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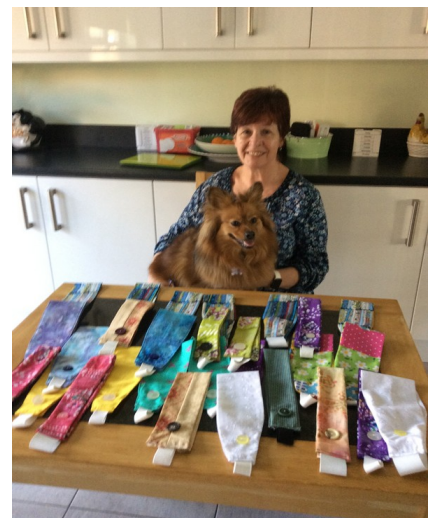
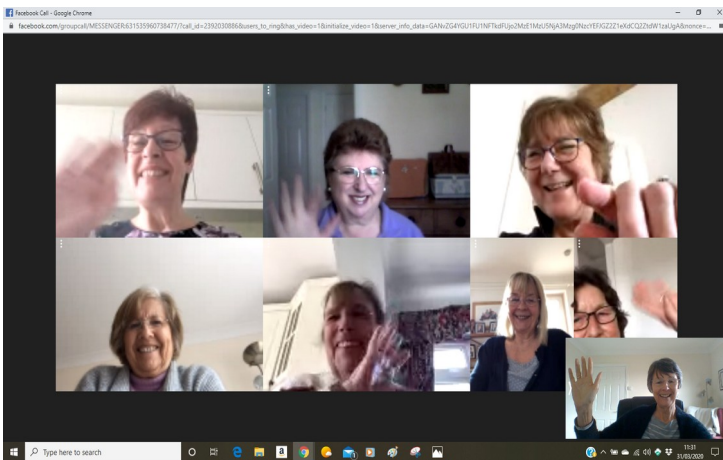
Hello everyone

Hard to believe it, but today is the day of our Meeting and only the second that's had to be cancelled due to the crisis - feels as though we've been doing this for months! Most of us are spending a lot of time on-line now, with social media, virtual meetings and so on. I have a few suggestions of sites to visit which might pass the time enjoyably. Our newsletter is two pages long this time so that contributions from our members can be included: this time, a lovely poem from Pat O'Mahony and a joke or two from other members.

Enjoy!

Virtual Coffee Mornings : Tuesdays from 10.30am On Zoom and Facebook Messenger

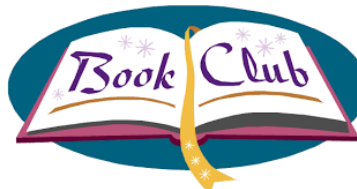
This is a great chance for us to see each other face to face and have a chat. Our Zoom meeting this week went really well (once we all finally got the hang of what exactly to click on!) and we had a lovely long chat. Let me know if you'd like to join. I'm happy to help on the phone if you're a bit nervous of this new (for many of us) technology.



Sandra has so far made 40 headbands for the N&N Hospital. Nurses and doctors there suffer badly with sore and chafed ears from wearing facial masks so these button bands are ideal: the elastic on the masks go around the button instead of the ears - much more comfortable.

Well done, Sandra!

To go to the grocery store, they said a mask and gloves were enough. They lied ...everybody else had clothes on!



Our Book Club

Pauline, Anne, Betty, Christine, Janet, Pam and Tilly are the Magnificent Seven! We meet (in normal times) once a month at our homes. The library list is limited - when I chose The Hippopotamus by Stephen Fry I didn't realise that it would be full of obscene language! After discussing the current book, we choose a topic to discuss while having a drink and biscuits. Looking forward to the return of normal times!

Anne Tinker

Joke...Joke...Joke...Joke...Joke...Joke...Joke...Joke...Joke...

The Pope is on the way to the airport but is too early. He asks his driver if he could drive round for a while because they have time to kill and he hasn't driven a car since becoming the Pope. Naturally, he's a bit rusty, so he's driving poorly, when suddenly he sees police lights behind him. He pulls over and when the officer comes up to the window his eyes go wide. He says to the Pope "Hold on a minute" and goes back to his car to radio the chief.

Cop: "Chief, we have a situation. I've pulled over an important figure".

Chief: "How important? A governor or something?"

Cop: "More important, sir"

Chief: "A major politician?"

Cop: "No sir, he's much more important"

Chief: "WELL, WHO IS IT?"

Cop: "Well actually I'm not sure. But the Pope's his driver".

(Contributed by Betty Stacey)

ACWW Walk ... Virtually - 29th April

I know our walk round Whitlingham Broad has to be cancelled but we could still enjoy a **virtual** walk for ACWW, even if it's just round our garden or sitting room. Why not, on or around the 29th, have a bit of a walk, with your phone recording it, and send the footage to me. I could pop it on our Facebook page for everyone to enjoy. And don't forget to put a donation to one side to add to our ACWW collection when we reconvene.

The Pallas Cat



Though not classified endangered, he is threatened in the wild
By hunters in his natural habitat;
Many areas protect him, but Mongolia allows
The killing of the lovely Pallas Cat

A Manul, or a Pallas Cat, lives in the Asian Steppes;

But the one I know is living in the zoo;
He's an old friend I call "Bagpuss"; I don't
know his proper name;
If you saw his face you'd call him Bagpuss too.

Bagpuss, I know, is pink and white,
My friend is silver grey
But their features are alike in many ways.
Their flat and mournful faces and
Their round, uncatlike eyes
Look down, then droop and slumber through
their days.

The Pallas Cat is not a busy animal, it's true
And running like a cheetah's not his style;
He can disappear as quietly as Carroll's
Cheshire cat
But unlike him, he doesn't leave a smile.

Pat O'Mahony 2018

Interesting websites and things to do

Just hold your cursor over the blue underlined link, press ctrl and click to take you to the site.

- **Andrew Lloyd Webber Musicals:** A recent addition to the selection of entertainment available on-line is the ability to watch Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals during lockdown. The shows will be available for 48 hours each Friday at 7pm BST on "The Shows Must Go On" [YouTube channel](#)
- **The National Theatre Live productions:** these are available to watch for free on its YouTube channel every Thursday at 7pm BST and on demand for 7 days. Productions that the National Theatre at Home will be broadcasting are: Jane Eyre on the April 9, Treasure Island on April 16, and Twelfth Night on April 23 on [YouTube](#)
- **Art History Talks:** Artsclapes UK have launched free online art history talks aimed at anyone interested in learning more about famous paintings on their [YouTube channel](#)
- **Northern Lights:** Watch the Northern Lights live via this webcam set up under the aurora oval. The best time is 3am to 9am, so have a look if you are up early [Northern Lights](#)
- **Museum Tour:** Go on a virtual tour of the [Museum of Modern Art](#)
- **On-line Crossword:** [here](#)
- **On-line Word searches:** [here](#)
- **On-line Brain teasers:** [here](#)

Take care everyone. Keep well

and keep smiling.



Genevieve