

Fortnightly: 1st May 2020 – Edition 03

Welcome everyone to our third edition.

WI updates first, As mentioned previously, Carousel too has been cancelled and refunds have now been processed. The AGM in London has understandably been cancelled and we have received a refund of £44.80 from NCFWI for pooling of fares.

It is an absolute privilege to include and share the following article from Judi which I am sure will stir memories of relatives within some of our own families.

My paternal grandmother Augusta Louise Marletaz was born in Lausanne Switzerland in 1885. My father was brought up with the story that she was fostered as a baby and then put into an orphanage/school at the age of 8yrs in Montreux, where she stayed until she was 17. She was then sent to England to work as a governess even though she spoke no English!



I grew up with the same story including snippets about her life in the orphanage where they washed in a horse trough outside. It is still there just by the front door! She also remembered a man who would come about once a year to talk to her.

We all assumed she was illegitimate, but after her death my father found a birth certificate which named both her parents and the address in Lausanne where she was born. This nowadays is the site of the Record Office which is useful.

After Dad's death my sisters and I took over the research and my sister, Pam visited the record office and discovered on a census that 'Nana' had a brother living with her father! No mention of her or her mother. From this we have traced descendants to Switzerland and France and we have subsequently met and keep in touch with. The orphanage is still there with the horse trough and is now owned as a holiday home by a German dentist!

The plot thickened when on a more recent trip to Lausanne further new available census records now available detail THREE brothers Jean Francois, Gustave and Charles. So the search will go on.....

Judi

VE DAY 2020

This year there will be no band parades or gatherings around war memorials to commemorate VE day. But the day need not go unmarked. We can take time in private to honour those who sacrificed so much to ensure our future.

War memorials often record those who died before leaving children to remember them. But Victory in Europe was



achieved not only by those killed so tragically young but also by the battlefield survivors and civilians working tirelessly at home making armaments, serving in the Home Guard, housing evacuees, driving ambulances, decoding enemy communications and 1000 other jobs. The entire population was involved, striving together for victory.

Today, many of us born before 1945 can remember individual survivors. We knew them as we grew up. They were our fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts and neighbours and now can be our role models.

Ancestry students know that after three generations individuals are forgotten. So, before our memories are lost let's take time this VE day to honour these quiet heroes, find photos, talk about them, and consider how they managed to survive post-war austerity and work together for a brighter future. They may have valuable lessons to teach.

Caroline M

A beautiful memory shared ...

Welton WI have a summer outing each year and as Buckingham Palace was to be open to the public for the first time we applied for a date. As it happened it coincided with the celebrations for the end of the second world war. We expected our invitation to be withdrawn, but that did not happen.

It proved to be a very memorable day; during our tour we looked through a first-floor window to see Princess Diana and the two princes walking across the quadrangle to join the many thousands in front of the Palace to watch the parade.

After the tour we left the palace and walked into the garden as the Lancaster bomber flew low over the palace roof scattering poppy petals. One fell at my feet and I was able to pick it up and bring it back to Welton for our scrap book as a memory of a very special day.



We then joined the many thousands celebrating in front of the Palace.

Val

Members Snippets and Posers

Thank you for sending in your delicious soup recipes. Carol T is a clearly a whizz in the kitchen and if you would like something new to try, please contact us for details. If anyone has any simple recipes using cupboard ingredients to offer, please send them in and we will collate them for sharing.

For those missing the fruit and veg stall from Daventry market, they are offering home deliveries to the area. Contact details are Elliots fruit veg, Leicester 07891 035094. Full details on facebook.

Irene

Entertainment on You Tube:

- Andrew Lloyd Webber's Musicals are now available free on The Shows Must Go On! every Friday at 7pm and remains viewable for 48 hours.
- National Theatre at Home

Well I never.... To strike while the iron is hot. This goes back to the days of the blacksmith and refers to the fact that he would know when the iron for the horseshoe was the right temperature to be hammered and bent into the correct shape and size.

I have a cake and a table named after me. I am used all around the world. What am I?

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🌱 Gardening corner now – *Kim we must really pay attention here...*



🕒 You may recall Anita was getting carried away with her seed ordering... if anyone would like any tomato plants please contact her!!

Things that we should be doing over the next fortnight:

- 🌱 Give any outdoor plants a boost with some general purpose fertilizer.
- 🌱 Soft early growth on hydrangeas and other shrubs can get scorched when frost occur, so snip off any damage now.
- 🌱 Sow pumpkin, squash and courgette seeds now. If you do not have any seed, try using seed from shop bought veg.
- 🌱 Start off runner beans indoors on a windowsill or greenhouse. Use cardboard toilet roll tubes in a tray. Easier to plant outside as the cardboard decomposes.

Anita

Pathfinder

Beginning with the B in the upper left-hand corner, follow a continuous path to find a number of vegetables. The trail passes through each and every letter once, and may twist up, down or sideways, but never diagonally.



Can you unscramble the letters in each word to find ten world cities?

- HAHASIGN
- ONERUMBLE
- HAILPAIDHELP
- ANIMAL
- ANTISAGO
- NOTEDMOVIE
- EASIERBONUS
- NILTUBAS
- GINJIBE
- PUBDATES

