

Welcome to your Almshouse News

PUZZLE PAGES EDITION

DURING CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN

# WELCOME

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Department of health is looking to hire couples married for 7 years or more to educate people on social distancing.

The Flat Earth Society are reporting that the 2 metre social distancing measures are pushing some of their members over the edge.

## MARTY, WHATEVER HAPPENS



## DONT EVER GO TO 2020!

Garden centres can't reopen fast enough for me, I've been living on borrowed thyme.

Travel plans in 2020



Expectations



Reality

Builders going back to work tomorrow following Boris's advice to cycle [#borisspeech](#)



if 2020 was a car



Hippy bones

**STAY AT HOME**

PROTECT THE **NHS**

♥ **save lives**

# Sudoku

Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square.

Answers on page 10.

					9		7	3
		4						
9			1	2	8			
	1	7					6	2
3				5				8
4	8					5	3	
			8	6	1			4
						1		
8	6		5					

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## Thank You

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by Heather Keeler

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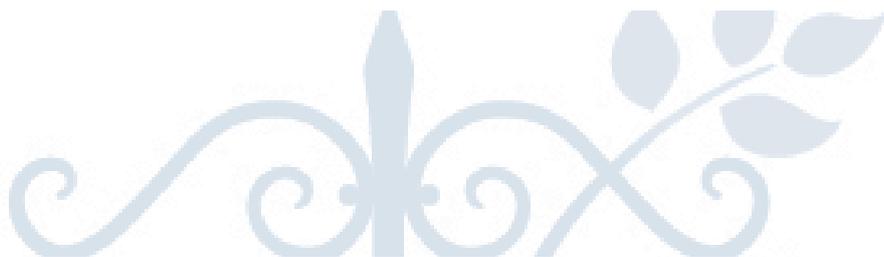


A simple thank you hardly seems adequate for how we have been looked after over the last few weeks.

Not having to worry about our weekly food rations in what could have been a very difficult time with the dreadful virus and the lockdown.

So I say a very big thank you to Juliet and the Trustees for all the planning and intervention that has been carried out to keep us all safe.

The Scheme Managers have also been in constant touch and nothing has been too much trouble. They have been helping us in any way that they can. We are so lucky and I am grateful for all they have done for us.



## Lockdown Lullaby



by Leslie Cook

I might be alone but I'm feeling quite smug.  
(Though I wouldn't say no to a warm friendly hug  
Or greeting a friend with a welcoming kiss,  
One of the several things that I miss).

But I'm feeling smug as my house is so spotless.  
Spiders, cobwebs and flies are a lot less.  
My understairs cupboard, never so neat..  
With the Hoover bag changed and shoes neatly arranged.

Getting rid of most contents was really a feat.  
(I remember our own rather cramped air raid shelter.  
As the bombs fell around us, no wonder we'd swelter!).  
And the old kitchen sink, thank goodness it's stainless.

To restore it like new was really quite painless.  
All pictures and mirrors are perfectly level  
Though to get them so straight was a bit of devil.  
The old clock's now working; how pleasant its tick.

And a rub of brass polish on each candlestick  
Adds charm to the evening when rain clouds are thick.  
All photos in albums and not in a muddle.  
Ah, yes. There's the one where we're all in a huddle

At daughter's first birthday. Who's that at the back?  
I don't recognise him. Could be Uncle Jack.  
But when all's said and done I'd rather confess  
I'd prefer life before lockdown - and a bit of a mess!

## A HUGE thank you to all our wonderful knitters



by Linda Prendergast

I want to say the biggest thank you to each and every resident who has knitted and continues to knit not just the Dr Bears, but Baby Bears, Nurses, Koala Bears, Hearts and wonderful little thank you cushions.

I delivered the first box to The West Middlesex Hospital on Monday 11 May and have received our first email and picture of thanks from Arlene, one of the nurses working so hard to keep us all safe.

The next batch of gifts are destined for the London Ambulance Service.

So please.....Keep knitting!!!



## Unscrupulous bogus callers/workmen



by Juliet Ames-Lewis

It is distressing that in these difficult times there are still people trying to take advantage of us all.

Last week at Hickey's there were some bogus workmen around, knocking on doors and trying to gain entry to 'fix the gas'.

This is a reminder to keep safe and do not let anyone into your almshouse who has not been authorised by the charity. However, there are workmen from Aspect around currently who are genuine and they are replacing boilers damaged by the gas/water incident in January and February. If you are in any doubt, do not let anyone in and phone your Scheme Manager.

# Puzzle: All born in 1940 - can you name them?

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1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



7.



8.



9.

## More Lockdown Lingo!

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Lockdown lingo - are you fully conversant with the new terminology? Here are a few terms to get you in the groove:

### **Blue Skype thinking**

A work brainstorming session which takes place over a videoconferencing app. Such meetings might also be termed a “Zoomposium”. Naturally, they are to be avoided if at all possible.

### **Le Creuset wrist**

It's the new “avocado hand” - an aching arm after taking one's best saucepan outside to bang during the weekly ‘Clap For Carers.’ It might be heavy but you're keen to impress the neighbours with your high-quality kitchenware.



### **Doughverkill**

One's social media feed being dominated by smug photos of home-made sourdough or banana bread. If making sourdough is so great, how come you'd never done it before March?



### **Quentin Quarantino**

An attention-seeker using their time in lockdown to make amateur films which they're convinced are funnier and cleverer than they actually are.

### **Covidiot**

One who ignores public health advice or behaves with reckless disregard for the safety of others can be said to display “covidioty” or be “covidiotic”. Also called a “lockclown”.

# Puzzle: Dingbats

You have to try and work out the phrase, saying or word. Answers on page 10.



# Puzzle: ANAGRAMS of London Boroughs

1. gaelni \_\_\_\_\_

2. aedmcn \_\_\_\_\_

3. dfielen \_\_\_\_\_

4. nwecegrhi \_\_\_\_\_

5. nigheyar \_\_\_\_\_

6. nychkae \_\_\_\_\_

7. rrwoah \_\_\_\_\_

8. masemthrmhi \_\_\_\_\_

9. irnaghve \_\_\_\_\_

10. sgtinilon \_\_\_\_\_

11. ldonghilin \_\_\_\_\_

12. kitaehnogdesclanesnn \_\_\_\_\_

13. olownshu \_\_\_\_\_

14. bmlheta \_\_\_\_\_

15. igosknnt \_\_\_\_\_

16. meiswhal \_\_\_\_\_

17. oertmn \_\_\_\_\_

18. wshoaukr \_\_\_\_\_

19. hweamn \_\_\_\_\_

20. etamtwrolhse \_\_\_\_\_

21. ddebigerr \_\_\_\_\_

22. odhawwntsr \_\_\_\_\_

23. cormidhn \_\_\_\_\_

24. sttnsrwemie \_\_\_\_\_

25. sttnuo \_\_\_\_\_

26. arikbgn \_\_\_\_\_

27. wsemlataothfr \_\_\_\_\_

28. nbreta \_\_\_\_\_

29. xleybe \_\_\_\_\_

30. ntrbe \_\_\_\_\_

31. rbeolym \_\_\_\_\_

32. dyoornc \_\_\_\_\_

Answers on page 10.



## Page 2 Sudoku Answers

1	5	8	6	4	9	2	7	3
6	2	4	7	3	5	8	9	1
9	7	3	1	2	8	6	4	5
5	1	7	4	8	3	9	6	2
3	9	6	2	5	7	4	1	8
4	8	2	9	1	6	5	3	7
2	3	9	8	6	1	7	5	4
7	4	5	3	9	2	1	8	6
8	6	1	5	7	4	3	2	9

**Page 7. All born in 1940.** 1. Al Pacino. 2. Linda Gray. 3. Richard Pryor. 4. Bruce Lee. 5. Raquel Welch. 6. Mike Reid. 7. Cliff Richard. 8. David Jason. 9. Smokey Robinson.

**Page 8. Dingbats.** 1. Alright on the night. 2. Better half. 3. Easy on the eyes. 4. Online shopping. 5. Reading between the lines. 6. Ready for anything. 7. Safety in numbers. 8. Three wise men. 9. Back in 5 minutes. 10. Right between the eyes.

**Page 9. ANAGRAMS of London Boroughs.** 1. Ealing. 2. Camden. 3. Enfield. 4. Greenwich. 5. Haringey. 6. Hackney. 7. Harr.ow. 8. Hammersmith. 9. Havering. 10. Islington. 11. Hillingdon. 12. Kensington and Chelsea. 13. Hounslow. 14. Lambeth. 15. Kingston. 16. Lewisham. 17. Merton. 18. Southwark. 19. Newham. 20. Tower Hamlets. 21. Redbridge. 22. Wandsworth. 23. Richmond. 24. Westminster. 25. Sutton. 26. Barking. 27. Waltham Forest. 28. Barnet. 29. Bexley. 30. Brent. 31. Bromley. 32. Croydon.

# Puzzle: Scattergories

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Using the first letter of your surname, how many can you think of?

1. A boy's name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. A river: \_\_\_\_\_
3. An animal: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Things that are cold: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Insects: \_\_\_\_\_
6. TV Shows: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Things that grow: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Fruits: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Things that are black: \_\_\_\_\_
10. School subjects: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Movie titles: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Musical Instruments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Poetry Corner



by Leslie Cook

As whispered by Corona Virus to Leslie Cook

### THANK YOU

Yes, why should you self-isolate,  
Stay at home, feel desolate.  
Ignore those shopping volunteers.  
(Some are young, some nice old dears).

So go out shopping, spread the germs  
Don't stay indoors and live like worms.  
Come on my friends, don't make a fuss,  
Pick up my virus on the bus –

Spread it on the garden gate.  
Don't forget the laundry, too,  
Handwipes and washes aren't for you.  
Come on, be selfish, keep ignoring

All that stuff that gives a warning.  
Other's lives are on the line  
But you're superior – you'll be fine.  
Doctors, nurses, front line staff.

Treat their efforts as a laugh,  
Believe you have immunity.  
Nuts to the community.  
Everyone who spreads the bug

I'd love to give a thank you hug.  
In fact I'd hug you each so close  
I'd try to kill you with a dose!