

Christward

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Coronavirus Pandemic

Illustrated Edition

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~ Introduction ~

I asked for photographs which illustrate how Union Chapel people have coped with the lockdown period which was introduced to combat the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19. How had things changed for them. Were they doing more of the things they had always done simply because they had more time. Had the environment changed - less traffic, cleaner air. Did they now have time to appreciate things they had taken for granted or were they still at the same old grindstone just in a different. Were they catching up on things which had been pushed to one side by their pre-pandemic life style.

I am extremely grateful to everyone who sent me photographs. Not simply because it was an easier magazine to put together than the normal text version but also because it was a real joy seeing photographs of people whose physical presence I have sorely missed over the past months and seeing what they have been doing.

However, and it is a massive 'However', thousands of people caught and are still catching the virus. Thousands of people died and left thousands of bereaved families. For millions more lockdown has been a horrendous experience confined in houses and flats without gardens, in many cases on their own and facing isolation and loneliness. Millions of essential workers kept our society going, coping with the fear that doing their jobs risked their lives.

We must recognise, therefore, that although the photos below are a valid record of how a group of people faced lockdown, and perhaps are representative of millions of others, they are not the whole story.

Alan

~ The Photos ~

For some gardening kept them going



Alison indicating her three bean plants.

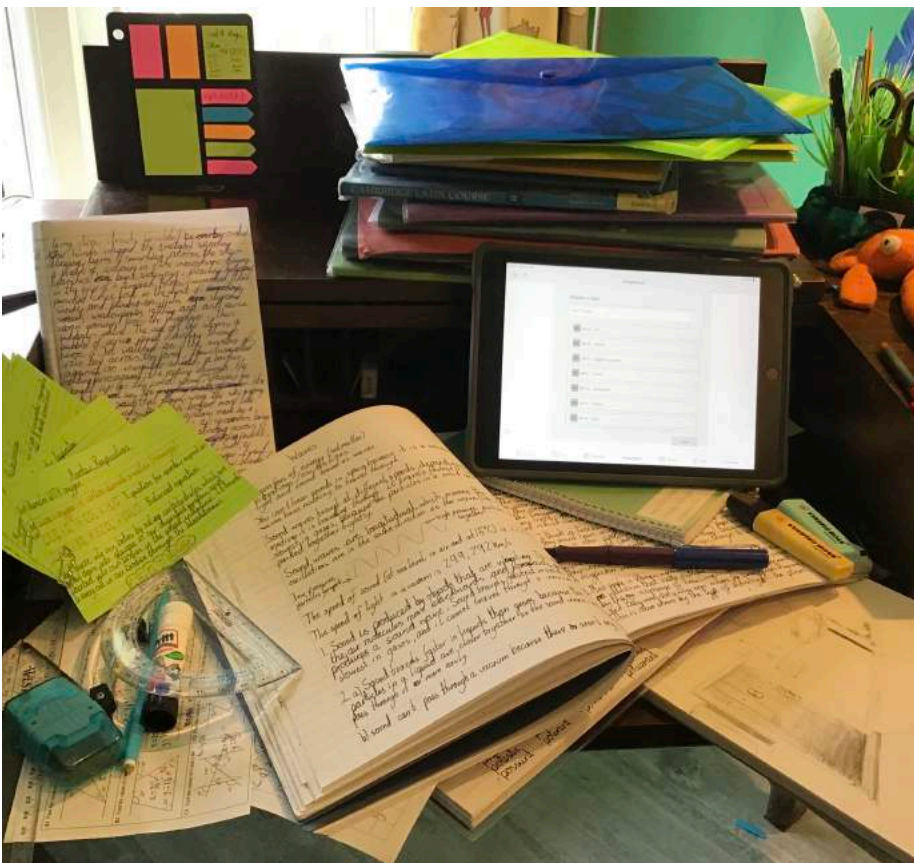
Lorna and a demanding allotment



For others it was business as usual, just in a different environment

Rory and Quinn's daily timetable

Time table LOFT	
8.45:	Exercise ✓
9.00:	Rory - phonics, Quinn - English
10.00:	Screen time 😊 ✓
11.00:	Rory - dojo, Quinn - Creative ✓
12.00:	Lunch ✓
1.00:	Rory - maths, Quinn - maths ✓
2.00:	Park 😊 ✓
3.00:	Rory - dojo, Quinn - Creative ✓
	Screen time 😊
After tea:	Rory - reading, Quinn - reading



Ellie's desk

Even coronavirus cannot stop birthdays.

Rory is five.



It is a time to really get to grips with an old skill, to learn new skills, and to catch up on reading

Rachel wrote: 'I've never liked driving but under lockdown the thought of getting the bus I have liked even less.....now I'm much more confident driving myself



Matt learns the art of frisbee throwing
at Longford Park Frisbee Golf course



It is catch up reading
time for Anne
Phillips.
The definition of
'Home' on the mug is
one with which I am
in absolute
agreement.

Carole's granddaughter tries
on the hat Carole is
knitting.....or is Erika trying
to pull it off?



Sometimes lockdown provided a surprising view

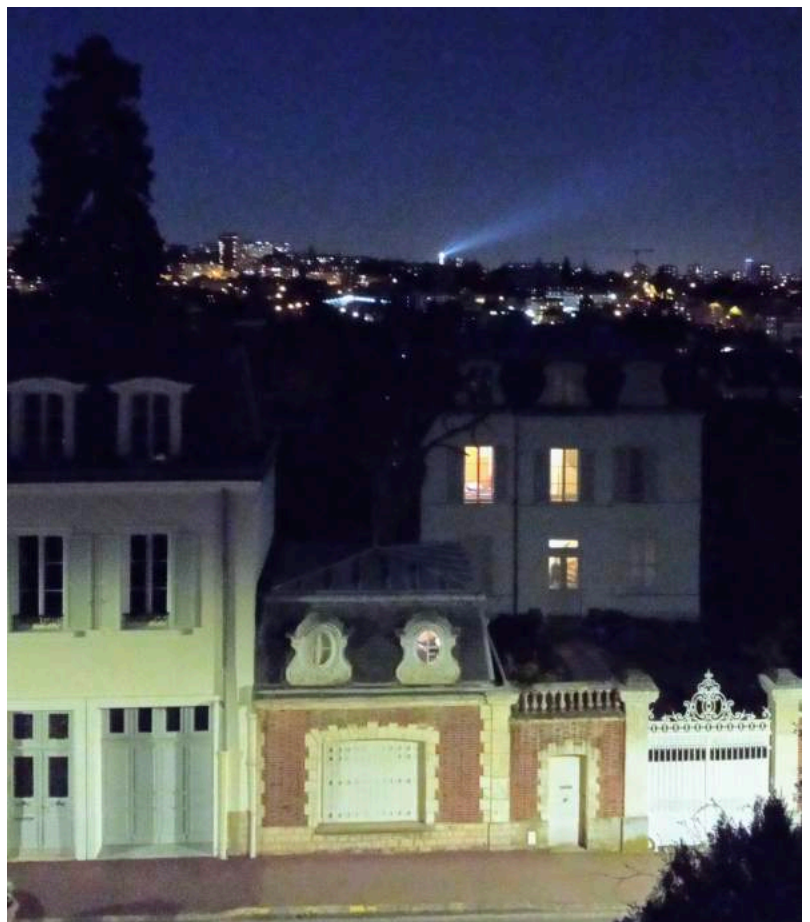
A deserted Heaton Moor
Road.
Gwyneth has lived in Heaton
Moor for 26 years but never
seen the road this quiet





The view from Margaret Edmond's bathroom in Northenden was never like this. There are some advantages in spending lockdown on the Isle of Man.

Geoff and Carole were lockdowned in Paris. Unable to go sightseeing at least they could see the Eiffel Tower's rotating beam at night from their house.

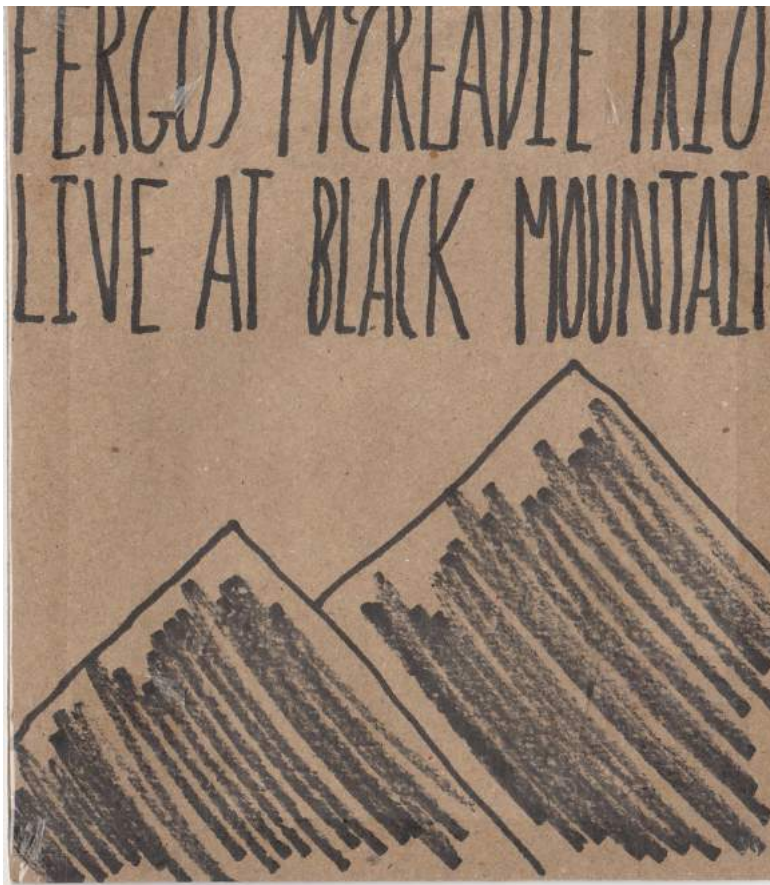


For some it was an opportunity to chill out.

After a day in the Prison
and at the online
schoolwork - chill, chill,
chill.



After the journey from
Paris to Bourgogne - chill,
chill, chill.



After a day organising Zoom meetings for Gwen & Alan's Sunday services Steve knows it's time for a little music - chill, chill, chill.

There is a world outside lockdown

Black Lives Matter, St
Peter's Square,
Sunday 7th June.

Solidarity & Social
Distancing



Jess and Fran resting
on their first walk
together after Jess's
cardiac arrest.



Children's trails still go on. The painted Stone trail in Fog Lane Park



Some people are still clearly delusional - are they supporting a motorway or perhaps experiencing 'The Rapture.'

and for others nothing changes.....well, not quite nothing



The End