

The St Germans Star

Being happy that the sun has finally got his hat on since 2020

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Hello,

This newsletter is now going to be produced monthly – much has remained the same but we've got some interviews and extra articles to keep you amused. A massive thanks (again) goes out to Geoff Williams who has created some brilliant new quizzes and interviewed local man Dave Bennett about his village memories.

Verity Duncan

Food and essentials:

A message from St Germans Shop: Over the last few months it has been truly wonderful to see our lovely community pulling together with lots of wonderful initiatives popping up to keep everyone safe, supported, and connected during these strange times. As a tiny not-for-profit Community Shop our thanks must firstly go out to all the volunteers, new and old, and customers of our little shop for being so supportive and understanding. Our primary aim has always been to serve you all and provide a safe place to shop where you can get all essentials, as well as a few treats! In turn we have stocked as many local products as possible to support small local businesses in turn. This has meant there has been little we have run out of. Throughout this pandemic we have constantly reviewed the risks and protective measures we put in place to keep both our volunteers and customers safe. For the foreseeable future we will continue to have a one person in the shop at a time policy. We feel this protects everyone, whilst allowing you to shop without mandatory masks, and without worrying about bumping into anybody, no mean feat in a tiny shop with our layout!

We are now back to both the shop and Post Office being open 7 days a week - and papers are back.

Deliveries are continuing for those shielding - phone the shop on 01503 232887 Mon-Thu between 9-12pm for next day delivery. Opening Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm Sat: 9am-12pm Sun: 9am-11am

Please do continue to use us so that we are always there for you, and keep being as patient and wonderful as you have been! St Germans Shop

Hollie's Cupcakes: If you have a sweet tooth, check out Hollie's cupcakes on Facebook. Loads of delicious flavours and she'll deliver to your door.

Pub in the Park: Port Eliot is to hold a socially distanced take on the Eliot Arms on Sat 4 and Sun 5 Jul. Check the SGS Facebook page for the link to buy tickets.

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Village Memories 1. Dave Bennett
(in conversation with Geoff Williams)

G: So Dave you are a St Germans' Boy?

D: Yes, born, brought up, married and lived in the village for over 70 years.

G: Schooled here too?

D: Yes at the Infants, where the Scholars Restaurant is now (I never saw any pupil fall down the steep stairs!) and then at the Juniors' across the road. We went back across the road each day to the Infants' building for lunch.

G: You'll remember more shops in the village?

D: Yes, there used to be quite a few. On Fore Street, Tiptoe Cottage used to be a Grocer's, run by a Mr Trewithick. I used to go in there for sweets. Next door, a Miss Wenmouth had a Draper's shop. There was also a Cobbler's at the bottom of Newport where garages are now. On the corner, above where the Community shop is now, there used to be an Ironmonger's selling nails, screws and paraffin and I remember going up the outside stone steps to the first floor for other hardware stuff. In the late 1950s, John and Beryl Hauser ran a post Office upstairs with inside access. Also of course, there had been an old Post Office in a house opposite the Church. I also remember a Mr Blades had a Tailors shop opposite the Chapel.

G: You say you were married in the village?

D: Yes, I married my childhood sweetheart Vera at the old Methodist Chapel. In fact, we were the last couple to be married there before it was demolished by a Mr Skews in the late 1960s.

G: What work did you go on to do after you left school at 15?

D: I worked on the railway like my Dad. He was the signal box man first at Trerulefoot, where the layby is on the Polbathic road and then here in St Germans. The signal box used to be near where the old Under 5s building is. You can still see its foundations in the path that goes down to the road. When I had to travel to Plymouth, if I had Sunday work, my Dad arranged for my bike and I to travel on the 11.30 train in the guard's van! So, I remember the old shunting and goods yard where now the bungalow is, near to the recreation ground.

G: You'll remember the Police Station being in use?

D: Oh yes, there used to be an Inspector, a Sergeant and two Constables based there. I was told that there was a prisoners' cell - but I never found that out for sure!! My mum used to be the cleaner there.

G: There must be quite a few buildings you remember that are no longer standing?

D: At the bottom of Fore Street, just before the Memorial Cottage on the right, was the base for the village Rag and Bone man, who I remember collecting all manner of stuff especially waste paper. Sometime after he moved on, the premises became the Youth Club. You can still see the shell of the building and collapsed roof. Incidentally, we actually called the Memorial Cottage the District Nurses's Cottage because that's where they lived.

G: Well Dave, thanks for letting St Germans Star readers hear some of your memories.

From New Zealand with Love: The experiences of a St Germans girl on the other side of the world during lockdown.

19 year old Madi Austen left St Germans last November to spend her gap year in New Zealand. She stated work as an au pair this January in Warkworth, North Island. The children are 1,4 and 5 and she's had a great time taking them to the park, playing with them and treating them to 'fluffies' (warm frothy milk!) in local cafes. She's made some good friends and especially enjoys their regular Wednesday night meet ups.

At the start of lockdown, she had the choice of taking a 'Mercy Flight' back to the UK, she's happy she decided to stay put. At the start they had 4 weeks of total lockdown (like here). Her 19th birthday was during lockdown and was also her first birthday away from home. The family surprised her with a trip to the beach and she even managed a socially-distanced walk with a friend. She says it was a great day!

Of lockdown, Madi says she quite enjoyed it; she didn't feel too locked in and managed to do loads with the kids including enjoying seeing them in the paddling pool and playing on their bikes. She even managed to get them to do some maths and spellings.

Madi thinks that NZ handled the lockdown well. After lockdown ended, she saw friends again and even visited a National Park. To get lockdown out of her system she decided to jump out of a plane! Despite being nervous on the way up, she didn't have the chance to say 'no' as the man she was attached to jumped and she jumped too! When in freefall they went through a cloud and loved the feeling when the parachute opened. She's also visited some natural hot springs which sound wonderful.

Madi will return to the village in late summer and will take up a place at Plymouth College of Art and Design in autumn to study Interior Design, Decoration and Styling.

Tea Break

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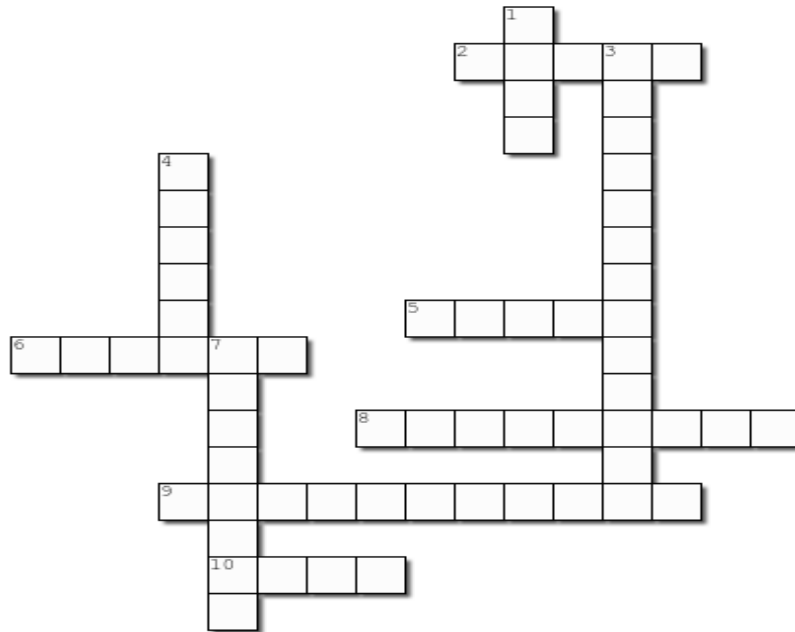
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Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1246327/>

Name: _____

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Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

2. Dr Fullalove
5. The river the Quay is on
6. Street name without a gap sounds treeful
8. Pub Name
9. Buildings in Gallery Lane
10. 3 cottages have this name

Down

1. Usual Postie
3. Don't take a new lock here
4. Boss of the Shop
7. Use to have the Infants here

Answers:

Riddles:

What has a bottom at the top? Legs

If James is five, Henry is three and Edward is two. Who is one? Thomas!

What has a head, a tail, is brown and has no legs? A penny

What word becomes shorter if you add two letters? Short

Village Houses:

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| 1 Tiptoe Cottage | f fore Street | 2 Rose Cottage(s) | c Bag Lane |
| 3 Fancy Cottage | l Quay Road | 4 oneA5 | g Lower Fairfield |
| 5 Railway Cottage | h Quarry Street | 6 Colgare | a Lovely Lane |
| 7 Tanyard | e Newport | 8 Eliot Cottage | d Bag Lane |
| 9 The Old Rectory | j Old Quay Lane | 10 Cuddenbeake | b Quay Road |
| 11 The Almshouses | l Gallery Lane | 12 Vine Cottage | k Church Street |

This month's BIG SHOUT OUTS

Star of the month: Without doubt goes to **Kirstie Dickson** for being an absolute unsung heroine over the past three months. She's given her time to man her phone every morning for twelve weeks to take village shop orders and has produced masses of uniforms and facemasks for the NHS. All for free and with nothing but kindness and attention to detail. Thank you Kirstie.

Birthdays. Emma Eastment 4 July
Donna Orphan 3 July
Robin 27 June

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How to contact me: If you're on Facebook, please 'like' our St Gemans COVID 19 page and follow. If you'd like to have a message added to the newsletter, please email me: verityduncan@yahoo.co.uk or call 01503 230995 between 1900-2000 if possible.

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Quote of the week: *Be yourself; everyone else is already taken*

Message from the Rev'd Cannon Lynn Parker

Over the last three months the symbol of the rainbow has been shown on windows, painted on walls, worn on our clothing and has been the badge of solidarity and support.

The rainbow has been used as a symbol of hope in lots of different cultures over the centuries. From the earliest story of Noah and his Ark when at the end of the flood God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign and a promise of hope.

Also, as part of the story of Noah's Ark at the end of the flood as the waters subsided Noah needed to know whether it was safe to open up the ark and go out. So, he sent out a dove and the dove flew back with a twig to show that vegetation was growing again and they could go out. This was Noah's sign that all would be well.

We are also now looking for signs that it is OK to go out and rebuild all that has stood still over the last three months. Because as some of the lockdown restrictions start to ease, we will take our first tentative steps back to normality (whatever that may look like.)

Some people are anxious to get on and get out and get back to work with shopping and socialising - whilst others are just anxious, wondering whether this is the right time, is it safe, is it too soon, and are we ready.

So where will we find our signs? Hopefully in each other, in the support and encouragement we have found within our community - in new found respect for health workers and teachers - in gratitude of family and health – in a belief that ALL LIVES MATTER.

Let us take those first few steps out tentatively with a new found respect for the world around us and do our part to keep it safe.

Revd Canon Lynn Parker

Online Worship

Although the churches have been closed there has been a regular service every Sunday at 10.30am online through zoom. This service has been popular with between 40 and 50 people logging in each week. If you would like to join us please email parker30@hotmail.com and you will be sent the link and a copy of the service.