

Welcome to your Almshouse News

PUZZLE PAGES EDITION

DURING CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN

WELCOME

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Just on my way to Tesco to get a few bits.



Remember

9pm is the time to
remove your day
pyjamas and put on
your night pyjamas

The perfect quarantine furniture



 **STAY AT HOME**

PROTECT THE NHS

 **save lives**

Juliet Ames-Lewis Chief Executive



Dear Residents,

I hope that you are all continuing to stay well and keep safe.

I also hope that you are enjoying the weekly 'mini' Almshouse News or Puzzle Pages that we are producing to bring a bit of cheer – particularly now that the weather has taken a turn for the worse! I realise how fortunate we were for the first few weeks of 'lockdown' to be so sunny.

I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify to you all the government's rules with the ongoing covid-19 situation.

- Everyone must stay at home, only going out for fresh air and exercise or for health reasons.
- You must not meet others, even friends or family, either outside your home or inside your home. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

- You must not have visitors into your home. If you do, you are putting yourself at risk and putting others at risk.
- When you go out, you must stay 2m away from other people at all times.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Secondly, the government has issued further advice on what you should do if you have any symptoms of the virus, however mild. To recap, symptoms can be any (but not all) of the following:

1. A high temperature or fever
2. A new, continuous, cough
3. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
4. Loss of taste or smell
5. Vomiting or diarrhoea
6. Tiredness
7. Aches
8. Chill
9. Sore throat
10. Headache

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The new government advert states:

Coronavirus – got symptoms, even mild ones?

DO NOT leave the house at all for 7 days. Still have symptoms after 7 days? DO NOT leave the house until they go.

EVERYONE else in your household and EVERYONE that you have had contact with must not leave their house for 14 days, even if they are showing no symptoms.

DO NOT go out even to buy food or essentials. Stay at home to exercise.

As I am sure you all realise, the reason that anyone who has come into contact with someone suspected of having Coronavirus has to self-isolate for longer is because of the incubation period for the virus.

Please continue to stay at home and keep safe. We have increased the number of volunteers we have shopping for residents, so please call your Scheme Manager if you need more shopping.

The government has recently announced testing for the over-65s who have Coronavirus symptoms. At present, there are no home-testing kits

available but we are monitoring this and once they are available we hope to be able to get test kits for any resident who has symptoms.

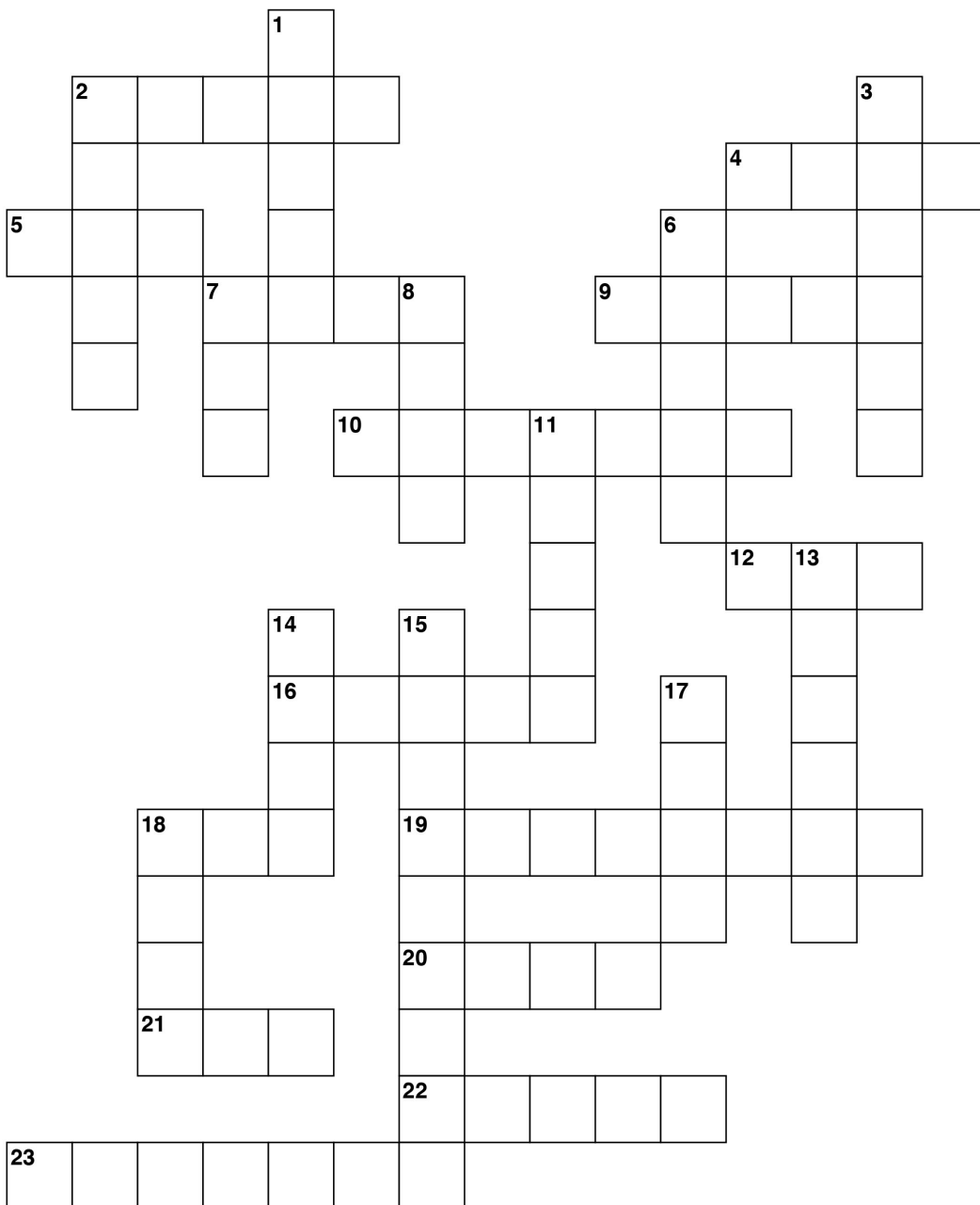
From next week, 11 May, it is likely that some contractors will be back working on our estates on the almshouse refurbishments which had to be suspended in March. Our contractors have livelihoods and families to support and they need to return to work. There will be new, strict guidelines in place about hygiene and social distancing for contractors. We are also asking contractors to carry out noisy work only between the hours of 10am and 2pm, Monday to Friday, as we are very aware of the impact of noise on residents living close by, particularly given you are all staying at home. The other reason we need to re-start the refurbishments is because we have a lot of people in need of housing sitting on our Register.

The Trustees and I appreciate that these are difficult times for everyone but in order to keep everyone in our community safe, we must all adhere to the government's rules.

With best wishes to you all,



Crossword: Baby Animals



DOWN

- 1. Young bee
- 2. Young pigeon
- 3. Young bobcat
- 6. Young otter
- 7. Young bear
- 8. Young horse
- 11. Young turkey
- 13. Young gorilla
- 14. Young kangaroo
- 15. Young eagle
- 17. Young zebra
- 18. Young deer

ACROSS

- 2. Young dove
- 4. Young alpaca
- 5. Young bat
- 7. Young cow
- 9. Young hog
- 10. Young toad
- 12. Young fox
- 16. Young owl
- 18. Young fish
- 19. Young duck
- 20. Young sheep
- 21. Young louse
- 22. Young cicada
- 23. Young goose

Answers in next week's newsletter.

75th anniversary of VE Day –

Friday 8 May 2020 - 'Clap for Victory'

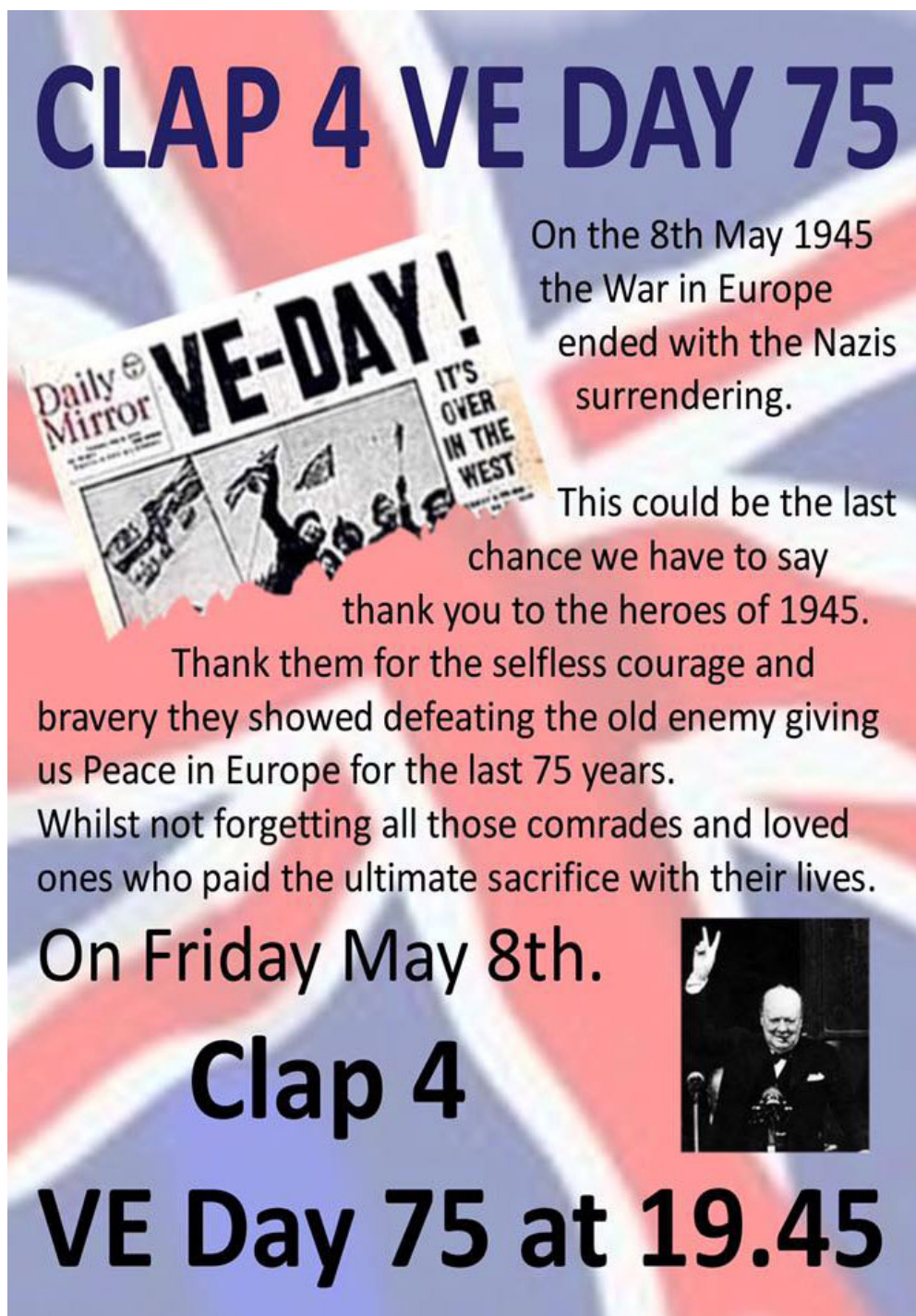


by Juliet
Ames-
Lewis

This Friday is the 75th anniversary of VE day.

As you know, we were to have held a VE day picnic on the lawn at Hickey's. It is obviously sad that we cannot do so, but I wanted to let you all know about a nationwide **'Clap for Victory' which is planned for 7.45pm (1945 on the 24-hour clock) on Friday 8 May.**

This is similar to the regular 'Clap for Carers' every Thursday evening. As long as it is safe for you to do so, and you can keep 2m away from anyone else, you might like to stand on your doorstep on 8 May and join in the 'Clap for Victory'.



CLAP 4 VE DAY 75

On the 8th May 1945 the War in Europe ended with the Nazis surrendering.

This could be the last chance we have to say thank you to the heroes of 1945.



Thank them for the selfless courage and bravery they showed defeating the old enemy giving us Peace in Europe for the last 75 years.

Whilst not forgetting all those comrades and loved ones who paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives.

On Friday May 8th.

Clap 4

VE Day 75 at 19.45



Puzzle: Name the Royal Palace and Country

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1. Palace _____
Country _____



4. Palace _____
Country _____



2. Palace _____
Country _____



5. Palace _____
Country _____



3. Palace _____
Country _____



6. Palace _____
Country _____

Puzzle: Name the Royal Palace and Country



7. Palace _____
Country _____



10. Palace _____
Country _____



8. Palace _____
Country _____



11. Palace _____
Country _____



9. Palace _____
Country _____



12. Palace _____
Country _____

Puzzle: Guess the Link word

EXAMPLE

The train that takes students to Hogwarts' is called the Hogwart's what?

Express

What is the name of the star at the centre of our solar system? All our planets go around it. **The Sun**

A message sent over the internet is called e? **Mail**

In Snow White, the evil queen says '____, ____ on the wall, who is the fairest of them all'. **Mirror, mirror**

Link: **Newspapers**

1. A semi-aquatic broad-tailed rodent that builds dams _____

A sweet syrup produced from the sap of this type of tree _____

The opposite of hot _____

The sport played with a stick and a puck _____

Link _____

2. The national bird of New Zealand _____

The usual colour of the Netherlands football kit _____

Traditionally served in a jug of Pimms, along with orange, mint and cucumber. _____

The company founded by Steve Jobs, made popular by the Mac _____

Link _____

3. In the 1980s Prince told us to party like it was 19? _____

Beginning with C, name of the brass instrument that is similar to a trumpet? _____

What is the name for someone from the city of Naples? _____

What word describes a double-sized champagne bottle and powerful handgun? _____

Link: _____

Puzzle: Guess the Link word

4. Bill Withers' lyric: "Ain't no _____
when she's gone"

Inuits are said to have over 50 different
words for _____

Parents caution their kids against
making silly faces, in case "the _____
changes".

Which film features an autistic genius
and Tom Cruise? "_____ Man"

Link: _____

5. Which type of bee does the
queen bee mate with? (It's not the
workers, they're busy making the
honey.) _____

Name the type of motorcycle with
stretched handlebars and extended
wheel forks that starred in the film "Easy
Rider". _____

What type of object does one hit when
playing badminton? _____

Which band wrote and performed
the song "Stairway to Heaven"?
Led _____ ?

Link: _____

6. What name is given to the top of a
mountain? _____

What word means wide or American
slang for a woman? _____

Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, Ontario:
The Great _____

What is the tallest mountain in
Wales? _____

Link: _____

7. What do you wear around
your neck to ward off vampires?

What do you call a tyre that has lost some or
all of its air? _____

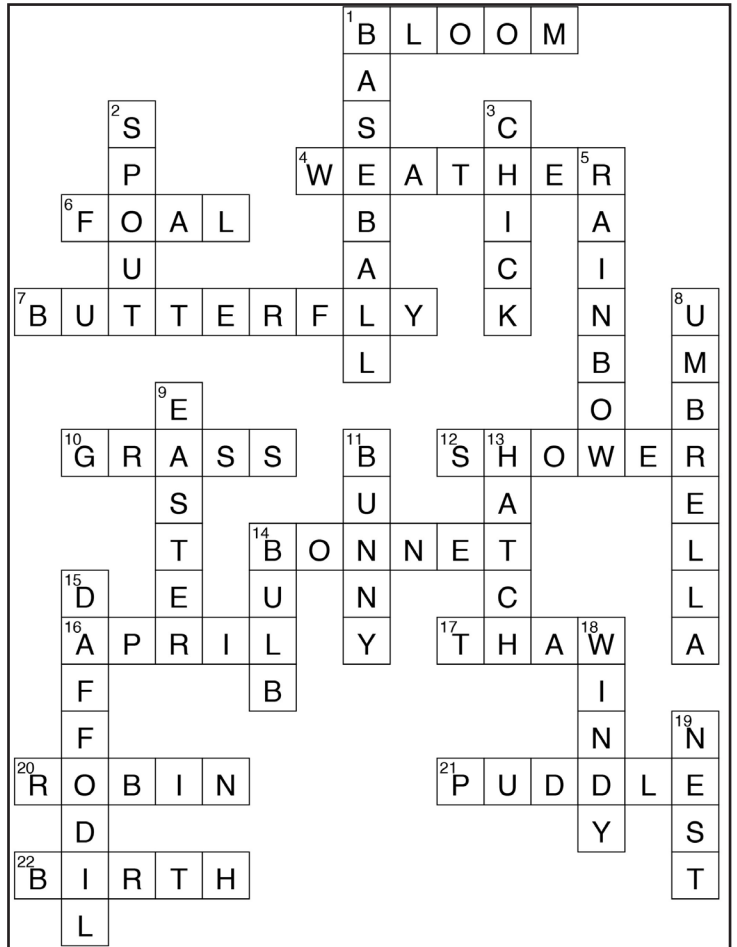
Which nationality are you if
you were born in Toulouse or
Marseille? _____

What is the second most
common hair colour on
Earth? _____

Link: _____



Last week's crossword:



Page 2: Answers to Cats & Dogs

1.cat's eyes. 2.catamaran. 3.catarrh. 4.catkin. 5.dog collar. 6.dogend. 7.catnap. 8.dogger. 9.dog-eared. 10.cathedral. 11.catalogue. 12.cat o'nine tails. 13.doggy bag. 14.dogtooth.

Page 4: Answers to homophones

2.feat, feet. 3.complement, compliment. 4.seas, seize. 5.soot, suit. 6.hole, whole. 7. roe, row. 8.cue, queue. 9.bask, basque. 10.groan, grown. 11. days, daze. 12.weather, whether. 13.flea, flee.

Page 6 & 7: Answers to Name the Palace and Country

1.Blenheim Palace, England. 2.The Grand Palace, Thailand. 3.St James's Palace, England. 4.Buckingham Palace, England. 5.Prince's Palace of Monaco, Monaco. 6.The Palace of Holyroodhouse, Scotland. 7.Schonbrunn Palace, Vienna. 8.Windsor Castle, England. 9.Palace of Versailles, France. 10.Potala Palace, Tibet. 11.Forbidden City, China. 12.Winter Palace, Russia.

Page 8 & 9: Answers to Guess the Link word

Answers: 1.Canada. 2.Fruit. 3.Ice Cream. 4.Weather. 5.Flying Machines. 6.National Parks. 7.Bread.

Puzzle: Homophones



by Margaret Goddard

Homophones are words which sound the same but are spelt differently and have a different meaning like hair and hare. A speciality of the English language! The answers to each pair of clues sound the same!

1.abandon	pudding	desert	dessert
2.accomplishment	units of measure		
3.add value	flatter		
4. bodies of water	grab		
5.carbon powder	set of clothes		
6.emptiness	complete		
7.fish eggs	propel a boat		
8.hint	file		
9.laze	bodice		
10.moan	got bigger		
11.periods of time	stupor		
12. rain or shine	if		
13.small insect	run away		

POETRY CORNER



by Nigel Davis

The other day I was walking in Richmond Park (social distancing observed!) with my son-in-law Conrad and my eldest grandson Arthur (aged 3). Conrad, who is French, suggested we should go and “look at the deers”. An easy slip to make, even if Conrad has lived in England for nearly 10 years. After all, we have cats, dogs, horses, cows, and so on. But deers, grouses, sheeps, mouses? I don’t think so. And what about sound values of English words? A nightmare! Take the suffix –ough. You would think it should always sound the same. But now consider the following words: through, thorough, although, tough, cough, bough – all pronounced differently. Who would be a student learning English as a foreign language! Still, all this is meat and drink for writers of humorous verse, who frequently rely for comic effect on how words appear on the page – sight gags, in effect – as well as how they are normally read. This witty poem by David Hornsby – taken from his book of humorous verse called *The Coggly Poon*, which has featured before in Poetry Corner – has tremendous fun in gleefully sending up English spelling. And it’s a nice, gentle poem in itself, too. You have to smile.

THE COCKATOO by David Hornsby
 One winter’s day, while strolling through
 The aviary at London Zough,
 I saw a handsome cockatough
 Perched high upon a tall bambough.
 He looked at me and down he flough
 And said, “I’d like a word with yough!”
 I was surprised, for hithertough
 I’d never met a cockatough
 Who talked. I said, “How do you dough?”
 And then, as my amazement grouggh,
 He said, “It’s boring in the Zough!
 There’s hardly anything to dough
 And no-one here worth talking tough...
 The parrots are a motely crough
 Who mostly haven’t got a clough!
 Oh, I amuse myself, it’s trough,
 By calling “Cock-a-doodle-dough!”
 To fool the people passing through...
 They’re idiots...apart from yough!

So, then I asked the cockatough,
 “Supposing you could leave the Zough,
 Where would you go, what would you
 dough?”
 “I’d fly”, he said, “To Timbuktough!
 Or Florida! Or Khatmandough!
 To where the skies are always blough!
 And then I’d spend a week or twough
 With my relations in Perough”
 “Ah, well”, remarked the cockatough,
 “It’s closing time, so toodle-ough!”
 So saying, without more adough,
 He spread his wings and up he flough
 To perch upon the tall bambough.
 And as I turned to leave the Zough,
 I heard him hoot: “Tu-whit-tu-whough!”
 Since then, whenever I feel blough,
 I take the train to Waterlough,
 And then the tube to London Zough,
 To see my friend, the cockatough!