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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.

If you have any ideas how to help each other at this time, please let us know.

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

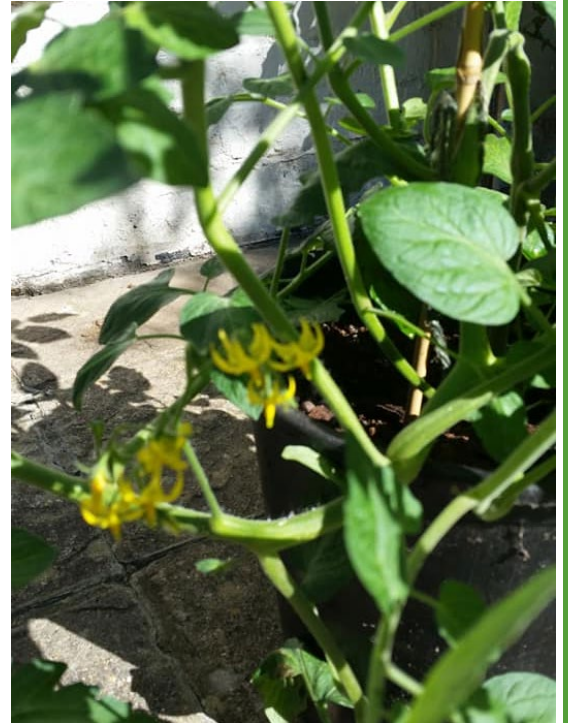
A fortnightly newsletter to bring our community together during these challenging times. Please send anything for this newsletter to denise.tucker@rockdale.org.uk or post to The Lodge, labelled 'For Newsletter'.

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Tomato plant success!

Following Head Gardner Annette's tip in a previous issue, we planted a tomato to grow a tomato plant! We now have this lovely healthy-looking plant, with flowers (which we hope will become juicy tomatoes)! Thanks for the tip Annette. We will get going a bit earlier with this next year. The plant smells fantastic too.



Circle dancing – message from Sandie

I am still missing everybody. I hope you are all ok. We will get together to dance again! Lots of love Sandie Wade.



Jean's daughter 'bumping with Boris'. Police and Fire & Rescue at Skipton, Yorkshire.

ODE TO TECHNOLOGY

Thank you so much for this weeks news letter sitting on my own I started laughing out loud at this because whoever wrote it knew me so well (it wasn't my son was it?) if so he got my age wrong, my Granddaughter has sent it to all the family asking who was the guilty one, every time I think of it I start to laugh which I must say made a very happy day for me, thank you to the person who wrote it

from Rose Paight 103

We welcome a new Receptionist to The Lodge, Kristina Bozzini

Hopefully, you will meet Kristina soon, now that the Lodge Reception has opened for a few hours during the week.



This comfortable pigeon regularly visits Pat when she is sitting outside.

He looks very much at home!



The Lodge Reception is now open for some hours during the week as follows:

WEDNESDAY: 10am – 1pm

THURSDAY: 10am – 1pm

FRIDAY: 10am – 1pm

In the first instance we would still prefer residents to make contact either via the telephone on 01732 458762 or email via enquires@rockdale.org.uk. We do however appreciate that there may be times you would want to contact us face to face, especially if your enquiry is of an urgent nature.

In order to ensure the reception staff, visitors and the area is Covid safe, we have installed a number of safety measures and restrictions. These have been outlined in our letter to you dated 23rd July.

Resident Engagement

Resident engagement is about involving residents as it helps shape and improve Rockdale's services through feedback and partnership working.

If you are keen to make a positive difference, we want to hear from you. There are opportunities for residents to take a proactive role in voicing residents' concerns, help shape and improve services, make suggestions on how to improve the environment and meet new people.

Our aim is to see real positive outcomes!

We are looking for representative from each apartment area:

Beatrice Wilson, The Pleasaunce, Stable Court, Summerbank, Laurie House, Constant Meadows, Webbs Meadow and Rockdale Gardens

Opportunities:

Face to Face meetings from time to time - this could be to discuss suggestions for improvements, property inspections, take part in consultations and talking to other residents.

You will be contacted as and when opportunities arise and you can decide if you want to take part each time.

If you are keen to partake please contact Claire Billis, Head of Housing on 01732 458762 or Claire.Billis@Rockdale.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.



Photographs provided by Jean.

Picture above – Rose Garden at Greenwich Park.

Picture to the right – can you guess where this is?



A polite reminder

Please do not throw out unwanted food items or waste into the gardens. It welcomes the type of wildlife we do not wish to enjoy at Rockdale.

A bit Fishy Quiz

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| 1. Cash on delivery | 11. Red, to lead astray |
| 2. Swindler | 12. Infantry weapon |
| 3. Or Rod or Pole | 13. Vital for movement |
| 4. In stone for Arthur and chips | 14. A beer |
| 5. Wallow hopelessly | 15. From Land of my Fathers |
| 6. Has six arms and two legs | 16. Excellent in the vernacular |
| 7. One and only | 17. Cancer |
| 8. I am in situ | 18. A sticky mine |
| 9. Dance on a blade | 19. Right, in a chess piece |
| 10. Frequently find fault | 20. Budgerigar 's favourite |

Quiz by Sybil (answers in the next newsletter)

The answers to the There is "Dog" in it Quiz from Issue 17

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| 1. Dogfish | 11. Raining cats and dogs |
| 2. Dogend | 12. Shaggy dog story |
| 3. Dogleg | 13. Dogma |
| 4. Hot Dog | 14. Dog house |
| 5. Dog collar | 15. Lucky Dog |
| 6. Doggie paddle | 16. Not a Dogs chance |
| 7. Dog fight | 17. Dirty Dog |
| 8. Lie Doggo | 18. Hair of the Dog |
| 9. Let sleeping Dogs lie | 19. Dogs of war |
| 10. Like a dog with two tails | 20. Old sea Dog |

Answers to Sudoku from Issue 17

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

TV Licencing and the changes that apply from the 1st August 2020

A summary of what this means for Rockdale residents

ARC preserved rights – Rockdale Gardens

Several Rockdale Gardens' residents have preserved rights (this means that they were granted this previously and it is honoured each year), which means:

- if over 75 there is no fee.
- under 75 is £7.50, which we pay and claim back via the Service charge.

New residents (Rockdale Gardens only)

All new residents will have to follow the new rules and pay themselves.

- Over 75 and in receipt of pension credit it is free but if not, you will need to pay the full cost.
- Under 75 will have to pay the full cost.

Residents in Rockdale's rented accommodation

- If you are over 75 there is no fee.
- under 75 is £7.50 which Rockdale pay for you and claim back via the Service charge.

Leasehold residents (Laurie House only)

- Leasehold residents will have to apply for their own licence.
- If over 75 and in receipt of pension credit it is free, but if not, you will need to pay the full cost.
- Under 75 will have to pay the full cost.



If you have any questions about the TV licencing, please do speak to one of our Support Coordinators.