



## Home Fires

What to do when you can't go out...  
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Two (or more) weeks into 'lockdown'. Our dogs are exhausted. We've discovered whether the baking powder that expired in 2012 still works (sort of). And we've phoned or Facetimed almost everyone we know.

### So what now?

Fortunately, our friends in Berwick have lots of ideas!

### Spring in the Village

We'd like to create a gallery of photos from our gardens and walks at this beautiful time of year. Please email them and we'll publish as many as we can (please say where they are if it's not clear!)

*Thank you Linda. Martin's already started!*



*Martin Boyd, Flowers in Water St*

### 2020 Selfies

Twenty years ago, Libby took photos of everyone outside their house for the Millenium Book. In this digital age, we are asking each household to take a selfie outside their house, perhaps with a message they'd like to send to the village. We'll publish them here.

*Great idea Linda, thank you!*



## Easter Week

Although our Church is closed for the time being, there are a number of virtual reflections, prayers and services taking place e.g.

**Palm Sunday address**, Rev Richard Coles. Recorded on Sat, this is a very short, but thoughtful and personal address that resonates strongly.

<https://twitter.com/RevRichardColes/status/1246519889742958597>

**Chalke Valley**. Daily reflections are posted by our clergy on YouTube (search Chalke Valley Churches) and on Facebook under the same heading.

**Salisbury Cathedral**. Daily Reflections. Monday to Friday at 5pm <https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/worship-music-our-worship/daily-reflections-difficult-times>

**Canterbury Cathedral**. Morning & evening prayer, Sunday Eucharist, on demand. <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org>

**Kings College Chapel, Cambridge**. Daily webcasts of choral services from the archives, 5.30pm, available for 7 days <https://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/choir/listen/webcasts>

### This Week's Competition

Write a lockdown limerick! – (or as many as you like)  
Send entries to Helen Boyd

Deadline Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April. 12.00 midday

Best entries will be published next week.  
There may be prizes.



### The Ultimate in Boredom Busting!

[www.chatterpack.net](http://www.chatterpack.net)

An amazing collection of virtual tours – museums, zoos (even a livestream PandaCam!) online learning, music, arts & culture, new skills and entertainment.

*Thank you Pat!*



There are lots of cultural events we can enjoy from our living rooms:

**Royal Opera House**  
<https://www.roh.org.uk/streaming>

The Royal Opera House is offering a free programme of curated online broadcasts. Full-length productions, musical masterclasses and glimpses behind the scenes can be seen for free any time. The following are coming up over the next few weeks on the Royal Opera House's Facebook page or YouTube channel (search 'Royal Opera House')

*Already available - Acis and Galatea (Royal Opera)*  
10 April 2020, 7pm - *Così fan tutte (Royal Opera)*  
17 April 2020, 7pm – *The Metamorphosis (Royal Ballet)*  
24 April 2020, 7pm – *Gloriana (Royal Opera)*  
1 May 2020, 7pm – *The Winter's Tale (Royal Ballet)*  
*Thank you Margaret!*

### National Theatre

National Theatre Live productions are streamed every **Thursday 7pm** on National Theatre's YouTube Channel, and available for 7 days afterwards:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Jane Eyre  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Treasure Island  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Twelfth Night  
*Thank you Alison & Grethe!*

**Salisbury Playhouse/ Arts Centre**  
[www.wiltshirecreative.co.uk](http://www.wiltshirecreative.co.uk)

Online performances for adults and kids now available, starting with 'Oh No George!' at 2pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April

We'll publish lots of other virtual cultural experiences that people have recommended in future editions. If you do watch or listen to a streamed performance or theatre production, please consider making a donation.

### Don't Stop Us Now!

The lockdown is encouraging lots of new ways to be creative!

[Slipped Disc | Believe it: Orchestra plays Beethoven 9th from their homes](#)

YouTube – search for 'Doodle Chaos'

*Thank you Linda!*

### What would they have done?

*What would our ancestors have done in a lockdown? Here are some ideas from 1895 (the first of these should probably not be attempted in 2020!)*

#### Lighting the Candle

"This feat is a very amusing one and is performed as follows: Two persons kneel on the ground, facing each other. Each holds in his left hand a candle in a candlestick, at the same time grasping his right foot in his right hand.

This position compels him to balance himself on his left knee. One of the candles is lighted; the other is not. The holders are required to light the unlighted candle from the lighted one. The conditions are simple enough, but one would hardly believe how often the performers will roll over on the floor before they succeed in lighting the candle. It will be found desirable to spread a newspaper on the floor between the combatants. Many spots of candle-grease will thus be intercepted, and the peace of mind of the lady of the house proportionately spared."

#### The Dancing Egg

"Place the egg (which should be hard-boiled, not raw) upon the under-side of a smooth tray, and move the tray round and round horizontally, gradually increasing in speed. The egg, resting in the middle of the tray, is carried round and round by the movement, and gradually begins to revolve on its own axis, faster and faster, till at last it is seen to rise on end, and spin away exactly as a top would do.

In all experiments involving egg-balancing, you will find it a material aid to success to keep the egg upright in the saucepan while it is being boiled. The air-chamber will, in such case, be kept central with the longer axis of the egg, which will in consequence be much more easily balanced."

From George Henry Sandison, *How to Behave and How to Amuse: A handy manual of etiquette and parlor games* (1895)

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### The Truckle Truck – Cheese and More!

Carolyn who runs the Truckle Truck (the cheese van you'll see in Shaftesbury) is co-ordinating deliveries of her wonderful cheeses and accompaniments, with bread and baking from High St Bakery, Shaftesbury and fresh Tisbury Coffee. She can come to Berwick Mon, Wed or Sat. Details on her website, <https://thetruckletruck.com>



As next Sunday is Easter Sunday, next week's edition will be published a day earlier, on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April**. Please send any ideas, recipes, thoughts, new ideas for competitions etc. by

Friday at 12.00

**Next week's edition will include a special Easter Treasure Hunt for your daily exercise (although probably without treasure...)**

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Helen Boyd