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THANK YOU ALL

As the country takes the first tentative steps out of lockdown it's important to offer thanks to everyone who has helped to make it bearable, looked after our health issues or just been there with a smile and a 'good morning' on the daily walk.

We have never known anything like this and even those who have a long lifetime of memories will agree. And it isn't over yet.

Coronavirus, COVID 19, or your own choice description, has swept in and changed all our lives completely.

While we smilingly obey the restrictions our freedoms have been severed. It is sad. Our joy comes with the vast number of willing, cheerful, obliging people who keep those self-isolating supplied with anything they need – providing moments of human contact – from a distance. Bringing local news with the goodies, to keep you in touch with a previous way of life.

These willing volunteers, along with the delivery drivers, rubbish collectors, posties, emergency plumbers, skeleton force of teachers, those who keep checking our safety and work premises, along with many, many more all deserve a huge 'thank you' and a massive round of applause.

How uplifting was the weekly applause, dustbin banging and cheering for those on the front line? Giving our thanks to those coping with this virus through the NHS, the carers, doctors surgeries, emergency dentists and opticians.



When there were no delivery slots from major supermarkets local suppliers stepped up their services, providing delivery services and meeting a need for almost everything.

Pubs and restaurants adapted to offer takeaways, doorstep deliveries and the Garibaldi pub became a general store with flour – a vital ingredient for home bakers and missing from the supermarket. Sewing machines were resurrected to make face masks and scrubs. There's an endless list of those deserving a 'thank you'.

While we stay alert let's remember the SOS volunteer who makes an early visit each day to the chemist to check on prescriptions and collect any that are ready. Then arranges distribution to those who need the medication. Most days there are well over 50 prescriptions

to be collected locally then distributed.

Rosie Kimber makes face masks on her mum's old sewing machine – used during the Second World War – see her (below centre) in one she made earlier!

Rosie also made the big rainbow to go in the window at Bourne End Academy.

Baking for a 21st was the way to celebrate for Jade Robinson (below left) a sociology and criminology student at Bournemouth University back home in Bourne End for the duration.

And lockdown didn't stop Sheila Hutchins' family celebrating her 90th birthday in April. All distancing rules were observed as her son, Philip, and granddaughter, Isabelle, made sure she could share treats and a tipple with wellwishers at a safe distance.

Sheila's back garden adjoins the riverside footpath near Bourne End Marina. They set up a table with home made cakes, beer and bubbly plus hand sanitiser, wipes and disposable cup so walkers could raise a glass on her 90th (below right).

Many of us managed to celebrate VE Day from two metres apart and the champagne tasted great.

'And People Stayed At Home'

By Kathleen O' Mara, 1869 (yes, 1869) and written after the Irish potato famine

*And people stayed home
and read books and listened
and rested and exercised
and made art and played*

*and learned new ways of being
and stopped and listened
deeper
someone meditated
someone prayed
someone danced
someone met their shadow
and people began to think
differently
and people healed
and in the absence of people
who lived in ignorant ways,
dangerous, meaningless and
heartless,
even the earth began to heal
and when the danger ended
and people found each other
grieved for the dead people
and they made new choices
and dreamed of new visions
and created new ways of life
and healed the earth completely.*



Rosie Kimber models one of the many face masks she's been busy making during lockdown



Sheila Hutchins

WHEN ALLOWED THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL RE-OPEN FOLLOWING STRICT RULES. WE PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE THE NEXT ISSUE OF TARGET EARLY AUGUST.