WINCHESTER NEWS

JUNE 2019

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2\textsuperscript{nd} and 5\textsuperscript{th} Highams Park Rainbows trying out Grass Sledging, Climbing and Trampolining. See page 9.
SUNDAY SERVICES

10.30am Morning worship and Young Church
Evening services as below

Refreshments are served in the Hub following the
morning service every Sunday

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<th>WORSHIP DURING JUNE</th>
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| **Sunday 2**<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am | Rev Hilary Cheng
Sacrament of Holy Communion |
| **Sunday 9**<sup>th</sup> 10.30am | Mrs Laura Pease
Young Church Anniversary
Church Parade |
| 6.30pm | Rev Hilary Cheng |
| **Sunday 16**<sup>th</sup> 10.30am | Mr Denis Walker |
| **Sunday 23**<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am | Miss Janet Tweedale |
| **Sunday 30**<sup>th</sup> 10.30am | Local Arrangement |

OUR STEWARDS AND SENIOR STEWARDS

- Senior Steward: Carole Merriman
- Stewards: Janet Evans, Gillian Farnfield, Hazel Mathews, Carol and Dumisani Moyo, Pat Ovenden.

‘...if you believe, you will see the glory of God.’

~ John 11:40
Dear All,

A good friend recently took me to an art exhibition at Tate Modern. We hired audio sets which enabled us to view the paintings and listen to the accompanying commentary. The words brought the paintings to life for me. The use of colours were used to portray the artist’s mood. Texture also suggested how he might have been feeling. Small details such as birds or butterflies I would have missed had my attention not been drawn to them. The exhibition became so much more alive for me because of the commentary.

This reminds me of the story of the Ethiopian Official in Acts Chapter 10. He had been in Jerusalem worshipping God and was on his way home. He was reading from the book of Isaiah, but did not fully understand what the scriptures meant until Philip explained the scriptures to him.

A modern day example is that I preach every Sunday. In order to get the most from the lectionary passages, I often have a look at different commentaries to see what they say. This helps me to understand what is written in the scriptures. Like the paintings, referral is often made to details that I might otherwise have overlooked.

One way that we can grow in our faith is to keep in touch with God by reading the Bible. Some people follow daily Bible reading notes, whilst others download a Biblical App day by day. Bible studies are on offer and if you would like more details as to when these happen at any of the churches, please do ask the stewards.

Strengthening our knowledge of Jesus and the Bible enables us to increase our faith, not only sustaining ourselves through times of joy and sadness, but also giving us the courage to share our faith with others and support them when they need a listening ear.

When I was a teenager, I learnt a little ditty that went like this:  

> Read your Bible; Pray every day; If you want to grow.

If you are able to do this, you may find yourself growing in your faith and of being even more of a blessing to others.

God bless

Hilary
2019 Dates for your diary

All events held here at Winchester Road unless stated otherwise

Sun 2nd June: Annual Church Meeting will be held after the morning service

Sun 9th June: Young Church Anniversary & Church Parade

Sat 15th June: Winchester Café, 10am-4pm, proceeds for JMA

Sat 15th June: Gun & Knife Crime Conference, Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, 10am-5pm (see page 17)

Sat 15th June: Midsummer’s Day Retreat, 10.15am-4pm, Hinde Street Methodist Church, London, W1U 2QJ (see page 18)

Tues 18th June: Church Council meeting, 7.30pm

Sat 22nd June: Cream Tea at Pat & David’s, 3–5pm (see page 15)

Thurs 27th June – Thurs 4th July: Methodist Conference, Birmingham
www.methodist.org.uk/conference

Sat 20th July: Winchester Café, 10am-4pm

Mon 29th July – Fri 2nd August: Holiday Club (see page 7)

Sat 3rd – Fri 9th August: Methodist Summer Fellowship, The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick www.methodistsummerfellowship.org

Sun 4th August: Holiday Club service

Sat 2nd November: London District Forest Circuit Safeguarding Conference on Spiritual, Loughton Methodist Church (see page 14)

First & Third Wednesday of each month: Open Fellowship, 2.30-4pm (see page 16)

Every Friday during term time: Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon, to support Action for Kids
July/August edition of Winchester News

The next edition of the newsletter will be a joint July/August edition for the summer. The edition will be available from Sunday 14th July. The deadline to submit an article, joke, poem, prayer or item of interest, will be Tuesday 2nd July. (Contact details on back page.)

Alex Fletcher

Ernestina Payton

Ernestina Payton, now 95, is still a resident at Gracewell (was Bayfield) at Chingford Hatch. She is somewhat isolated in her world but loves to chat. It would be nice if anyone could visit, especially if you have a DOG! This always brings smile to her face! With thanks, Barbara.

Tee Hee

What did the grape say when it got stepped on?
Nothing, it just let out a little wine.

Adult volunteers for Holiday Club

If you are interested in helping for all, or part, of the week, please email Laura Pease: pease_in_our_time@live.com

Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August
9.30am - 1pm each day, and until 3.30pm on Wed.

Thank you
**HOLIDAY CLUB**

**Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August**

*Further details and booking information*

We will be running our 13th Holiday Club again this year for children aged 5 to 11 (Reception to Year 6), during the Summer Holidays from Monday 29th – Friday 2nd August.

There will be all sorts of fun activities each day, around the theme of **Let's Celebrate!**

The club will start at 10am and finish at 12.45pm each day.

On Wednesday we will have a picnic, which we will provide, in the Highams Park, and activities during the afternoon, finishing at 3.30pm.

On Sunday 4th August, we will be leading the church service and share some of the activities of the week with the congregation.

We have a church policy for Child Protection and all adult volunteers will be DBS checked.

It will cost £15 per child for the week.

To book, or if you have any questions, please email Jan Dent: jdent7@gmail.com or look out for a booking form.
Prayer
Loving Father, what meaningful words can I say to you when you have heard them all so many times before? What can I offer you when every gift I have is already yours? So I bow my head in reverence and silence, and strive to meet with you, shutting out the noise and clamour of everyday life. And in the stillness, I wait to hear your word so that by your grace I may journey on my way as your loyal, humble servant. Amen.

Nancy Davis, Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne.
From The Methodist Church Prayer Handbook 2018/19.

I have been overwhelmed with the amount of care and love and concern that has been shown to me by my family, church friends, and other friends outside the church, during my two hospital stays. I feel I’ve had more than my fair share of visits from Hilary! I am slowly improving now and hope to be back in the not too distant future.

Sylvia Dixon

Coffee & lunch Days
The following are the dates for coffee & lunch days for the dancing school. Any help is always gratefully received.

- **Saturday 15th June** proceeds for JMA
- **Saturday 13th or Saturday 20th** July (dependant on our commitment to Highams Park Day)

Thank you,
Janice
Wild About Highams Park Art Trail

A couple of months ago an owl appeared in the entrance to River Walk near our Church. It had been created out of wood by ‘Marshall’ using a chain saw! Soon many more creatures started appearing around Highams Park. The 12th, and last, a group of hedgehogs, was completed two weeks ago. Some are easy to find others are more hidden away. There are rabbits, ducks, foxes, badgers, otters and many others.

If you haven’t already, it is well worth searching for them. They can be found in Richmond Crescent, Abbotts Crescent, Larkshall Crescent, Ropers Avenue, Aldriche Way, River Walk, The Hale, Oak Hill Crescent, Vincent Road, Handsworth Avenue, The Highams Park and Beechwood Drive.

I am also told that the children at Handsworth School have some carvings of their own in the playgrounds.

Jan Dent

See photos on page 23.

Visit www.wfculture19.co.uk/wildabouthighamspark to download a map of the trail.

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2nd & 5th Highams Park Rainbows Activity Day

The 2nd and 5th Highams Park Rainbows were busy on Sunday 19th May, trying out a variety of activities at Chigwell Row Girlguiding Camp & Activity Centre.

They started off with Grass Sledging, where there were lots of squeals as they came down they came down the slope, and although some of them applied the brakes on their first go, they were soon sailing down the slope to see how far the sledge would continue.

We then had a break for lunch before a quick go in the playground and then headed off to the trampolines. Whilst waiting for their turn to bounce around on the trampolines, the girls played giant versions of Snakes & Ladders, Connect 4, and various ball games.

The final session was climbing, with some of the girls scaling the climbing wall in a blink of an eye, right to the top.

A fun day was had by all. Photos on page 2.
The water of life sparkling like crystal (Revelation 21 v1)

The flowers which decorated the cross at the end of our Easter Sunday morning service reminded me of Well Dressing, a floral tradition we came across whilst on holiday in the Derbyshire Peak District. Streams rising on the high gritstone moorland flow until they reach the grey white limestone where they disappear underground. The waters flow through joints in the limestone to appear again on the lower slopes as springs. These springs were the wells which supplied the villagers with their water in the days before piped water.

Some writers claim that the tradition of decorating the wells has pagan origins but there is little evidence for this. Most authorities believe that the tradition began when local people wanted to give thanks for the pure water which sustained them throughout a period of plague around the year 1348. Others suggest that is merely a custom giving thanks for the pure water which continues flowing even in time of drought. At first the wells were adorned with simple garlands of flowers the present day pictorial decorations did not appear until the nineteenth century.

The village of Tissington, just north of Ashbourne, is famous for its decorated wells which attract large crowds each year. A wooden framework is filled with a thick layer of soft clay. Villagers agree on a subject, which is usually religious, and a picture is drawn on paper and the outline is then copied onto the clay surface. The areas of the different colours used in the picture are marked by a boundary of small sticks and then filled with flowers, petals, seeds and foliage of the right colour to make the floral picture. At Tissington the pictures for the five village wells are prepared for Ascension Day and then left in place until they wither and fade, this year from May 30 to June 13 2019. Armed with a map we visited the various well sites. See the photograph on page 23 of a well in Tissington dressed with a picture of Jesus turning water into wine (John 2 v 1-11).

Every Sunday beside the pulpit there is a colourful floral display by one of our team of skilled flower arrangers. It is our tradition that the cost of the flowers is donated by a member of the congregation in memory of a family member, or in celebration of an anniversary, special birthday or some other event. If you would like to have a person or event marked in this way please speak to Sylvia Dixon.

In John's Gospel we read of an encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman at a well who, knowing the hostility between Jews and Samaritans,
was surprised when he asked her to give him a drink of water from the well. In their conversation Jesus says to her "If only you knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him and he would give you living water." (John 4 v 10). Whoever drinks this water will be thirsty again but whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring which will provide him with life giving water and give him eternal life (v 13 & 14). At a Baptism service we hear the minister say the words 'In this sacrament we celebrate the life of Christ laid down for us, the Holy Spirit poured out on us, and the living water offered to us' (Methodist Worship Book p63).

A popular hymn (STF number 544), written by the American Musician and Worship Leader Martin Nystrom takes up this theme, it begins with a paraphrase of the opening verse of Psalm 42.

As the deer (hart) pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you
You alone are my hearts desire
and I long to worship you.

The only other hymn that I can find which is less well known was written by the noted Anglican hymn writer and former Bishop of Thetford Timothy Dudley-Smith. (The author of the popular hymn chosen by Mmasape Zihle to close our Anniversary service.) Lord for the years your love has kept and guided / Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way. (StF 470.)

As water to the thirsty,
as beauty to the eyes,
as strength that follows weakness,
as truth instead of lies

.............................
so is my Lord,
my living Lord
so is my Lord to me. (STF 441)

Allen Steel
June 2019

Tee Hee
Studies show Excel users rarely pay for drinks – they just open a new tab!
The Gardener's Hymn

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

But what we never mention, though gardeners know it’s true, is when He made the goodies, He made the baddies too.

All things spray and swattable, disasters great and small.
All things paraquatable, the Lord God made them all.

The green-fly on the roses, the maggots in the peas, manure that fills our noses, He also gave us these.

All things spray and swattable, etc…

The fungus on the goosegogs, the Club root on the greens, the slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines.

All things spray and swattable, etc…

The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds, the rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the spuds.

All things spray and swattable, etc…

The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and the weeds, the pigeons in the green stuff, the sparrows on the seeds.

All things spray and swattable, etc…

The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums, how black the gardener’s outlook, though green may be their thumbs.

All things spray and swattable, etc…

But still we gardeners labour, midst veg’tables and flowers, and pray what hits our neighbour’s, will somehow bypass ours.

All things spray and swattable, disasters great and small.
All things paraquatable, the Lord God made them all.

Sent in by Rev Hilary Cheng
I have recently written to all the friends who receive our Newsletter through the post. Below are just some of the replies, hellos and updates received. Many thanks too to Joan (and Ron) Taylor who faithfully sent out the Newsletter for almost 10 years.

Barbara Chapman

"We spent much of our young life at Winchester and still enjoy the news. Marjerie Maiats“

"Lovely to hear from you. Susan and Alan live in Stockport. We keep plodding on. Last year we saw our Diamond Wedding. We get out and about. We still find the Newsletter interesting and encouraging. The Church certainly sounds very active and lively with a real sense of fellowship. Also you have, from the Bazaar pictures, a wide range of ages. Remember us to any who remember. Love and Best Wishes, Joy & Gerald Morris”

“We wish to continue receiving the Newsletter, taking me back to the years before 1958 is quite an important part of my life. Shirley Crampton”

"Still hectic here...house still needs work carried out and I am preaching 2/3 times a month and taking funerals. Isaac is busy with Lazer World which is doing exceedingly well. Sue Conroy x”

“We now only recognise a very few names mentioned within but are in touch with some members. Warmest Regards, Gwen & Robert Burridge”

“Mum loved to keep up with the news about dear friends and what Highams Park were up to as a Church. I wish the Church as a people, every Blessing for the future and thank you again for keeping me in touch. With very best wishes, Sara Woodley” cont...
"I still retain happy memories of your fellowship, as well as remembering the friendships we have made along the way. God Bless. Jacquie & Dave Lyus"

“I really do enjoy receiving the Newsletter and read it from cover to cover. It's good to still see names I know and I remember many happy years there. It will always be my spiritual home. I learnt so much there from such Godly people. Thanks again. With love, Gwen Thrower”

“It's good to keep up with the Winchester News... so many faces to remember as we walked up and down Hollywood Way and to Highams Park and back. Llandudno is a lovely place to visit... it's always sunny... but IS windy!!!
Blessings on yer, Peter & Cyn Jennings.”

What Am I?
I'm curved but I'm not a banana.
I'm mentioned in the first book of the Bible but I'm not a snake.
I'm colourful but I'm not a parrot.
I'm mentioned in a Wizard of Oz song, but I'm not a Yellow Brick Road.
I'm found near a leprechaun but I'm not a pot of gold.

Answer on page 23

London District Forest Circuit Safeguarding Conference on Spiritual Abuse
Saturday 2nd November
Loughton Methodist Church
Keynote Speaker: Dr Lisa Oakley.
The Superintendent expects all staff, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders and leadership to attend, with all volunteers actively encouraged to do so.
Cream Tea Afternoon

Saturday 22\textsuperscript{nd} June

3 to 5 pm

at Pat and David’s.

Come and enjoy a lovely afternoon and bring your friends.

There will be plants for sale.
From Joan and Ron Taylor

We draw great comfort from being in the Church family. Your prayers and well wishes are helping to sustain us both at a very difficult time.

Thank you and God bless you.

Joan and Ron

Front Cover image – Pentecost

Pentecost, celebrated 50 days after Easter, will be on Sunday 9th June this year. It commemorates the day when the disciples and other followers received the Holy Spirit after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus in Jerusalem. Read about Pentecost in Acts 2:1-31.

WINCHESTER ROAD OPEN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

A varied programme of speakers and members’ interests. Meets on first and third Wednesday of the month, 2.30pm-4pm.

Wednesday 5th June: Alan Burgoine: Piano Music
Wednesday 19th June: Rev Norman Grigg: The Gambia
Wednesday 3rd July: Outing to a barge on the canal
Wednesday 17th July: Cream Tea and planning for next session

For more information, please speak to Sylvia Dixon.

Tee Hee

Lord Nelson was about 5ft 4in1. His statue is 18ft 1in2. That’s Horatio of roughly 7:2!

Ha Ha Ha!
Susanna Wesley, mother of John and Charles Wesley—-the most prominent of the founders of the worldwide Christian movement of Methodism—was an accomplished writer, practical theologian, dedicated teacher and principled churchwoman, deeply devoted to God.

We can glimpse in this anthology not only the triumphs and authentic struggles of a woman in the eighteenth century, but also find resonance and inspiration for our own life’s journey today. Each extract from Susanna’s extensive penning of journal entries, letters and advice to her children, is set briefly in context for the reader. This hardback book is available from: www.methodistpublishing.org.uk

GUN & KNIFE CRIME CONFERENCE
Saturday 15th June 2019 10am to 5pm
Methodist Central Hall, Storey’s Gate, London, SW1H 9NH
A one day challenging, engaging & inspiring Conference for the ‘Way Forward’ on Gun & Knife Crime.
Revd. Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen & Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons in Conversation with Mr. Richard Taylor OBE and the Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Helen Ball QPM.
An A&E Doctor will attend to give an insight into what happens when gun and knife crime victims are brought into the Emergency Wards.
Tickets £11 until 17th May, £13.50 from 18th May, Youths £10.
www.methodist-central-hall.org.uk
Quiet Day
arranged by ‘Sector A’
Saturday 15th June 2019
10.15am – 4pm (Drinks from 9.45am)
Hinde Street Methodist Church
London W1U 2QJ

Midsummer’s Day Retreat
Led by Deacon Linda Gilson

£10 for the day to include a Ploughman’s Lunch
Worship/Personal Reflection
Walk/Art/Craft/Circle Dancing/Reading
Sharing/Holy Communion
If possible please let Helen Cornick know if you are coming – this will help with catering hkcornick@gmail.com
If you are planning a holiday in Britain or some days out you might like to include some Methodist locations on your trip.

At Epworth in north Lincolnshire you can visit the Rectory which was the family home of the Wesleys and St. Andrews Church where Rev. Samuel Wesley was the Rector. In the heart of Bristol is the New Room the oldest Methodist Church with a newly modernised museum. If you haven’t been to Wesley’s Chapel and House in London’s City Road we can lay on a ’personalised tour for you’. Englesea Brook, near Crewe, is the location of the museum and chapel of the Primitive Methodist Church which became part of main stream Methodism in 1932. Gwennap Pit in Cornwall is a terraced open air amphitheatre where John Wesley preached on eighteen occasions.

This attractively illustrated book includes information on numerous Methodist Churches, Chapels and houses which are open to the public.

There are copies of this Handbook available from the letter rack in the hub which gives details of the access and opening times of places to visit.

Allen Steel

Riddles - answers

In last month’s newsletter, there were 6 riddles. How did you do?

Here are the answers:

1. Harold Chester lives in Manchester, and in the last seven years has married nine different women. None of these women have died, and Harold has never had a divorce. How can this be? **He is a Vicar.**

2. You are lost in the woods (there’s no one around and your phone is dead) when you miraculously stumble across an abandoned hunting shack. After some exploration you find that the hunting shack contains only a large axe, a small straw bed, a magnifying glass, the stub end of a tea light, an Aladdin style oil lamp and a wood pile of solid Oak (approx. 7cm diameter). It’s a moonless night, and has just started snowing heavily – you need to get
warm; however after patting yourself down you find you only have one match. You realise you will have to carefully plan your next moves so as not to waste your one shot. What do you light first? **The match.**

3. You find yourself in the 1920’s in the basement of a detached house. It appears to be around noon. In the room are three light switches (labelled 1, 2, 3) and each switch is linked to a light in the attic. You need to work out which light switch corresponds to which attic light, but once you exit the basement you cannot re-enter. How can you tell which light matches up to which switch? **Turn light number 1 on and leave it to warm up. Turn light 1 off and turn light 2 on, then go up to the attic. The light which is on corresponds to switch 2, the light which is off but warm to touch corresponds to switch 1 and the light which is off and cold corresponds to switch number 3. (This relies on the lightbulbs being the old-school incandescent type which heat up, hence it being set in the 1920s.)**

4. What could go up a chimney down but couldn’t go down a chimney up? **An umbrella.**

5. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and grey when you throw it away? **Coal.**

6. You have three solid wooden boxes, each filled with coins. One is filled only with copper coins, one is filled only with silver coins and one contains a mix of both copper and silver coins. There is a label for each box (“Copper”, “Silver”, “Mixed”) but due to an unfortunate mishap you know that all the boxes are actually labelled incorrectly. It is vitally important that each box has the correct label, however, you can only take one coin from one of the boxes, without checking the rest of the contents of the box. How do you correctly and confidently label all of the boxes? **As all the boxes are incorrectly labelled, if you pick one from the ‘Mixed’ box then you can correctly re-label it depending on what has been selected – it will either be copper or silver, e.g. if the coin is silver, you can correctly label that as the Silver box. The remaining ‘non-mixed’ box (in this example Copper) we know is incorrectly labelled too, so the correct label won’t be Copper. We have already correctly identified the Silver box, so therefore the correct label for this box is the Mixed box. The other box is the remaining individual coin. We have already identified Silver and Mixed, so in this example the correct box would be Copper.**
“May the grace of the Lord JESUS CHRIST and the love of GOD and the fellowship of the HOLY SPIRIT be with you.”

2 Corinthians 13:13

Mouse Makes

A Trinity window for you to colour

The Bible teaches us that God is three persons in one:
GOD = FATHER and SON and HOLY SPIRIT
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Mt 2:1-12, Mk 9:1-8, Lk 5:17-26

The Pharisees had come to Jesus' home in Capernaum to make sure he wasn't breaking any of their religious rules...

So many came to hear Jesus speak that they filled his house...

and the streets outside.

Four men brought their paralysed friend to Jesus for healing

But the crowd wouldn't let them get close

so they climbed up to the roof and took off some tiles.

They lowered their friend down, right in front of Jesus

Jesus was so impressed by their faith, he said to the paralysed man

Your sins are forgiven.

The Pharisees were shocked!

Only God can forgive sins... so this fellow is insulting God!

But Jesus knew what they were thinking.

Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up, take your mat, and walk?'

Why are you thinking such wrong thoughts?

But I want you to know that I do have the authority to forgive sins...

Get up, take your mat and go home!

He got up, picked up his mat and walked home, praising God

The crowd was amazed...

We have never seen anything like this!
Right, an example of Well Dressing, located in Tissington. (See pages 10-11.)

Above, the Wild About Highams Park Art Trail. (See page 9.)

Answer to ‘What Am I?’ on pg 14: A rainbow.
Our Mission
We are a church at the heart of Highams Park which seeks to discern and follow God’s direction.
Our aim is to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour through the life of the church and outreach to the community.
We promote worship and fellowship enabling us to grow towards God.
We are an inclusive church where all are welcome.

HALL & ROOM HIRE
If you would like to hire one of our halls or rooms, please contact Oliver Shykles
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020 8531 8663

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JOINT JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER
The next edition of the newsletter will be a joint July/August edition for the summer.
The edition will be available from Sunday 14th July.
If you would like to submit an article, joke, poem, prayer or item of interest, please contact Alex Fletcher on wrmc.newsletter@btinternet.com or 020 8531 5047
Deadline to submit items for next newsletter: Tuesday 2 July