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Can you think of a name for this fortnightly, in-house newsletter?!

All suggestions to be posted to The Lodge please, fao Denise Tucker.

Any suggestions will be included in the next newsletter for your vote.

Issue

Twenty

04/09/2020

Thank you for your lovely emails about this in-house newsletter and your contributions to it.

This is a fortnightly newsletter to bring our community together during these challenging times. Please send anything for this newsletter to denise.tucker@rockdale.org.uk or post to The Lodge, labelled 'For Newsletter'.

ROCKDALE

With love from, the Boys in Blue
by Brenda Miller

I think you would have to be in your nineties to remember Gracie Fields. In the 1930s Grace Fields was a popular vaudeville artist starring on radio, stage and screen and was at the height of her fame. She was invited to Chelsea Football Club one Saturday to entertain the crowd during half time and it was decided she should receive some flowers. As my grandfather was Assistant Secretary of the Club at the time, I was given the task; so holding my grandfather's hand I was duly led onto the centre of the pitch and handed this large bouquet of flowers which I then had to present to Gracie Fields with the message "with love from the Boys in Blue".. All was well until Miss Fields bent down to kiss me when I became decidedly uncooperative and backed away. However she passed it off with a smile and simply stuck a rosebud in the belt of my coat. She completed her performance by singing the song she made her own. Her big powerful voice rang round the stadium and so beloved of the crowd was she that they all joined with her to sing "Sally, Sally, don't ever wander away from the alley and me".

Rumour has it that my nana was so fraught at the thought of these proceedings, convinced that I would forget my "lines" that she had to retire to the Directors' Bar and be fortified with gin!



FOOTBALL. CHELSEA (NIL). V. NEWCASTLE UNITED (1), at STAMFORD BRIDGE. CHELSEA. MISS GRACIE FIELDS, THE VARIETY AND REVUE STAR, SANG TO THE CROWD BEFORE THE MATCH.

438157. - Miss Gracie Fields placing a rose from her bouquet in the button-hole of little Brenda Searle, after Brenda had presented her with the bouquet.

S.&G. - 24.9.32.

VJ Day – a memories by E Fisher

I have a story and picture on my flat door, beside the white Doves provided in the newsletter.

Donations into the Rockdale Lodge collection pot came to £58.19 + gift aid!

Thank you very much to all of you. All contributions are gratefully received so that we can put the money towards extra items for you at Rockdale.

Poem by Judith's sister, Ann and pastel drawing by Judith

THE HUMBLE BUMBLE BEE

If you want to know about the Bumble Bee
 Don't look it up, but just ask me.
 We don't from them get pots of honey
 Which may seem to you somewhat funny.
 They bumble around extracting nectar
 Seeking flowers from hectare to hectare.
 They bumble about and keep buzzing around.
 They don't have hives but nest in the ground.
 They are good natured and rarely sting
 In fact they are friendly and that's a good thing.
 So if, in the garden on this bee you do stumble,
 Don't worry, just remember, it's only a bumble.



EXTRA EARS

Rain hat, glasses, hearing aids, MASK & earrings



THIS TIME I SPOKE TO AN ORIENTAL CHAP
 CALLED MR MU KOW, WHO SUGGESTED
 sideways EARS. I suppose I can hang
 earrings on them!

Ann W



Tiger drawing by Mr Bellingham

All newsletters can be found on our
 website at www.rockdale.org.uk under
 About Us, in the 'Residents' Report'
 page – **password 2020**.

The 2019 Residents' Report is also
 located on the page.

Puzzles by volunteer, Anya

I hope you enjoyed the last puzzle page, here are some more brainteasers for you.

Logic puzzle – the thief and the scale

There is a lightbulb inside a closet. The door is closed so you cannot see if the light is on or off, but you know the light is off to start. There are 3 switches outside the closet, one of which controls the light bulb. You can flip the switches in anyway you want before opening the closet door but once you open it you may no longer touch the switches. How can you figure out which switch controls the lightbulb?

The Word Wheel

Use all the letters in the wheel to make as many words as you can with three or more letters. The only rule is that every word you make must include the letter in the middle. Give yourself 5 minutes and see how many you can find. *Can you find the 9-letter word?*



Riddle time

What has four fingers and a thumb but is not living?

Voiceless it cries, wingless flutters, toothless bites, mouthless mutters.

Many have heard me, but no one has seen me, and I will not speak back until spoken to. What am I?

Sudoku answer

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

Last week's answers

Word wheel: adventure is the 9-letter word

Riddles: The answer to the 1st riddle is egg and the 2nd answer is a shadow.

Back to School!

This is the last newsletter Charlotte will be involved with for a little while as she started 6th form on Tuesday.

We have very much appreciated Charlotte's time working on these newsletters over the last few months. The newsletters will continue fortnightly, so please keep sending your items to be included to denise.tucker@rockdale.org.uk or pop them into The Lodge – thank you.

Good luck Charlotte!



The pandemic continues and your safety remains as important as ever.

We must all continue to comply with the Covid safe guidelines, ie keeping 2m apart where possible, wearing face masks in public areas, such as Rockdale's laundry room. Thank you.

This week's Quiz - Boats

1. A place to stand your glass
2. Hair cutters
3. Pull
4. Load of rubbish
5. Sharp knife
6. Top of ones head
7. Old ship for animals
8. Not heavier
9. Send it down the slipway
10. Tomato sauce without rising
11. Explosive with broom
12. Accommodation on water
13. Sore and painful
14. Hit with hand
15. Bump your way through
16. The game of 21's
17. Human assistance vessel
18. Castaways vessel
19. Automobile mover
20. Put your feet in the sea

Answers to 'Parts of the Body' Quiz

1. Palm
2. Iris
3. Trunk
4. Sole
5. Temple
6. Cheek
7. Eyes!! (letter I)
8. Mouth
9. Heel
10. Lash
11. Foot
12. Arms
13. Tongue
14. Hip
15. Bridge (of a nose)
16. Ribs
17. Hare (Hair)
18. Heart
19. Ear Drum
20. Nails

A weekly Quiz kindly provided by Sybil (answers in the next newsletter)



Do you need a Stroller?

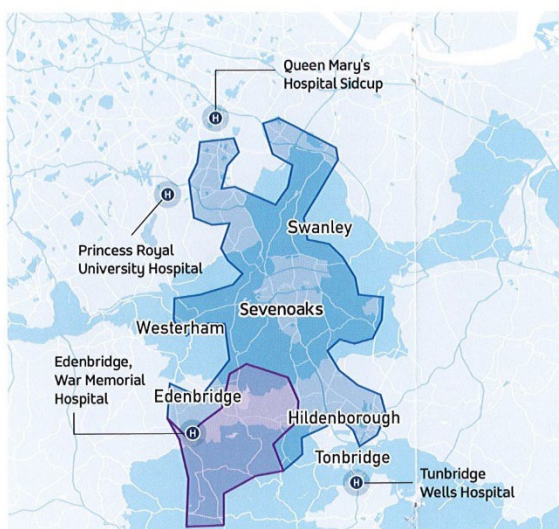
Gabriele has recently moved from independent living to Rockdale House Care Home.

She doesn't need this stroller anymore (pictured left) and wondered if any of you would like to have it?

Please call The Lodge, if you would like to have the stroller and it will be given on a first come/first served basis.

go2 Operating Area

- Operating Area
- Extended Area from 1st of June



Go2 is currently replacing all of the Go Coach Sevenoaks Network, as well as some of the rural bus

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