

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH NEWS

The church that welcomes one and all with closed doors (temporarily)

Blair Country



Sam Blair writes, Dear All, I went for a social distancing walk with a friend last week and afterwards we gossiped whilst having a flask of tea and lots of biscuits, gazing over the fence at this view from the north coast. I fear those balmy days may have deserted us for a while but am secretly hoping for a bit of rain to brighten up our grass at home! I really do hope that before the summer ends we might all be able to get together for a lovely jaunt. Until next week. Sam x

Sinclair Calling...

Musings from home by Jim Sinclair, Week 11 of our confinement. The brightest week yet as we edge back to normality. People allowed in our own homes wherein there is a relaxation of social distancing. Hooray! Maybe we will get a cuddle from the weans but I suspect eagle eyed, protective nurse mummy Kelly may put the mawkers on that. And I thought the Geheimefeldpolizei left in 1945. Still, she is only concerned for our safety.

Speaking of the weans, I was surprised at the efficiency of the staff of La Moye school in their organisation of home teaching. They set the weans work daily (via the witchcraft of t'interweb natch). This is done, sent back and the teacher marks and returns it. It really is impressive as is mummy Kelly's determination that those two do a full day's schooling, believe me they do a full day.

Last week for our first beach sojourn of the year - what weather! - we foolishly attempted to get to Plemont. Utter chaos. It's many decades since either of us has been there. Needless to say the traffic and parking arrangements were a fiasco and we cut our losses and ended up on Greve de Lecq. Bozo here forgot his book and grumpily sat staring wistfully out across the sea. I always think of Greve as the back-to-front beach as the sun is always at your back if you face the sea. The beach was mobbed. I wonder how many people will really want to go back to work when this eventually ends?

It was nice to see our preacher - Rev Mr Twaddle - last Sunday was a man of finesse and footballing discernment, having graced the hallowed terraces of Ibrox to see the Rangers team in which Jim Baxter played.

And no, we didn't get a cuddle from the weans but we were inside their house. Progress indeed.

Classifieds

Columba Kids! - A new twenty-minute online church for children starting this week. Contact our minister for how to join!

Jackie, Marianne and Caroline News

This week we received correct answers from Caroline Ludlow and Gill Lanyon. Jackie Horne was close in the colours quiz. However, the answer to the question: Snooker player who has played in many World finals but never won was Jimmy WHITE. Jackie went with Stephen Hendry which she admirably linked to HENNA. So, congratulations to this week's top three - Gill, Caroline & Jackie.

Answers: 1. Baloo (Blue), 2. Purple, 3. Pink, 4. Indigo, 5. Brown, 6. Green, 7. White, 8. Scarlett, 9. Yellow, 10. Vermillion

This Week's Competition

This week's competition is Famous Landmarks, simply guess the landmark from the clues below:

1. Although it is only 10 metres high, you can see it from 18 miles away! It was the first one in the British Isles to be made from concrete and was described by Victor Hugo as the 'herdsman of the waves.'

2. It's been known as an entertainment venue for 350 years and one of the buildings on its perimeter has over 1,600 seats. It is mentioned in the song "Its a long way to Tipperary" and on the Monopoly board it is yellow. The nearest tube station is Leicester Square.
3. It's on the border of two countries - one of which is China, Anne Marie has probably walked its equivalent during lockdown and you only fit it once, so fit the best!
4. It is in the Black Hills in South Dakota. It faces south-east which gives maximum exposure to the sun. It took fourteen years to create (which is an average of 3.5 years per person).
5. It cost over ten times the original budget and has over 1 million roof tiles. It is a seawater-cooled UNESCO World Heritage Site and was built by 10,000 construction workers - many possibly driving a "ute" pick-up truck.
6. It's in the middle of an ocean but you can get there by motorbike - with no need for lights half the time. GMT? BST? It really could be any time there.
7. It has a grandstand that seats around a thousand people, it has a friendly cafe which has provided credit to forgetful quiz-setters and this year was due to host an annual football tournament won once by Alderney.
8. Construction began on it in 1930. It has more storeys than Danielle Steel, although the story involving King Kong is perhaps its greatest legend.
9. It has a surface area of some 23,000 square miles, which is divided between three countries, and it's only outflow is the Nile River.
10. The pyramid is, of course, it's most famous structure but it's also the most visited museum in the world and will leave you smiling (enigmatically).

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