



## Home Fires

What to do when you can't go out...  
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Happy Easter to everyone!

This week, New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced that the Easter bunny was a key worker. And it looks like s/he came straight to Berwick! Thank you!

And Neil has made a Simnel cake, but unfortunately (for us) only he and Jonny will be able to enjoy it....!



Thank you Jonny & Neil

This week has been another busy one in Berwick, even though we're all still at home.

### Easter "Treasure Hunt"

If you're going out for exercise, why not stretch your brain as well as your muscles and follow our "Treasure Hunt" (or more accurately, "Walking Quiz").

It starts and ends at the bus shelter, and just comprises a circuit of the village. Take your phone/ camera along with you, and send us some pictures!

If you're at home, you'll probably be able to guess some of the clues, or save it for when you're out and about again.

### Lockdown Limericks

We had a great response to the first of our competitions. Here are some of the entries! We recruited a panel of independent judges who thought they were all fantastic. These were the ones that were Highly Commended, with Pat Avrell as our winner! An Easter goodie is on its way. Congratulations!

By following self isolation,  
I hope I am helping the nation.  
With Pilates on Zoom  
In my solitary room  
Comes a certain amount of frustration.

Pat Avrell

There once was a virus called COVID  
Spreading and particularly horrid  
It involved staying in  
Drinking far too much gin  
As things go it was remarkably torrid.

Ian Hall

Coronavirous, notoriously fickle,  
Leaves us thinking we'll just have a trickle  
From that bottle of wine  
'Cos at home we're just fine,  
But our livers are turning to pickle.

Margaret Montgomery

Lockdown is starting to bite  
Our clothes are getting too tight!  
The word on the street  
When people we meet  
Is "Back off for six feet, alright?"

Nigel Follett

COVID lockdown enters week three.  
Social distance apparently's key.  
If we all pay attention  
Resist the temptation  
In a few weeks we all will be free.

Ian Hall

This lockdown shows no sign of ending.  
But my resolve is, so far, unbending.  
I socially distance  
Which maintains my resistance  
And hopefully a happy ending

Ian Hall

Two folks and a dog stuck in Berwick  
Were thinking that distancing had merit  
After emptying the cellar  
We realised our error  
And that really we needed more claret.

Martin Boyd

### This week's competition

#### Creative Biscuits

Make some biscuits in any shape or size (houses, trees, sheep – anything!) and decorate as simply or as elaborately as you like! Send us a photo and we'll feature them next week, with a prize for the best one(s).

### Keeping up with Bank Holiday Traditions

As well as eating, drinking and the occasional gardening, bank holiday weekends are a time for watching classic films. The British Film Institute has put a huge archive of free-to-watch films and footage online. These are just a selection, but the full collection is at <https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/collections>

Musicals - <https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/collection/musicals>  
Family Films - <https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/collection/family-films>  
Home Front - <https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/collection/the-home-front>  
Royal Geographic Society  
<https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/collection/royal-geographical-society>  
Football - <https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/collection/football-on-film>

### Photos from our Gardens and Walks

Thank you to everyone who has contributed photos so far, some of which are on the pages that follow. Please keep on sending your photos from home and when out and about, they're just wonderful!



Although our Church is closed on Easter Sunday, there are a number of virtual reflections, prayers and services taking place.

**Chalke Valley.** Daily reflections are posted by our clergy on YouTube (search Chalke Valley Churches) and on Facebook under the same heading. The Easter Sunday service will be available from Saturday evening.

**Salisbury Cathedral.** 10.30am.

**A Service of Words and Music for Easter Day**

<https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/sermons-reflections>

**Westminster Abbey.** "Abbeycast", Westminster Abbey's podcast, is a mix of sermons, services, reflections and lectures from the Westminster Abbey Institute.

<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/podcast>

### This week's recipe

#### Rhubarb & Ginger Jam

Some of us are lucky enough to have rhubarb in our gardens, and you can usually get some from Ansty or Ludwell too:

1 kg rhubarb, washed and chopped  
1kg jam sugar (i.e. sugar with pectin, or add pectin to normal sugar as per the instructions)  
Zest and juice of 1 lemon  
50g stem or crystallised ginger, finely chopped  
4cm piece fresh ginger, peeled (or a little more to taste)

Tip all of the ingredients into a large bowl.  
Stir thoroughly, cover loosely with clingfilm and leave for about 2 hours to allow the sugar to dissolve into the rhubarb juices. You may need to stir occasionally.

Put a couple of saucers into the freezer

Tip the contents into a large saucepan or preserving pan and cook over a medium heat, stirring until the sugar has dissolved.

Bring to the boil and cook on a high heat until the rhubarb is tender and the mixture has reached setting point (10-15 minutes)

To test for a set, put half a teaspoon of the jam on to a very cold saucer. After 30 seconds, the jam should wrinkle when you touch it with your finger. If not, cook for a couple more minutes and try again.

Take the pan off the heat and leave for a few minutes before putting into sterilised jars and seal immediately.



### 2020 Selfies

Twenty years ago, Libby took photos of everyone outside their house for the Millennium 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've received some, but would like

a few more before we start publishing them. In the meantime, here are some very naughty dogs who are singularly failing in their social distancing efforts....

*Thank you Angela!*

### Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub

Being unable to spend time with friends and family during such a frightening and difficult time can feel overwhelming.

If you need to talk to someone, please contact  
Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub

Helpline - 0300 003 4576

Email - [wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Monday to Friday – 8am – 8pm

Saturday and Sunday - 10am - 4pm

Other resources for individuals and businesses are also available at:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus>

If you're finding things difficult, you can also contact:

**Samaritans** – 116 123

24 hours a day

**Wiltshire Mind** – 01225 706532

Monday to Friday – 9am – 3pm



Don't worry if we haven't had room for everything you've sent this week – we'll publish next week!

Please keep sending any ideas, recipes, thoughts, podcasts, photos, competitions and things you think might entertain by

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00

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**EASTER "TREASURE HUNT"**  
***A Walking Quiz***

In addition to the clues, there are three old photos attached – can you take a photo of the same spots today?

**Start at the bus shelter**

Berwick St John is how many feet above sea level?

Which pub could you be drinking in before 1pm if you leave Berwick at 12.10? - assuming it's not a Sunday

Look back to remember whom and when at sunset and sunrise?

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**Turn up Water St**

"Number one, the ----- as John Cleese might say

No cash, no ----- . What number will reach you here?

Heart sick of chocolate yet? Help is at hand.

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**Return to Water St and turn right**

A modest monastery in Water St?

And when they were up they were up, and when they were down they were down

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Keep it clean, know what I mean?

Perhaps what Noah named his Ark

This way to a very agreeable hill

Cheap rent here!

Make sure you're home in time

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Does an Amish Camel live here?

What happens at 10.15am on Saturdays?

### **Turn right into Blind Lane**

What's Lucy up to now?

This house looks big enough for eight maids-a-milking to live here

No parking near which cottage?

Come here for all your crumbles and pies

Could a French fashion house have been founded here?

Did Magdalen or the Virgin live here?

In the first year of whose reign was this  
Erected by the Free Work of the  
Handicraftsmen and by the Offerings of the  
People of this Parish?

### **Turn left through the Lych Gate into the Churchyard**

Jon Bon Jovi, walk this way - but take care!

A Jam Hamper buried in this churchyard?

Robert & Florence, at peace together

Passed away December 1948, aged 44 years

Relatives of Kenny, possibly

Planted here on 2 January 2000

Lower Bridmore Farm has mourned his loss  
since 1840

**Follow the pathway through the Churchyard and go straight ahead down the little  
footpath to Church Road and turn right**

Watch out for angry animals!

**Welcome back, and Happy Easter!**



## Photos from our Gardens



Bombus hypnorum or tree bumblebee  
Linda Smith



Peacock butterfly  
Linda Smith



Camellia  
Alison Ritchie



Camellia  
Alison Ritchie



Clematis cirrhosa  
Linda Smith



Osmia bicornis or red mason bee  
Linda Smith



Brimstone butterfly  
Linda Smith



Camellia  
Alison Ritchie



...and from our daily walks. This week, the downs and hedgerows are full of yellow....



Cowslips out in force!  
Robert Carter



Cowslip and an amazing sky  
Robert Carter



Cowslips on Winkelbury Hill  
Angela Bridges



Primroses on the way to the Ox Drove  
Pat Avrell



Walking up to the Ox Drove. Pat Avrell

