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Have a chat

If you are feeling a bit lonely and want to have a chat, please use the **Tunstall call system** and we will arrange for someone to call you back.

The person who calls you back, may be a member of staff or a fellow resident.

Thank you for your lovely emails about this newsletter and your contributions.

A weekly newsletter to bring our community together during these challenging times. Please send anything for this newsletter to denise.tucker@rockdale.org.uk

Rockdale

Pictures of the garden kindly provided by Annette and picture of Knole Park courtesy of Jean.



Waitrose's wonderful and kind shopping offer has now come to an end. Please see the information below, which may be of help to you going forward.

Sevenoaks District Council

If you're a resident with a request for practical assistance such as shopping, posting letters, a friendly chat or picking up prescriptions visit sevenoaks.gov.uk/requesthelp or call Sevenoaks District Council 01732 227000 .All volunteers will be easily identifiable and will have a community volunteer identity lanyards issued by SDC.

New Head of Housing

Following a successful interview process we have recruited a new Head of Housing to take up the reins when Val Riches retires in July.

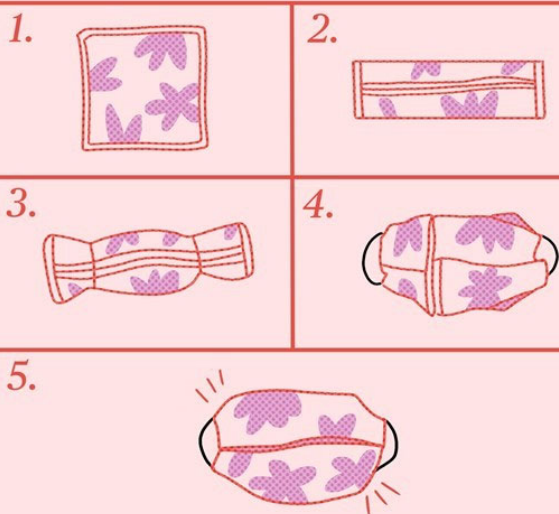
Claire Billis will be joining the team from 1st June. Claire is an experienced Housing Manager, having worked at a senior level for several large housing providers during her career, specialising in income, lettings and neighbourhood management where she has worked closely with vulnerable people.

We all look forward to welcoming Claire to the Rockdale team and she is looking forward to getting to know you all.



Claire Billis

No Needle & Thread or Sewing Machine?



How to make your own face mask with no needles:

1. Use a square scarf or cut a large square out of a T-shirt (at least 20 inches by 20 inches).
2. Fold two sides of the square in to meet each other in the middle then fold this in half lengthwise. You should be left with a long rectangle with the edges sandwiched inside.
3. Grab two hair ties (or rubber bands) and pull one around each end of the long rectangle, roughly breaking the rectangle into thirds. (It should almost look like a candy wrapper.)
4. Fold each outside third of fabric into the center.
5. Pull the mask on by fitting the hair elastic around ears and making sure the end tails of fabric are against your face so the mask stays put.

Goddard's Pies can deliver pies, liquors and mash to your doorstep.

For more information, you can contact them by:

Email: sales@pieshop.co.uk

Freephone: 0800 862 0400

Telephone: 01732 252525

Or fill out an enquiry form on their website: pieshop.co.uk

Haywards Farm shop are also doing deliveries of fruit and veg boxes and meat boxes.

If you want more information, contact them by:

Email: info@haywardsfarmshop.co.uk

Telephone: 01732 850354

Or fill out an order form on their website: haywardsfarmshop.co.uk

Sevenoaks Sounds

A few musical students from Sevenoaks School will kindly be providing an online concert each week! If you would like to see these, they will be added to our What's On page on our website (www.rockdale.org.uk). Just click on 'Sevenoaks Sounds – online short concert' and it will take you directly to their event. These will be added weekly on a Thursday until further notice.



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Copies of residents' contributions (memories of VE day)

Memories:

I think my parents & myself experienced a great deal of relief that all the hostilities were over (especially that no more air raids & V1's & V2's were likely to be dropped!)

We had a fantastic street party to celebrate and a neighbour produced an iced cake much to the delight of the young people (me being one -). The local newspaper sent its photographer to take photographs of a happy time - (I still have ~~the~~ the photo -)

My Memories:

GOING TO A TEA PARTY ON THE CRICKET GROUND AT LINTHAM WITH MY MOTHER AND TWO SISTERS. MY FATHER WAS AWAY IN THE ARMY. ON THE WAY OUT WE WERE GIVEN A GOODY BAG WHICH CONTAINED A WOODEN ORNAMENT IN THE SHAPE OF A VICTORY **V** MADE BY A LOCAL CARPENTER MR TED LAWRENCE.

When V.E. day was announced I was living in the small village of Clifford, Yorks (located somewhere between Wetherby Racecourse and John Smith's Brewery, Tadcaster). The war affected us very little; we had rationing like everyone else and occasionally we saw squadrons of Halifax bombers heading off to Germany to drop bombs but I only remember hearing an air raid siren once.

However huge celebrations were planned by every town, village and community to mark the ending of hostilities, not least Clifford, although the only function I remember attending was a great bonfire in the stable yard of the Star pub in Clifford High Street. Dozens of people attended, both old and young alike and there was much merriment. The village character, "Old Christie" who seemed a great age, lived alone, and wasn't entirely compos mentis insisted on singing "She was only a Bird in a Gilded Cage" and once someone had bought him a pint of beer in recognition of his efforts he went into repeat mode and sang it again several times. But the laughter and teasing that followed were all good natured - everyone was just so relieved that the war in Europe was over even though Japan had still to be dealt with.



My Memories:

Thousands of people outside the Palace very exciting - had to stay very close together, ~~hang on~~ ^{fall} easy to get lost - took Household ^{gas} Mother etc by TRAIN from Liphfield, Surrey to Victoria. Walk to Buckingham Palace. Amazing atmosphere

Managed to get a TRAIN home

My Memories:

- Dancing in the Guildhall in Southampton. It had an excellent spring floor.

Waterways Quiz

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| 1. In the song they cross it on a ferry | 11. Turning must he makes it through the capital! |
| 2. It's the deepest ocean | 12. This number flows well in the UK |
| 3. Are there cosmetics in this river? | 13. Is this one's water a dangerous colour? |
| 4. The smallest of the great lakes | 14. It sounds as if the Queen takes a tumble |
| 5. The second largest ocean | 15. Has this one a musical flow? |
| 6. The one the disciples fished on | 16. It's at the beginning of a university city |
| 7. Ask a question of this river | 17. Sounds as if this one is a rough woollen cloth |
| 8. It's reputed to have a monster in it | 18. Twenty countries surround this sea |
| 9. The busiest waterway in the world | 19. I hear this area of water is not alive! |
| 10. Could be a hat in a waterway?! | 20. The line turned direction as it flowed |

Weekly quiz kindly provided by Sybil G

(Answers in next week's newsletter)

Here are the answers to the 'Shops Quiz' from Issue 7

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| 1. Iceland | 11. Burger King |
| 2. Boots | 12. Currys |
| 3. Next | 13. P C World |
| 4. Specsavers | 14. Top Shop |
| 5. Bodyshop | 15. Waitrose |
| 6. Superdrug | 16. Habitat |
| 7. Clintons | 17. Monsoon |
| 8. McDonalds | 18. Selfridges |
| 9. Homebase | 19. M&S |
| 10. B&Q | 20. W H Smith |



Lovely offer from local historian, Matthew Ball

We have received a provisional offer from one of our local historians Matthew Ball to provide a zoom call to residents, to discuss topics such as around Sevenoaks during the war(s), or basic genealogy; or around the postcard collection he has.

If this is of interest to you, please email denise.tucker@rockdale.org.uk and we will put you in touch with Matthew.

"The Rockdale Wave" MONDAYS AT 2pm.

Wave with your Neighbour! Stand at your window, stand at your door. Give a big wave to your neighbours and Staff!

You can pay online

If residents would like to pay online any sundry invoices they receive from Rockdale (eg, for home help), please use the details below with reference, 'home help', etc.

Account Name: Rockdale Housing Association Ltd.
Account Number: 25848488
Sort Code: 60-19-02

Cheer for the NHS

Show your support for everything they are doing to keep this country as safe as possible. **Every Thursday evening at 8pm. Clap your hands or beat your pans!**



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