

# ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH NEWS

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

## The View From My Window



(Hamish Kean, St Saviour, Jersey)

## Blair Country

Hello everyone, a bit of an unusual photo this week...

I came across this rather marvellous beetle in the driveway - I myself had not beetled very far from home!



Upon looking in the AA Book of the British Countryside which was given to me by my parents for my 14th birthday and which I have used numerous times to identify things which I have not seen before, I found that this is in fact a perfect specimen of a cockchafer beetle.

It never ceases to amaze me what you can find in your own 'back garden!'  
Until next week – Sam x

## Staycation News

If you are looking for somewhere to visit in Jersey, then Linda Lowseck recommends the National Trust Orchid Meadow in Rue du Coin, St Clement.



## Sinclair Calling...

**Musings from home by Jim Sinclair,** Well, the sand keeps running through the old egg timer and we now enter week eight of the confinement. But just as the SS Vega\* heralded the start of less worse days, so this week the restrictions have been relaxed considerably. We can stay out for six hours without being asked for our "papieren." We can also meet the prescribed number of people outwith our own households subject to the social distancing requirements. So still no cuddles from the weans then. Still, we are grateful for the journey back to normality.

As mentioned last week Christel, having been here for a whole nine days during the occupation, was really looking forward to the enhanced Liberation celebrations. Alas it was not to be. However, we had a nice Liberation Day. We met Kelly, Anthony and the weans down at St Ouen in the morning. It was Kelly's birthday so we had bacon rolls - crepes for the weans - and watched the weans surfing.

In the afternoon Christel and I had a nice afternoon tea (see next week, she'll kill me for this!) and listened to two and a half hours of wartime songs on YouTube. Later on, I paid my devotions to the patron saint of cider St Rongbow. Not the day we all hoped for but a good one nevertheless. Always remembering, never forgetting those who suffered occupation here and those who suffered fighting in France, North Africa, Italy, France (again) Belgium, Holland, Germany and not forgetting - as they were then - the Fourteenth Army in Burma. LEST WE FORGET.



\* [for non-Jersey readers: In 1944, following D-Day, supply lines to occupied Jersey were particularly bad. Islanders were living on meagre rations. However, on the last but one day of that long year, the SS Vega sailed into Jersey with food parcels. The arrival of this Swedish-built, coal-fired ship was, as Jim describes it above, the the start of "less worse days." There is a plaque in St Helier harbour to mark where this Red Cross operated ship berthed. Ed.]

## Classifieds

**Church of Scotland's Big Weekend** - There will be an online service to install the new moderator on Sat 16 May at 11am and then Heart and Soul - a celebration of our church through conversations and singing - from 2pm on the Sunday ([www.churchofscotland.org.uk](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk))

**Prayers / special occasions for our own Zoom service** - You can send any particular prayer requests or celebrations to highlight to Graeme in advance of the service by email or phone. Alternatively, as Edith points out, there is a chat function on Zoom by which you can send messages during the service.

## Caroline Ludlow News

Defending champion Caroline Ludlow submitted a 100% correct entry early in the week for last week's "guess the biscuit" competition. It was quite some marker and it took until mid-week before the dog-lover was challenged. Jackie Horne, increasingly comfortable at this level, produced another

wonderful entry to join the champ at the top of the leaderboard. So, congratulations to Caroline and Jackie - this week's joint winners.

Here are the answers to last weeks quiz: 1. taxi, 2. 54321, 3. Choco Lieb niz, 4. Wagon Wheel, 5. club, 6. Garibaldi, 7. Kit Kat, 8. Blue Riband, 9. Digestive, 10. Time Out.

## **This Week's Competition**

This week's competition is not just a quiz but also of great practical help. After you have answered each clue, or set of clues, then - voila! - you will have the recipe for a tasty Apple Crumble plus side dish (just, ehm, work out the quantities for yourself). Answers by next Thursday please then we will pull a winner out of the oven....

1. A type of sugar and first name of the current women's 800m Olympic champion = \_\_\_\_\_? (6)
2. Common theme of sermons = \_\_\_\_\_(3), first word in Oxford English Dictionary = \_\_\_\_ (1), abbreviation of the word for sixty seconds = \_\_\_\_ (3)
3. Invented over 8,000 years ago, this ingredient can become explosive when suspended in air in a confined space \_\_\_\_\_? (5)
4. American soft rock music duo who appeared on Live Aid and had a number of hit singles are Hall and \_\_\_\_\_? (4, used for the topping)
5. Another type of sugar, used here in the topping, and originally grown alongside its namesake river in Guyana = \_\_\_\_\_? (8)
6. American organisation whose circular headquarters building is one mile in circumference = \_\_\_\_\_? (5)
7. "Art has no other aim \_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_ (3) own perfection, and proceeds simply by her own laws" Oscar Wilde
8. Famous American General whose "last stand" took place one hundred and forty years ago = \_\_\_\_\_(6)?

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