

Keeping in Touch..... Number 68

Welcome to this week's KIT. Thank you so much if you sent something in this week. Please keep the articles coming. The deadline for next week's KIT is noon on Wednesday. Please send anything to c.a.curtis@ntlworld.com Or ring Alan or Chris on 01480 350787. If you get away for a few days please send a "virtual postcard" of a few photos..

How does your garden grow? Babs and John's garden is looking really splendid—the berries are finished but veg and flowers have come into their own as you will see from these photos! Babs says “ The berries may be over but I love looking for vegetables to pick and prepare , plus flowers are so beautiful and really makes me appreciate the beauty of the world in which we live “.

***Babs asks if it's too early to sing
“Come you thankful people come”?***

***It always seems strange to us that
we celebrate harvest so late.
Farmers generally have everything***



***“safely gathered in” by mid to late August
in most years. Fruit comes later for sure
but generally harvest is well over by mid
September.***



Irene calling.....

THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS

The News is all Olympics
Coming over from Japan,
Our National Team's successful
Winning medals where they can.

The time difference is awkward
Races start before sunrise,
You have to set the clock to wake
Then watch with sleepy eyes.

Japan has spent much money
To draw the countries in,
But they didn't count on Covid
So it put them in a spin!

Determined they would carry on
Despite their peoples' doubt,
They went ahead and pulled it off
An opening night with clout!

Competitors around the world
Travelled from far and wide,
But Covid caught some on the plane
Now in their rooms they hide.

Many though escaped, took part
And achieved their highest aims,
How proud we are to see them shine
In Tokyo's Olympic Games!

cc. IRENE CARTER

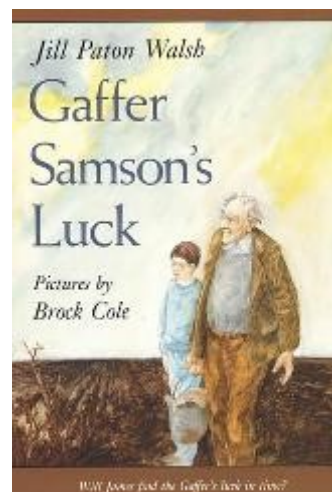
Picnic in the Park and Climate Sunday 15th August

There is a proposed climate themed service in Warners' Park on Sunday 15th August, so please look out for notices about this. It is co-ordinated by St Ives Methodist Church. This is part of the schedule of Climate Sundays running up to COP26. They also hope for people to bring a picnic and share one another's company in the open air.

And a photo from Sally of Char's "Spire" Garden Party in 2018....



*Following on from Char's local book last week....
A book set locally that I used to enjoy reading to pupils when I was teaching—especially when I was at Houghton - is the delightful "Gaffer Sampson's Luck" by Jill Paton Walsh. It's a story of a child relocating to this area from a much hillier area and how he befriends a neighbour. It is set on the Great Ouse and features the weir known as The Rhymers.*



A mini-quiz from Philip..... He writes.....

As one who was at Ramsey Abbey Grammar School with Sally Banks in the Fabulous Fifties,

£100 goes to the charity of their choice to the first to reveal her maiden name.

Ditto for the first to name the doyen of the Free Church Youth Club at the same time.

Ditto for the first to name your church's best-known piano teacher at the same time.

And double for the first to name what is most unusual about the apse arch.

Please send us any answers by email or phone together with your chosen charity and we will forward to Philip.

***Char sent photos of a garden party at her old family home—
"Lyndhurst". She says that Sindy will recognise the trees!!***



Anyone know the year?