

Lockdown and beyond - June 26th 2020

This week we were all hoping that the Prime Minister would significantly relax the lockdown rules in terms of allowing larger outdoor gatherings, but we are still limited to 6 people. Ramblers have therefore said that they will permit organised walks with that number of people, but your Committee has discussed this and we feel it is not fair on our leaders and organisers to try to implement this taking in to account all the work involved.

In addition, many of you are already walking in your own informal small groups. If you would like to be put in touch with other people in order to join such independent walks, our Welfare Officer Sue H is willing to arrange this for you. Please contact her through the website contact page.

We do however have good news for you – a date for your diary! We are very hopeful that rules will be relaxed later in the summer and we have therefore arranged for the BBQ to be held on Sunday September 6th. Please do keep this date free and hopefully we will be able to meet and enjoy this event.

Earlier in lockdown one of our newer members, Gordon G, told us a bit about himself and also entertained us with some very funny clips from the internet. While we don't usually include references to charities on our Noticeboards, we are not in normal times and I believe that Gordon's story is quite special and he and his family have put together a very impressive video. I set out below Gordon's contribution and the links he has provided.

Judy Brua - Chair

Dear All

As some of you know, many years ago my lovely wife Carol, almost single handedly, created a special garden from a 1 ¾ acre wilderness (untouched for decades - brambles and fallen trees), to raise money for Cancer related charities (mostly for St. Catherine's Hospice who, in January 2019, helped her to die from cancer peacefully at home. Marie Curie and the District Nurses were also brilliant).

Carol's standard was such that the garden was opened under the NGS for 11 years, then her strength failed. I have no gardening skills, but have worked on all fours for many hours, trying to maintain the garden so that it could be opened on 7th June this year. We had the most beautiful sunshine - however, due to regulations, no one could come! Which was a great shame because it would have been lovely to see you, and the Open Garden would, based on last

year, probably have raised around £4,000 for the Hospice.
What to do.....?

As a family, we decided to bring Carol's beautiful garden to you, using a special film.

The purpose of this e-mail is to:

1. Invite you to enjoy a special (different) film.
2. If you wish, please give a donation to St Catherine's Hospice, who do a really brilliant job helping over 2,000 people each year with end of life care and also support the families.
3. If you wish, please forward this email to your friends so that they may do the same. The more people who see this email the more may be raised for the Hospice, whose fund raising has been very badly reduced (£millions) by lockdown.

There are three important people who created this film – Tom & Charlotte and Briony

The lead actor is Briony (pictured below) .

Carol helped Briony into the world. But Briony now has an important job.



Tom – our eldest grandson – is responsible for the entirety of this film.

Charlotte – Tom's girlfriend – is responsible for Tom.

Please click [HERE](#) and we hope that you enjoy the film.

(Double click on the video page for full screen and click bottom left arrow to start)

N.B. If you would like to donate to help the Hospice, having seen the film, please return to this page to use the Just Giving link [HERE](#)

With love to you all and hope that you stay safe,

Gordon and family. xxx