

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH NEWS

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

Blair Country

Sam Blair writes, Dear All, Although this picture was not taken in Jersey, I thought I would share it with you. Alan recently went fishing in Hampshire on the River Test and I took this photo just as the sun was starting to go down. It was the most idyllic summer evening, sitting on the bank having a picnic with the occasional swan gliding gently by. What a glorious sight!! Do hope you are all well and many thanks to those of you who came on the walk [It was apparently great. Ed.] – I will let you know the date for the next one shortly. Till next time. Sam x



Sinclair Calling

Musings from Jim Sinclair, How quickly the break from writing my screeds has gone. August 15th saw the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War with the surrender of the Empire of Japan. The Fourteenth Army was the forgotten army and growing up in the 1960s there was a comic called The Victor. In it there was a serial strip called The Forgotten Fourteenth. I read it avidly. But there was an even more eager reader of it and that was my dear old Da. He was in the 14th Army and fought in India and Burma. He said they were indeed forgotten. The only person who came to see them was Vera Lynn and he loved her for that. As per, he rarely spoke about it except to say it was horrible. He liberated Prisoner of War Camps and he never forgot. That was him. He was



a Gordon Highlander (how a wee man from Coatbridge ended up a Gordon is beyond me, he should have been in the Cameronians, the Lanarkshire regiment). In his honour and for the honour of all who fought, died and suffered then and later I again decorated my windows and laid some flowers at the Fourteenth Army memorial at Mount Bingham. One of the pics shows his ID card for a POW camp for Italians in Bangalore. He said when he got off the train on demob at Coatbridge it was the loveliest wee town in the world. At least he came home but the horrors of the Malaria he contracted were never far away. I have his medals including his Burma Star.

Competition News

Life is returning to some sense of normal: schools and nurseries are going back and C. Ludlow has won the quiz! Congratulations Caroline.

Answers: 1. Beatles, 2. Vespers, 3. Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, 4. Levi's, 5. 4, 6. Percussion, 7. Take That, 8. Saxophone, 9. Steps, 10. Cymbals, 11. Rhythm and Blues, 12. 9, 13. Auchtermuchty, 14. Albinoni, 15. Andrea Bocelli

This Week's Competition

This week it's a general knowledge quiz:

1. In what part of the body would you find the fibula?
2. In what US state is the city of Nashville?
3. What is seven cubed?
4. What is the name of the tower block where Del Boy and Rodney lived?
5. Gouda is a cheese originally from which country ?
6. What do French people call the English Channel?
7. What temperature centigrade does water boil at?
8. Name three of the Bronte sisters?
9. What nuts are used in marzipan?
10. Which is the furthest east: Edinburgh or Carlisle?

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