

## ***Keeping in Touch..... Number 60***

***Thank you as always to those who have sent in contributions this week and please keep the articles coming. Please send anything to [c.a.curtis@ntlworld.com](mailto:c.a.curtis@ntlworld.com) or if you would rather just tell us something, rather than type, then please lift up the phone to Chris or Alan—01480 350787 or pop a note through the door.***

***I am happy to be standing in for Chris this week to give her a well earned break (Mary Anthony)***

***Chloe amidst a sea of wild flowers before her marriage to Jason***





*A Celebration of the Marriage of Jason & Chloe*



Irene calling .....

### **MEDIA MERRY-GO-ROUND**

The dear old BBC's upset our Royalty  
Bashir, well he's left they've closed the door,  
He's ill, he's not about,  
He's left, he's gone, he's out!  
The BBC don't want him anymore!

The Blame was it all his? The fireworks they fizz  
Researchers and the Censors don't they check?  
Big bods can hide their face  
Pass the bungles of disgrace  
Down along the line of their high tech!

while...

Way up in the sky as a Ryan Air flew high  
The KGB and Military made them land,  
A journalist was taken,  
Poor passengers were shaken  
This holiday was definitely unplanned!

then...

Boris he got wed, in secret it was said  
Labour said to take heat off the Gov?  
He decided it was time  
And it's really not a crime  
To want to marry when you are in love!

and...

Let's finish on a high, I can't wait to tell you why  
Arthur Morgan 5 months old, now has a chance  
Diagnosed with S M A,  
Cruel disease now kept at bay  
Gene therapy has opened this advance.

**cc. IRENE CARTER**

### **THE CROSS IN MY POCKET**

I carry a cross in my pocket  
A simple reminder to me,  
Of the fact that I am a Christian  
No matter where I may be.

This little cross is not magic  
Nor is it a good luck charm,  
It isn't meant to protect me  
From every physical harm.

It's not for identification  
For all the world to see,  
It's simply an understanding  
Between my Saviour and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket  
To bring out a coin or a key,  
The cross is there to remind me  
Of the price he paid for me.

It reminds me too, to be thankful  
For my blessings day by day,  
And to strive to serve him better  
In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder  
Of peace and comfort I share,  
With all who know my Master  
And give themselves to his care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket  
Reminding no one but me,  
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life  
If only I'll let him be.

*This a well know poem which Irene's elderly Aunt Edith sent to her. She has been unwell recently and finds the poem helps her in times of need.*



## TOOKEY'S IS RE-OPENING



Sure you will all be pleased to learn that Tookey's is opening on Wednesday 9th June and will also be open on Friday 11th June.

Next week they will be also open on Wednesday 16th and Friday 18th.

Thereafter they will be open on a more regular basis. Look out for more information in KIT.

### Christian Aid

Thank you to all who sent me cheques for Christian Aid week. The total donation from the church was £312.50 and I also know many people made a direct donation on line. This has now been donated to Christian Aid

### Regular Giving

Thank you to all those who are able and willing to Gift Aid donations. HMRC have paid us our Gift Aid Claim very quickly for the tax year ending 5/4/21 and it arrived in our bank account last week which was a useful boost to our financial position.

Regards

Babs Moore

### Communion

As the church is opening up, we can start serving communion again. To be able to continue with this we need volunteers to prepare the bread & wine. This is a fairly simple job, probably once a year if we have enough volunteers. If you feel you could help with this, please let me know.

Peter German

*A postcard from Mary & John on holiday in Norfolk*



# FISH & CHIPS IN WARTIME ST.IVES

It is sad that there are few members of your church today that remember St Ives during the war. I do, very vividly. So here's a question for all.

WORLD WAR II – St. Ives. How many portions of fish & chips could you buy for £1?

In those stark days, there was only one fish & chip shop in the town. Unlike today when St Ives seems to have practically wall-to-wall takeaway and convenience food outlets. But in my day, in the wartime and post wartime Frugal Forties, all we had was HODSONS, on the Broadway. And what a Mecca it was. –

There was strict food rationing during the war (and for nine years thereafter!). But dear old Winston, our Prime Minister, decreed that fish & chips would NEVER be rationed. So for the price of a few pennies, one could eat and not go to bed on an empty stomach. Praise the Lord – and Winston! And also, our brave, wartime fishermen and those delightful Women's Land Army girls.

So I ask, how many portions of Hodsons fish & chips would £1 buy? Answer, would you believe, was 80. With 240 pennies to the pre-decimal pound, that works out at 80 portions. Repeat – 80 portions. For £1 only!

Today, 80 takeaway portions of St Ives fish & chips, at £8.50 per portion, wouldn't leave much change out of £700. Would you believe?

And what a delight was a portion of St. Ives Hodsons fish & chips. For three pence, one could enjoy a filling meal to beat Harry Ramsdens any day. Why? In my view, it was all down to the batter. Hodson's batter recipe was a sacred secret which went with them when they moved from St Ives to Huntingdon after the war. It still exists today.

And if you're still in quiz mode, name the popular household item that costs less today than it did seventy years ago? (Answer on Page 6)

PHILIP SIMPSON.

**No mow May is quickly followed by  
"clog up your mower" June**



**No mow May? The field over the bottom of  
Barbara & David's fence has looked stunning  
during May. They are not sure if the farmer was  
part of no mow May, but not for much longer as  
there are now 3 cows happily munching away.**





**“Co-operation is always better than conflict”!**  
(photo taken by a friend of Chris & Alan’s in  
their garden in Reading)



**1996 Church tea party at  
Lyndhurst, London Road. Can  
you name any of these lovely  
people?**

Charlotte



**Hello from Sally & Neville in Norfolk**



**Cromer in the rain**



**On a walk from Walcott to Bacton, we found  
this very rare World War II bullet-proof  
section post, dating from 1940. It is one of only two in  
Norfolk. It was disguise as a haystack.**



**Sea defences at Winterton-on-Sea**



*ANSWER TO PHILIP’S QUESTION. Televisions. The six-inch screen model that allowed viewers to watch the Coronation, seventy years ago, cost some £350. Today you can buy a flat-screen TV for half that! Ditto for other electrical goods. Examples, the first microwave ovens cost the same as a car! They don’t today. The first electric toasters cost around £30. I bought one recently for £6. Some commodities are inflation-proof. HALLELUJAH!*