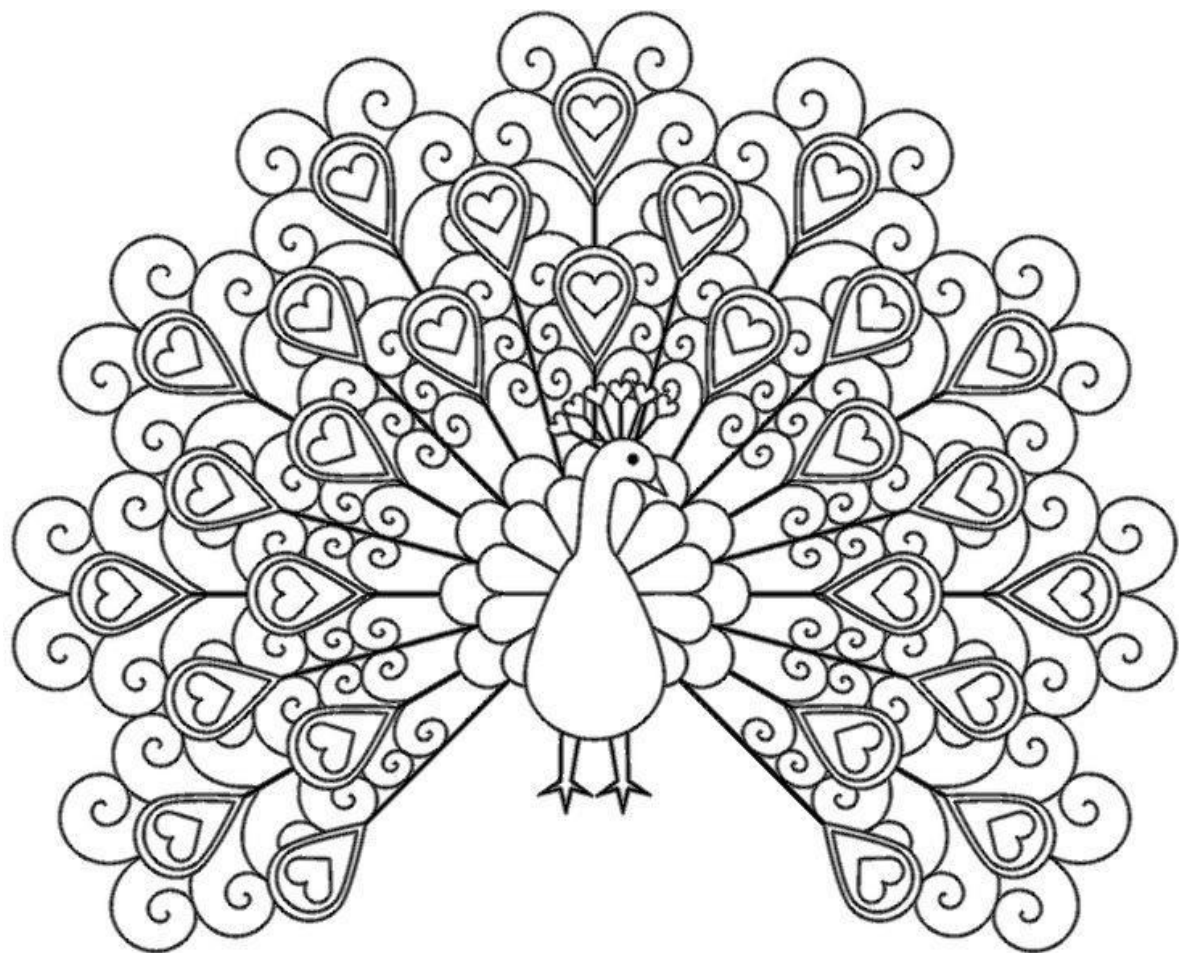
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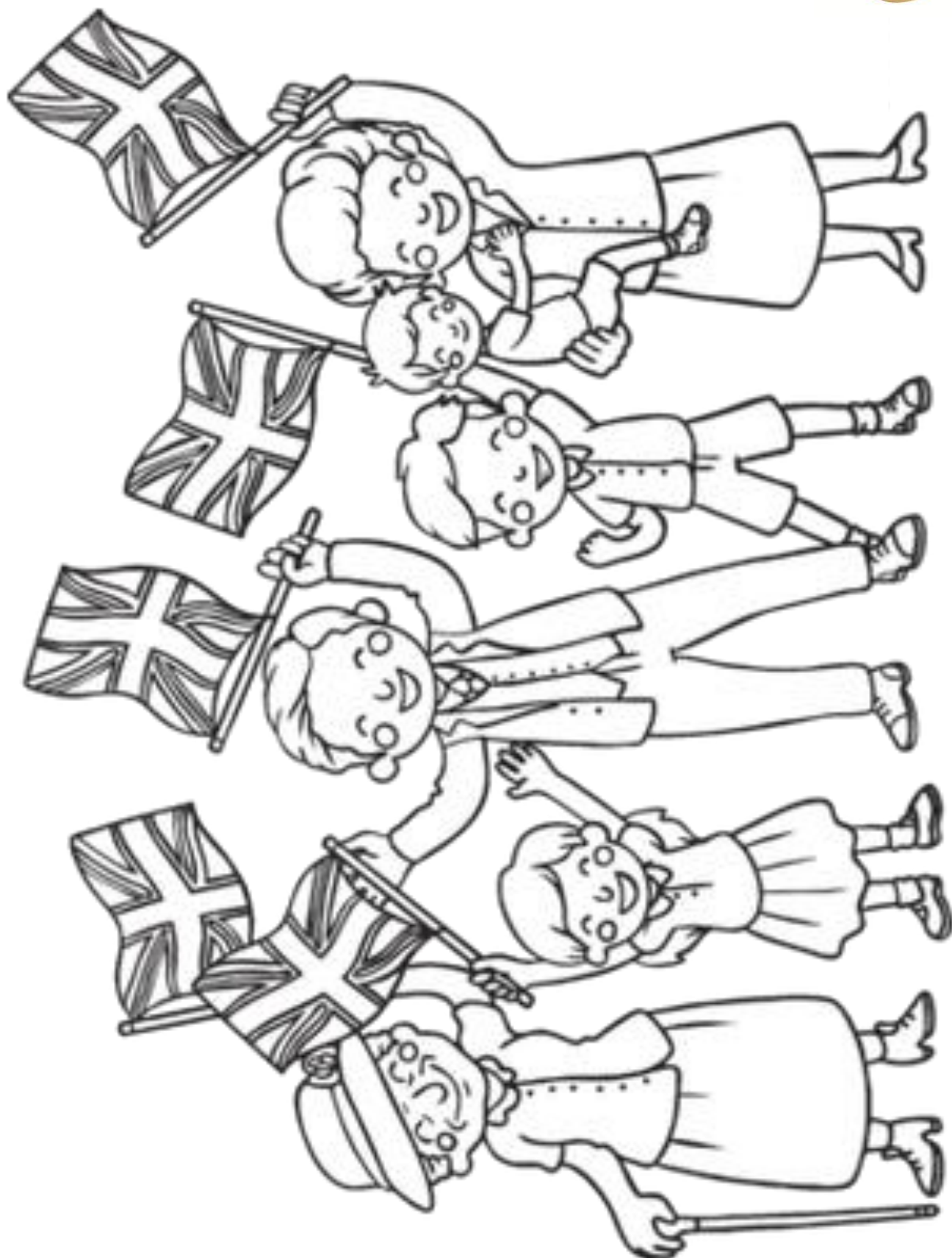
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A photograph '**Soaring High**' Own interpretation

Unframed print no larger than 6" X 4" (152mm X 102 mm)

A photograph '**Water**' Own interpretation Unframed print no larger than 6" X 4" (152mm X 102 mm)





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CORONAVIRUS

Members of the villages Parish Councils have offered to be on call for any of their neighbours in the village who may, over the next few possibly difficult months, need help in obtaining shopping, medical supplies or up to date information regarding the virus.

PLEASE CALL AFTER 9am AND BEFORE 6pm

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In the meantime, please find below some useful suggestions to help our village communities.

Prevention – minimise the risk of infection for yourself and others – by washing hands often and properly, staying at home, avoiding crowds as much as possible and cancelling unnecessary travel. Follow the latest Government and NHS advice.

Information – proactively share reliable, factual information and guidance. This is the best way to counter the fake news and conspiracy theories that are fuelling mistrust, panic and reckless behaviour – threatening our collective response to the epidemic.

Connection – give mutual support within your family and members of our local community. Reach out to make sure all, particularly the most vulnerable, have the necessary information and support than can protect them against infection and unhealthy anxiety or to get adequate medical assistance.

Community support line – Swale Brough Council

Our community support line is now open to support people who need to self-isolate during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and who don't have friends or family to support them.

[This service has been set up to support those that don't have anyone else to help, as demand on the service is high and we need to make sure we prioritise those that are most vulnerable and are in greatest need.](#)

If someone is:

- over 70
- under 70 with [underlying health conditions](#)
- self-isolating because you have symptoms, or live with someone with symptoms

and has no friends or family nearby who can help with things like food shopping or topping up prepay meters, they can call us on 01795 417525.

The line is open from:

- 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday
- 9am to 4:30pm Friday
- 10am to 2pm Saturday and Sunday, and bank holidays.

Outside these times contact the Kent Together helpline at www.kent.gov.uk/KentTogether or by calling 03000 41 92 92. For more information, visit www.swale.gov.uk/community-response.

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

Use the 111 coronavirus service on line

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.

If anyone would like to add their names to the volunteer lists to help out their friends and neighbours over the next few months, please contact your Parish Council Clerk (contact numbers on page 9 and 11)

Thank you



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC PROTECTION have been sending out warnings of scams created by criminals, making use of the current crisis to obtain money from their victims, below are some of the latest that may find their way to your email address or doorstep.

Latest ones

- Extortion Scammers – KCC Public Protection are warning of criminals trying to extort money from Kent residents via email. This spam campaign is sent out to thousands of email addresses that have been obtained from security breaches. The latest one refers to pornography.
- You receive a text from criminals claiming to be from NatWest bank
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The criminal asks you to click on a link in the text to update your number.
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To purchase face masks you are told to press button 1.

Earlier ones

- Text messages offering "free passes" to Netflix for the period of isolation.
- Emails supposedly from the World Health Organisation offering a PDF containing advice on how to stay safe.
- Text messages claiming you've been caught leaving your house and must pay a fine.
- Fraudsters posing as healthcare workers and going door to door selling bogus home-testing kits.
- Text messages asking you to enter your postcode to apply for a Covid-19 relief payment from the Government.

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What to do:

- Never respond to threats or demands.
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- If the email contains your current password – change it immediately.
- Report to Citizens Advice Scams Action Service or telephone 0808 250 5050.
- Please warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.

Keep up to date by following Kent Public Protection on social media.

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"Dear Neighbours

We would just like to thank everyone who supported us through a difficult couple of weeks whilst experiencing symptoms and feeling unwell. We are all much better now thank goodness and glad to be back and helping our community. We have changed the opening days of the shop slightly and are now offering a pizza takeaway on a Saturday evening. We hope you are well and have been keeping safe and hope to see you at the shop soon.

Dave & Claire"



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Collection times will be allocated at time of booking



See also
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Join us from your front gardens, doors or windows to celebrate VE 75!!!

We will be decorating the pub from outside and playing some wartime music from 1 – 3pm for the village, join us at 3pm to clap for our wartime Heroes in honour of them.

Although The George is still open for the shop, all events previously advertised have been cancelled until further notice.

9 th May	VE Day 75 th Anniversary	Cancelled	Lynsted Church
14 th June	Doddington Open Gardens	?	Doddington Village
11 th July 12.30-18.00	DUM Ukulele Festival	?	The Chequers, Doddington
12 th July	Doddington Open Gardens	?	Doddington Village
5 th September	Doddington Village Show	?	Doddington Village Hall
4/5/6 th December	Doddington Panto – Dick Whittington		Doddington Village Hall

AFTERNOON TEA & CHAT in Newnham Village is **suspended** for the time being.

Further information and contact details for the above events can be found in current or future Newsletters

If you have anything of interest for the newsletter, please let us know

The Current Situation

Doughty's, in Doddington, are open 6 days a week and will be maintaining their stock of meat, fruit, vegetables, milk, bread and other edibles to cope with the probable demand from the surrounding villages. Delivery is available locally. (see advert on page 13).

The George Inn's Horsebox Shop in Newnham is now open again and their list of takeaway menus are on page 24.

For speed of electronic delivery, we may discontinue inclusion of the advert pages, so please retain May's issue for future reference. This newsletter is sent to you as a blind copy and the listing is not used for any other purpose.

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The Newsletter will only be produced and distributed by email until further notice.

All those who have already supplied their email addresses have been added to the existing list. Please advise your village friends and neighbours who have the facility, to contact the newsletter via the email in the above box, a copy will be sent by return and their address added to the list.

Note: it would be good if those who can receive by email could print off parts of interest to their neighbours who don't – Thank you.