



# Keeping In Touch

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**Irene calling.....**

### FUEL FEUD

Car by car they queue and wait  
Some patiently, Some not!  
Burning fuel as tempers cool  
Near empty gauges hot.

Greedy drivers fill right up  
They are a special breed,  
While workers who depend on car  
Can't get the fuel they need.

On doctors, nurses, we rely  
Key Workers every kind,  
A bit of thought, that's all it takes  
I think that you will find.

The media has helped to fuel  
The panic buying craze,  
The thought of having no transport  
Left people in a daze.

Arguments have broken out  
In traffic jams, at pumps,  
Insults hurled at pusher ins,  
Resulted in some thumps!

Boris called the Army in  
Rather late but still,  
Let's hope it sorts the problem soon  
So we can have our fill!

cc. IRENE CARTER



## ***A Postcard from North Wales from Babs and John.....***



John and I spent 5 days on a guided birdwatching trip organized by Alan Davies and Ruth Miller of The Biggest Twitch Fame ( [Biggest Twitch Book, world record breakers \(thebiggesttwitch.com\)](http://thebiggesttwitch.com) ) and led by Iolo Williams so 3 guides to 6 guests so plenty of helping in identifying over 110 different species of birds.

Delightful week with reasonable weather, great company, wonderful wildlife and too much excellent food, no one, not even John, could manage the three courses meals!



I have shared a few photos, mammals tended to be closer to photograph than **the** birds!



***Many, many congratulations to Chloe Bletsoe who successfully completed the London Marathon last Sunday raising over £8000 to support the charity MIND in memory of her dear friend, Lisette.***



October Nature Notes 🐝🐛🦋🐌 from Char

“Or by a cider-press with patient look,  
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.”

I think you all know where those two lines come from.

No ponies now and the family was wondering about a source of fertiliser, perhaps the great cakes of squashed apples will do the job ? No doubt give the soil a good tilth but not too sure about the right nutrition.



“In October dung your field  
And your land it's wealth shall yield”.



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A fallen apple tree was left and is now covered in ivy, it's green flowers will be the last feast of the year after the Michaelmas daisies for a myriad of insects. Butterflies ,Comma and Red Admiral photographed today, bees, wasps and moths. The ivy's black berries don't ripen until February when the local birds especially wood pigeons will enjoy them.



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**70th BIRTHDAY CONCERT      TUESDAY NOV. 9<sup>TH</sup> 2021      FREE CHURCH**

Dear Members and Friends of The Free Church in St. Ives

I am delighted that I will give another concert in your special 'Upper Room' (The Centrum) a few weeks before my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Privileged, too, to be able to sing and play my guitar after what we have all been through recently.

I am offering a simple programme; a mix of some of the Jewish music I was brought up on together with the Songs of the 60's, including a few you may have heard at the last concert in May 2019. As your Minister Catherine told me that her father was born on the Isle of Skye, we will have that famous song, along with another beautiful and well known Burns melody. My Jewish mother was born in Glasgow and she used to sing Scottish songs at the piano.

The Foundation for Peace and Reconciliation, **The Little Sisters of Joy**, which I started in 1999, has been flourishing despite the pandemic. I just managed a concert in early March 2020 in my new neighbourhood-I had just moved to Mount Pleasant and sang in the church of St Giles on the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of our Foundation.

I have been able to maintain contact with my Friends and Associates over the Pond, and am hoping that my eleventh trip to Toronto, the spiritual heart of **The Little Sisters of Joy**, will come to fruition in mid-March 2022.

Please join me on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, as we raise our voices in thanksgiving.

With every good wish and shalom

Gila Margolin

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Councillor Hussain, Mayor of St Ives, will be present at the concert!

***Hillside News!***

I have been asked over the last year or so if I ever had designs on writing or publishing. My first instinct is an emphatic NO. but on reflection I remembered my first venture—the Hillside News, named after Hillside Grove in Mill Hill where I lived.

I was close friends with two other only children and we were very keen on animals and wanted to raise money for the PDSA. We would have been about eleven at the time so we started our newspaper and sold it to very tolerant neighbours at a penny a go. I think I typed it out one finger at a time. What became of the three of us? Well I'm writing this, my friend Roz in Anglesey, writes regular nature columns for their local wildlife magazine "The Puffin". Mary Ann who arrived as a refugee from Hungary in 1957, with not a word of English, became a journalist and still works in PR. So from tiny acorns.....

I do wonder though whether the neighbour we complained had spoilt the road by painting her front door purple ever forgave us!

***St Ives Choral Society are doing a "come and sing" Mozart Requiem at church on 16th October. No experience necessary. Or come along and hear it in the evening. If you want to join in email [membership@stives-choral.org.uk](mailto:membership@stives-choral.org.uk) to book a place.***

## Eco-Fair 18th September by Sally Runham



St Ives Eco Action working with St Ives Methodist Church held a mini eco-fair on Saturday 18th September, the day of the St Ives Heritage Open day. The event included stalls from local projects and organisations, including St Ives in Bloom and Hunts DC, covering activities such as how to create a pollinator friendly garden, what and what not to put in your blue bin, a litter picking challenge, a plastic-free shopping challenge, and what the churches are doing to become greener.

The panels made for the Stitches for Survival campaign were also on display before being stitched together and sent to campaign headquarters.

The Rope to Replace Plastic demonstration set up at the Free Church on the same day was a part of this Eco Fair.

From St Ives Eco Action's Facebook page, "Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Eco Fair yesterday! We had an awesome day, with over 200 visitors, lots of networking, making new friends and raising awareness about how climate change is affecting how we live and sharing information and advice about ways to live that are kind to the planet. We are such a creative community and it's so inspiring when we all work together..."



***To everything there is a season.....***

***After 18 months and 75 editions I feel KIT has done the job it was intended to do. We now have Inspire again monthly and it will increase in size and scope to meet future requirements. If you are one of several people who've said "I've been meaning to write something...." then this is your last chance. Next KIT—deadline 27th October will be the last one. Let's make the last edition a bumper one!***

***Chris***