

# CONTACT

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Sawston Free Church – Castle Camps URC

**Sawston FC Regular Church Activities** but please check diary below for full details or contact the relevant group.

<b>Sunday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of month	10.30 am 3.00 pm	Morning Worship Messy Church
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month	10.30 am	Holy Communion <b>No evening service</b>
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month	10.30 am	Morning Worship <b>No evening service</b>
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month	10.30 am	Go4th:Worship of Song, Prayer, Praise with the Worship Band <b>No evening service</b>
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month	10.30 am	Morning Worship <b>No evening service</b>
Monday	Alternate - see diary	10.00 am	Craft Group
Tuesday	Term time only	6.15 – 9.00pm	Boys’ and Girls’ Brigades
Thursday	Term time only	10.30 – noon	Time for Tots
Saturday	Last Saturday of month	10.30 am	Monthly Prayer Meeting

For further details of these activities, please contact one of the Elders (see back page).  
Four housegroups meet regularly. For information contact the Church secretary.

### Churches Services and Dates for Your Diary

Date	Sawston	Castle Camps
May	All Services and Groups suspended this month	All Services and Groups suspended this month
	<b>Further Details pages 1 and 2 in Contact</b>	

This diary appears on the website. If you know of anything else you would like on the web diary, email: [contact@sawston.com](mailto:contact@sawston.com)

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The closing date for **June Contact** is Wednesday **20<sup>th</sup> May**

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## Sawston Free Church Sunday Worship during the Pandemic

In these strange times we are living, most of you will be aware that Sawston Free Church has gone digital! But please don't worry if you don't want to go digital – there are alternatives! SFC Elders want to highlight to you all the choices there are for Sunday Worship whilst we are in the middle of this awful Coronavirus pandemic.

- At SFC we now have virtual Sunday morning services at 10.30am. This is a live service via an app called Zoom which creates a video link between us all. It is very easy to do – we have 50+ converts to prove that! All you need to do is click on the link <https://zoom.us/j/740788012?pwd=RlRRRTmU5cWVsbXZhcElubWRcDV4dz09>. It really is that easy. Please don't be afraid of this new technology – you just need to click on the link, nothing else. Marius is worrying about the technical detail so we don't need to.

We can now confirm that this will take place every Sunday at 10.30am! Thank you so much to our brave preachers, and the braver and technological wizards Marius and Nicholas!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US EACH SUNDAY MORNING.

Please be aware that a video recording will become available on the church website afterwards. And please let an elder know if you don't have access to the internet but would like a transcript printed for you.

- The wider URC is providing recordings of Sunday morning worship via a link that's emailed every week. A number of our members have subscribed to this. Please let an elder know if you would like the details or would prefer a CD rather than email links.
- And there's Sunday Worship on the TV on BBC1 at 10.45am on Sunday mornings and also Songs of Praise on Sundays at 1.15pm.

Lots of individual churches are doing their own thing on Sunday mornings, to name but a few ...

- **Linton Free Church**(Chris Kemshell's church)  
Visit [www.lintonfreechurch.org.uk/c19](http://www.lintonfreechurch.org.uk/c19) for more info.
- **Crossway Church URC**(Jacob Bali's church)  
Go to [www.crosswaychurch.org.uk/](http://www.crosswaychurch.org.uk/)
- **Ipswich Road URC** website is hosting recorded services by one of the Norwich Area ministers each week - they can be found at Ipswich Road URC  
<https://ipswichroadurc.org.uk/>- you just need to click on the picture icon *worship* and it goes straight to it. Past services are also on the site - all under the tab "Worship Together".

Also, there is a **Messy Church at home** page on their website which is open to all.

- **Downing Place URC**, Cambridge are recording services on to YouTube – search for Downing Place Services -  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GQuqsJi5A2PFacVyp4YOq>
- **St Mary's Church** in Sawston has a lovely variety of resources to see and hear at  
<https://www.stmaryssawston.org.uk/services/>

There's a huge wealth of resources out there with respect to worship. Please go and have an explore on Google!

Don't forget Paul Whittle's regular blog which offers a variety of brief reflections on being the church - <http://gettingthechurchsorted.blogspot.com/>

Paul is also posting a brief video broadcast on YouTube two or three times a week. If you want to find them, do a search in YouTube on 'paul r whittle'

Our buildings may be closed but we, the church family, are very much alive!

Please get in touch with any of the elders if you need support or a chat. You're not alone.

***Keep safe.***

***Your Elders – Maggie, Mary, Mike, Yvonne, Anne, Sue***

## Message From Castle Camps



These are very difficult times in which we live.

We are in Spring and the fields and gardens are looking lovely. There are Cowslips galore and the various blossoms are beautiful - even the Damsons are laden with flower and usually they are very shy to bloom.

The oil seed rape is filling our fields with beautiful colour and the lambing season is in full swing. The lambs look well, as it is so dry and they do not like wet weather.

Being restricted to home, we can sit out in our gardens and enjoy listening to the birdsong without traffic or aircraft noise.

Easter was a strange time, as we had been looking forward to the Easter Day Blossoming of the Cross. On Good Friday, we read the Time for Reflection and followed the service on-line created by Jacob Bali, as well as Songs of Praise on television in the afternoon. Jacob is to be congratulated in producing such a good service.

Easter Sunday was again time to watch services on line or on the television. The services were all good, but lacked the feeling of a congregation.

Easter Saturday should have been the Annual Tractor Run held in memory of the late Roy Haylock, who was an Elder of the chapel. In the last few years Bruce Waldron has enjoyed taking part and he would have been sorely missed.

The Elders and Congregation of Castle Camps URC send you all our best wishes.

**Val & friends**



## An Update From Bruce and Sharn



Hi everyone.

This is our home now, just 450yds from Allison and Aaron's place. It's 18 Breadalbane St, Newcomb, Victoria, 3219, and you are looking at the front of the house.

The two windows you can see on the left are the lounge room, and the front room which is now Sharn's consulting room and it's lovely for her purposes, now that I've painted the purple wall a nice whitish colour.



I've planted out the garden in the front with parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, peppers, lemon grass, lavender, fennel and nasturtiums.

The lounge room is lovely, about 30ft across and about 20ft deep with a lovely large fireplace, and a bar which has become a castle for Alex and Logan. If you look up above the castle you can see that Kylie flew in for a visit to see what was going on. Being a pink crow, Kylie is exempt from social isolation legislation. Castles need defending, so the Marvel superheroes have been housed in the little bottle alcove and Sharn is here teaching one of the young knights how to joust.



Because we were living at Allison and Aaron's before the Covid 19 regulations came into play, we are still legally living at Ally's place and our new home, so we can be at their home anytime and they can come to ours to bring the children around. So after many years away, we are able to devote a lot of time to our grandchildren and become a part of their lives again. We can't travel the 50miles to David's place so we are staying in touch via Zoom and Messenger.

That's a bit sad for us but it feels OK at the moment. We are focussing on catching up many years of absence.

I'm completely renovating Ally and Aaron's laundry and loving the freedom to concentrate on a major handyman job and on being a grandad. Alex asked me the other day "Grandad, why do you work so much?" What she meant was, why can't you play with me all the time? On Tuesdays Alex comes around in the morning while Logan does home schooling, and then we have both children on Wednesdays but Logan comes in the afternoons because he's doing online schooling in the morning; Only the children of essential workers go to school; the rest do it online. Ally is working from home as she's a regional manager and Aaron too is at home and they are both good at taking Logan through his lessons.



This week when the children were both here I set up a racetrack for them in the back yard. They loved it.

Sharn and I have connected to the Drysdale Uniting Church but there is no meeting allowed so the minister does her services and then posts them onto the website. The restrictions have put a huge liability on their budget and they are not sure what the future holds for them, or the other churches that are linked with them.

I was due to preach at my sister's church in central Victoria on Good Friday but it too was cancelled and all I could do was send the address by email, which Rose has shared around the congregation.

Every morning I get up and walk the 450yards to Ally's place where we meet up and go for 4 mile walk with Hugo, her Border Collie, out across Eastern Park and overlooking the bay. Sometimes I get up early and go for a run first.

Sharn and I have been going out on the Tandem whenever we can and this picture below was taken about ten miles from home, on the Barwon River.

Sharn now has a facebook page, "Psychotherapy and Counselling, Geelong East" and a web page, [geelongpsychotherapy-counselling.com.au](http://geelongpsychotherapy-counselling.com.au) but it's only just begun and she hasn't many clients yet.

So we are loving the time with each other, the family, even if online, and we are so looking forward to the restrictions being lifted so we can go and visit the rest of the family. Love to you all at Sawston and Camps and I hope you are all well and staying well away from Covid 19, and looking after each other well and finding some blessing in the slowing down that has been inevitable.

***Love from us both. Bruce and Sharn***



### **Sawston Free Church – Events Diary**

All Services, Groups, Activities etc have been suspended/cancelled until Coronavirus has cleared.

Information will be available by logging onto [sawstonfreechurch.org.uk](http://sawstonfreechurch.org.uk)



***Pam, Tony and Mary***

Unfortunately, all our Christian Aid events in May - Tea Dance, Collection outside the Co-op, and Car Boot Sale - have all been cancelled. However, we hope to organise them again when Covid-19 is no longer a problem. We'll also put the donation envelopes in church when services resume.

## This strange life we are living!

After watching a Palm Sunday service on the BBC it seemed so strange to think we wouldn't be meeting up with our church family during the coming week leading up to Easter Sunday. I have always found it thought provoking joining in the study groups and the special services by way of preparation for this important day in our Christian lives. Something else I have enjoyed over the years is decorating the front of the church and even the cross. This has taken different forms depending on the wishes of our resident minister at any particular time, which has been very different over the years. As you will remember Bruce introduced Blossoming of The Cross as something we could all join in on Easter Morning. A sign of new life after the darkness of the days before.

A couple of days later I woke early thinking maybe I could still do something for others to see as they might be feeling the same as me. After a conversation with Maggie we decided we couldn't organise the Blossoming safely so I suggested putting up the cross out the front and I would decorate it suitably. This would be a reminder for everyone passing by that this was a special week and it wasn't just about chocolate Easter eggs and bunnies.

Fortunately, Martin offered to help me find and lift the cross into position. After a bit of discussion, we decided that under the porch would be best where we could secure it to the columns either side. We left it standing empty for a couple of days which we felt symbolic of the many crosses there would have been by the roadside. Then early Good Friday morning we dressed it with the crown of thorns and purple drape (representing the robe).

While we were doing this several people passed without a second glance but a mum with two small children stopped across the road to have a look. I heard her explaining all about Good Friday and the meaning of Easter. I left what I was doing to acknowledge the family with a little wave. The little seven year old suddenly called out I know why it's called Good Friday, 'Jesus died to give us HOPE'.

What a wonderful response from a small child. His Mum asked how he knew that? He called again I heard that at Messy Church, we love coming. Thank you!

This unexpected conversation across the road made me feel quite emotional. I told them it might be worth looking on Easter morning as things will change. We parted with thumbs up smiling and waving. Such a lovely little family. I felt if they were the only ones to notice the cross it had been worth doing.



Strangely after taking the cross down last week we loaded up the car but on getting home we couldn't find the Crown. Martin remembered putting it on the roof so he quickly turned back. The crown was nowhere to be seen and although we walked up and down the High Street later we still didn't find it. Somehow this felt rather significant to us that the Crown of Thorns had gone missing. But also wondered what would anyone do with it if they found it?

While gardening this week I was cutting down some long brambles and realised that maybe I could use these to weave another crown. I might say although the prickles weren't very long it was not an easy job, in fact extremely painful and thought, 'Those soldiers must have had very thick gloves!'

Rosemary

*It was a great privilege to get up early on Sunday morning and watch at a safe distance Rosemary and Martin decorate the cross so beautifully. Their idea to carry on and place it in front of the church as we usually do, was wonderful, and so many people have commented on how sombre a reminder it was from Good Friday to Easter morning. Then on Sunday the beauty and joy of it being decorated was very moving.*

*Thank you Rosemary and Martin from all of us, Mary*

## **Christingle Pip**

Way back in December's Christingle Messy Church, we were each given the 'ingredients' to make a Christingle.

We were also given a pot and a small bag containing compost. After we had eaten our orange we were to plant any pips that it contained, or any other pip from fruit that was eaten over Christmas.



I duly planted the single pip and left it on the kitchen window sill, watered and forgotten. To my surprise, a while later a little green shoot started to appear and has continued to do well ever since. It hasn't received any special treatment and has been left to carry on growing. Several times I have been meaning to take a photo of it, but other things have cropped up.

It is amazing that in these trying times, God is still at work and producing new life from a seed otherwise destined for the compost heap.

**Sue Nunn**

Her Majesty the Queen has made two extra broadcasts this year already, both of them associated with the current coronavirus crisis, one broadcast on television, the other restricted to a radio message and a text. It is estimated that 24 million watched and listened to this ninety-three year old lady on April 5th. In truth, she didn't have very much to say in either broadcast, though her Easter references to candles as a sign of hope for people of all faiths and none was moving. The important fact, on both occasions, was that it was she, not anybody else, saying it. One wonders who else could possibly command such an audience in the United Kingdom. Certainly, no church leader could. A situation like our current crisis brings home to us where we as the Christian community have got to over the last century as regards our role in society. It is not something that one likes to think about, perhaps.

In a book that came out thirty years ago, David Bebbington remarked how rapid the change was, and how long ago it happened. 'In 1870 most new books were on religion, with fiction in fifth place; in 1886 most new books were fiction, with religion behind it in second place. The belief was spreading that the greatest need of humanity was not rescue from its futile ways through salvation, but effort that would apply knowledge for the betterment of the world.(1)

After the horrors of the First World War, many church leaders supposed that when the traumatised troops came home they would find refuge in the churches. It didn't happen. In 1919, the Primitive Methodist Conference lamented, 'Around us are crowded populations in town and city ... steadily drifting away from our churches. They are not opposed to religion, but the Church has lost its attraction for them'(2).The wording is apposite. What the church proclaimed was no longer attractive. It was no longer self-evident to swathes of the general public that what it proclaimed was both true and worthy of attention.

And that was one hundred years ago! The sad truth is, it seems to me, that when we Christians articulate our faith, we speak a language which sounds vaguely familiar to a great many people, but they have no idea what it means. Nor do they sense any need to find out. If they sense that their life is not what it should be, they look, as Bebbington put it so pithily, not to us, but to those who can 'apply knowledge for the betterment of the world.'

As I write this (shamefully late again – this cv crisis leaves me knowing neither the day of the week nor the date most of the time) there is news about a test for cv19 antibodies that has been developed in Bedford. We look to science and technology, to the commitment and professionalism of the caring professions, to an army of volunteers, and (be it justified or not) to political leadership, to get us through this crisis. No-one supposes that the Christian church has the solution. In that sentence, 'no-one' includes me.

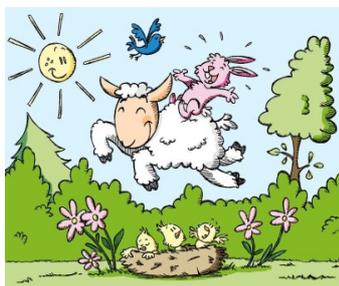
And yet, and yet.... I hear from friends who live in a village much smaller than Sawston that it was their vicar who went round all three hundred doors finding out who in the village was self-isolated, and in need of help. I hear of a Methodist minister doing the same in the depths of Norfolk. There will be dozens of them, I am sure, of all denominations. And it will not just be the ordained, either. In other words, it will be what individual Christians *do* that will speak to the hearts and minds of others. And in that army of volunteers mentioned above are whole regiments of Christian people. They are not doing something distinctively Christian. They are just mucking in doing what any loving and active person might do.

When I lived in Wales, I spoke no Welsh. When Welsh-speakers used their 'language of the hearth' in my presence, I had to just let it wash over me with as good a grace as I could muster, and wait till they switched back to words that meant something to me. That is what non-worshippers do with us Christians all the time. They have absolutely no idea what we are talking about, and they have to just wait until we switch back to words which they and everybody else understands. Our Christian words just wash over them. But what we do.... Ah! That is a very different story. Acts of love and kindness work equally well in every language on God's earth.

**1-Bebbington, David. Evangelicalism in Modern Britain, 141**

**2-Young, *Change and Decay*, 255**

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## CAMBRIDGE METHODIST CIRCUIT

The circuit diary will continually be under review whilst we have the coronavirus pandemic.

Information can be found on the website :  
[www.cambridgethodistcircuit.org.uk](http://www.cambridgethodistcircuit.org.uk)  
Or Email: [office@wesleycam.org.uk](mailto:office@wesleycam.org.uk)

**A PRAYER** (*offered by our Methodist friends*):

Loving God, If we are ill, strengthen us. If we are tired, fortify our spirits. If we are anxious, help us to consider the lilies of the field and the birds of the air.

Help us not to stockpile treasures from supermarkets in the barns of our larders. Don't let fear cause us to overlook the needs of others more vulnerable than ourselves.

Fix our eyes on your story and our hearts on your grace. Help us always to hold fast to the good, See the good in others, And remember there is just one world, one hope, One everlasting love, with baskets of bread for everyone.

In Jesus we make our prayer, The one who suffered, died and was raised to new life, In whom we trust these days and all days,  
Amen.



Some words from Olga Petruszewicz - the lovely young lady who designed our new church banner.



My interest in Art started very early, since I can remember. I was always doodling away in my room, creating characters and stories. I come from Poland, a town called Lublin. Creative studies are not a very popular direction in my homeland, in the school studying Physics or Mathematics for my final IB exams I struggled greatly with motivation, not knowing what I wanted to do in my future. Against all the advice I decided to move to the UK and pursue my desire to make my dreams come true.

I have studied at Arts University Bournemouth for four years now. Arts University taught me the importance of experimenting, making my own mistakes and finding my style and path, vital things in the process of expanding our creativity

and practice.

I am currently finishing my BA degree in Fashion Branding and Communication.

I am specializing in styling and image production, what is involved in organizing shoots, working with teams of amazing creative talents - photographers, make up artists, and performers. For my final project I have decided to link my passions for illustrating and creating images. I have designed my own publication called Hunting Ponies, which aims to create a colourful, vibrant space for everyone, where they can relax, draw, play and interact.

In my own work I am always inspired by people's emotions and our own personal stories. I love playing with colours and psychology behind them, it is extremely rewarding creating stuff, which people can relate to or which can make their day brighter – that's what I wanted to show on the banner I have designed. Even though the times are filled with uncertainty, we need to keep our spirits high. Being a part of a supportive community is more important than ever!

## Greetings From Greece

*A Letter from Vivien Ford (To Rosemary Heald) (Vivien was happy for the letter to appear in Contact)*

We wanted you to know that we are thinking of you and keeping up to date with all that's going on in the UK. Much of it is similar to the rules and regulations here but on the whole we are not so disappointed to be here, even if we don't know exactly when we'll be able to drive across Europe back to England.

Of course there are no special restrictions for 'old people' here in Greece. Why would there be? Another difference is that all our shops are fully stocked and people just buy what they need as usual. The shop assistants all wear masks and gloves and there are special crosses marked on the floor so that we will keep ourselves distanced from each other but we have far fewer deaths from corona virus here than in England.

The schools were closed first and within a week all the other closures of shops , bars restaurants etc were in place. In the district of Messinia where we live I only know of 4 cases of the virus and no deaths and that's how people who live here want to keep it.

Although we do go out quite regularly for shopping and exercise we are so pleased to have our lovely garden. I saw the good old sparrows are still top of the RSPB's Big Bird Watch again this year. Recently on a walk here we saw two Hoopoes, a rare treat for us. We do enjoy speaking to Alex on Face Time each week and were thrilled to hear Felix call Alex " Dada" for the first time. He has at least 4 teeth now and can crawl quite fast in search of interesting things to investigate.

Recently we have been to Pylos for our weekly shop armed with our passports and "declaration of intent to": visit the bank and shop. The money from the bank was to pay for the materials used to restore Robin's sailing boat so we also sneaked in a visit to the marina to pay the bill and see how work was progressing. This time Christos had yellow hair from rubbing down the silky smooth hull. Roll on the time when folk are allowed to take out their boats again.

The peace and quiet in our village is so different from the usual flurry of sounds. There are no school bells and chatter of students as they pass our house, no loudspeakers announcing the wares of the itinerant vendors patrolling the side streets in their vans and pick-ups, and no church bells and cantors chanting the services to the village on Sundays and saints days.

There is still the odd chain-saw carving its way through the pruned olive branches for the fires at night joined by Robin sawing and drilling to create his new wood store.

We have also observed that happily there have been no tolling bells to announce the deaths of villagers. The church clock still rings out the hours and half-hours, taking us by surprise on the Sunday when the clocks went forward an hour.

One warm, sunny afternoon we saw our first snake of the year, a new one to us, a leopard snake. Apparently they eat small mammals and are non-venomous. We're pleased to hear they are not poisonous but wonder if our snake is making do with geckos, slugs and snails. He could try the odd rat in Robin's workshop! We have also seen our first geckos this year as the warmth of the sun is waking our wild-life community.

The garden is a joy with Easter lilies in full bloom, flag irises unfurling their petals, early pink gladioli, blue borage, freesias, osteospernums, delicate spikes of red Indian shot canna and our exotic birds of paradise, flowering for the first time. (Oh, how did I forget to mention the hibiscus, the antirrhinums and the ever present geraniums?)

I pruned the rose bushes hard back earlier in March but they are already pushing out new growth from the hard woody stems. I mustn't forget the masses of broad beans with their scented flowers, competing with the sage for the attention of the bees They are already producing long pods ready for harvesting. We are of course enjoying the oranges and lemons from our trees each day.

We have finished bottling the eating olives, making jars of marmalade and the orange glyko that goes so well with ice-cream as a desert, Now it is time for sowing the butternut squash seeds and this year a number of other vegetables as we may well be here for the long haul.

One of the walks we like to take along a coastal path is amazingly beautiful and ever changing. There have been wildflowers in bloom since we arrived at the beginning of March, dominated then by bright red anemones but now there are more species than we can count, from tiny yellow rock roses and delicate crimson poppies blowing in the wind to a whole range of orchids dotted here and there on the rocky hillside.

We had to turn round and come back today when we met about a dozen goats and sheep on the path, nibbling nonchalantly at the bushes. One sheep hissed at us but we were more concerned about where the dog guarding the flock might be. We met no-one on our walk until we were right back in the village where we were hailed by a couple of cheerful familiar acquaintances. Along the high street we saw our first swallows preparing to nest for their summer stay.

As we approach Easter Week I think back to when we arrived at the end of February: an uncelebrated carnival at the beginning of Lent, A National Day (25th March) without dancing and marching and now anticipate a silent Easter. I expect there will be no ladies chattering on Maundy Thursday evening as they decorate the Epitaphios (Christ's bier) with flower heads, no solemn procession as it is carried shoulder-high through the streets of Methoni on Good Friday evening, no explosions and fire-works as we celebrate the dawn of Easter Day and no sharing of the greeting "Christos anesti" -"Christ is risen" as we clutch our candles and hurry away, bearing the light of Christ into our homes - except in our hearts and minds.

**HAPPY EASTER to you and all the T4T folks .**

**With all our love and best wishes,**

***Robin and Vivien***

## Sewing Scrubs for Medical Staff.

Inspired by an enthusiastic neighbour, I took on the task of cutting out material patterns for her to sew up to make scrubs of which our hospitals are in dire need. The patterns were downloaded from the internet onto A4 paper, then taped together to make the patterns for trousers and tops. First my neighbour gave me new blue material on a roll for trouser bottoms, followed by a roll of dinosaur patterned material which I used up for tops. She then gave me an enormously wide piece of blue material, too big for our dining table, which had me kneeling on the floor to cut out. We have now progressed onto cutting up old duvet covers. Apparently any fairly sturdy poly-cotton material will do.

I had joined an amazing local system to help our medical staff. Even Mike, who is not known for his pattern cutting skills, has done his bit.

I mentioned what I was doing at our Thursday Time4Tots Zoom meeting and other friends asked for further information. The chain has grown. I don't know how many people are involved but it feels good to be doing something positive when in lockdown.

**Margaret Wilson.**

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### Orange and Lemon Conserve

I invented this recipe many years ago as neither Terry or I like peel or seville oranges. Terry is a one jar a week of marmalade chap so I feel that he has got something in common with a certain bear!

#### Ingredients

3 large Jaffa oranges  
Knob of butter  
juice of 1 lemon  
water  
one and a half pounds of granulated sugar

#### Method

- Wash all fruit. Cut oranges in quarters on a plate to retain juices.
- Remove and discard peel and put all segments in pan. Add lemon juice together with enough water to cover the mixture.
- Simmer for 30 minutes or until tender. Leave to cool then pour into a liquidiser.
- All the pips will disappear and the mixture should look thick.
- Measure and add water to make it up to one and a half pints, and add the sugar.
- Stir over a low heat until the sugar is dissolved.
- Add knob of butter and bring to a rolling boil.
- Cook for 20-30 minutes or until setting point is reached.

***The end result should look like golden sunshine! Pot in warmed jars.***

***Beryl Penny***

**Editors Note: In the early days of Contact, recipes were very popular. If you have a favourite why not send it to me.**

## The Puppies

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy. "Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer.

"I've got 40p is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called.

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up.

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt.

The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully he handed it to the little boy.

"How much?" asked the little boy.

"No charge," answered the farmer, "There's no charge for love."

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