

Lockdown Year 2, week 13

Hello Everyone,

Well, we had half expected the news from the government, that lockdown would not be lifted on 21st June, but had half hoped that it would be. We now just have to make the best of the situation and soldier on.

We had a committee meeting on Tuesday morning and decided that we couldn't go ahead with the Tea Party next Tuesday as we would be limited to 30 and could see by the response so far that this would not work for us. We have decided on Tuesday 27th July as the alternative date. Hopefully, this leaves sufficient time for things to settle down and to see the majority of adults vaccinated.

If you have invitations to give to a friend, please just change the date on it! Margaret and I have more invitations for anyone who would like one.

The good news is that our meeting planned for 13th July in church, can go ahead and future plans should actually happen!

What a difference a day make....as the song says "24 little hours"..... yesterday (Wednesday) was a fantastic day, hot and still and quite perfect in the garden ( cool and damp today). So many birds were singing and coming to feed and drink from a dish of water which stands permanently out for them. We have had birds of all sizes drinking, paddling and bathing in it in the last days. Knowing that the tea party has been re scheduled, the urgency to get the garden "perfect" had passed, however here is a picture taken just before 5pm yesterday. By July 27th it will look different as many of the blooms will have finished, with others taking their place.



Its a been busy week dealing with things for GFFG and The Women's Refuge. We have had a big sort out and taken stock of what we have and what we need.

Many, many thanks for all the things which have been delivered here , its amazing how just what is needed seems to appear. We have also had some incredibly generous donations of cash which will enable us to carry on with this work. I have just spoken to Tanis, and will deliver the 2 baskets now almost ready, next Thursday. By then she should have her kitchen restored to working order and have cleared space in the bungalow....I can imagine how they are feeling as its not easy when work is in progress having "stuff" out of cupboards and boxes all standing in all rooms! She was very upbeat about it as you will read below.

Hi everyone,

June is bursting out all over, isn't it? People are out and about, enjoying nature and each other's company. What a delight for those attending the G7 summit in glorious Cornwall. How I envied Boris and Carrie as they had that beautiful beach all to themselves.

We are awash with nature, God has created a wonderful world for us to enjoy so we must take care of it. Surely if everyone opened their eyes they would be overwhelmed with the breathless views our countryside delivers. When you sit to enjoy the views in the Yorkshire Dales, Derbyshire, the lake district, the Northumbria coast, to mention but a few, you just know that it is God's creation, nature at its best, given to us by a loving God for our pleasure.

As we are now planning our Summer Fayre, on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July, I remember our enthusiasm as we planned for the All Things Bright and Beautiful event, sadly cancelled because of the Pandemic. Nevertheless our planned Summer Fayre is motivating us all, and it will be fantastic to meet all our members again, in the grounds of our wonderful Minster in Doncaster. I'm sure we will make Doncaster and all Mothers' Union members proud. (Please see poster attached)

My kitchen is having a makeover, my lovely daughter Helen decided that she wanted to do it for us. The disruption has been minimal, but how glad I will be when I can find what I want without having to hunt for it!

We don't have to hunt for our loving God; he is ever present, supporting us through every challenging circumstance which we have to endure.

So chin up everyone enjoy these long lovely summer days, and thank God for his blessings.

Remembering that glorious hymn-

*All things bright and beautiful  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all*

Keep smiling, Love and God Bless, Tanis.

A prayer for fathers, as it's Fathers' Day on Sunday

*Lord God, you are the Father of all, understanding the joy and the pain of fatherhood.*

*We give thanks for fathers everywhere, and ask that you grant them wisdom and patience.*

*We pray for fathers who feel they have failed, or who are unable to cope; give them strength and courage in all they try to do.*

*Be with those fathers who are separated from their children for whatever reason, and yearn to feel again the joy and fulfilment of fatherhood.*

*Amen*

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee

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