

VILLAGE VOICE

Welcome to our Easter edition we hope you have a good weekend. Even in these difficult times we have so much to look forward to. Please let us know of any tips you may have for keeping busy and active.



I have just been for a short walk to take these pictures. It was very scary, Quiet and ominous. I felt I needed to get home to be safe. It felt wrong to be outside. I walked on the road as it felt safer than on the path. I did not want to bump into anyone coming around the corner and be closer to them than 2 metres There were no cars on the road as I walked home. It was like going back to the time I was a child and lived at Valley Terrace. We could play skippy with the rope going across the road with plenty of time to get off if a car came. At that time, there was only one person in the 60 or so houses that had a car. Today was a different feeling. I have not felt before, it was as though there was a hidden enemy waiting to pounce on me from all sides. It feels good to be back home.

Kathleen Parkin

I am busy knitting cardigans and jumpers for my nephew's new baby due in September. This has become quite addictive. Having a dog, I need to walk him, so I waited till 10:30 before going out to make the most of my exercise time. I must say, it was nice to be in Jubilee Park hearing the birds singing and to see spring on its way. The villagers have listened to the rules; I only saw two sets of folks walking their dogs, and one chap delivering large letters/packs. I am keeping a daily diary and have encouraged the children to do the same, telling them it is like 'The Diary of Anne Frank'.

Frances Ann Johnson

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Because of the good weather and trying to find something to pass the time, I decided to tidy my garden shed. What I thought would be a chore turned out to be enjoyable. Firstly, I found some strong tent pegs, reminding me of a lovely holiday in Keswick when the rocky ground was so hard the usual pegs would not penetrate. Another find was a set of quoits used for the Gala Day celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. The local men enjoyed the game and the winner won 4 cans of beer. Next, I found a bucket and spade reminding me of a sunny day at Redcar with my great granddaughter. We had a great day and enjoyed ice cream and had sandwiches on the beach. Isla had a donkey ride before we caught the train back to Bishop Auckland. Lovely memories.

Audrey Wearmouth

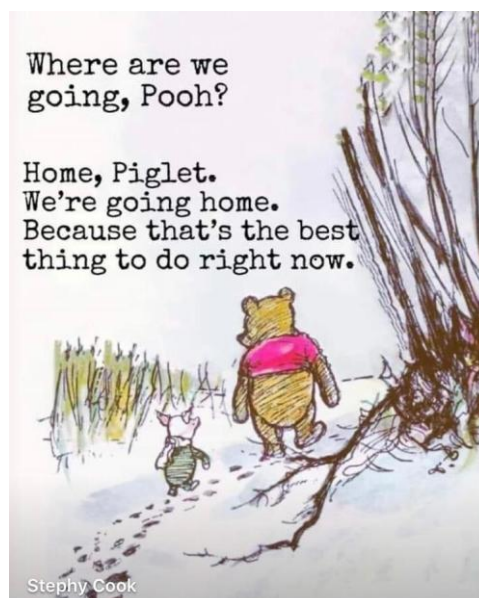
Home again - and after some gardening we decided that, if the four month ban on leaving the home is to come into force, I would get some paint for our decking. It would keep me busy. We went to Wilkinsons at Bishop and found the paint. Picking it up with my gloved hand's it slipped. Disaster - the plastic tin hit the floor with a bang. The lid came off and **Five litres of Forest Brown splattered across the shelves - and T's boots, trousers and coat. It missed me.**

The staff was very good - but that was the only tin and we returned home to fill the washer empty handed. So, our first casualties of the Corvid 19 virus were a tin of Forest Brown Decking Paint onto the shop floor, a pair of trousers, a coat and a pair of boots. Hopefully, it doesn't get any more critical than this for us. Our sole objective is not to end up as one of the fatalities. **Tom Parkin's Diary Extract**

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