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## A message from Rev'd Alun Ford

Before the lockdown, I went to the Steve McQueen retrospective at the Tate Modern. I had seen a couple of his feature films—*Hunger* (2008) and *12 Years a Slave* (2013)—so I knew I was to encounter the work of someone with vision and integrity. I wasn't expecting to find myself so moved by its force, and its moral intensity. Two pieces struck me particularly: *Ashes* (2002—2015) and *7th Nov.* (2001). (You can view descriptions of them [here](#) and [here](#)). Both explore violence, masculinity, and the perspectives we take on them. McQueen explores this last point in different ways. *Ashes*—which tells the story of a young man's death because of the market for drugs—consists of two films projected simultaneously onto opposite sides of a screen. *7th Nov.* consists of an audiotrack played over a single 35mm image projected onto a screen. The audio is a recording of a man recounting a deeply traumatic event in monologue. The image is of the crown of a man's head, as he lies down. It gives the impression of a mortuary slab, or an operating table. We are encouraged to question what perspective we take on people—and whether that perspective is complicit in the violence we perform



on each other.

Over the river in the Tate Britain, McQueen was exhibiting his project *Year 3* (2019). (You can view a description [here](#)). This is a very different work, comprising hundreds of photographs of London schoolchildren in year 3. Perhaps it is a sign of age—the Vicar’s going soft with it—but I was reminded of my school photograph and the possibilities that lay beyond childhood. I think of my openness to that possibility and, quickly, wonder where it goes when we have left childhood behind. To see the Tate filled with images of children from all backgrounds seemed to me to fill that institution with life, expectation, and the sense that we are all to become something. *What shall I become? What shall become of me?* I remember those questions, asked childishly, but still being answered now as we negotiate the perspectives taken on us, the perspectives we take on ourselves, and—for some—the trauma of various sorts that we encounter.

May ends and June begins with Whitsuntide. In this short season, which is the culmination of all the Easter celebrations that began so long ago, the Church remembers the gift of the Holy Spirit after Jesus’s Ascension. It is significant, I think, that at this point in the story Jesus has left the disciples and something new has come. By going, Jesus leaves the disciples to make what they will of their experience and to set about their lives with expectation and promise. There is no monolithic experience from which the disciples should set out, no universal, determining perspective from which they are to speak. Each disciple—universally—receives the gift of the Holy Spirit and speaks as he can. In receiving and in speaking, they are set forth on a new path, expectantly and with a sense that they ought to become something. They begin this new phase of their life understanding what it means to ‘become as little children’ in order to ‘enter the kingdom of heaven’ (Matthew 18. 3).

Whitsun, then, gives us permission to ask, as if we were children, what shall I become? The story isn’t over. It is just in new phase, that might—that most likely will—require a new perspective on ourselves, and on others.

*Rev’d Alun Ford*

## Horningsea Parish Charities

Horningsea Parish Charities has wound down the provision of fruit and vegetables in the church porch, but may revive this if circumstances change. Meanwhile the Parish Charity has funds to give grants to anyone in Horningsea who is in need—so if you know of anyone who is struggling financially due to the Virus—maybe they are self employed, or paid on commission, or furloughed and now redundant... please tell one of the trustees—either by emailing [parishesthree@gmail.com](mailto:parishesthree@gmail.com) or [ldathorningsea@gmail.com](mailto:ldathorningsea@gmail.com)



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### ALL SAINTS CHURCH, TEVERSHAM

**IAN HUNT**

*Thank you very much for playing the Last Post at various points through the village on VE Day. Also for the Vera Lynn song which Jenny and I tried to sing along to. (Pamela Bartram)*

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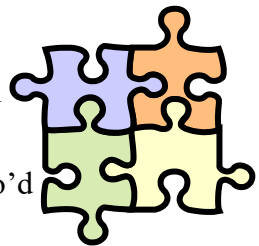
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## LOUIS EAST

*Pamela Bartram*



Louis East was born at Barton in Cambridgeshire on 19th September 1912, moving to Teversham on his marriage to Valerie Barton on 18th November 1939. He enlisted in the Royal Navy on 24th March 1941, serving for just nine months before being severely wounded when *Vimiera* struck the mine and sank. The Christmas card was sent to his in-laws in 1941 less than a month before *Vimiera* was lost.

One of his shipmates had asked Louis to exchange duties and so Louis was on deck watch when the explosion occurred, catching him in its blast. He found himself in the water, severely injured in one leg, surrounded by oil and facing a struggle to survive. The whole of his face and head was covered in oil – his eyes were burning and his

ears, his nose and mouth and his hair were all full of the filthy stuff. He could hardly see or hear or call for help; he was in the water for a considerable time and thought he was going to die. Somehow, clinging on to flotsam, he did survive and was picked up. For the rest of his life he suffered periodic attacks of debilitating migraine and sickness; at such times he could once again taste and smell that fuel oil.

At Chatham Hospital, two of the surgeons wanted to amputate his shattered leg without delay, but a third, younger surgeon, prevailed on them to let him try to save it. Against the odds the surgeon managed to do so and Louis was transferred to Stoke Mandeville Hospital for further prolonged treatment, before continuing to convalesce at home; he never returned to active service. His leg was fitted with a calliper splint; he wore it for some fifteen years, gradually relying on it less and less as time went by. He rode a bicycle fitted with limited pedal movement on that side, which was regularly adjusted to increase the use of

his injured leg, before learning to drive in his early fifties. Expeditions through a wide area followed, including visits to the coast and regular trips to Cromer in Norfolk. He used to take family members to visit the Cromer Lifeboat Station and the museum devoted to Coxswain Henry Blogg; he loved to point out the reference to the rescue of men from eight ships of convoy FS 559 stranded on the Haisborough Sands and told of the part Vimiera played in the incident in August 1941.

After the war he returned to his old job at the County Council Education Offices in Cambridge, remaining there until retirement. He played cricket again for the office team, but from then on kept wicket as this didn't involve so much moving about. He was an easy-going and gentle man who was interested in friends and family; visiting France's WW1 battlefields and his father's grave there many times. He supported numerous village activities and was Church Treasurer, a School Governor and Clerk to the Parish Council; he loved nothing more than to watch Essex play cricket at Chelmsford or the University team at Fenner's. He died on 13th July 2000 after collapsing while preparing to travel to Lords.

Louis had no children and rarely talked of the day his ship sank; he left no written memories of his time in Vimiera but we are grateful to him for keeping safe the two fine photographs of the ship's company with other memorabilia provided by his wife Valerie's nephews and nieces. He would have approved of the commemoration of Vimiera and her crew and the telling, where possible, of individual stories.



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# VE 75 Day in the Parishes

The next few pages showcase a collage of images from VE Day, including the fantastic scarecrow competition. The winner was Clare Harvey of High Ditch Road who claimed the prize of a bottle of champagne and a loo roll!

We would like to put together a gallery of photos of Fen Ditton in 'lock down', which will be an interesting record for our future generations. If you have any photos which you would like to contribute please send them to the editor: [newlife.editor@gmail.com](mailto:newlife.editor@gmail.com)





## **Sing of God and Science: a small story of Lockdown time**

*By Trevor Thorn, Licenced Lay Minister (LLM) in our three parishes*

By comparison with the experience of many, many people in this strange time, this is a story of tiny significance, but hopefully may be of interest to some readers of New Life.

Back in 2016, whilst being treated for Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, from which I have, very thankfully, been symptom free for three years, I began a project to compile a song-book for Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils (primaries) called ‘Sing of God and Science’. To help in this enterprise we applied for, and received, a grant from a national project called ‘Scientists in Congregations’. Nineteen songs were gathered, with nine being written in C of E primary schools in Ely Diocese, one by another LLM and the remainder written by me. Staff from The Faraday Institution for Science and Religion helped with the compilation, checking out the scientific views expressed in the songs. The schools’ songs were presented at Ely Cathedral during the 2016 Science Festival entitled ‘From Dinosaurs to DNA’.

When the collection was complete we sought a publisher. Eventually a major supplier of Hymn Books and church supplies agreed to publish if we could boost the number of songs from 19 to 30. The publication date was due to be June this year – but for obvious reasons that will not now happen.

Whilst publication of the book may merely be delayed, I felt that it might be helpful to make the songs available to parents as a ‘Homeschool Help’ project via my ten year old blog, ‘The Cross and The Cosmos’. Most of the songs are to simple tunes and teaching any of them outside school set-work both acknowledges God’s part in the creation from a scientific view and engages with various other sciences such as botany, ecology and astronomy among others. I started this on April 24th with the publication of ‘I’m Making Friends with Science’ which is sung to the tune of The Holly and The Ivy. The first two verses go like this:

I’m making friends with science

To understand God’s plan



For this amazing universe,  
From when it first began.

It started out from nothing,  
Then particles appeared  
Which formed as stars and galaxies  
Through billions of years.

*(There is no chorus until the end of the song)*

Since posting them, the average daily viewing has been around four to five times the normal viewing average, which is very encouraging.

For anyone who has not encountered a 'Blog' before, it is a simplified website where anyone with a computer can put their ideas out into the world-wide web, so they can be read by either a limited group of friends or, if the author wishes, to anyone who has a computer, tablet or smart phone and is attracted to the subject matter. This is an amazing possibility for any 'unknown' author such as myself and by the 10th anniversary, in the middle of next month there is a probability that there will have been 250,000 (yes! Amazingly a quarter of a million) pageviews.

As those I have talked to about this extraordinary possibility on the web will know, I regard this as a real gift in a different light. In Mark's Gospel Chapter 16, verse 15, Jesus challenges us to 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation'. The blog does not reach quite that far but it has been accessed in more than 120 countries which, again, I find quite incredible.

If this article arouses your interest and you have a computer, you can access the collection, which includes a whole lot more than children's songs, at <http://crossandcosmos.blogspot.com/> and if you should know of any parents or teachers who might find this material helpful, do feel free to pass on this link and information. I will be delighted if you should feel disposed to do that.

## Daniel Defoe – Journal of the Plague Year

Alun often asks if we read anything interesting recently—I've had this book for ages, waiting for the right moment and couldn't really ask for a more appropriate time. I read it and was gripped by the similarities between then and now, and humbled that they had a far worse foe and fewer weapons to fight it.

The Plague arrived this time in December from a French visitor staying in Long Acre, Covent Garden, and during the next 12 months moved steadily through London, killing a quarter of the population. Hospital facilities were quickly overwhelmed, and if you fell ill you were nursed at home, your whole household locked down with you to try to limit infection and a guard on the door—sadly too often a death sentence for them all unless they could get out at the back and flee.

Some had stockpiled enough to keep them and their households for months, and just locked the doors and stayed home throughout. Many did that on the hundreds of ships moored in the Thames from the Pool of London down the river for miles, added to by ships arriving from up the coast which didn't dare come into port with essentials to keep London going and had to offload, their goods being picked up by small craft and delivered.

Many fled to sit it out in second homes or with family and friends in the country. Those who left it late were often unfortunately already carrying infection and so spread it across the land—they met fear and hostility from people where there was no infection yet and who didn't want to let the travellers through. Rumours spread that all England was infected and none of our foreign trade partners would let our ships in, or send their own, so home industries adapted to meet the needs of London.

The Mayor and his advisers did a great job finding work for the unemployed as all trades stopped and shops shut, and providing foodbanks, medical help and shelter for the destitute, helped by generous donations from donors all over the country. Public panic was avoided by making sure all the dead were buried, the bodies collected at night and new burial pits opened in many parishes all over London.

All sorts of special treatments and items to keep you safe sold out despite the exorbitant cost—but ordinary vinegar seemed more success-

ful. You couldn't tell who had the infection until the symptoms really came out, and all sorts of theories were being worked on about how it was transmitted. There was talk of invisible entities of some sort which passed on the breath—surely nonsense—or from sweat, or in body odour—so posies and anything to protect you from the potentially lethal smell were popular.

The streets were silent—apart from sounds of suffering. Even the different Christian groups allowed each other's ministers to preach in their churches—so many of them having died. Was it a judgement? Everyone was encouraged to reflect and take this as an opportunity to draw closer to God.

When, after the dreadful peak in mid summer, the news came that the death tolls were falling, people came out or came home—too soon and many fell ill. But the recovery rate rose and at last in late November although there were still deaths the restrictions were lifted. Folk went round the streets in wonder that they had survived, rejoicing with perfect strangers. It was a new world in London at the end of 1665—until everything went back to normal in 1666. Briefly... *Jennie Pratt*



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## The Fen Ditton War Memorial and World War 2, Part 1

On 10 May 2020 the Rev Alun Ford led a virtual service for VE Day 75 and the names of the men who died in WW2 were read out for the three parishes of Fen Ditton, Horningsea and Teversham. In an article earlier this year I described a continuing investigation of the men commemorated on the Fen Ditton War Memorial. Some information on three of the five Fen Ditton men who died in WW2 is given below; the other two men are planned to be the subject of a later article.

A/B Joseph F T Gunton had presented something of a puzzle since the Commonwealth War Graves Commission CWGC only records an A/B Joseph Frederick Tee who served on HMS Kelly and died on 23/5/1941. HMS Kelly was rather a famous ship in its time. Lord Mountbatten, its commander, gives a detailed account of its sinking during the evacuation of Crete when she was bombed, with half her crew, including Joseph Tee, killed. Only Lord Mountbatten and a few other sailors were rescued.

The CWGC records that Joseph Tee was the son of Joseph Frederick and Katherine Maud Tee and husband of Gladys Lilian Alice Tee. The current research shows that he was recorded in the 1911 Census as Joseph Tee-Bachmann, age 1, living in Forest Gate with his grandparents, William Henry Bachmann, a German citizen, whose wife Louisa was English. In 1913, Joseph's mother, Katherine M Bachmann, married William George Gunton in West Ham. The couple were recorded in the 1930s and 1950 living in Musgrave Way but may have lived in the Woolwich area before and during the WW1 if he was indeed "31524 Staff Sgt George William Gunton of 32 Battery, RFA". They had several children, one of whom, John James, was baptised in Fen Ditton in 1928. Joseph Frederick Tee Gunton's step father came from a long-established Fen Ditton family. His step grandfather William Newell Gunton married Mary Ann (nee Few); his step great-grandfather Jonathan was also from Fen Ditton. Eight people with the surname Gunton are buried in the Fen Ditton Cemetery.

Pvt Henry Peachey was apparently buried in Fen Ditton Cemetery on 13/3/1945 although, unusually, no military service record has been located to confirm how this came about. He was recorded in the 1939 Register living at Old Farm Cottage next door to the Post Office in the High St, Fen Ditton with his father George H Peachey, a widower.

Fen Ditton Parish Church records show that Henry's father, George

Henry was born in 1870 “son of Henry & Harriet otp [of this parish] lab [labourer]” and his marriage on 20/8/1896 to Alice, nee Turner, “dau of John & Emma otp”. At the time of his marriage George Henry was a labourer in St Johns Highbury Vale London. Henry’s mother was born in 1874. The Parish records also show baptisms of Henry and four siblings: Eliza Alice, born in 1899 and buried on 11/8/1900; Dorothy Alice, born in 1900 and buried on 19/11/1918; Eliza Amelia born in 1903 and buried on 14/2/1984 and George Albert born in 1913 who married Ethel Maud Mason of St Phillips Cambridge on 3/12/1940. Another brother, Jack, served in France in WW1 from 12/12/1916 with the 7th Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment. This unit took part throughout the Arras Offensive of 1917 but Jack was badly wounded on 3/5/1917, the first day of his battalion’s failed attack in the Third Battle of the Scarpe. He was sent to hospital in England 16 days later and discharged on 6/8/1918 “No longer physically fit for war duty”. Jack Peachey married Edith Caroline Pettit of Fulbourn in early 1925 but he was buried in Fen Ditton on 24/9/1927. On a different note, Henry’s uncle Arthur Peachey went to New York on the Mauretania on 21/3/1908. The party included other easily recognisable Fen Ditton men; Ben Cullum, Chas Hayhow and G W Cracknell. There are 21 persons with the surname Peachey and 13 with Turner buried in Fen Ditton Cemetery.

Leading Airman FX96694 Ivor Wilkin of the Fleet Air Arm, died, aged 18, on 30/11/1943 due to multiple injuries when Harvard Aircraft FE 838 crashed at Olden, Ontario Province in Canada. Ivor Wilkin was probably with No. 31 Service Flying Training School (SFTS) at RCAF Station Kingston, Ontario; some 50km SSE of the Olden area. Kingston was a World War 2 air training station whose main purpose was to train pilots for the Fleet Air Arm. Forty-nine airmen lost their lives while serving at Kingston, most in flying accidents. Ivor is buried with many of them in Kingston (Cataraqui) Cemetery.

Ivor Wilkin was baptised in Fen Ditton Parish Church in 1925 and his younger brother, Bryan John, in 1930. Their parents Alec (of Fen Ditton) and Margery (nee Burbridge of Caxton) were living in Horningsea Rd in 1943 and Alec was still the householder there in 1950.

Bryan John married Margaret Roberts in 1952 and they had a son, Paul, in 1954 who married Susan E Asher in 1977. A couple living in Green End recall how their son was a good friend of Paul and Susan’s son who was also named Ivor Wilkin.

Alec was born and baptised in 1895. He was the 2nd of 7 living children of Ivor Wilkin's grandfather, Nebuchadnezzar (commonly called Samuel) who was born in Horningsea, and grandmother, Anne (sometimes Annie or Eliza Annie). In 1911 the couple lived in Green End with their seven sons, all born in Fen Ditton. Anne (nee Banks) was born in 1866 in Fen Ditton, the seventh of nine children baptised in the Church and daughter of Robert and Mary Ann (nee Pampling, dau of William) Banks. Nebuchadnezzar was buried on 19/5/1942 and shares a grave in Fen Ditton Cemetery with Eliza Ann Wilkin who was buried on 7/10/1937.

Ivor Wilkin's paternal uncles Jack and Alan Wilkin served in the forces and survived WW1. At least one maternal uncle, Frederick Banks, also served in WW1. There are 12 persons with the surname Wilkin and seven with Banks buried in Fen Ditton Cemetery.

The above summaries give a good indication of the extent to which these young men came from families with long histories of living in Fen Ditton. The Parish Church records are particularly useful since they often resolve ambiguities in the Census records and provide exact dates of birth and maiden and parental names of the married women. The more detailed research shows how these families were connected through previous generations and how often other men in the wider families were killed or served in WW1.

As before, I'd welcome the chance to receive or share any information about any of the men (especially a photograph) or their families who are commemorated on the War Memorial. I'd also like to thank those family members, however distant, who have helped with information in response to my emails.

*Charles Jones*







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## **Further extracts from Molly Marshall's war time diary in Finland**

*Molly Marshall, who lived in Horningsea from 1946 until her death, was living in a religious community in Finland in 1939 when war was declared. Regular readers have seen extracts from her daily diary, this time we have two longer entries from June 1941.*

7.30am 23/6/41

Now its begun! At 12.55am. The wailing of the sirens began and I woke up from a newly begun sleep—the world was so warm and still ...now it's just impossible that such disagreeable things should be true—but I was quick in action! Slipped on my black fur coat over my pyjamas, threw all my clothes not yet packed onto my bed-cover, rolled it up and threw it out of the window...seeing later my new black and white shoes, I tossed them out too...(oh comic vision!!)—then gathered up my suitcases, bag etc and went down the main stair way—Our house is wooden that is why I gather things—it would burn very quickly. Outside were other hurrying figures...in queer garb—... the wife of our concierge in a little white nightie and coat...others struggling into dresses (over night clothes)...men in shirt and trousers ...and one or two late birds dressed “comme il faut”. It was dusk, with a gorgeous red glow in the W.E and not really day or night...white night. Nothing was to be heard...so I went to see our Shelter—A huge brindle dane was there...not too pleased either at such a whale of human beings. Began writing to Uncle Bernard but this didn't get finished before “Danger Over” signal. ...Returned, gathered my things and up to bed again...we could hear the distant drone of “our”(!) machines returning to base.

All is in God's hands...He can use man's mad hopes and plans...and somehow find the spark of good in the blaze of injustice—Into His hands I commend our work, our selves and all my friends here, there and everywhere.

June 25th 8.15am

Here I sit in the brilliant morning sunlight and watch the bombardment! At 7.15am they gave us the warning and I had just got up but was still in pyjamas—put on some clothes and my black fur coat, got

together my suitcases and came down to the garden. Ours is a family shelter and consequently not full of “who knows what!”—At first there was a calm stillness, a waiting silence broken only by the birds singing...the rustle of trees and busy flies...then we heard the steady drone of machines...and people began pointing out...they declared 8 in view. For a long while I couldn’t see anything, then quite distinctly saw one, very high, still, hovering like a hawk...then three or four in a sort of close formation. Prayed for them as I saw the shells bursting around their planes, perhaps if they knew they’d be very angry, but if they don’t believe in anything why should they be angry? Anyway, they may not get much benefit from my prayers...Well then they came nearer, dull thuds could be heard and the thump of answering fire...white puffs opened and spread near the planes...but on they came steadily and slowly and we popped like rabbits back into our hole—then we came back out again and saw them, but they turned again and droned off into the country again. ...At 8.25am the “danger over” signal was given and I flew back to my room, gathered my jacket and...Second “raid” warning! Well, gathered my things, and trotted down again...and sat on a rock in the sun.

*More extracts in future editions...*



## **Short Story Challenge**

Can you write a 26 word short story using the letters of the alphabet in order—for example: “A black cat descended elegantly foraging, gnawing, ...” etc. If so you can submit it to next month’s New Life!

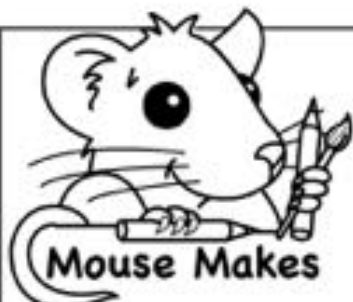


## **Ancient Shepherds’ Book Club**

While we cannot meet in person we are meeting online, using our PCs, phones or tablets. If you want to join in, please contact Carol Parker via [carol\\_e\\_parker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carol_e_parker@yahoo.co.uk). The next two months’ selections are:

for **Wednesday, 3rd June**, 7.30pm, ‘The Hidden Life of Trees’ by Peter Wohlleben

and **Wednesday, 1st July**, 7.30pm, ‘The Accidental Tourist’ by Anne Tyler



When Nehemiah heard that the walls of Jerusalem were in ruins he sat down and wept. For days he fasted and prayed before God.

Finally the opportunity came for him to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls, but it was not going to be easy...

**READ** Nehemiah's story in the Old Testament book of **Nehemiah**, chapters 1-7

Here is Nehemiah's list of all the things that needed to be done to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Fill in the missing gaps on the tower to help rebuild the wall.

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Illustration of a man and a woman standing behind a wall with missing stones. The wall is made of blocks with letters and gaps to be filled.

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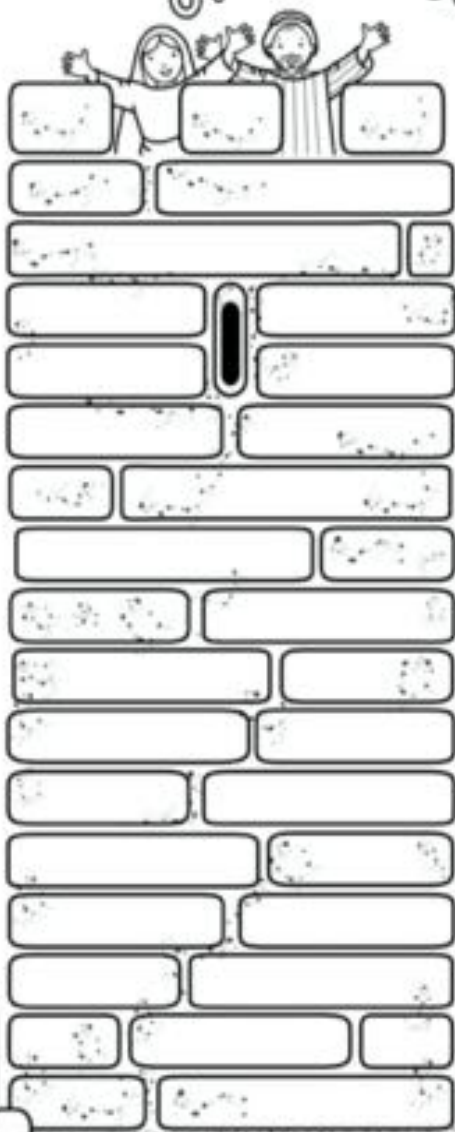
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How many gates were repaired?  
Who re-built them?

How long did it take to finish the walls?

"Let's rebuild the wall  
of Jerusalem!"



Help Nehemiah  
rebuild the walls by  
colouring in the tower  
and drawing in the  
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## All in the month of June

It was:

250 years ago, on 11th June 1770 that English explorer Captain James Cook discovered the Great Barrier Reef off Australia when his ship ran aground on it and was severely damaged.

200 years ago, on 19th June 1820 that Joseph Banks, British naturalist, died. He was President of the Royal Society for 41 years, and developed the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, into one of the world's leading botanical gardens.

150 years ago, on 9th June 1870 that Charles Dickens, British novelist, died. His books include *The Pickwick Papers*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Great Expectations* and *David Copperfield*.

100 years ago, on 11th June 1920 that the Colony of Kenya was established. It gained its independence as Kenya in 1963.

80 years ago, June 1940, was a dramatic month in World War II:

3rd: The German Luftwaffe bombed Paris.

4th: The evacuation of Allied forces from Dunkirk was completed. Winston Churchill gave his 'We shall fight them on the beaches' speech.

5th: The Battle of France began.

10th: Italy declared war on France and Britain. Canada declared war on Italy.

11th: The siege of Malta began.

14th: German forces entered Paris.

17th: French government minister Charles de Gaulle (later President of France) relocated to Britain.

18th: Winston Churchill gave his 'Finest Hour' speech.

22nd: France surrendered to Germany.

30th: Germany invaded the Channel Islands.



75 years ago, on 22nd June 1945 that the Battle of Okinawa ended after 82 days. This battle saw the highest number of casualties in the Pacific Theatre of the war, with more than 12,000 Allied, 110,000 Japanese forces and 140,000 civilians killed.

70 years ago, on 3rd June 1950 that the first successful ascent of Annapurna in the Himalayas was accomplished by a French expedition.

65 years ago, on 11th June 1955 that the Le Mans disaster took place when a car span off the track during the Le Mans 24 Hour race in France. The driver, Pierre Levegh, and 83 spectators were killed and over 100 injured.

60 years ago, on 16th June 1960 that Alfred Hitchcock's suspense film *Psycho* was released.

Also 60 years ago, on 28th June 1960 that the Six Bells Colliery disaster took place in Monmouthshire. 45 coal miners were killed by a gas explosion.

50 years ago, on 29th June 1970 that, following the Vietnam War, US troops were withdrawn from Cambodia.

40 years ago, on 12th June 1980 that Billy Butlin, British holiday camp entrepreneur, died.

30 years ago, on 1 June 1990 that US President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev signed an agreement to end the production of chemical weapons and to destroy existing stocks.

Also 30 years ago, on 22nd June 1990 that Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin was dismantled.

20 years ago, on 10th June 2000 that the Millennium Bridge in London opened.

Also 20 years ago, on 26th June 2000, the Human Genome Project and Celera Genomics Corp announced that they had completed the first rough draft of the human genome.

10 years ago, on 15th June 2010 that the Saville Report, an inquiry into Bloody Sunday in Northern Ireland in 1972, was published. It determined that British paratroopers had fired the first shot, without warning. Prime Minister David Cameron apologised on behalf of the British Government.

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